

# 4-H & FFA Louisa County Fair

July 27 - August 1, 2026

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## 2026 4-H & FFA Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 25 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00 AM -1:00 PM	Conference Judging of 4-H Static Exhibits (YC)
10:00 AM	Clover Kids Interviews Begin (VT)
Sunday, July 26 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00 PM	Family Night (GS)
Monday, July 27 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00 AM	Dog Show (VT)
2:30-5:00 PM	Broiler Interviews (PRB)
5:30-7:30 PM	Beef/Goat/Sheep/Swine Vet Check (LB)
5:30-7:30 PM	Poultry Vet Check & Check-In (PRB)
6:00-7:30 PM	Goat/Sheep Weigh-In (LB)
7:00-8:30 PM	Rabbit Vet Check & Check-In (PRB)
Tuesday, July 28 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00-8:00 AM	Beef Weigh-In & Check-In (bottle calves included) (LB)
10:00 AM	Poultry Show (PRB)
11:00 AM	Swine self-declare weights due (4-H Office)
6:00 PM	Horse Show (HA)
TBD	Ultrasound (goat, sheep, swine) (LB)
Wednesday, July 29 <sup>th</sup>	
8:00 AM	Sheep Show (LB)
30 Minutes following	Goat Show (LB)
1:00 PM	Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews (4-H Office)
2:00 PM	State Fair Static Meeting (4-H Building)
4:00 PM	Clover Kids Livestock Show (LB)
Thursday, July 30 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00 AM	Beef Show (LB)
2:00 PM	Rabbit Show (PRB)
Friday, July 31 <sup>st</sup>	
8:00 AM	Swine Show (LB)
1:00-3:00 PM	Release of Animals/Static
After 7:30 PM	Release of Animals
Saturday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	
7:00 AM	Sale Beef Weigh-In (LB)
7:00 AM	Sale Swine Weigh-In (LB)
8:00 AM – End of Auction	Release of Static
9:00 AM	Livestock Auction (LB)

**Locations** – YC Youth Center, VT Variety Theater, GS Grandstands, LB Livestock Barn, PRB Poultry/Rabbit Barn, HA Horse Arena, BB Beef Barn

## **Extension, FFA, and 4-H Personnel**

### **Louisa County Extension Council**

Mark Carroll – Chair  
Sam Wilson – Vice Chair  
Marsha Gerot – Secretary  
Tara Howell – Treasurer  
Julia Dieckman  
Paul Gieselman  
Kasey Heindel  
Henry Hoopes  
Mike Pretz

### **Extension Staff**

Whitney Howell – Regional Director  
Adair Lents – County Director  
Melissa Bell – Program Director of 4-H, Youth Enrichment, and Ag Education  
Ashley Milder – Office Manager

### **Ag-Ed Instructors**

Kortney Orr – Columbus Community Schools  
Mackenzie Kolodziejewski – L-M Community Schools  
Karin Mariet – Wapello Community Schools  
Amanda Brown – Winfield-Mt. Union Community School

### **Louisa County 4-H Foundation**

Adam Boysen  
Jean Bermel  
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Kathryn Crumly  
Lu Ann Everett  
Jim Everett  
Jill Hoben  
Sharee Hoegerl  
Todd Salazar  
Lisa Van Den Berghe

## County Fair Committee Superintendents

Beef & Bucket/Bottle Calf	Austin Edwards
Dog	Debbie Stigers
Static	Alicia & Drew Gieselman
Goat	Abbey Travis
Horse	Terri Slater
Poultry	Mark Cooley & David Boysen
Rabbit	Megan Keltner
Sheep	Mark Bohling & Kurt Carlson
Swine	Mitch Griffin & Brooklyn Griffin

## 4-H Club Leaders

Circuit Breakers	Whitney Howell & Dustin Howell
Cloverleaf	Cristin Wellington & Chandra Edwards
Columbus City Wildcats	Jay Heindel, Eric Totemeier
Elm Grove Comets	Emily Carroll & Bridget Ball
Guys 'N Gals	Brittany Nowak & Kathren O'Brien
Letts Go	Megan Keltner & Kathryn Crumly
Livestock Judging Team	Wyatt Orr, Joyce Stover, & Kelli Totemeier
L-M Legotronics	Megan Keltner & Kathryn Crumly
Robo Loco	Open
Techno Tigers	Open
Wamaco	Micah Giese & Amy Ramer
WHEP	Erica Westendorf & Amy Buol

## Clover Kids Leaders

Barnyard Stompers	Emily Yakle & Brook Cooley
Columbus Clover Kids	Abbey Travis & Whitney Howell
Lil Farmers & Charmers	Alicia Gieselman & Carrie Miller
Lil Falcons Clover Kids	Kathryn Crumly & Allison Eagle
Lil Green Comets	Open

## Clover Kids



**Clover Kids is a K-3rd grade 4-H Youth Development Program.**

*Goal of the Louisa County Clover Kids Program:*

- The purpose of the Clover Kids program is to promote the positive development of youth by providing cooperative (non-competitive) learning environments with developmentally appropriate hands-on activities for youth in grades K-3.

### Booth

In the 4-H building each group will have a display area (a divider wall) within the Clover Kids area.

- The wall should be decorated to a theme of the group's choice.
- Booths may begin decorating on fair clean up night.
- Exhibits will be placed in the booth after their interview and should be displayed in the booth in an attractive manner.

### Exhibits

A Clover Kids exhibit for the fair should showcase an experience the Clover Kid had during the year. This can take many different forms.

- Each Clover Kid will be able to bring a maximum of 2 photos and 2 other exhibits that he/she did at home. Photos do not have to be mounted or matted but do need to be in a baggie to be protected from fly droppings and dust.
- Exhibits may be brought into the Variety Building on their interview day and time. At this time Clover Kids will have a short conversation (basically a one-on-one show & tell) with a volunteer about their exhibit and experience.
- Exhibits will then be displayed in the Clover Kids booth in an attractive manner.
- Everyone that brings an exhibit to fair will receive a participation ribbon and get to display their project in the club's booth.

### **Clover Kids Interview Schedule – Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Variety Theater**

10:00 AM	Lil Farmers & Charmers
10:20 AM	Lil Falcons Clover Kids
10:40 AM	Barnyard Stompers
11:00 AM	Columbus Clover Kids

- Please bring your projects and be ready to talk about them!
- Animal exhibitors: do not bring your animals, bring only the form!

## Clover Kids at Family Night

### Clover Kids Share-the-Fun

Clover Kids groups will have the opportunity to perform onstage before the audience, purely for the sake of enjoyment.

- Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances (folk, square, modern, tap), plus other entertainment will be acceptable. These must be in good taste, sensitive to diversity and cultural/ethnic traditions of lowans and/or U.S. citizens.
- Skits should be no more than eight minutes in length.
- A microphone will be available. Clubs are responsible for bringing any other needed equipment.

### Clover Kids Graduation

All 3rd grade Clover Kids will be able to participate in a Clover Kid Graduation as they move on to 4th grade and joining a 4-H Club in conjunction with the Clover Kids Skits

### Clover Kids Livestock Show

*Clover Kids animal exhibiting will be cooperative and not competitive.*

#### Rules

1. Youth must be an active Clover Kids member in Louisa County.
2. Eligible Animals: Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, Goat, Pet, Poultry or Rabbit.
3. **Entry due by July 1** to your Clover Kids group leader or the Extension Office
4. One entry per species.
5. Record Sheet completed (bring to interview – same time as your other exhibits).
6. Participate in an interview during exhibit talks.
7. Bucket/Bottle animals must be born in year of show.
8. Will be assigned a 4-H or FFA mentor for fair week.
9. **Stalling at the Louisa County Fair is not guaranteed for Clover Kids for 2026 due to the increase in 4-H/FFA animals.** If stalling at the fair is preferred, indicate on the Clover Kids livestock entry form and Melissa will contact you if there is availability. Animals must arrive during the 4-H/FFA animal arrival schedule.
10. Animals not housed at fair must be brought to show ring area at least 30 minutes prior to the show.
11. Animal(s) must be owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's immediate family.
12. **ALL Cattle entering the fairgrounds will require an 840 tag.**

Health Requirements: Animals must be inspected upon arrival by the official show vet. Additionally, animals must comply with the **2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK.**

The show will take place on **Wednesday of fair beginning at 4:00 pm** in the show ring.

## General 4-H/FFA Rules

### 4-H and FFA Grade Divisions are:

Juniors: 4th - 6th grade; Intermediate: 7th - 8th grade; Seniors: 9th - 12th grade. Post graduate FFA members are in the Open division for all departments except for senior for horse department and dog department follows its own classification rules.

**4-H/FFA DEPARTMENTS** are open to all youth who are participating in Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs &/or FFA.

**MEMBERSHIP** 4-H/FFA members must be in good standing with their club/chapter and have attended regular meetings &/or any project sessions scheduled to be eligible to show. This will be the decision of the 4-H club leader or FFA advisor.

**ENROLLMENT** All 4-H'ers enrollment must be complete in 4hOnline by July 1st.

**EXHIBITS** Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current year.

**EXHIBITORS ATTENDANCE** Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her project defeats one of the important objectives of the fair. Therefore, all 4-H and FFA exhibitors (in all departments) must be present for judging. Exceptions would be in case of injury, serious illness or death in the family, as these conditions are out of the exhibitor's control. The exhibitor should address any exception in writing by July 1 to the Fair Committee. A meeting will be held whereby the exhibitor will present their exception, and a vote will be taken. The committee's decision is final.

**IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS** All youth exhibiting at the Louisa County Fair will be required to read and sign the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics statement by July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-H members may complete this in 4hOnline. FFA members will complete this with their chapters and give a signed copy to their advisor.

**YOUTH CONDUCT** 4-H and FFA members are expected to show respect for other's property, projects, and fellow exhibitors. If any exhibitor fails to do so the Fair Committee reserves the right to remove their exhibit from competition and take any disciplinary action deemed necessary.

**EARLY REMOVAL POLICY** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to

participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year.

Projects include any and all livestock and static projects.

This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

**ZERO TOLERANCE FOR HARASSMENT AND ALCOHOL** Any person upset with a decision made by a superintendent during the fair may bring an appeal to the Louisa County Fair Committee. The Committee decision is final. If any person verbally or physically harasses the division superintendents, that person will be dealt with swiftly. This may include any or all of the following:

1. A letter of reprimand
2. Abolishment from the Louisa County Fair
3. The lawful arrest of that person

*The Louisa County Fair is a youth event, with safety of exhibitors and exhibits a top priority.* Exhibitors are expected to be cooperative, courteous, and positive 4-H representatives using appropriate language and behavior.

**All 4-H'ers are forbidden from consuming alcoholic beverages on the fairgrounds.**  
No smoking is allowed in any buildings. No alcohol is allowed in any of the barns.

**Violation of these rules will result in loss of premiums, awards, honors, and exhibition privileges. Further action may be taken if necessary.**

#### *Club Booth Guidelines*

- Each club will have a separate display area. (Please no pairing up.)
- Booths may begin decorating after the fair clean up. Each club should decorate their booth to a theme of the club's choice.
  - **The use of power tools in the 4-H booth is prohibited.**
  - **(NO Nails or Screws are to be used in decorating club booths)**
- Club Booths should be decorated to educate and promote 4-H to the public. Exhibits should be displayed in an attractive manner.
- 4-H members are encouraged to take the major responsibility for decorating the club booth.
- Booths will be judged by a panel of judges. It will be the decision of the judges to select the appropriate recognition for each booth.

#### *Ribbon Premiums:*

Static Exhibits: \$3-Purple/Lavender \$3-Blue, \$2-Red, \$1-White

Livestock Exhibits: \$4-Purple/Lavender, \$4-Blue, \$3-Red, \$2-White



## **4-H Objectives for the County Fair**

### **To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to:**

- Demonstrate, learn, and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management, and/or marketing of their 4-H accomplishments.
- Continue life skill development in the areas of self-concept, communication, decision making, citizenship, leadership, learning how to learn, and coping with change.
- Measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards.
- Gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas, and learn to work cooperatively with others.

### **To provide an opportunity for the public to:**

- See an updated, comprehensive image of Iowa's 4-H Youth Development program.
- View a showcase of accomplishments of 4-H'ers.
- Stimulate interest & learn new ideas from the variety of 4-H projects and experiences available.

## Iowa Youth Code of Ethics

*All youth exhibiting at the Louisa County Fair are required to read and sign the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics by July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-H members may complete this in 4hOnline. FFA members will complete this with their chapters and give a signed copy to their advisor.*

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do.

Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

### Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

#### All Exhibitors

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.) care and grooming of animals, etc. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H'er learn new skills and be done by a family member, another 4-H'er, and/or an Iowa 4-H volunteer.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.

#### Animal Exhibitors:

5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications and be free of volatile drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. This does

not include accepted grooming practices. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.

8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.

#### **All Exhibitors:**

11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this code of ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its premium book.

## Static Department

(non-livestock exhibits)

**For Departments:** Animals, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Communications, Creative Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Personal Development, and Science, Engineering & Technology

**Superintendents:** Alicia & Drew Gieselman

General 4-H Rules apply as well. Be sure to read these over.

**2026 Club in charge of cleaning 4-H Building is Cloverleaf.** 4-H building clean-up can begin after exhibits have been picked up or on Saturday.

## Fair Entry

- All entries in the Communications department must submit an entry by **July 1st** at Louisa County FairEntry (<http://louisa.fairentry.com>).
- **Clothing Event and Static Exhibits must be pre-entered in Fair Entry (<http://louisa.fairentry.com>) by July 1st. No projects will be accepted after the July 1st deadline.**

## Static Rules:

1. **Exhibit check-out** will begin Friday 1-3 pm or Saturday 8 am – end of livestock auction. Exhibits must remain on display until this time. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans.
2. **Dress Code:** Exhibitors are to wear **their Louisa County senior exhibitor shirt, 4-H exhibitor T-shirt, FFA Shirt, or a plain white T-shirt (with sleeves) that is long enough to be tucked in, jeans/slacks with no rips or tears, no open toed shoes and no caps or hats.** Remember you are “showing” your projects at this time and being “interviewed” so dress appropriately.
3. **Eligible exhibits** are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H’ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
4. **Class Guidelines/Requirements** Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged go to the [respective Iowa 4-H project area pages](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list) (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>) to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.
5. **Disqualification** Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
6. **Display** If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned: Posters may not exceed 24” x 36” in size. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48” x 48” in size.

Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.

7. **Endangered and threatened** plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit.
8. **Copyright** Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits.
9. **Evaluation** The 4-H'er's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Iowa State Fair exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each [Iowa 4-H project area page](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects) (<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects>)
10. **Goal** A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit.
  - a. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
    - i. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
    - ii. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
    - iii. What were the most important things you learned?
  - b. Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.
  - c. To answer the above questions youth are encouraged to use the LOUISA COUNTY 4-H GOAL SHEET, available at the Extension Office or electronically at [Louisa Extension County Fair webpage](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/county-fair) (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/county-fair>)
  - d. *Goal Sheet must be completed before judging.*
11. **Fair entry tags** must be securely fastened on each exhibit. Each piece of an exhibit must be labeled with exhibitor's name & club name. Label all items, including recipes. These tags will be available during check-in.
12. **All judges' decisions are final.**

### **County Classes**

Entries in County Classes (CC#) are not eligible for the State Fair.

**CC1 – Club or Group Project Exhibit** This County Fair class is for 4-H exhibits that were made as part of a club or group project in which each participant exhibits the same or similar end product. A 4-H'er may exhibit a maximum of three entries in this class. A member may choose to exhibit this project in another project in which they are enrolled, but it may only be judged once.

## Conference Judging

All non-livestock exhibits will be judged by Conference Judging. Each club will be assigned a time. If you arrive at another time your projects will be judged after the assigned clubs are finished.

### CONFERENCE JUDGING – Open Schedule

This year there will not be any specific times assigned for clubs. Exhibitors may come at any point during the open timeframe of 9am-1pm to have their project judged.

4-H members only will be allowed to talk with judges at conference judging. During judging, parents may take a picture and leave. **No parents will be allowed to remain in the judging area of the Youth Center.** 4-H'ers will be allowed to use an audio recorder during the judging of their project with the consent of the judge.

Exhibits will be judged as blue ribbon, red ribbon, or white ribbon quality. **Decisions of the judges are final.**

## State Fair Exhibits

4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.

State Fair selections will be made by the judges in each department. If selected, a maximum of two projects from any one exhibitor may advance to the Iowa State Fair.

The Youth Center that is used for judging will close at approximately 4pm on Saturday, Conference Judging Day, so that judges may make State Fair selections.

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

There will be an informational meeting for members with exhibits selected for State Fair and their parents **Wednesday at 2 pm of Fair in the 4-H Building.** All members (and parents) with exhibits chosen should plan to attend.

State Fair exhibits must be brought to the Louisa Extension office by **August 10<sup>th</sup>** by NOON. State Fair exhibits will be transported to Des Moines on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and brought back on **August 24<sup>th</sup>.** **Parents are responsible for arranging transportation of especially large exhibits.**

Because exhibitors are not present for judging at the Iowa State Fair, a written explanation, audio, or video recording must accompany the exhibit. The exhibitor should respond to the following questions about the exhibit:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?

\*\*\*Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.\*\*\*

*Judges have limited time to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.*

[Iowa State Fair Premium books are available exclusively online](https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook)  
(<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook>)

Due to security, 4-H'ers are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University Extension will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.

**DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL**

## Static Exhibit Departments

### Animals

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*General 4-H rules apply as well as all 4-H Static Exhibit rules. Be sure to read these over.*

### Animals

- **10110 Animal Science** – An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats,

dogs, horse and pony, llamas, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, etc. Ownership of an animal is not required.

- **10120 Veterinary Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

## Agriculture & Natural Resources

- **10210 Crop Production and Plant Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about growth, use, and value of field crops; plant growth; soils and soil fertility; or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.
- **10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability** – An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.
- **10222 Entomology** – An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.
- **10224 Fish and Wildlife** – An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, or who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.
- **10226 Forestry** – An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.
- **10230 Horticulture and Plant Science** – An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock and Horticulture.)
- **10235 Home Grounds Improvement** – An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.
- **10240 Outdoor Adventures** – An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, or other outdoor activities.
- **10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports** – An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition; archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)
- **10255 Farm Model Display** – An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose

of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

- **10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources** – An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

***Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:***

- *Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*

## Creative Arts

- **10310 Music** – An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition, arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **10320 Photography** – An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera or modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.
  - ***Photography Special Rules:***
    - **A maximum of 10 photos may be entered All photos must be mounted.**
    - 1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
    - 2. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
    - 3. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11.
    - 4. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
    - 5. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally.
- **4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.**



material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.

- **10350 Visual Arts: Original Art** – An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another’s work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.
- **10355 Visuals Arts: Design, Process or Technique Exploration** – This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills
  - in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See Visual Arts Special Rule #5 and #6.
- **10360 Visual Arts: Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics** – Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.
  - **\*Visual Arts Special Rules:**
    1. *Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*
    2. *Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.*
    3. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets).*
    4. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.*
    5. *Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.*

6. *Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.*
- **COUNTY CLASS 10399** (CC399) Non-original art - exhibits that do not fit the description in class 10350. This would include items made from a kit, green ware, items made from patterns or copied from books, magazines, or calendars, etc. *Class 10399 is **not** a state fair class. Exhibits entered in this class will be judged at the county level and will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon, but will not be eligible for state fair.*

## Family and Consumer Science

- **10410 Child Development** – An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.
- **10420 Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments and Accessories** – A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.
- **10422 Clothing and Fashion: Purchased Garments and Accessories** – Purchased garments or accessories that show learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.
- **10424 Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** – Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.
  - **Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:**
    1. *Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.*
    2. *Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*
- **10430 Consumer Management** – An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities.

- **10440 Food and Nutrition: Prepared Product** – An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.**
- **10442 Food and Nutrition: Preserved Product** – An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.
- **10445 Food and Nutrition: Educational Display** – An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.
  - **Food & Nutrition Special Rules:**
    - See Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and [Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide](#) (<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>) for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products.
      1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
      2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
      3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
      4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
      5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
      6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
      7. Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2024, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.

8. *Preserved foods exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.*
  9. *Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:*
    - Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
    - Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product.
  10. *The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*
- **10450 Health** – An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.
  - **10460 Home Improvement** – An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving, and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.
    - **Home Improvement Special Rule:**
      1. *Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*
      2. *Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).*
  - **10470 Sewing and Needle Arts** – A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.
  - **10472 Sewing and Needle Arts: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** – Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

*NOTE: Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*

- **10480 Other Family and Consumer Science** – An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family and Consumer Science class listed.
- **10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge** - Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four that includes a serving from each of the **recommended** food groups with a budget of \$11. (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance **for one meal for a family of four as of November 2025**)
  - **Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:**
    1. Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
    2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
    3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
    4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
    5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the **recommended** food groups: **Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains**
      - i. Recommended portion sizes per person: **3 ounces of protein, 1 cup of dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½ -1 ounces whole grain**
      - ii. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
    6. The exhibit will be a poster or **foam board (maximum size 22 inches x 28 inches or 20 inches x 30 inches)** that includes:
      - i. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
      - ii. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
      - iii. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2)
      - iv. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
      - v. The completed **Thrifty Meal Challenge** Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
      - vi. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.

For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>

## Personal Development

- **10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement** – An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.
- **10520 Communication** – An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, or visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original

creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

- **10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit** – Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public.
  - Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:
    - 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
    - Join 4-H
    - Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week theme)
    - 4-H Spirit (variation of 2026 Iowa State Fair theme)
    - 4-H For America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - **Poster Communication Special Rules:**
    1. Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered. Limit of two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.
    2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches x 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches x 22 inches.
    3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
    4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
    5. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
    6. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
    7. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
    8. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
    9. All 4-H Communication Posters will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior posters will receive Seals of Excellence.
- **10540 Digital Storytelling** (See also Creative Arts) – An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **10550 Leadership** – An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

- **10560 Self-Determined** – An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

**Personal Development Special Rule:**

*1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?*

**Science, Engineering, & Technology**

- **10610 Mechanics** – An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involves a combination of skills related to the design, construction, and repair of structural and mechanical technologies.
- **10612 Automotive** – Repaired or restored vehicle. (**Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only, tentatively Thursday, August 7.**)
- **10613 Automotive: Educational Display** – An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.
- **10614 Electric** – Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.
- **10615 Small Engine** – Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type of exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.
- **10616 Tractor** – Repaired or restored tractor (**lawnmower or larger**). Note: A conference judging opportunity for exhibitors of repaired or restored tractors in Class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. (Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times.) Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 23, after 7 p.m. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.
- **10617 Tractor: Educational Display** – An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.
- **10618 Welding** – Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.
- **10620 Woodworking** – An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.
- **10630 Science, Engineering, and Technology** – An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers and networking, earth and climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.
- **10632 Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.
- **10634 Robotics** - Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

### **Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule:**

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
3. Due to available space, vehicles will be displayed outdoors. If a vehicle is permitted to be displayed indoors, fuel must be drained before the exhibit can be accepted for evaluation and display. No fuel is allowed inside the building.

### **Special Recognition at the Iowa State Fair**

- The Iowa 4-H Foundation provides the Judge's Choice purple rosettes. Each judge awards one exhibit as having exceeded the standards expected of a blue ribbon.
- The ISU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that fall within the college's majors. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the college.
- The ISU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that fall within the college's majors. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the college.
- The ISU College of Health and Human Sciences recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that fall within the college's majors. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the college.
- The ISU Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that demonstrate excellent industrial engineering principles. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the department.
- The Iowa Questers Preservation and Restoration Special Recognition recognizes three 4-H members for their exhibits showcasing the preservation and restoration of a family heirloom or of an item of historical significance. The member must explain the working steps done, research done on the item regarding its history, and what they intend to do with the item; all this information should be included in their write-up. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and a gold, silver, or bronze medal, along with a monetary donation made in their name to a museum or historical society of their choice.
- The International Harvester (IH) Collector's Club Chapter 5 recognizes 4-H members who restore International Harvester tractors, farm equipment, stationary engines, Cub Cadet tractors, and/or utilize IH branded items in their exhibit. 4-H members must apply, with final selection of awards determined by the IH Collector's Club Chapter 5. Recipients receive a monetary award, certificate, and one-year membership to the club.

- *The 4-H Innovation Award, presented by Praxidyn, recognizes one 4-H member for their innovation, engineering, learning, and perseverance. The recipient will receive a certificate and scholarship from Doug and Kathy Applegate.*
- *The Iowa Tree Farm Committee recognizes outstanding exhibits showcasing forestry in Iowa. Recipients will be awarded a gift card.*
- *The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recognizes outstanding exhibits showcasing conservation practices in Iowa. Recipients will be awarded a certificate.*

## Clothing Event

Interviews and Judging to take place July 19th

### CLOTHING SELECTION, FASHION REVUE, \$20 CHALLENGE, INNOVATIVE DESIGN

- There will be three divisions in each - Senior, Intermediate, Junior.
- Participants must submit a report about their outfit (available online/LCEO).
- Interviews will be scheduled for July 19th. Style show held during Family night on the stage at the fairgrounds.
- A garment may *not* be a winner in more than one category.

## FASHION REVUE

### 12100 Fashion Revue

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear, and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.

## CLOTHING SELECTION

### 12200 Clothing Selection

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items

as a part of the process.

4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops, or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

## ***THE \$20 CHALLENGE***

### **12300 The \$20 Challenge**

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits **must** be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. **This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.**
2. Online venues are allowed and **must** be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
5. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.

## ***Innovative Design***

### **12400 Innovative Design**

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology,

sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.

3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

### **Special Recognition at the Iowa State Fair**

- *All Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will receive a participation ribbon presented at the public fashion show held at the Iowa State Fair.*
- *The top five (5) entries in each class (Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, Innovative Design) will receive an award plaque.*
- *Special Recognition will be presented by the Central Iowa Chapter, American Sewing Guild to two individuals who exhibit outstanding sewing skills in the Fashion Revue or Innovative Design classes. **Recipients will receive a certificate.***
- *One inspiring participant who has expressed an interest in furthering their education in fashion design, fashion merchandising, or interior design will be awarded a scholarship to Des Moines Area Community College's Fashion Institute. Special consideration will be given to participants entered in the Innovative Design class.*
- *The DMACC Fashion Institute Style Award is awarded to the participant who demonstrates excellence in styling their outfit. Participants awards will be selected and provided by DMACC.*
- *One inspiring participant who has expressed an interest in furthering their education in textiles and clothing, hospitality management, or event management will be awarded a scholarship to the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences' Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management.*
- *The Ann Thye Award recognizes one participant whose garment exemplifies current fashion trends. Recipient will receive a certificate.*

### **Communications**

*In addition to the individual department rules, General 4-H rules apply as well as all 4-H General Static Exhibit rules. Be sure to read these over.*

- **Purpose:** The Communication Event program provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The events provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.
- General Communications Rules:
  - **All Communications Fair Entries must be submitted by July 1st**
  - **All Communications Presentations will be given & judged by appointment.**
  - Presentations, with the exception of Extemporaneous Speaking and Poster, may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of

youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).

- Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
- Participants in the 4-H Communication Program are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
- 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
- Presenters are expected to comply with copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

### *Educational Presentation*

**11100 Educational Presentation** – Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

#### **Educational Presentation Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior Presentations (5th and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. **Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s).** Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
5. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

### *Working Exhibit*

**11200 Working Exhibit** – Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

#### **Working Exhibit Rules**

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, **with a 10-minute set up before and 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit.**
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

## *Share-The-Fun*

**11300 Share-The-Fun** – Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

### **Share-The-Fun Rules**

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
  - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
  - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.
5. General judge's comments for the entire show will occur at the Iowa State Fair. No individual conference with the judge will occur.

## *Extemporaneous Speaking*

**11400 Extemporaneous Speaking** – Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

### **Extemporaneous Speaking Rules**

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two (2) entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
  - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
    - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
  - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
  - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
    - Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings

- for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
- Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
  - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
- d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H members own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
  - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
  - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
  - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county they represent, and read the selected question.
  - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
- a. Content related to topic
  - b. Knowledge of the subject
  - c. Organization of material
  - d. Power of expression
  - e. Voice
  - f. Stage presence
  - g. General effect
  - h. Response to questions
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

## 4-H & FFA Livestock

### General Livestock Rules

*All General 4-H/FFA Rules apply to livestock exhibitors also. Be sure to read over!*

1. **I.D.s:** All exhibited animals must have been appropriately identified. Individual animals must be identified as either a 4-H or FFA project. They may not be identified as both.
  - a. ID dates:
    - i. Market beef (including Market Return Bottle Calf): weigh-in then ID due by February 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - ii. Sheep and Market Goat: weigh-in then ID due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Breeding beef, feeder & bucket/bottle calf, breeding goats, swine, horse & dog: ID due by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. Rabbit ID due by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - v. Poultry: no ID required.
2. **Entries:** All exhibitors showing livestock must submit entry by July 1st at [Louisa FairEntry](http://louisa.fairentry.com) (<http://louisa.fairentry.com>). Stall fee must be paid at time of entry. [State FairEntry](https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19676) (<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19676>) due by July 1st.
3. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair.
4. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
5. **Each club will be charged \$25.00 per project, if stalls, pens, and/or cages are not clean at the end of the fair.**
6. This show is an educational event. It is designed to train youth to properly fit and exhibit their animals without aid. It is the intent that the 4-H'er takes responsibility of caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H'er learn new skills and be done by a family member, another 4-H'er and/or an Iowa 4-H volunteer.
7. If it is determined that proper care is not being given to a 4-H'er's project during the fair the member will be given one warning, the next action will be the removal of the animal from the fair grounds.
8. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e., stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the county fair.
9. **Attire for Livestock Shows:** Exhibitors are to wear their Louisa County senior exhibitor shirt, 4-H exhibitor T-shirt, FFA Shirt, or a plain white T-shirt (with sleeves) that is long enough to be tucked in, jeans/slacks with no rips or tears, no open toed shoes and no caps or hats. The horse show has additional requirements; see Horse Department for details. Rabbit exhibitors are encouraged to wear long-sleeved white shirts.

10. **Show Ring Staging Area:** To help ensure the safety of all, **ONLY THE CURRENT EXHIBITOR(S) AND ONE ADULT ASSISTANT MAY BE IN THE STAGING AREA**, spectators must view the show in another location. Please share this request with family and friends attending the shows.
11. **YQCA:** All goat, sheep, beef, rabbit, poultry & swine exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 in order to exhibit at fair. There are no exceptions at the state fair level. At the county fair level, YQCA certification completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but before the official fair start date, will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair. Any exhibitor that does not have YQCA certification by the official fair start date will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair.
12. **Animal Dismissal Policy:** Animals that are housed at the fair are not allowed to leave until Friday 1-3 pm or after 7:30 pm. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans. All exceptions require a vote of the Superintendent Committee.
13. **Early Removal Policy:** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year. Projects include any and all livestock and static projects. This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.
14. **Herdsmanship:** Herdsmanship consists of an exhibitor keeping his/her animal(s), stall/pen/cage and alley clean on a continual basis. Members are expected to be courteous and informative to others. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor. Each exhibitor will be judged individually. Superintendents will arrange for their project's Herdsmanship Award.
15. **FANS: No fans in alleyways.** Fans must have a protective screen (front & back). Beef fans must be hung in the front 2/3 of stalls.
16. **No Refrigerators will be allowed in Livestock Barns**
17. **DECISION OF ALL LIVESTOCK JUDGES ARE FINAL.**

## Ultrasound

**Ultrasound % Lean Measurements:** Swine, sheep & goat exhibitors will be able to participate in ultrasound scanning. This is similar to a carcass class, but the animal is

NOT slaughtered. The percent lean modeling will allow a scientific measurement of each animal's genetic makeup allowing us to determine how much meat is present as well as how much fat they are carrying. Each animal will be adjusted to a body weight and then ranked.

- An Ultrasound Technician will be at the County Fair on Tuesday (Time TBD). You (or a family member) will need to be present at time of scanning and there may be a fee.

## Livestock Auction

- The Louisa County Fair will host a live animal auction on Saturday morning. 4-H and FFA exhibitors may sell any of their beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, or swine that they exhibited at the fair. Clover Kids may only sell one animal they exhibited at the fair.
- All youth participating in auction must wear a clean 4-H or FFA exhibitor T-shirt, or white T-shirt plain (with sleeves) that is long enough to be tucked in, jeans/slacks with no rips or tears, no open toe shoes and no caps or hats. Participants not following these rules will be put at the end of the sale.
- Anticipated 2026 sale order will be swine, beef, poultry, sheep, goats, rabbits.

## Livestock Auction - Beef

- No water or feed to be given to beef sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed and water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, sale order will be lost and it will be announced before sale, that the project was fed/watered after midnight.
- Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m. Each youth is responsible for getting his or her beef animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

## Livestock Auction - Swine

- No water or feed to be given to swine sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed and water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, sale order will be lost and it will be announced before sale, that the project was fed/watered after midnight.
- Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m. Each youth is responsible for getting his or her beef animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

## Livestock Posters

- Each exhibitor may enter one poster in each class per species. Posters should be educational in nature.
- Poster is to be 22 inches by 28 inches in size.
- No advanced entry is required and no registration fee will be charged.
- Label the back of the exhibit with your name and club.
- Check poster in at the animal's check-in & take home at animal release time.

- Copyright logos, designs, or trademark material cannot be used for public display at a fair or other setting without written permission. You do not need to request permission to use the 4-H emblem. This is granted to you as a member of 4-H, as long as you are not making money from its use.
- Entries in this class are not eligible to advance to State Fair. For state fair eligibility, posters may be cross-entered and brought to conference judging in Animal Science class 10110
- Livestock posters will be displayed in the barns or in 4-H Exhibit building. If cross-entered, they will be displayed in the 4-H Exhibit building.
  - LP1 – Animal Science
  - LP2 – Breed

## 2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITION

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESSSES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA FAIR, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows, and exhibitions.

### SWINE

All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are official identification tags.

**Swine originating outside of Iowa.** All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

**Swine exhibition requirements.** "Swine exhibition" means an exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.

**Swine exhibition report required.** The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.

### SHEEP AND GOATS

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag, another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a scrapie tag may be used, but a scrapie tag is not required.

### POULTRY AND BIRDS

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been

performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B) **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery & raised for exhibition are not exempt from P-T testing requirements.**

However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot high solid partition.

#### **DOGS AND CATS**

All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

Jeff Kaisand, D.V.M., State Veterinarian  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Available at: <https://iowaagriculture.gov/sites/default/files/animal-industry/pdf/2026HealthRequirementsfortheExhibitionofLivestock.pdf>

**Cloverkid animals are welcome to come the day of the Cloverkids show or be stalled for the duration of the fair as long as there is room. If the animal is stalled for the duration of the fair, it must have a health paper or be vet checked during the designated vet check hours.**

### **Area Veterinarians**

Dr. Mike Todd  
102 Walnut St  
Columbus Junction  
(319) 728-2712

Dr. Wendy Thomas  
114 Wapello St. S  
Mediapolis  
(319) 394-3108



## Beef

**Superintendent:** Austin Edwards

General 4-H/FFA Rules apply, as well as Livestock Rules & Health Requirements. Be sure to read these over in previous sections of the fairbook.

1. **YQCA:** All goat, sheep, beef, rabbit, poultry & swine exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 in order to exhibit at fair. There are no exceptions at the state fair level. At the county fair level, YQCA certification completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but before the official fair start date, will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair. Any exhibitor that does not have YQCA certification by the official fair start date will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair.
2. **All fans must be hung in the front 2/3 of the Beef Stalls.**
3. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For market beef and returning bucket/bottle market, the deadline to ID your animal is by attending the winter weigh-in and then ID your animal on 4hOnline by February 1<sup>st</sup> or through your FFA advisor. For breeding beef, bucket/bottle calves, returning bucket/bottle breeding, and feeder calves, the deadline to ID your animal is May 15th on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor
4. **ALL Cattle entering the fairgrounds will require an 840 tag.**
5. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
6. **Animal Dismissal Policy:** Animals that are housed at the fair are not allowed to leave until Friday 1-3 pm or after 7:30 pm. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans. All exceptions require a vote of the Superintendent Committee.
7. **Early Removal Policy:** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year. Projects include any and all livestock and static projects.

This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Additional Auction Rules for ALL Auction Beef:

1. No water or feed is to be given to any sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed/water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, you will lose your sale order and it will be announced that project was fed/watered after midnight.
2. **Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m.** Each youth is responsible for getting his or her animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

## BREEDING BEEF (Heifers/Cow-Calf)

Additional Rules for breeding beef:

1. **ALL BREEDING HEIFERS MUST BE TATTOOED BY MAY 15TH** & have this tattoo noted on their 4hOnline ID (due May 15th). All breeding heifers will be checked at fair weigh-in. No fresh tattoos at fair!
2. All purebred heifers must be registered in the name of the club member or show a logical family relationship to the exhibiting member. **REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE BROUGHT TO COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN.**
3. If registration papers and tattoos do not match, the animal will show in the commercial heifer class
4. Animals exhibited in this class cannot be shown in the market class.
5. Superintendents reserve the right to adjust numbers of animals in a particular class.
6. Each exhibitor may show no more than 3 breeding heifers (cow/calf **NOT included in this count**).
7. Supreme Heifer - comprised of all registered breed champions & commercial champion. **Will NOT include Champion Cow/Calf.**

### **CLASS 20140** – Registered Heifers

Lot 01 - Angus

Lot 02 – Charolais

Lot 03 – Hereford – polled and horned will show separately

Lot 04 - Maine Anjou

Lot 05 - Maintainer

Lot 06 – Simmental (87% and up)

Lot 07 –All Other Breeds –Please specify breed and birth date

- All American and Exotic Registered breeds will have classes with the following ages. All entries must be born in the following months and year and will be placed in the following age categories:
  - Senior Yearling Heifer: Sept 1 – Dec 31 (prior to previous year)
  - Junior Yearling Heifer: January 1 – April 30 (previous year)
  - Early Summer Yearling Heifer: May 1 – June 30 (previous year)
  - Late Summer Yearling Heifer: July 1 – August 30 (previous year)
  - Fall Calf: September 1 – December 31 (previous year)

### **CLASS 20150 – Commercial Heifers**

Lot 01 – Commercial - will be shown by weight if warranted by number of entries.

These heifers are born after Jan. 1 and before Dec. 31 of previous year. Birth date must appear on I.D. sheets.

Lot 02 – Commercial - Senior Yearling Heifer, born September 1 – Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> prior to previous year. Birth date must appear on I.D. sheets.

### **CLASS 20160 - Cow-Calf Pair**

- Cow does not have to be a former 4-H/FFA project.
- Champion cow of the pair cannot compete again at the fair after winning the championship.

## **MARKET BEEF**

Additional Rules for market beef:

1. A member may show a total of 3 market animals (Steer or heifer). Exhibited animals must have been weighed, tagged, and I.D.'ed on the weigh-in date; no weight limit.
2. Market beef classes will consist of animals weighing 900 lbs. or more. Calves not meeting this weight requirement will be shown in a special lightweight class. These light calves will not be eligible for champion.
3. The Grand Champion Market Beef will be selected from Champion Market Heifer, all Champion Purebred Market Steer divisions, and Champion Crossbred Lightweight Market Steer, Champion Crossbred Middleweight Market Steer, Champion Crossbred Heavyweight Market Steer

### **CLASS 202 – Market Beef**

Lot 01 - Market Heifers (900 lbs. or more)

Lot 02 - Purebred Market Steers (900 lbs or more)

Lot 03 - Crossbred Market Steers (900 lbs or more)

Purebred Market Steers Additional Rules

1. ALL PUREBRED MARKET STEERS MUST BE TATTOOED & have this tattoo noted on their 4hOnline ID (due February 1st). All purebred steers will be checked at fair weigh-in. No fresh tattoos at fair!
2. All purebred market steers must be registered in the name of the club member or show a logical family relationship to the exhibiting member. REGISTRATION PAPERS MUST BE BROUGHT TO COUNTY FAIR WEIGH-IN.
3. If registration papers and tattoos do not match, the animal will show in the crossbred market steer class.

## **BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF**

Additional Rules for bucket bottle calf:

1. Project open to 4-H/FFA members in grades 4 – 12.
2. Any newborn or orphan calf: dairy, beef or crossbred animal, calved between January 1st and May 14th of current year. Animal must be purchased and in the possession of the youth within 2 weeks of birth.
3. Male bucket/bottle calves are not required to be castrated.
4. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed, no nursing permitted.

5. An exhibitor may identify up to 3 animals. Entries will be weighed at the fair beef weigh-in
6. Calves will be shown at halter. The class may be divided into classes depending on number of entries at discretion of supervisors.
7. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Record keeping and interview.
  - b. What member has learned about care & raising of the calf.
  - c. The fitting and showing of the calf (according to beef or dairy guidelines) with emphasis on what member has learned.
  - d. General health, conditions and management of the calf and 4-Her's knowledge of this area. Confirmation or quality of the calf will not be considered other than general soundness since purchase should not be on that basis.
8. Members may keep animals for breeding heifer or market class for the following year or sell.
9. Each calf must be **adequately tied**.

Following these rules is for the protection of your animal!

#### **CLASS 20310 - Bucket/Bottle Calf**

Bucket/Bottle calves will be shown based on the exhibitor's age division.

Lot 01 – Junior. May win this class only once and advance to Intermediate/Lot 2

Lot 02 - Intermediate. May win this class only once and advance to Senior/Lot 3

Lot 03 - Senior

#### **CLASS 20320-- Return Bucket Bottle Calf**

Return/Second year Bottle Calf –Must be a calf that was ID'd and entered at fair the previous year in the Bottle Calf Class & has been ID'd at the December market beef weigh-in or has turned in the Breeding Heifer ID form. Return calves may also be shown in regular Beef Classes.

Lot 01 – Heifer

Lot 02 – Steer

### **FEEDER CALF**

Additional Rules for feeder calves:

1. All feeder calves must be born January 1st to May 14th of the current 4-H Year.
2. Must have an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA form of ID and must be identified properly for county fair requirements (tag, sex, birth date, etc.)
3. Male feeder calves are not required to be castrated.

#### **Class 204 – Feeder Calf**

Lot 01 – Feeder Calf Heifers

Lot 02 - Feeder Calf Males

### **ALL BEEF – Home vs. County Raised**

Market Beef or Breeding Beef cannot be shown as both home-raised and county-raised.

#### **Class 205 – Home Raised**

Lot 01 - Home-Raised Market Beef: Calf must be born & raised on member's farm, not previously purchased. Parents or 4-H'ers must be part owners of herd to be eligible for Home-Raised. - 1 market beef per member.

Lot 02 – Home-Raised Breeding Beef: Calf must be born & raised on member's farm, not previously purchased. Parents or 4-H'ers must be part owners of herd to be eligible for Home-Raised. - 1 breeding beef per member.

### **Class 206 – County Raised**

Lot 01 - County-Raised Market Beef: Calf must be purchased from a producer in Louisa County - 1 market beef per member.

Lot 02 – County-Raised Breeding Beef: Calf must be purchased from a producer in Louisa County - 1 breeding beef per member.

## **OTHER**

### **Class 207 – Club Group of 3 Market**

Lot 91- Club Group of Three market animals. The three animals must be from the same club and shown by members of that same club.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

Showmanship will be a part of the beef show.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless otherwise directed by the judge during the class.
2. Animals that are eligible for the fair are eligible to be shown in the showmanship class with qualified exhibitor.
3. One champion will be named in each age group in each species. After an exhibitor wins a Division, they will advance to the next Division the following year.

### **Age Divisions:**

01 - Open Showman (Winners of Senior division & all post-graduate FFA members). May win multiple times.

02 - Senior Champion Showman. (Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) May win only once. Winner will advance to open.

03 - Intermediate Champion Showman. (Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>) May win only once. Winner will advance to senior.

04 - Junior Champion Showman. (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) May win only once. Winner will advance to intermediate.

## **HERDSMANSHIP**

### **Beef Herdsman - no entry - pen placement at next year's fair awarded to top club**

The Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanship:

- Animals are clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned.
- Animals are to be fed and watered per rules of the barn.
- Animals in small building are to have water available at all times and feed at proper times. Feed and water dishes are to be upright and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place.
- All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.

- Stall cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Club signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair and post-fair clean up

## Swine

**Superintendents:** Brooklyn Griffin & Mitch Griffin

General 4-H/FFA Rules apply, as well as Livestock Rules & Health Requirements. Be sure to read these over in previous sections of the fairbook.

- 1. YQCA:** All goat, sheep, beef, rabbit, poultry & swine exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 in order to exhibit at fair. There are no exceptions at the state fair level. At the county fair level, YQCA certification completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but before the official fair start date, will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair. Any exhibitor that does not have YQCA certification by the official fair start date will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. (recognized as equivalent to the Youth PQA Plus program).
- 2. Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For all swine (except for production swine), the deadline to ID your animal is May 15<sup>th</sup> on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor. For production swine, the deadline will be to attend the spring weigh-in date and then ID your animal on 4hOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> or through your FFA advisor.
- 3. Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1<sup>st</sup>) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
- 4. Animal Dismissal Policy:** Animals that are housed at the fair are not allowed to leave until Friday 1-3 pm or after 7:30 pm. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans. All exceptions require a vote of the Superintendent Committee.
- 5. Early Removal Policy:** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year. Projects include any and all livestock and static projects. This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

#### Additional Rules for Swine:

1. Pigs may be clipped no shorter than 1/2 inch. Pigs clipped shorter than 1/2 inch will not be allowed to be shown. No clipping done in the barn.
2. Swine have the options to go through the fair sale, return home, or be moved to the purchaser's herd.
3. 4-H'ers must provide their own bedding for their hogs. Bedding must be wood shavings. No paper or straw will be allowed.
4. No hogs from quarantined herds allowed on fairgrounds.
5. No automatic feeders or waterers.
6. All Swine Exhibitors must turn in a completed "Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement" at the fair weigh-in. These will be available at the 4-H Office. Help reduce the industry "problem" of illegal drug residues by following withdrawal requirements.

#### **As there is no longer a requirement for swine to be retested for pseudorabies or stay in a 30-day quarantine after exhibition the following rules are mandated:**

1. All swine exhibitions shall have a veterinarian present for the exhibition.
2. All swine exhibited must have individual ID (4-H/FFA ear tag & ear notch).
3. All swine at exhibition purchased by another individual shall be released with Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) by the exhibition veterinarian. A CVI is not required for swine that are moved directly to an approved slaughter establishment after exhibition.
4. Every pig at an exhibition must be included on the exhibition's report. Report will include the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and, if different, the name, address and telephone number of the premises to which the swine was moved after the exhibition.

#### **Q: Are health papers required for our county fair?**

If the pigs are inspected at the fair upon arrival and before exhibition, then no health papers are needed. **However**, if the pigs change ownership at the fair (sale) and will not go directly to slaughter, then health papers ARE required when the pigs leave the grounds.

#### Additional Swine Rules - continued

7. **Members can ID up to 15 pigs max for county fair. This includes FFA & 4-H animals or a combination.**
8. All pigs to be shown at the fair must have 4-H or FFA ear tags and ear notches & must be IDed on 4hOnline or with FFA Advisors by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. A member can enter a total of **8 pigs** in the county fair.
10. All purebred pigs must be farrowed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. All crossbred pigs must be farrowed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
11. A weight card obtained from the superintendents or Extension Fair office must be filled out by all swine exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. A declared weight system will be used for official weights. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not

be eligible to show. All market swine and commercial breeding gilts are subject to be selected to be weighed during the swine show. Self-declared weights will need to be within 15 lbs. (up or down) of the weights taken during the show.

12. Exhibitors should have pigs selected for individual classes before arrival at grounds.
13. Market pigs must weigh 210 lbs. or more to be eligible to show at fair.
14. Exhibitors cannot reserve more than 4 pens. Due to constraints of pen space, exhibitors should be prepared to use fewer pens if necessary.
15. Exhibitor can show either in the market litter **OR** market pair class, but not both.

Additional Auction Rules for ALL Auction Swine:

1. No water or feed is to be given to any sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed/water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, you will lose your sale order and it will be announced that project was fed/watered after midnight.
2. **Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m.** Each youth is responsible for getting his or her animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

## BREEDING GILTS

Additional Rules for breeding gilts:

1. Breeding gilts may NOT be shown as Market Swine.
2. Gilts must have been ID'ed by May 15th and must be tagged.
3. Maximum 4 breeding gilts per exhibitor may be shown.

### **CLASS 261 - Breeding Gilt**

Lot 01 – Commercial (Crossbred) Gilt (Max of 2)

Lot 02 – Purebred Gilt

Commercial Gilts additional rules:

1. All crossbred pigs must be farrowed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.
2. **Commercial gilts cannot be shown in the Market Litter or Market Pair.**
3. Gilts can be raised or purchased.

Purebred Gilts additional rules:

1. Purebred gilts will be shown by age. Gilts must be farrowed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year.
2. Pedigrees are to be turned into the superintendents at check-in, if no pedigree papers are not received at check-in time, animal will show in commercial class. All gilts shown in purebred breeding classes must meet all registry requirements for show as established by the breed association.
3. There is no minimum weight requirement for Breeding Gilts.

*Grand Champion Breeding Gilt will be selected from the Champion Purebred Gilt and the Champion Commercial Gilt.*

## MARKET SWINE

### **CLASS 262 - Market Swine**

Lot 01 – Crossbred Market Barrow (maximum of 4)

Lot 02 – Crossbred Market Gilt (maximum of 4)

Lot 03 – Purebred Market Swine

Lot 91 - Market Litter - Two pigs farrowed and raised on the farm. Litter may consist of barrows, gilts, or any combination and must be littermates. Pigs must be ear notched.

Lot 92 - Market Pair - Two pigs - purchased or raised. Purchased pigs must show in this class. Pen may consist of barrows, gilts, or any combination. Market pen does not have to be littermates.

#### Purebred Market Swine Additional Rules

1. Purebred Swine farrowed on or after December 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year.
2. Pedigrees are to be turned into the superintendents at check-in time, if pedigree papers are not received at check-in time, animal will show in commercial class.
3. Purebred market swine will not be divided by sex.

*Grand Champion Market Swine will be selected from the Champion Purebred Market Swine, Champion Crossbred Lightweight Market Barrow, Champion Crossbred Middleweight Market Barrow, Champion Crossbred Heavyweight Market Barrow and Champion Crossbred Market Gilt.*

### ALL SWINE – Home vs. County Raised

Swine **cannot** be shown as both home-raised and county-raised.

#### **Class 264 – Home Raised**

Lot 01 - Home-Raised Swine: Swine must be born & raised on member's farm, not previously purchased. Parents or 4-H'ers must be part owners of herd to be eligible for Home-Raised. - 1 swine per member.

#### **Class 265 – County Raised**

Lot 01 - County-Raised Swine: Swine must be purchased from a producer in Louisa County - 1 swine per member

### SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship will be a part of the swine show.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless otherwise directed by the judge during the class.
2. Animals that are eligible for the fair are eligible to be shown in the showmanship class with qualified exhibitor.
3. One champion will be named in each age group in each species. After an exhibitor wins a Division, they will advance to the next Division the following year.

#### **Age Divisions:**

- 01 - Open Showman (Winners of Senior division & all post-graduate FFA members). May win multiple times.
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- 04 - Junior Champion Showman. (Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>) May win only once. Winner will advance to intermediate.

## HERDSMANSHIP

Individual Swine Herdsman - no entry - trophy awarded to top individual

The Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanship;

- Animals are clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned.
- Animals are to be fed and watered per rules of the barn.
- Animals in small building are to have water available at all times and feed at proper times. Feed and water dishes are to be upright and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place.
- All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
- Stall cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Club signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair and post-fair clean up.

## Sheep

**Superintendents:** Mark Bohling & Kurt Carlson

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2. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For all lambs, the deadline to ID your animal is by attending the spring weigh-in and then ID your animal on 4hOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> or through your FFA advisor.
3. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
4. **Animal Dismissal Policy:** Animals that are housed at the fair are not allowed to leave until Friday 1-3 pm or after 7:30 pm. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans. All exceptions require a vote of the Superintendent Committee.
5. **Early Removal Policy:** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year. Projects include any and all livestock and static projects. This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Additional Rules for Sheep:

1. All lambs must be wearing 4-H or FFA ear tags.
2. No Blankets or Sleeves allowed on animals during weigh-in
3. All animals capable of reproduction must have their scrapie ear tag at the time of the spring I.D. and weigh-in

4. All Sheep must remain inside the fenced area for remainder of fair. A designated grooming area will be provided.
5. **All animals must arrive show ready.**
6. 4-H'ers must provide their own bedding for their sheep. Bedding must be wood shavings. No paper or straw will be allowed.
7. All sheep in all classes may be shown with or without halter except showmanship, which must be without halter.
8. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surfaces is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping lambs. Second offenses will result in automatic disqualification from the 4-H & FFA Sheep show.
9. **Absolutely no drenching, injections, or artificial alterations. If animal needs Vet assistance, please contact your superintendent.**
10. Feeding must take place in pens with the exception of showday.
11. Show rails are OK, though the area will be provided (not in alleyways).
12. **All re-tagging needs to be brought to the attention of FFA Advisors and Extension personnel.**

## BREEDING SHEEP

Breeding Sheep additional rules:

1. A maximum of 7 commercial ewe lambs may be tagged at spring weigh-in.
2. Any Breeding Animal may not be shown in a market class.

### **Class 251 - Breeding Sheep**

Lot 40 - Commercial Ewe Lamb – 2 lambs per exhibitor

## MARKET LAMBS

Market Lamb additional rules:

1. Carcass Lamb Class. Each exhibitor is encouraged to have 1 animal in this class. Carcass lambs must be ultrasound scanned at fair. One Carcass Lamb may show in the Carcass class that was also shown in a market lamb class.
2. **Members may weigh in 9 lambs and show 5.**
  - a. **Example: 4 Market Lambs, 1 White Face Influence**
3. No more than 4 grade ewes or wethers that are less than 1 year old by county fair may be shown by any 4-H or FFA club member in the Market Lamb Class.
4. Lambs must be less than 1 year old by county fair.
5. Lambs will be divided into classes by weight if numbers warrant it.
6. To be eligible for rate of gain, the lamb must be shown in individual class.
7. To be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair lambs must be properly verified with retinal imaging at the spring weigh.

### **Class 252 - Market Lamb**

Lot 00 - Market Lambs - 4 lambs per exhibitor.

Lot 01 - White Breed influence

Lot 02 - County Born Market Lamb (limit one entry per exhibitor). County Born lambs **must** be born in Louisa County, less than 1 year old by county fair **and** be

registered in market class. Champion County Born lamb will **not** show for Grand Champion Market Lamb. **\*No commercial registered lambs will be allowed to show in the county born market lamb category.**

Lot 03 - Carcass Lamb—judged on live show, rate of gain & on ultrasound. 1 per exhibitor. This lamb may have been shown in the market show

## SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship will be a part of the sheep show.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless otherwise directed by the judge during the class.
2. Animals that are eligible for the youth fair are eligible to be shown in the showmanship class with qualified exhibitor.
3. One champion will be named in each age group in each species. After an exhibitor wins a Division, they will advance to the next Division the following year.

### Age Divisions:

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## HERDSMANSHIP

Individual Sheep Herdsman - no entry - trophy awarded to top individual

The Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanship;

- Animals are clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned.
- Animals are to be fed and watered per rules of the barn.
- Animals in small building are to have water available at all times and feed at proper times. Feed and water dishes are to be upright and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
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- All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
- Stall cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Club signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair and post-fair clean up.

## Goat

**Superintendent:** Abbey Travis

General 4-H/FFA Rules apply, as well as Livestock Rules & Health Requirements. Be sure to read these over in previous sections of the fairbook.

1. **YQCA:** All goat, sheep, beef, rabbit, poultry & swine exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 in order to exhibit at fair. There are no exceptions at the state fair level. At the county fair level, YQCA certification completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but before the official fair start date, will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair. Any exhibitor that does not have YQCA certification by the official fair start date will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair.
2. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For goats, the deadline to ID your animal is May 15<sup>th</sup> on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor. For market goats and all state fair goats, animals must also attend the spring weigh-in and then ID your animal on 4hOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> or through your FFA advisor.
3. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1<sup>st</sup>) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
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#### Additional Rules for Goats:

1. All market and state fair goats must come to the spring weigh-in. All goats must have 4-H/FFA ear tag or tattoo.
2. Scrapie ID: Upon arrival at fair, ALL GOATS that are capable of reproduction must have a scrapie ID present. Call the USDA at 866-USDA-TAG for info on enrolling in the goat scrapie program and to obtain your farm ID number, tags, & to register your official tattoo.
3. 4-H'ers must provide their own bedding for their goats. Bedding must be wood shavings; no paper or straw will be allowed.
4. All animals must arrive show ready. This means no use of any type of clippers, shears or scissors is allowed on the fairgrounds. The use of paint, powder, dye or color agent is prohibited. Fitting will be allowed for the goat show as long as it does not go against any the forementioned rules.
  - a. If any animals are seen being clipped/sheared/trimmed on the fairgrounds, the animal will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
  - b. If any animals are seen being applied with paint, powder, dye, or color agents or come to the show ring with paint, powder, dye, or color agents, they will not be allowed into the ring until they have been washed off. The show will not wait for exhibitors who were sent to the wash rack!
5. Any goat that does not pass the health inspection will be sent home. This inspection will include the 4-H/FFA ear tags and scrapies identification. Goat must be free of any systemic disease, illness, or skin conditions.
6. Goats must be taught to lead and will be led into each class. Exhibitors may use a halter, collar or collar with a short lead when showing.
7. All goats must be on a halter/collar when not in a pen; this includes to and from the show ring.
8. Absolutely no drenching, artificial alterations, or injections (except with superintendent's approval.)
9. All market goat animals must be uniformly clipped with 3/8-inch length of hair or less above the knee and back hock joints to include to head, excluding the tail.
10. Breeding doe classes will show by weight – birthdate will only be used to split does under 1 year of age and over 1 year of age, then weight used to split individual classes. Weights will be taken at the fair weigh-in. Breeding bucks will show by age. Market classes will be divided by weight if the numbers warrant it.
11. The show date will be the base date in computing all ages. Take the show date and count back to the birth date of the goat to determine the age of the animal.
12. Class 231 is the only class that allows intact males.
13. Companion animals are only allowed with the superintendents' approval. These animals are subject to health inspections including scrapie ID.
14. Market goats are ineligible for the breeding classes. Breeding goats are ineligible for market classes.
15. Does may be shown in the market class. Does shown in market class may not be shown in the breeding class.
16. Market goats/breeding stock may be of any meat breed or cross breed.

17. If enough goats are identified of any certain breed, the Superintendent may establish a class for that breed.
18. Exhibitors interested in showing in 4-H Meat Goat Division at the Iowa State Fair must have their goats retinal imaged at the spring weigh-in.
19. All market wethers must be banded or castrated by spring weigh-in.
20. All Jr. animals must have milk teeth intact at the fair check-in.

## DAIRY GOAT

Dairy Goat (Class 221) Additional Rules:

1. Goats will be judged along dairy characteristics.
2. Only does (female goats) may be exhibited.
3. Dairy goats must be disbudded or dehorned.
4. Exhibitors may identify a maximum of 8 dairy goats at the spring weigh in. A maximum of 4 dairy goats may be brought to fair. No more than 2 may be shown in any class.

### **Class 221 - Dairy Goat**

Lot 01 - Junior—Must have milk teeth.

Lot 02 - Senior –Born Jan 1 thru Dec 31 of previous year. Not freshened.

Lot 03 - Freshened (not more than 3 yrs. old).

## MEAT GOAT

Meat Goat additional rules:

1. Goats will be judged along meat goat characteristics.
2. Only does or wethers (castrated males) may be exhibited (except in class 23101).
3. Disbudding or dehorning is optional. Exhibitors showing at the State Fair must have goats dehorned, disbudded, or tipped blunt.
4. Kid or Jr. goats must have milk teeth

## *BREEDING MEAT GOAT*

Breeding Meat Goat (Class 231) Additional Rules:

1. Up to 7 may be brought to fair.

### **Class 231 - Breeding Meat Goat**

Lot 01 - Buck Kid

Lot 02 – Breeding Doe Kid (Doe Under 1 Year)

Lot 03 – Over 1 Year Breeding Doe

Lot 04 - Breeding Doe Pair

## *MARKET MEAT GOAT*

Market Goat (Class 232) additional rules:

1. A maximum of 6 market goats (wether or doe) may be ID'd at spring weigh-in and up to 3 may be brought to fair.
2. A max. of 3 goats may be shown in class 23201

3. All goats will be required to have milk teeth in normal position and no permanent teeth showing at the time of judging. Any goat having lost one or both of its milk teeth will be disqualified. Teeth will be checked during fair weigh-in
4. Rate of Gain (ROG): Only goats in class 23201 are eligible for ROG awards
5. Market goats must weigh 50 lbs. or more. Considerations will be made for dwarf market goat breeds.
  - a. For any market goat not meeting the minimum weight, the animal will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.

**Class 232 - Market Goat**

Lot 01 - Jr. Market Goat

Lot 91 - Market Pair

**ALL GOATS – Home vs. County Raised**

Goats cannot be shown as both home-raised and county-raised.

**Class 234 – Home Raised**

Lot 01 - Home-Raised Goats: Goat must be born & raised on member's farm, not previously purchased. Parents or 4-H'ers must be part owners of herd to be eligible for Home-Raised. - 1 goat per member.

**Class 235 – County Raised**

Lot 01 - County-Raised Goats: Goat must be purchased from a producer in Louisa County - 1 goat per member

**OTHER**

**Class 240 - Pet Goat Class**

Any goat the exhibitor raises as a pet. Cannot be shown in any other class. Is eligible for showmanship.

**SHOWMANSHIP**

Showmanship will be a part of the goat show.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal unless otherwise directed by the judge during the class.
2. Animals that are eligible for the youth fair are eligible to be shown in the showmanship class with qualified exhibitor.
3. One champion will be named in each age group in each species. After an exhibitor wins a Division, they will advance to the next Division the following year.

**Age Divisions:**

- 01 - Open Showman (Winners of Senior division & all post-graduate FFA members). May win multiple times.
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## HERDSMANSHIP

Individual Goat Herdsman - no entry - trophy awarded to top individual

The Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanship;

- Animals are clean at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned.
- Animals are to be fed and watered per rules of the barn.
- Animals in small building are to have water available at all times and feed at proper times. Feed and water dishes are to be upright and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place.
- All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
- Stall cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Club signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair and post-fair clean up.

## Poultry

**Superintendent:** Mark Cooley & David Boysen

*General 4-H/FFA Rules* apply, as well as *Livestock Rules* & *Health Requirements*. Be sure to read these over in previous sections of the fairbook.

1. **YQCA:** All goat, sheep, beef, rabbit, poultry & swine exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by July 1 in order to exhibit at fair. There are no exceptions at the state fair level. At the county fair level, YQCA certification completed after July 1<sup>st</sup>, but before the official fair start date, will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair. Any exhibitor that does not have YQCA certification by the official fair start date will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair.
2. **Late Entry:** A late entry (after July 1) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
3. **Animal Dismissal Policy:** Animals that are housed at the fair are not allowed to leave until Friday 1-3 pm or after 7:30 pm. This is to avoid traffic issues with race drivers and fans. All exceptions require a vote of the Superintendent Committee.
4. **Early Removal Policy:** All projects exhibited at the Louisa County Fair are required to remain on the grounds for the duration of the fair unless an early release is granted due to extenuating circumstances which are approved in advance by the Fair Board, Extension Office, and exhibit superintendent. Any exhibitor who removes their project(s) prior to the official release time without approval will forfeit all premiums and the opportunity to sell livestock at the auction. If an exhibitor chooses to leave early without proper approval, they must remove all projects entered under their name during that same fair, regardless of whether the project(s) has been shown/judged. If a project(s) is removed without proper approval, breaking the 4H/FFA/IAFE Code of Conduct/Ethics, the exhibitor will be deemed ineligible to participate in any 4-H or FFA projects during the following Louisa County Fair year. The exhibitor may also be deemed ineligible to show at the Iowa State Fair of that same year. Projects include any and all livestock and static projects. This policy is intended to promote fairness, responsibility, and the overall integrity of the Louisa County Fair. For further clarification, please refer to the 4H Code of Conduct/Ethics, the FFA Code of Ethics and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Additional Rules for Poultry:

1. Pens will be furnished. Bedding will be supplied. All exhibitors are expected to keep their pens clean and dry.
2. Each pen should have a water container and feed pan, provided by the exhibitor. ANIMALS SHOULD HAVE FRESH WATER AND FEED PROVIDED THROUGHOUT EVERY DAY. Failure to adequately check on animals and pens could result in loss of premium money.
3. Poultry check-in will be from 5:30-7:30 PM on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. **\*Exhibitors are NOT to put any birds in cages until the check-in time and MUST be present so that so that they can be directed where to put their birds. If**

***exhibitor is participating in the broiler project, they will need to be present to assist with weighing their birds.***

4. All exhibits MUST BE TESTED by an AUTHORIZED TESTER before they will be admitted for fair. If you have your Hatchery/Breed NPIP number, your birds will not be required to be tested.
5. Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be chosen from Classes B-O.
6. **There is a limit of 3 entries per class.**

**Identification forms are NOT required for poultry.  
Animal entries ARE required (due July 1).**

**CLASS A - Special Poultry Broiler Project**

1. Not Eligible for Best of Show or Reserve
2. Youth will purchase 15 broilers from the County Extension Office. All will be from the same hatchery.
3. The project will be evaluated 50% on live standards and 50% on records, which includes the broiler records and the interview.
4. Record forms will be distributed at chick pick-up day and are due at the Poultry Check-in during fair.
5. Pen of 3 broilers: Youth are required to bring three broilers to the county fair. You may bring 4 broilers, but only 3 may be shown.

**CLASS B - Meat Production ANY POULTRY**

**CLASS C - Egg Production (Pen of 3)**

**CLASS D - Egg Production (Single Hen)**

**CLASS E - Home Laid Eggs**

- Exhibitors will bring one dozen eggs to the fair the day of judging. Eggs will be judged on size, symmetry, shape, color, shell, etc.

**CLASS F - Bantam Feathered Leg**

**CLASS G - Bantam Clean Leg**

**CLASS H - Standards Feathered Leg**

**CLASS I - Standards Clean Leg**

**CLASS J - Ducks**

Lot 1- Bantam

Lot 2- Standard

**CLASS K - Geese**

**CLASS L - Turkeys**

**CLASS M - Pigeon**

**CLASS N - Other (State and Federal permits required where applicable)**

Lot 1- Pheasant

Lot 2- Chuckers

Lot 3- Dove

Lot 4- Quail

Lot 5- Peacock

Lot 6- Guinea Fowl

**CLASS O - Pair**

- Any male/female pair from class F - N types. Neither bird in pair may be shown as an individual bird. Eligible for BOS.

Lot 1- Pair of Bantam

Lot 2- Pair of Standard

Lot 3- Pair of Geese/Turkeys

**CLASS P - Poultry Educational Poster** (see [Livestock Posters](#) for rules)

**CLASS Q - Costume**

- Any poultry dressed up to be judged for originality and fit of the costume.
- No costume that will hurt harm the bird will be accepted.

## SHOWMANSHIP

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2. Animals that are eligible for the youth fair are eligible to be shown in the showmanship class with qualified exhibitor.
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### Age Divisions:

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## Rabbit

**Superintendent:** Megan Keltner

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2. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For all rabbits, the deadline to ID your animal is July 1<sup>st</sup> on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor.
3. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
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Additional Rules for Rabbits:

1. All rabbits must be identified with a tattoo in the **LEFT** ear. **Bold tattoo must be legible.**
2. Tattoos on the rabbit at fair check-in **MUST** match the letters/numbers that were entered as Animal ID. **Animals must be tattooed prior to arrival at the fair.**

- a. Failure to match will result in the animal being penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
3. It is recommended that exhibitors wear a white long-sleeved shirt for judging, though Louisa County senior exhibitor shirt, 4-H exhibitor T-shirt, FFA Shirt, or short sleeve white shirts will be accepted.
4. Cavies should be entered by July 1st. Cavies will be entered at the same time as rabbits and will be released after the show.
5. A rabbit that is awarded a red ribbon or lower is not eligible for a Best of Breed Award, or any higher awards.
6. If there are less than 3 rabbits in a breed entered, they may be shown in an Any Other Breeds Class. There will be an Any Other Breeds Class under Class 271-Commercial Rabbits and under Class 272-Fancy Rabbits.
7. All exhibitors must clean up under their cages after fair. Failure to clean up cages after fair will result in a loss of premium money.

## COMMERCIAL & FANCY RABBITS

Commercial and Fancy Rabbit Additional rules:

1. Entries in these classes are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds and varieties.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) standards and rules.

### **Class 271 – Commercial Rabbits**

BREED EXAMPLES: Californian, Palomino, Satin

- Lot 101 - Senior Buck (over 8 months)
- Lot 102 - Senior Doe (over 8 months)
- Lot 103 - Intermediate Buck (6-8 months)
- Lot 104 - Intermediate Doe (6-8 months)
- Lot 105 - Jr. Buck (under 6 months)
- Lot 106 - Jr. Doe (under 6 months)

### **Class 272 - Fancy Rabbits**

BREED EXAMPLES: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Havana

- Lot 201 - Sr. Buck (over 6 months)
- Lot 202 - Sr. Doe (over 6 months)
- Lot 203 - Jr. Buck
- Lot 204 - Jr. Doe

## MARKET RABBITS

Market Rabbits Additional Rules:

1. Meat pens will consist of 3 rabbits, all same breed and variety.
2. The **meat/fryer** lots allow crossbred; they must be of the same variety.
3. Age limit not over 10 weeks, weight limit not over 5 lbs. for each **meat/fryer** rabbit.
4. All rabbits must be weighed in the presence of the judge.
5. If any one rabbit in a pen is disqualified, the whole pen is eliminated.

6. Only one entry per member in meat pen (Lot 27291) and 2 single fryers (Lot 27292). Single fryers may come out of meat pen.
7. Stewer lot will consist of 1 rabbit over 6 months of age with a minimum weight of 8.0 lbs.
8. Roaster lot will consist of 1 rabbit under 6 months of age weighing between 5.5-9 lbs. 1 entry per exhibitor. Purebred and crossbred are allowed.

### **Class 273 – Market Rabbits**

Lot 27291 - Meat Pen

Lot 27292 - Fryers

Lot 27293 - Stewer

Lot 27294 - Roaster

## **OTHER**

### **Class 274 - Other**

Lot 21 - **PET RABBIT/CAVY**

Open to exhibitors who show only two or less rabbits or cavies at the fair. Not eligible for Classes 271, 272, 27422, or Best in Show

Lot 22 - **DOE & LITTER - Doe must be listed on Rabbit ID.**

Doe & Litter - Litter not under 5 weeks or over 7 weeks at time of show. Only one entry per member.

**Class 315- Rabbit Educational Poster** (see poster requirements under Livestock Rules)

### **Class 316- Costume**

Lot 27660 - Any rabbit dressed up and judged for originality and fit of costume.

## **SHOWMANSHIP**

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## **HERDSMANSHIP**

Individual Rabbit Herdsman - no entry - trophy awarded to top individual

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## Horses

**Superintendent:** Terri Slater

*General 4-H/FFA Rules apply, as well as Livestock Rules & Health Requirements. Be sure to read these over in previous sections of the fairbook.*

1. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For horses, the deadline to ID your animal is May 15th on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor.
  - a. Members identify the horse(s) by submitting the identification details, including a clear photo of the animal, on 4hOnline.
2. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.

Additional Rules for Horses:

1. Foals, ponies, horses, mules & burros of any breed are eligible to be enrolled as a 4-H or FFA projects.
2. Ponies are classified as less than 57"; horses 57" and over. All animals are subject to measurement.
3. NO stallions born before January 1 of current year are allowed.
4. Project animals must be owned by member or in partnership with a family member. 4-H /FFA members must take an active role in care and training of animal.
5. Class cancellations required one hour before show time.

Lease a Horse Rules

1. The Lease a Horse project is designed to provide an opportunity for a youth who does not own a horse to gain valuable knowledge and experience. It is designed to foster a mentor/mentee relationship while providing leadership skills for the mentor and experience/knowledge for the mentee.
2. Any 4-H/FFA member enrolled with the Louisa County Extension Office by May 15th is eligible to participate in the lease a horse project. The 4-H/ FFA member must sign up with the Extension office by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. A Mentor for the Lease a Horse participant may be an adult other than a parent who has a horse.
4. The mentor shall provide an older, experienced, safe horse. The horse must be nominated and identified by May 15th and be on file with the Extension Office under the project member's names.
5. This project is based on the educational aspects of the project.
6. This youth must submit an entry into FairEntry by July 1st to the Extension Office.

Show Rules

1. Judging in classes based on information in publication 4H-511C "4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" available at the Extension Office.
2. Exhibitors must attend at least three horse practices and the Pre-Show one of which must be the last Louisa County horse practice session conducted by the horse superintendent prior to showing at the fair.

3. Classes may be combined or canceled at the Superintendent or Judges discretion. ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE SUPERINTENDANT AND/ OR SHOW JUDGE ARE FINAL.
4. All exhibitors must wear proper show attire that consists of solid color, long sleeved, button-down blouse or shirt (at the superintendent's discretion in relation to temperature), dark blue riding style jeans, belt, safety helmet, hard soled boots.
5. ASTM/SEI helmets will be required at ALL times both inside and outside of the show ring, at any time working with horses. Helmets will be required for ALL classes and timed events, including showmanship and halter classes. 4-H/FFA youth are encouraged to purchase a helmet to use on every ride, every time, but if a youth does not have one at time of fair show, one will be provided.
6. Contestants will participate in their respective age groups, 4-H and FFA both included.
  - a. Novice – First year of participation (at the superintendent's discretion)
  - b. Junior -- Grades 5 through 8
  - c. Senior – Grades 9 through 12
7. High Point Awards will be presented to the member whom accumulates the greatest number of points determined by their placing throughout the show. **See below for High Point awards breakdown.**

### **Class 311 - Halter**

- 01 - 2 year and under Pony Halter
- 02 - 3 year and over Pony Halter  
*CHAMPION PONY HALTER*  
Reserve Pony Halter
- 03 - Weanling Horse Halter
- 04 - Yearling Horse Halter
- 05 - 2 & 3 year old Horse Halter
- 06 - Aged Horse Halter  
*CHAMPION HORSE HALTER*  
Reserve Horse Halter
- 07 - Mule and Donkey Halter (4-H & FFA only)  
*CHAMPION HALTER MULE OR DONKEY*  
Reserve Halter Mule or Donkey

### **Class 312 - Showmanship**

- 00 - Jr Showmanship
- 01 - Novice Showmanship
- 02 - Sr Showmanship
- 03 - Horse-Less Project Showmanship

### **Class 313 - Performance Classes**

- 3125001 - Pleasure Driving (Adult passenger optional)
- 3125002 - Open Hunt Seat (approved safety helmet required)
- 31301 - Novice Walk-Trot
- 31302 - Junior Walk-Trot
- 31303 - Senior Walk-Trot

31400 - Junior Horsemanship  
31402 - Senior Horsemanship

31500 - Pony Western Pleasure  
31501 - Junior Horse Western Pleasure  
31502 - Senior Horse Western Pleasure

### **Class 316 - Speed Events**

- ***For the following speed classes, you may register no more than 2 horses/ponies per event!!***
- 10 - Novice Trot Barrels - *Horse must maintain trotting gait throughout pattern. Judge's decision is final.*
- 11 - Junior Barrels
- 12 - Senior Barrels
- 30 - Novice Trot Poles - *Horse must maintain trotting gait throughout pattern. Judge's decision is final.*
- 31 - Junior Poles
- 32 - Senior Poles

### **Class 317 - Other**

- 31701 - Costume (Horse may be led or rode, both animal & person must be in costume)
- 31702 - Trail class - You may register no more than 2 horses/ponies
- 31703 – Novice Flag Race - timed event. Participant will start at starting line running the outside of 3 barrels. The first barrel will have a bucket with a flag in it the rider gets the flag while running by, then runs around the 2nd barrel to the third barrel that has a barrel setting on it and they place the flag in that barrel. The flag must stay in the barrel, continue on to finish line.
- 31704 – Junior Flags Race
- 31704 – Senior Flags Race

### **High Point Awards:**

- Novice High Point- *Tabulated on the SAME horse and rider combination respective halter classes.*
- Junior High Point-*Tabulated on the SAME horse and rider combination from respective Halter classes.*
- Senior High point- *Tabulated on the SAME horse and rider combination from respective halter classes.*

### **CLASS SPONSORS**

- 4-H'ers are strongly encouraged to thank class sponsors either in person or with a short note!

## Dog

**Superintendent:** Debbie Stigers

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1. **Late Animal ID:** Animals who are not identified properly by the deadline will NOT be allowed to show at the county fair. For dogs, the deadline to ID your animal is May 15th on 4hOnline or through your FFA advisor.
2. **Late Entries:** (started in 1997) Late Entry (after July 1st) will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.

Additional rules for dogs:

1. NO PREVIOUSLY TRAINED DOGS ALLOWED AS PROJECT ANIMALS.
2. Animal must have been trained by the 4-H/FFA member and shown by the trainee. Any breed of dog is acceptable.
3. Youth may show the “family” dog, but the animal can only be ID’d by **one** 4-H/FFA member participating in the dog project. The entered animal must be shown at its level.
4. All dogs exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.
5. All animals must be on a leash or in a crate while on the fairgrounds.
6. AKC Rules will be used as show guidelines. Copies of rules may be obtained by calling 919-233-9767.
7. 4-H'ers may show more than one dog only with the written permission of the superintendent.
8. Exhibitors must attend at least one of the practices held in the last 2 weeks of the Louisa County dog-training sessions conducted by the 4-H dog project leader prior to showing at the fair.
9. Classes may be combined at the Superintendent or Judge’s discretion.
10. Dog Poster Class – Exhibitor does not need to show a dog to enter this class.

### **Class 301 – Obedience**

Exhibitors are judged on how well the dog is trained.

Lot 1 – Intro Class

1st year training for both trainer and dog. All exercises on leash: heel, figure 8, sit for examination, recall (no finish), long sit for one minute, and long down for one minute.

Lot 2 – Beginner Novice

Dogs may not be in this class more than two years. Dogs will heel, figure 8, sit for examination, recall (no finish) ON leash. Sit/stay – handler walks ring, drop leash.

Lot 3 – Novice

Dogs will heel and figure 8 on leash then stand for examination, free heel and recall with finish off leash. Sit/Stay get your leash.

Lot 4 – Graduate Novice

Heel on and off leash; figure 8, stand for examination, and drop on recall off leash. Long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes with trainer out of sight.

**HIGH POINT** - Selected from the scores in Lots 1 - 4.

If tie should occur, the judge will determine the method of the tiebreaker.

### **Class 302 - Showmanship**

Exhibitors are judged on how well they handle their dog, not the confirmation of the dog.

- SUB – NOVICE (Only for first year of training for BOTH the project animal and the youth)
- NOVICE (For members in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training and beyond. Youth may win this class only once and then advance to Open)
- OPEN (Must have won Novice Showmanship Class. Youth may win multiple times)

### **Class 303 – Fun**

Lot 1- Obstacle

Lot 2 - Costume class

Lot 3 - Poster Class – See the Livestock Posters section under the Livestock Rules for requirements.