



The Day County Achievement Days is a showcase for our members and what we work for and look forward to all year long. The success of our achievement days is dependent on our membership and volunteers.

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Important Day County 4-H July Deadlines

**July 28 - Deadline for
Day County
Achievement Days
Display & livestock
entries in Fair Entry.**

☘ **MONDAY, July 28, 2025.** All pre-
registration in Fair Entry for Display & Livestock are due

☘ Cloverbuds do not have to enter projects in Fair Entry.

2025 **Preliminary** Day County Fair Schedule of Events

(All approximate times.)

Tuesday, August 12th

State Fair Project Pre-registration is due in [Fair Entry](#) by 11:59 PM

Tuesday, August 5th

4:00-7:00 PM

Fairgrounds and barns open for Tack Only

9:00 AM

4-H Dog Show

Wednesday, August 6th

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Webster Vet – Health Paper Checks for 4-H Animals

9:00 AM

Fairgrounds and barns open for Animals

3:45 PM

Instructions for 4-H judges and workers

4:00-6:00 PM

Interview judging

4:00-6:00 PM

Cloverbud Judging

7:00 PM

Rocket Launch @ Grandstand

Thursday, August 7th

8:00 AM-10:00 AM

Swine Check In/Livestock Sale Sheets Due

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Webster Vet – Health Paper Checks for 4-H Animals

9:00 AM

4-H Companion Animal Show

10:00 AM

Check-in for Poultry Show

10:30 AM

4-H Poultry Show

1:30 PM

Sheep/Goat/Dairy Goats Check-in/Livestock Sale Sheets Due

5:00 PM

4-H Swine Show

6:00 PM

DCF Kick Off Supper – @ Swine Show Arena

*7:00 PM

Barnyard Olympics – by 4-H Jr. Leaders

9:00 PM

Flashlight Scavenger Hunt – by 4-H Jr. Leaders

Friday, August 8th

8:00 AM

Beef/Dairy Cattle Check-in/Livestock Sale Sheets Due

8:30 AM

Check in for Rabbit Show

9:00 AM

4-H Rabbit Show

1:00 PM

4-H Meat Goat Show

3:00 PM

4-H Sheep Show

6:00 PM

Ranch Rodeo – Fair Board Event

Saturday, August 9th

9:00 AM

4-H Breeding Beef Show

10:30 AM

4-H Dairy Goat Show & Showmanship

11:00 AM

4-H Dairy Cattle Show & Showmanship

12:00 PM

4-H Market Beef followed by Beef Showmanship

1:00-3:00 PM

Kids Carnival Games - Fair Board Event

2:00 PM

Kids Tractor Pedal Pull – by Pavilion – Fair Board Event

4:00 PM

Round Robin animal selection due to Office

5:00-8:00 PM

Day County 4-H Leaders Association Steak Supper

6:30 PM

Demo Derby – Fair board event

Sunday, August 10th

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Livestock Sale Weigh-in for Market Livestock

8:00 – 10:30 AM

Shooting Sports Pancake Breakfast – Pavilion

10:00 AM

Non-Denominational Church Service

12:00 PM

PeeWee Showmanship – Fair Board Event

12:30 PM

4-H Small Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest

1:00 PM

4-H Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship Contest

1:00-3:00 PM

Car Show sponsored by Hahler Automotive – Fair Board Event

2:00 PM

Premium and Livestock Sale

2:00 PM

Release of Display Exhibits

5:00 PM

Release/clean-up of Rabbits, Poultry and Livestock

Positive Youth Development

The overall goal of 4-H is to transform our youth into well-adjusted young adults through beneficial experiences, activities, and relationships. Place-based education means we are committed to developing young people in a way that fosters community and builds relationships.

The Day County Fair is the perfect environment to foster experiential learning and mentoring relationships, thus preparing our youth to lead lives of possibility amidst the grand challenges of our time.

Positive Youth Development is the goal for all 4-H events, shows, and activities at the Day County Fair.

Day County 2025 T-Shirt

Each year, shirts are provided to all exhibitors thanks to generous donations from local sponsors. Exhibitors are to wear them when showing all exhibits, display and livestock, and when participating in the premium sale. Thank you.

Fairgrounds Clean Up & Building Set Up (where needed)

1. 4 Corners – Horse Barn & Pony Barn
2. All Around – Beef Barn
3. Clever Clovers – Women's Building & Pavilion
4. Country Kids – Rabbit & Poultry Barns
5. County Line Kids - Quonset
6. Dakota Kids – Swine Barn
7. Jolly Workers – Sheep & Goat Barn
8. Sharp Shooters – Exhibit Building (green steel)

Display Exhibit Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteers are essential for Display Exhibit Judging. Judges Assistants will sit with, and help judges with both interview and non-interview judged projects. The assistants will also help maintain the book with ribbon placings and scratches. Ribbon stickers will be attached at the time and assistants will help place Judges Choice & Best of Show Ribbons on projects before displaying.

Assistants will be needed Wednesday, August 6th 3:30-approx 7 PM or finished. Please review the available slots through the Sign-Up Genius link below. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EABAE2DA7FA7-56105996-daycoachievement>

4-H FOOD BOOTH INFORMATION

It is the responsibility of each club to determine how they will divide up amongst their family the donations of pies/bars requested from the club.

All pies and bars should be brought to the 4-H Food Booth by Saturday morning.

Pies should be 8 inches or larger. Cream Pies and Crumb toppings are okay to bring if there is enough cooler space to store them. The pies should be well-baked, preferably homemade. We will not be responsible for the pans. Please cut and individually wrap bars making 20-24 3x3 inch bars.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Be sure that you have clean hands & clothes and are wearing **closed toed** shoes when you come to work. Safety is important. There will be no eating or drinking while you are in the kitchen. If possible, please wear ball caps or bandanas.
No children under age 8 allowed due to safety restrictions.

If for some reason you are unable to work it is your responsibility to find a replacement, please.

Please provide the following pies and bars from Clubs & Independent Families:

All Around- 4 pies, 3 pans of bars
Country Kids- 5 pies, 6 pans bars
County Line Kids- 3 pies, 2 pans bars
Dakota Kids- 15 pies, 9 pans of bars
Jolly Workers- 12 pies, 8 pans of bars
4 Corners – 10 pies, 3 pans bars
Sharp Shooters – 7 pies, 6 pans of bars
Independent – Wells Family – 2 bars



Food Booth Duties & Assignments

Individual families are asked to sign up for shifts that work best for their fair schedule. Everyone is asked to take a shift. If shifts are available after July 31, families that are not already signed up will be assigned. Please use the link below to sign up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EABAE2DA7FA7-56106179-daycounty>

Wednesday – Sunday Food Booth

Friday – Ranch Rodeo

Saturday – Derby/Grandstand

Leaders Association Steak Supper Saturday (Clever Clovers, Leaders & Volunteers)

THANK YOU for being a part of these successful fundraisers.
Funds raised through the Food Booth support activity scholarships, awards, Citizen Washington Focus, Day County Fair and Recognition Awards.

Display Exhibit Judging

- ✿ Display Judging will take place Wednesday, August 6th from 4-7 PM. It is strongly recommended that 4-Hers interview judge projects.
 - Projects are not required to be shown during the county achievement days to show at the State Fair.
 - Exhibit projects not being interview judged may be dropped off with Exhibit Cards and [Display Exhibit Entry Form](#), or Special Forms attached, at the Pavilion on August 6th from 3:30-5 PM.
- ✿ Exhibit Cards will be printed at the Extension Office. Exhibit Cards will be available for pickup on or before August 5th. All cards must be picked up and attached prior to judging at fairgrounds.
- ✿ A **Display Exhibit Entry Form** must be filled out & included with all Display exhibits **NOT** being interview judged. All project areas requiring a "special" entry form such as Clothing, Food Preservation & Photography exhibits will need "special" forms attached.
 - See the State Fair Book for a complete listing of requirements regarding Special Entry Forms.
 - Click here for The [Display Exhibit Entry Form](#) & other special forms are available here: [SD State Fair](#), at the Office or on the website, www.daycounty4h.com.
- ✿ Cloverbud exhibits will again be judged at 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 6th. Projects will be displayed with their clubs during the fair.
- ✿ Projects will be displayed for the public by club. All projects must be picked up starting at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 10th.
- ✿ [State Fair](#) projects and [Youth in Action](#) will need to be entered in [Fair Entry](#) by *August 12th*. For 2025, youth are "strongly encouraged" to exhibit at the County Achievement Days before attending the State Fair. In categories where local qualification determines State Fair eligibility (e.g. Mastery Showcase), county level participation is required.

ADDITIONAL EXHIBIT ENTRY FORMS These areas require additional forms (The general entry form is not needed for these exhibits) *Forms can be obtained from the Office or [4-H State Fair website](#)*

Clothing—All Constructed Clothing Exhibits require a special entry form found [here](#). Also, on the inside of the garment, tape a label with the 4-H Members' name, County and ID Number.

- Selected Outfit—selected outfit entry form [Senior](#), [Junior](#), [Beginner](#)
- Recycled Garment—2 page [recycled garment entry form](#)

Computers & Technology—for all computer projects

- Spreadsheet and Database Applications
- Computer Program
- Computer Presentation
- Website

} [Requires a Computer Project summary sheet](#)

Food Preservation—A [Food Preservation Entry Form](#) must be filled out and attached to the exhibit for judging. All exhibits must include a current score card label with altitude classification, the recipe and the source of the recipe.

Photography—The [Photography Entry Form](#) requests information about the camera as well as information regarding how and why the 4-H member chose the photograph's content. It is similar in size to the Display exhibit form and should be taped to the back of the foam board attached to the photograph.

Videography exhibits—Use the [Videography entry form](#)

Home Environment—Use the [Quilt Entry Form](#) for Quilt Exhibits

Hobbies and Collections—Display exhibits require a written Exhibit Summary Report that can be in a 3-ring binder or folder. The summary report should share information about the hobby/collection and can include pictures.

Interview Judging

Interview judging of your 4-H projects is a process that greatly enhances your 4-H evaluation experience. The process involves a caring judge interviewing you about your project. Interview judging gives you a sense of personal involvement and helps to make project work more educational.

The evaluation of the exhibit is done by you and the judge together. Basing a decision on your project goals and the general exhibit standards, the judge decides how much progress has been made and what ribbon you will receive. You can explain your own starting point, take note of the progress you have made and explain your future goals. Benefits of interview judging are improved communication skills, recognizing your personal success and progress, encouragement to try new ideas and learning from the experience of the judge. The benefits to the judge are to help you feel good about your project and find out what you want to achieve while providing a learning experience.



BEST OF SHOW AND JUDGE'S CHOICE AWARDS

Judges will be selecting these awards at the conclusion of Display Exhibit Judging. All purple ribbon exhibits will be considered for these awards. The Interview and Display Exhibit Form will be important for projects in contention for these awards.

Livestock INFORMATION

***All Sale Forms due at Check In**

Dog Committee - Traci Ellingson

Check In: Tuesday
Show: Tuesday 9:00 AM

Companion Animal Committee –
Misty Hemmingson & Jillian Lanphear

Show: Thursday 9:00 AM

Rabbit Committee—Amy Fischer

Check In: Friday 8:30 AM
Show: Friday 9:00 AM

Poultry Committee—Jennifer Zirbel

Check In: Thursday 10:00 AM
Show: Thursday 10:30 AM

Swine Committee—
Matt Baumgarn, Josh Atherton

Check In: Thursday 8 – 10 AM
Show: Thursday 5:00 PM

Sheep & Meat/Dairy Goat Committee—
Robin Dorsett, Angela Shoemaker, Jessica McGregor

Check In: Thursday 1:30 PM
Shows: Friday 1:00, 3:00 PM
& Saturday 10:30 AM

Beef & Dairy Cattle Committee—
Jamie Larson, Brandon Zubke, Aaron Gaikowski

Check In: Friday 8:00 AM
Show: Saturday 9AM Breeding
11AM Dairy & 12PM Market

Horse Committee –
Kayla Czmowski, Jessie Wik, Heather Gaikowski

Stall Horses By: Friday 5:00PM

Sanitary Regulations—All animals must be free from all contagious diseases such as ringworm, pink eye, lump jaw & warts. If warts have been removed surgically, the scars must be healed by the time of the fair.

The Webster Vet Clinic has set aside the following times for 4-H families to obtain a CVI (health paper) for their animals attending the Day County Fair: *Health Papers are free of charge. All vaccines or deworming are regular cost.*

✿ **Wednesday, August 6 – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

✿ **Thursday, August 7 – 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

Health Certificates (CVI)—Health Certificates are required for all animals/livestock attending the Day County Fair. The LOCATION on the health certificate MUST read Day County Fair in Webster, SD. Poultry must be from Polonium Free facility or be tested showing Polonium free.

Sheep and Goats—must have official USDA premise of origin tags known as Scrapie tags. RAMS TEST: Rams, six months of age & older, must have blood tested negative by the ELISA test for Brucella-ovis within 30 days of entry for out of state or 60 days in state or come from a certified Brucella-ovis free flock.

INTEGRITY PLEDGE -

The 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge takes the refreshing approach of placing trust in 4-H parents and youth. We trust that our parents want 4-H to serve as a place for their youth to develop into contributing members of society—builders not takers. We trust that our youth want to be true 4-H'ers—desiring a good exhibition experience and willing to demonstrate personal responsibility.

This pledge is a required component of SD4-H's livestock education program. Prior to agreeing, please read, consider, and adopt the Livestock Integrity Pledge's principles in your livestock management plan and show preparations. The Integrity Pledge is found on the Day County Website and at the Extension Office. **They must be read, signed and turned in by or before Wednesday, August 6.**

Registration Papers -

To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family name) to their entry in Fair Entry by August 12. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased. NOTE: In leasing situations, exhibitors must upload registration papers to their entry in Fair Entry by August 12. The same animal owner name listed on the SD 4-H Animal Lease Form should appear on the registration paper; therefore, the registration paper does not need to be in the exhibitor's name.

Animals must be shown at the State Fair in the breed lot indicated in 4-H Online. If an exhibitor does not upload a registration paper (or other supporting document) with their State Fair Entry, that animal must be entered in the commercial/crossbred division at the State Fair. It is recommended that exhibitors have the original paper copy of the registration paper in hand during check in at both the county event and State Fair. This is recommended practice for any animal exhibition.

Animal Replacement Rule -

ANIMAL REPLACEMENT RULE Infrequently, animals that are registered for the State Fair become unavailable by State Fair time. Usually this relates to herd health preferences, severe animal illness/injury, or premature death.

Animal substitutions will be allowed through the species check-in at State Fair. • The replacement animal must be identified in the families' 4-H Online account by June 1st. Animal Exhibits Page 16 of 100

- Families are allowed to identify up to 2 animals per species in Fair Entry under the Substitution Department by August 12th. Animals that are not submitted as a substitute entry in Fair Entry will not be allowed to substitute.
- Except for Breeding Sheep, replacements are allowed on a species basis. Breeding sheep are only allowed to substitute a ram for a ram and an ewe for an ewe.
- Due to stalling limitations, substitute animals will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Only animals that are shown are allowed to stall at the fairgrounds

COUNTY LIVESTOCK SHOWS

There will be a Day County Bucket calf class for beef and dairy. The calf must be spring born or young enough that there is not a 4-H class for them.

A Livestock Committee will be formed for recommendations to decide judges, show schedule, prepare for the DCF and assist with judging schools and clinics. The final choice of judges will be made by the 4-H Youth Program Advisor. All livestock show orders will be determined based on the guidelines found in the State Fair Book with an exception regarding the minimum number of animals required for each class/division.

COUNTY HORSE SHOW

The horse show date will be up to the Day County Horse Show Committee. Horse show rules are based on the State Horse Show Guidelines. To receive grand & reserve champion showman in horse you must have won a purple ribbon in showmanship at the Day County Horse show. If a member participates in another county's horse show, the member is not eligible for county trophies. The judge will be informed prior to the Horse Show; that he/she will need to place top five of the Senior Showman from the Draft, English, and Western Showmanship classes. The winner will show for the Round Robin at the Day County Fair.

HORSES AT THE DAY COUNTY FAIR

4-Hers that participated in the 2025 Day County 4-H Horse Show, or 2025 SD 4-H Rodeo are eligible for a premium at the livestock and premium sale. Horses must be stalled overnight at the fairgrounds during achievement days. Check-in for horses may begin Thursday, and all horses must be stalled by **5:00 PM Friday, August 8, 2025**. A health certificate must be turned into the Extension fair office at check-in. During the premium sale, 4-Hers must wear their 4-H fair shirt or western attire as required by 4-H horse show or rodeo guidelines. Horses will be led through the sale, not ridden. The safety of spectators, 4-Hers and their horses is important. Please note the following:

- ✿ Trucks and trailers should not enter the Fairgrounds. Please unload horses and supplies outside the gates and lead horses to the barn.
- ✿ Please clean up after your animals to and from the barn if needed.
- ✿ Horses will not be ridden through the fairgrounds. To access the horse arena, 4-Hers must use the south path between the horse barn and arena.
- ✿ Equipment used at the horse arena must be picked up and put away after each use. Gates are to always remain closed.

COMPANION ANIMAL

The companion animal show will be held Thursday, August 7th at 9:00 AM at the Day County Fair Grounds. All exhibitors will bring their animals to the show on the day of the event and take them home at the conclusion of the show.

DOG

The dog show will be held Tuesday, August 5th at 9:00 AM at the Day County Fair Grounds. All exhibitors will bring their animals to the show on the day of the event and take them home at the conclusion of the show.

4-H SHOWMANSHIP—for Beginner, Junior & Senior members will be held in Swine, Beef, Dairy & Meat Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy, Dog, and Companion Animal during, before or following the judging of each respective species. You must show your own animal. Grand & Reserve Champions will be picked if deserved in each species with all other participants receiving ribbons.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP—**Small Animal Round Robin** will be held on Sunday, August 10th beginning at 12:30 pm. The event will include the following species: Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Dog, Rabbit and Poultry. **Large Animal Round Robin** will be held Sunday, August 10th, 15 minutes following the conclusion of the Small Animal Round Robin. The event will include the following species: Dairy Cattle, Horse, Sheep, Swine and Beef Cattle.

Judges will be requested to name the top 5 senior members in the respective showmanship species shows. The senior Dog & Horse winners will be selected at their respective shows. Each competitor is to show all the species in the Round Robin Contest starting with their own animal. If they choose not to show an individual species, they will receive a zero for that rotation. The rotations will be 2 minutes in length. One overall Showman will be selected & will receive a personalized belt buckle sponsored by a Day County business.

Members are eligible to win both contests and may participate in one or both contests per year. The top Senior Showmanship winner will be given the right to participate in the event. If this individual has won Round Robin in prior years or is the showmanship winner in two or more species, the next ranked winner in the senior division will be given the opportunity to participate.

DAY COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE

- ✿ It will be the members' responsibility to pick up and complete the Livestock Sale Form. Sale Forms are due to the 4-H Office during official CHECK IN times. All changes/updates must be turned in by 4:00 pm, Saturday, August 9. [Premium Sale Form here.](#)

Sale Weigh-Ins on Sale Day (Sunday) morning are as follows:

- *Market Beef: 8:00 AM.*
- *Market Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats: follow.*

The scale closes at 9:00 AM. If you are not present to weigh-in your livestock, you forfeit your right to sell a premium.

Jorgensen Meats and The Meathouse have set aside time to process animals sold in the 4-H Sale. Please let buyers know that animals purchased can be sent to either location Monday, August 11 for processing. Thank you.

4-H LIVESTOCK SALE

1. A thank-you must be written to the buyer and delivered to the office before livestock premium checks will be disbursed. The county office will mail the thank you for the exhibitor at the exhibitor's request. A deadline of September 15 will stand for thank you notes to be completed. Checks will be awarded prior to the SD State Fair. Members who do not meet the deadline will forfeit the opportunity to sell a premium in the upcoming year's 4-H Premium Sale.
2. If a 4-H member is selling premium at the Day County Fair, members must stall the animal on the Fairgrounds during the Day County Fair unless they are at another 4-H event. They must have had approval from the executive committee prior to the Fair.
3. The animal and the premiums will be sold separately—both at the auction.
4. The animal will be sold first with all bidding done at auction.
5. The premium will then be auctioned by the dollar amount, not by weight.
6. Only two market animals per 4-H member can be sold at the sale. Breeding animals cannot be sold as market animals.
7. If members have more than one animal to be sold in a species, the second animal will be sold after everyone has the opportunity to sell one.
8. If selling a premium and/or the animal, the exhibitor must be present during the premium sale unless reasonable cause is presented to the 4-H leaders Executive Board, prior to the fair, by the exhibitor.

2025 SALE ORDER—Swine, Meat Goat, Sheep, Beef, Horse, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats

If there is any question about the weight of an animal, it must be raised at the time the animal is weighed! Our scale is inspected by Webster Scale annually just before the opening of the Day County Fair. Please express your appreciation to Webster Scale.

ANIMAL RELEASE: At the conclusion of the sale, exhibitors must complete the checkout process with the Species Committee Chair. All livestock pens and alleyways are to be cleaned and manure piled at the end of the building as directed. All tack and supplies should be removed. Thank you for your cooperation and hard work!

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK ENTRY INFORMATION

**Review pages 5-7 of the State Fair Book for all livestock project area changes, stalling information state fair rules and regulations.

Market Beef—Heifers must weigh at least 900 pounds at State Fair weigh-in to be eligible for entry in the State Fair Market Heifer Class. Steers will be judged according to breed & weight with the lightest steers proceeding to the heaviest. Steers weighing LESS than 1,000 pounds will not be eligible for entry in the State Fair Market Steer Class.

Swine—Swine will be divided into weight classes. Swine weighing less than 230 pounds/over 300 pounds at State will be allowed to exhibit, however, they are ineligible to receive a purple ribbon & compete for an award. Clipped pigs must have hair at least ¼ inch long for State Fair.

Market Lamb Sheering—It is strongly recommended that all market lambs be shorn prior to arriving at the SD State Fair.



Livestock Committee Contact Information

Dog –

Traci Ellingson – 605-695-8446

Companion Animal –

Misty Hemmingson – 605-520-5410

Jillian Lanphear – 605-590-1356

Rabbit Committee –

Amy Fischer – 605-265-0797

Poultry Committee –

Jen Zirbel – 605-398-6289

Swine Committee –

Matt Baumgarn – 605-520-9989

Josh Atherton – 605-216-8961

Sheep/Meat/Dairy Goat Committee –

Robin Dorsett – 605-265-1507

Angela Shoemaker – 605-265-0145

Jessica McGregor – 605-421-0150

Beef & Dairy Cattle Committee –

Jamie Larson – 605-237-0198

Brandon Zubke – 605-880-3676

Aaron Gaikowski – 605-881-0821

Horse Committee –

Jessie Wik – 605-880-5522

Kayla Czmowski – 605-590-0489

Heather Gaikowski – 605-880-5738

