

Hamlin County 4-H Achievement DAYS

**LIVESTOCK, YOUTH IN
ACTION AND DISPLAY
EXHIBIT GUIDE**

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SD 4-H State Fair FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23485>

State Horse Show FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23486>

County Horse Show FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23759>

State Dog Show FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23483>

SDSU Extension: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/>

4-H State Fair Book:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2026-04/MC-04178-v06.pdf>

South Dakota State Fair: www.sdstatefair.com

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Horse Show

DATE INFORMATION

The County Horse Show will be held on Monday June 22 at the Hamlin County 4-H Fairgrounds and rain date of Wednesday June 24. The FairEntry registration opens June 2nd and closed on June 16th at 11:59 p.m. Health papers are required the day of the show. Please read [Hamlin County 4-H Horse Show Guide](#) with more information and schedule.

Horse members must complete the following requirements by June 1.

- Upload their animal information (including pictures), and lease forms (if applicable) in 4-H online.
- Complete a Youth Horse Literacy event- No certificate upload needed, but must alert the office.

STATE HORSE SHOW

State Horse Show registration are due in FairEntry by 11:59 p.m. on July 1st. The State 4-H Horse Show will be held at the SD State Fairgrounds in Huron on July 13-15. The [Horse Show Contestant Packet](#) and the [SD 4-H Horse Show Guide](#) are available online and in the office.

*New 2026- To participate in the State 4-H Horse Show, youth must first compete in a county level 4-H horse show. They must enter the same classes at the county level that they plan to enter at the state level. No minimum ribbon placing is required, but participation in each class entered is mandatory. If a youth cannot attend their own county horse show, they may compete in another county's show to meet this requirement.

Dog Show

DATE INFORMATION

The County Dog Show will be held Monday August 3rd starting at 9:00 am. Pre-registration for the county show is July 28th on FairEntry, also please inform Dog Leaders of the events you will be participating in and with what dog. Health papers are required by the day of the show.

REQUIREMENTS

4-H members must update their dog information on 4-H Online and upload a proof of vaccination from your veterinarian that shows current Bordetella, Rabbits, and DHLPP vaccination by June 1. The [SD 4-H Dog Project Show Guide](#) is available in the office or online.

OFFICIAL DRESS

Show dress will be a Hamlin County 4-H t-shirt provided at no cost to 4-H members but must be reserved by June 1st at <https://forms.gle/3rtUXNZ4vAmKQDq46>.

PRACTICE

Hamlin County 4-H Dog Practice is on Mondays. Questions about the project contact Carrie Boyd or the office.

STATE DOG SHOW

South Dakota 4-H will host the 2026 State 4-H Dog Shows at two sites- Mitchell and Rapid City. Deadline to register is August 1st for both shows.

Youth-In-Action

SPECIAL FOODS

Date: Hamlin County 4-H Special Foods contest is scheduled for Thursday July 30th at 9:00 am at the Hamlin Education Center FACS room. Special Foods pre-registration is due with the entry form on page 4 to the office by July 28th along with Special Foods paperwork.

Contest: Contestants will have 90 minutes to complete the contest, which includes: preparing a recipe, setting the table and completing the nutrition interview.

State Fair: State Fair Special Foods registration are due in FairEntry by 11:59 p.m. on August 1st. Paperwork must be submitted to the office by 4:30 p.m. on July 31st.

Nutrition Flashcards to help study are available at the office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Date: Hamlin County 4-H Special Foods contest is scheduled on Tuesday August 4th at 3:00 at the 4-H Building before Static Judging. Pre-registration is due with the entry form on page 4 to the office by **July 28th**.

Contest: Exhibitors present to the judges, receive their ribbons (purple, blue, red, white, or Cloverbud), and have their picture taken. Audiences are welcome to attend.

State Public Presentations registration is due in FairEntry by **11:59 p.m. on August 1st**.

Information about the Communications Competition, visit <https://extension.sdstate.edu/youth-action-4-h-communications-project>.

***New in 2026:** the **4-H Spark Tank Pitch**, inspired by the popular TV show Shark Tank, where 4-H youth with big ideas and entrepreneurial goals can showcase their passions through a new State Fair Communications Project entry. This event encourages members to identify and share their “spark” the skills and interests that bring them purpose and joy by pitching their business idea to a panel, gaining valuable real-world communication and leadership skills along the way.

FASHION REVUE

Date: Hamlin County 4-H Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday August 4th at 3:00 at the 4-H Building before Static Judging. Pre-registration is due with the entry form on page 4 to the office by **July 28th**.

Exhibitors may enter as many outfits as they would like. Outfits do not need to be hand sewen, they can be bought. The same outfit can be used as a Constructed Outfit for Static Judging.

Hamlin County 4-H Youth in Action Contest Day

Registration Form

July 30- Special Foods- 9:00- Hamlin Education Center
August 4- Fashion Revue- 3:00- Hamlin County 4-H Building
August 4- Communications- 3:00- Hamlin County 4-H Building
Due to each Extension Office by Tuesday July 28th

Name: _____

Age (4-H Year): _____

Circle which age division:

Cloverbud

Beginner

Junior

Senior

Contest: (Circle Contest Competing In)

Special Foods

Fashion Revue

Communications

Please fill out designated contest information competing in.

Special Foods

Items you will be using on the day of the competition. (Oven, blender, etc.)

Attach MyPlate Worksheet

Attach Special Foods Recipe Worksheet

Attach Special Foods Menu Worksheet

Fashion Revue

_____ # of years competing in Fashion Revue

_____ # of outfits I will be presenting?

Communications

_____ I plan to do a demonstration (Individual)

_____ I plan to do a team demonstration with _____

_____ I plan give an Illustrated Talk

_____ I plan to be in the 4-H Spark Tank

Title of Speech: _____

Youth-In-Action Skillathons

A skillathon is a hands-on contest where members rotate through different stations to test their knowledge and practical skills related to a project area. Skillathons will be set up for youth to test their knowledge about a project area. A schedule of when skillathons will be set up for members to participate in is below.

Study material available at the office and on [SDSU Extension Website](#).

SKILLATHONS OFFERED & WHEN

- **Hippology (Horse Skillathon):** June 22nd all day during horse show
- **Livestock Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Poultry Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Dairy Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Rabbit Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Horticulture Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Family Consumer Science Skillathon:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Consumer Decision Making:** July 30, 1-6pm, August 4, 10:00-3:00
- **Dog Skillathon:** August 3rd during dog show

Youth-In-Action High Point

Beginning at the 2026 Achievement Days, Hamlin County 4-H will recognize Youth-In-Action Top Point Winners in each age division: Beginner, Junior, and Senior. Youth may participate in Youth-In-Action contests during the scheduled contest days, as well as attend skillathons at their convenience throughout Achievement Days.

WHAT ITS ABOUT

Youth in Action contests play an important role in helping members gain in-depth knowledge across a variety of project areas. Participants are encouraged to take part in as many contests and skillathons as they wish.

Contests

- Special Foods
- Fashion Revue
- Communications

Skillathons

- Livestock Skillathon
- Horticulture Skillathon
- Family Consumer Science Skillathon
- Consumer Decision Making
- Livestock Judging
- Hippology (Horse Skillathon)
- Horse Judging
- Poultry Skillathon
- Dairy Skillathon
- Rabbit Skillathon

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the top two individuals in each age division. Winners will select their award from items below. Winners get to choose the color. Awards will be given out at Recognition Event in November.

POINT SYSTEM

Contest Points at County Level

- 15 points- Purple
- 10 points- Blue
- 7 points- Red
- 5 points- White

Skillathon Points at County Level

- Top score in age division-20 points
- 2nd top score in age division- 15 points
- 3rd top score in age division- 10 points
- Everyone else who competed- 5 points

Participate at State Event- 20 points

Champion in Each Division Options:	Reserve in Each Division Options:

Overview of Skillathons

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

The Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Contest is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their ability to make sound purchasing decisions. The contest is a judging experience where youth are given a situation and 4 options. After assessing the scenario, they must then place the options in order from best to worst.

The classes to be completed:

- Beginners will judge two classes and have one set of check-type questions.
- Juniors will judge four classes and have two sets of check-type questions.
- Seniors will judge six classes and give two sets of oral reasons.

DAIRY SKILLATHON

The Dairy Skill-A-Thon tests youth knowledge and understanding of Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat sciences and management skills. Sources include the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card and American Dairy Goat Association Score Card. Other topics that could be covered are breed identification, terms, dairy cattle parts, dairy goat parts, equipment, dairy food products, hay judging and feed stuffs.

DOG SKILLATHON

Parts of the dog skillathon is conformation, dog breeds, external parts of the dog, dog health, and bathing a dog.

FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE SKILLATHON

The Youth In Action Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon is an individual contest focused on three different classes: Food & Cooking, Sewing & Clothing, and Interior Design & Housing. This is a time contest with different stations where contestants identify items from each class.

HIPPOLOGY

Hippology is an activity that makes learning fun for 4-H members by allowing them to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry in a friendly, competitive setting. The examination phase may include a written exam, projected slides identifying breeds, colors, color patterns, activities, and proper appointments, as well as anatomy topics such as external parts, skeleton, internal organs, the gastrointestinal tract, reproductive organs, and detailed anatomy of the foot and lower limbs.

LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

A livestock skillathon is a hands-on educational contest where youth test their knowledge of the livestock industry through a variety of stations and activities. Participants may identify breeds, feeds, equipment, meat cuts, and management practices while demonstrating their understanding of animal science, nutrition, health, and livestock production in a fun and interactive setting. The contest may include Breed ID, Equipment ID, Retail Meat ID, Feed ID, quiz, Quality Assurance questions, wool judging placing class, hay judging placing class, and livestock performance problems.

HORTICULTURE SKILLATHON

The South Dakota 4-H Horticulture Skill-A-Thon is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of gardening practices and plant development, ability to identify plant specimens, and other horticulture-related knowledge. The contest consists of three parts: judging, a written test, and plant identification. Study materials specific to the contest are available from South Dakota 4-H and the National Junior Horticulture Association.

POULTRY SKILLATHON

The skill-a-thon will consist of the two judging classes plus reasons or questions and can include exterior egg grading, poultry exam, bird ID (from duck, chicken, goose or turkey), breed ID, meat cuts and/or quality assurance.

- Senior and Junior contestants will be asked to give reasons on one class. Contestants should not use their notes when giving oral reasons or points may be deducted for doing so. Time will be allowed for contestants to prepare their reasons.
- Beginner contestants will answer five questions relating to birds from one of the classes.

RABBIT SKILLATHON

- Identify different breeds of a rabbit
- Know and identify the anatomy parts
- Questions: showmanship based knowledge and terminology

Events not held at county level

HORSE QUIZBOWL

The objectives of this contest are to stimulate learning and provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter in a competitive setting with attitudes of friendliness and fairness. The South Dakota 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl competition will follow the National Contest process and procedures. To preserve the fairness of this contest and the integrity of all the contestants who have dedicated their time and effort; no note taking, recording devices, cameras, electronics, or computers will be allowed in the contest room(s). Failure to observe this rule will result in dismissal from the contest area and disqualification of the team

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Livestock judging is an educational activity where participants evaluate and compare animals based on their overall quality, structure, and usefulness for production. Youth learn to observe livestock closely and make decisions on how animals place within a class, then give reasons explaining their choices. This helps build skills in decision-making, critical thinking, animal evaluation, and communication while increasing knowledge of livestock breeding, market readiness, and management practices.

Display Exhibits

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

All static projects being exhibited at Achievement Days must be entered into Fair Entry by July 28th at 11:59 P.M. If projects are not entered by July 28th may be entered but contacting the Extension Office but will not receive Premium Money. Fair Entry will not be opened back up after July 28th.

STATIC JUDGING

Interview Judging will take place on Tuesday August 4th from 5:00 to 8:00. All projects must be interview judged, must be in the 4-H Building and registered by 6:30 P.M. Exhibits brought in after 6:30 PM will not receive premium money. Static cards will be available before Achievement Days, if you would like to pick them up before. An email will be sent out when they are ready to be picked up. All static cards must be securely fastened to the project. Ribbon stickers will be placed on the projects, but if you would like a ribbon, they will be able to be picked up and displayed on your project. If you are unable to interview judge at Achievement Days for certain reasons (must be approved by the office) must complete the [Display Exhibit Entry Form](#) for each project.

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds, ages 5 to 8, as of January 1, 2026, may make a project and bring it to Achievement Days to be judged and interviewed by a Cloverbud Judge to receive a Cloverbud participation ribbon. Cloverbuds do not have to register their projects in Fair Entry but will need a Cloverbud Static Card to be displayed on their project. Static Cards can be found on the [Hamlin County 4-H](#) or picked up at the Extension Office. Cloverbud projects may be displayed at their club booth, the club the family is part of, or in the separate Cloverbud booth. Cloverbud projects cannot be taken on to the State Fair.

BEST OF SHOW

New in 2024 is the "Best of Show" exhibits for each of the following categories and age divisions. Instead of points collected in each category, judges will pick a Grand and Reserve project in each of the Categories. "Best of Show" projects will be displayed at the "Best of Show" booth. The following Static Categories and Divisions are placed on page 7.

EXTRA PROJECT PAPERWORK

All projects going to State Fair need a Display Exhibit Form. (not required at County Level) however, all the following project areas need an exhibit form attached to their project for both County and State Level.

- Constructed Accessory Using Fabric
- Constructed Clothing
- Recycled Garment
- Beginner Selected Outfit
- Junior Selected Outfit
- Senior Selected Outfit
- Computers and Technology
- Food Preservation
- Foods & Nutrition Recipe Adaptation Worksheet
- Photography
- Videography
- Photography foam boards can be purchased at the office for \$1. Both white and black colors are available.

Display Exhibit Content

STATE FAIR INFORMATION

State Fair registration deadline is **August 1st** at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23485>. You must sign up projects that that you want to take to State Fair. Every project must have a Display Exhibit Form if an extra project sheet is not required. Projects wanting to go to State Fair may be left in the 4-H Building after Achievement Days. However, all projects must be at the Extension Office by Monday August 25th, baking and horticulture projects must be at the office by Monday August 31st by noon. If you are at the State Fair, you may pick up your projects on Monday September 1st at 4:00 PM. If you are not at the State Fair, projects will be brought back to the Office to be picked up. A maximum of 6 static exhibits may be exhibited at State Fair.

CHANGES TO STATE FAIR BOOK

- Must exhibit one display exhibit at Achievement Days to exhibit a project at State Fair
- Size of Photography Boards- 11 x 14 inch
- Wood Science- No fractal burning
- Christmas Tree Ornaments- Updated specifications
- Home Environment- Wall Item- If the exhibit does not have a hanger, then the youth must describe how it will be hung in the Display Exhibit Form
- Hobbies and Collections- Recommend a picture is taken and displayed in a binder for easier display and safety. The binder content should include an overview of the hobby and collection, a photo and description of project. Ex- Legos

Category Name	Project Areas Combined into Category
Animals & Biological Sciences	Beef, Cats, Companion Animals, Dairy Cattle, Dogs, Eggs & Poultry, Embryology, Goats, Horse & Pony, Rabbits/Cavies, Sheep & Wool, Swine, Veterinary Science
Citizenship & Community Service	Citizenship, Community Service, Cultural Education, International Study and Exchange Program, Entrepreneurship, Service Learning
Clothing	Clothing and Textiles & Expressive Arts
Communications	Communications, Drama & Theatre Arts, Graphic Design, Music/Dance, Videography, Writing & Public Speaking
Food & Nutrition	Foods & Nutrition, Food Preservation, Food Science
Health/Child Development	Child Development and Family Life, Communities for Child Safety, First Aid and Health, Fitness and Sports, Health, Safety
Home Environment	Home Environment
Horticulture & Plant Sciences	Horticulture, Gardening, and Landscaping, Plant Sciences, Crops and Weeds
Leadership & Personal Development	Character Education, Economic, Business & Marketing, Exploring the Treasures of 4-H Curriculum, Hobbies & Collections, Leadership Skills Development, Leisure Education & Recreation, Social Recreation Skills, Workforce Preparation (Career Exploration)
Physical Sciences, Technology, & Engineering	Aerospace & Rocketry, Automotive, Tractor and Small Engines, Bicycle, Electricity, Energy for farm, home, and transportation, Engineering, Geospatial, Physics, Robotics, Welding, Wood Science
Natural Resources	Conservation & Stewardship, Entomology & Bees, Forestry, Geology & Minerals, Geospatial, Range & Pasture Management, Soils & Soil Conservation, Water & Water Conservation, Wildlife & Fisheries
Photography	Photography
Visual Arts	Visual Arts

Livestock Information

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Hamlin County 4-H Livestock Committee will provide guidance to the 4-H Leaders as it pertains to livestock exhibits/exhibitors. Committee members include Jill Opdahl, Kathryn Jurrens, Danielle Mikkelson, Becky Goens, Lacey Namken and Paula Grupe.

PURECRED REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL PUREBRED OR REGISTERED MARKET OR BREEDING SHOWS (BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, REGISTERED MEAT GOATS, BREEDING SHEEP, AND SWINE), 4-H EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO UPLOAD A COPY OF THE ANIMAL REGISTRATION PAPERS (IN THEIR NAME OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME) TO THEIR FAIRENTRY BY JULY 28TH FOR ACHIEVEMENT DAYS AND AUGUST 1ST FOR STATE FAIR.

If leasing a purebred animal, an animal lease form must be submitted by June 1 and registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded.

- If leasing, the same animal owner name listed on the South Dakota 4-H Lease Form must appear on the registration paper.
- Animals without proof of eligibility for purebred classes will be shown as commercial.

MARKET ANIMALS

4-H Market Animal Self-Identifying and DNA Requirements

Self-identifying will be used for market animals. You must collect DNA on ALL market animals to be State Fair eligible. The DNA envelopes are available at the 4-H Office (\$12 for sheep/goats/swine, \$15 for beef). Each market animal must have an identifying tag number.

*New 2026- Tag's animals must have to be eligible for State Fair.

If you are not going to State Fair, animals must have one tag in their ear for identification purposes, tags available at the office.

SET UP

Every 4-H member exhibiting livestock must help with both set-up and tear down.

Achievement Day set-up will take place on Monday August 3rd at 5:00 pm. Clean up will be on Friday August 7th each youth must check in with the 4-H advisor when arriving at fairgrounds and check out to be dismissed when all clean-up is complete.

All stalls must be cleaned out before leaving or forfeit premiums/awards. Wood chips are preferable to straw in all barns. All panels need to be picked up, benches and cages need to be put away on Friday morning after the livestock are loaded. All families are needed for this!

Species	Identification Method For State Fair Exhibition	Deadline for Ownership and 4-H Online Registration (Date as of the current year)
All Market Animals must have RFID Tags and DNA Samples.		
Breeding Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered heifers must have an ear tattoo corresponding to her registration paper as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a USDA "840" (Bangs) RFID tag, RFID tag or herd tag. • Commercial heifers must have either a USDA "840" (Bangs) RFID tag, or general RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo, herd tag or freeze brand. 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Registered Breeding Meat Goats, Commercial Does, and Wether Does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tattoo and Registration Paper (Registered Does ONLY) • USDA Official Scrapie ID 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Registered Breeding Sheep, Commercial Ewes, and Wether Dams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID • Registration Paper (Registered Sheep ONLY) 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Breeding Swine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear notched and RFID Tag 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Dairy Cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered cattle or Official USDA "840" Tag and Registration Paper. • Grade and Crossbred cattle must have a USDA "840" or other RFID Tag. 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Dairy Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie ID OR Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered goats 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbered Leg Band 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear tattoo in left ear 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Market Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo or herd tag. • DNA Sample 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Market Wether Meat Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag OR • RFID tag (not scrapie) PLUS USDA Official Scrapie tag • DNA Sample 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Market Wether Lambs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag OR • RFID tag (not scrapie) PLUS USDA Official Scrapie tag • DNA Sample 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT
Market Swine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ear notched and RFID Tag • DNA Sample 	June 1 by 11:59 PM CDT

From page 3 of South Dakota 4-H Animal Ownership and Identification Guide

Livestock Information

STALLING AND CHECK-IN

Livestock stalling during the 2026 4-H Achievement Days will be assigned. Watch for signage when bringing in livestock on Tuesday, August 4 and Wednesday, August 5, as we will be stalling in clubs. Livestock may stall on Tuesday evening but will not be checked in until Wednesday morning from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. Any livestock not checked in on time will result in loss of premium and will not be eligible for an award, but you will be able to show. All 4-H members with livestock will have to fill out their own barn cards at Achievement Days. All livestock attending State Fair must have correct identification per species according to the South Dakota State 4-H book before Achievement Days. County only animals must have one ear tag for identification purposes.

Check-in will be at the species scales. Beef and dairy trailers will enter the middle main gate and unload in the Arena area and exit to the south. Sheep, Goats, and Swine will enter the east gate and unload by the scale at the swine barn. Milking dairy cattle will be allowed to come in between 8-9:30am on Wednesday and leave after their show. Rabbits and Poultry must be checked in from 8 to 9:30 by the cages. All rabbits and poultry must be sexed before arrival of Achievement Days. You must be present to show your poultry. Eggs will be judged in the 4-H Auditorium during Static Judging on Tuesday night.

NEW STATE FAIR RULE- QUALIFYING

In order to qualify to exhibit in an animal species at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County Achievement Days/Fair 4-H Show (at local level) must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) animal in that species in a recognized class listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.

- Shows and classes that are at the county level only and not listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book shall not count as qualifying to exhibit at State Fair.
- 4-H exhibitors are able to exhibit different animals at the County Level than at the State Fair for biosecurity purposes.

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All beef, sheep, dairy cattle, swine, goats, rabbits, poultry, and companion animals must present a valid health certificate obtained within 30 days prior to the show from a licensed veterinarian before they are allowed to unload at Achievement Days. Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry. Volunteers will collect health papers at the time of check-in.

*New 2026- If there are any concerns regarding the health or condition of an animal, please promptly notify the 4-H Educator so the situation can be properly addressed. In the event of any suspected illness or irregularities, a licensed veterinarian may be contacted to evaluate the animal. The veterinarian will determine whether the condition is contagious or poses a risk to other animals. Based on this assessment, a decision will be made regarding the animal's eligibility to show or whether it must be removed from the grounds and sent home to ensure the safety and well-being of all livestock involved.

Livestock Information

SHOWMANSHIP

We will have showmanship following the judging of the species classes. The order will be senior, junior, and then beginners. Showmanship will be the last class in the ring for each species. You will not be required to sign up for showmanship in Fair Entry for County Achievement Days, but it is required to sign up in Fair Entry for the State Fair.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP

Following are the guidelines for the Round Robin Showmanship Contest, which will be held on Thursday.

- Senior champion and reserve showmanship winners will compete for the round robin showman in the following species (if that species has representation): beef, dairy, sheep, swine, dairy goat, meat goat and horse.
- Alternates in each species will be selected in case the champion or reserve does not want to compete or are representing more than one species. Judges will name the top 5+ seniors (what is needed to fill positions) during showmanship.
- All participants in the Round Robin contest will first be required to take a written species knowledge exam as part of the rotation. The result of the written exam will tally points the same as the showing.
- All participants in the Round Robin contest will be rotating to show each of the other species. Participants will be placed by each species' judge from 1-4 placement and receive points accordingly (1st=5; 2nd=4; 3rd=3; 4th=2, and all other participants will receive 1 point for that species).
- The top Sr. Showmanship winners and the animal they won with will come back for Round Robin Showmanship. Each species will have a judge and the participants will rotate around to each. If needed, more than two pigs will be used if determined necessary. (ex. Extremely hot weather)
- If there is no representation in a species, that species will not be shown (ex. Dairy Goats).
- Participant's animals must be present both Wednesday and Thursday of Achievement Days. All animals must be checked in by 9:30am on Wednesday and may not be released until after the Parade of Champions to be eligible to participate in the Round Robin Competition. The only exception to this rule is Horse and Milking Dairy.
- Each participant will automatically get the full 5 points for the species in which they represent in the Round Robin contest. In addition, that participant will not be showing the species they represent during the Round Robin contest.
- Each participant will be required to attend a short meeting prior to the written exam to review the rules of the contest.
- A tie-breaker will be determined by the participant that scored the highest in the showing portion of the contest and the second tie-breaker will go to the participant that scores the highest on the written portion of the contest.

Livestock Information

BRED AND OWNED CLASS

Hamlin County 4-H offers Bred and Owned classes for market and breeding in the species of: beef, dairy, sheep, goats, and swine. To exhibit in the Bred and Owned Classes, register on FairEntry. The animal's mother must be bred on the property of the owner (4-H member or immediate family residing at the same address). The show animal must be born and fed on the property of the owner.

Bred and Owned animals that place top two in their class will receive an award.

CLOVERBUDS LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

In Hamlin County, all Cloverbud members enrolled may exhibit rabbits, poultry, companion animal, or dog. **Cloverbuds are prohibited from showing hooved animals.** Cloverbuds do need to register the animal on FairEntry by deadline. All animals require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). Check-in for Cloverbud animals is the day of the show, and they are released at the completion of the show.

As a reminder, Cloverbuds and their exhibits will not be judged. The Cloverbud program is a non-competitive learning program for youth age 5-7 years old. They will receive participation ribbon for their exhibit, but they are not eligible to go to State Fair.

Exhibitor Dress Code

LIVESTOCK

- All livestock exhibitors wear the Hamlin County 4-H t-shirt sponsored by Axess Coop and Riverview LLP. Shirt sizes must be confirmed online by June 1 at <https://forms.gle/xctrg3GxSKzxxpK4A> along with dairy colored jeans or pants and closed-toe shoes.
- Dairy exhibitors have the option to wear a white shirt or blouse or their 4-H exhibitor t-shirt. Dairy exhibitors are required to wear white or black pants and hard-soled shoes with a closed toe.
- Poultry, and rabbit exhibitors are required to wear a white shirt or blouse. Companion animal exhibitors must wear either the 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt or blouse with either short or long sleeves.
- Dog is required to wear a Hamlin County 4-H t-shirt, jeans, and closed toed shoes.

DISPLAY JUDGING

- Participants should dress neatly and appropriately for Static Judging, as they visit with judges about their projects. Clothing should be clean, modest, and suitable for a professional youth event. Many members choose to wear nice jeans with no holes, or longer-length shorts paired with a professional looking shirt, collared shirt, blouse, or 4-H shirt. Closed-toe shoes are recommended. Clothing should not include inappropriate graphics or wording.

WHEN NOT SHOWING

- Even when you are not actively exhibiting, it is important to dress appropriately and professionally throughout the event. While summer temperatures can be hot, members should still wear clothing that is neat, modest, and suitable for a 4-H livestock setting. Longer-length shorts, jeans, or appropriate pants paired with a professional shirt or 4-H shirt are encouraged. Avoid clothing with inappropriate graphics, overly short shorts, tank tops, or clothing that may not represent the professionalism and sportsmanship expected at livestock events. Dressing appropriately helps show respect for the event, judges, and fellow exhibitors.

Livestock Premium Auction

For the second year, the Hamlin County 4-H Premium Auction Committee will be hosting the Livestock Premium auction for youth to sell their premium of livestock consisting of beef, sheep, goats, swine, dairy, horse, poultry, and rabbits. The Hamlin County 4-H Premium Auction Committee has created guidelines for all youth participants in the Premium Auction to follow to receive Premium Money.

The rules are:

1. Each 4-H member may sell a premium of one animal yearly.
2. Youth must have participated in a Hamlin County 4-H Horse Show or Achievement Days with the animal that is being sold for premium.
3. Youth must be present at the sale and show.
4. Youth must be signed up by designated date with entry form to participate. No late entries will be accepted.
5. Youth's biological parents will be announced during the sale.
6. All animals and tack must stay at the fairgrounds until clean up time on Friday of Achievement Days.
7. On Friday of Achievement Days, each youth must check in with the 4-H Advisor when arriving at fairgrounds and check out to be dismissed when all clean-up is complete.
8. Exhibitors must show their animal in the ring during the sale.
9. Youth must talk to buyers/businesses to come buy their premium.
10. Buyer's will pay for the premium at the conclusion of the sale. If buyers cannot attend, they may call the Extension Office to place a bid or price.
11. After the youth sells their animal, youth must write a thank you at the table to the buyer to receive their money.
12. Money will be handed out at Recognition Event and checks must be cashed within 60 days and checks will not be rewritten.
13. **New 2026*** There will be no maximum sale amount per animal. However, the Premium Auction Committee will retain 25% of each member's total auction earnings to support future scholarships.
14. Pictures of your sale animal and yourself in 4-H dress occurs from 12:30 to 2:00 on Thursday August 6th
15. All decisions are final by the Premium Auction Committee.

Sign up forms are due to the office by July 15th either via paper form found on page 13 or [Google Forms](#) or scan QR Code.

Please go out to the businesses your parents purchase equipment, feed, employed at, neighbors, etc. to have them come to the Premium Auction to purchase your premium of your animal. Through this auction, youth will learn many life skills going to businesses to talk to the owners to ask them to come. A letter will be sent out to most businesses to tell them about the auction, but it is your responsibility to go ask the businesses to come support you.



4-H Livestock Premium Auction Sign Up Form

Due by July 15th to the 4-H Office

Youth Name: _____

Youth Age: _____

Youth Club: _____

Parents: _____

Animal Species Selling: _____

Animal's Name: _____

Fun Fact About Yourself or Animal: _____

I have reviewed and understand the overview document of the Hamlin
County 4-H Livestock Premium Auction.

Youth's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Hamlin County 4-H Fairgrounds Emergency Action Plan

Remember in a life-threatening situation, protect- 1st people, 2nd livestock, 3rd building/equipment

Emergency meeting location and shelter: lightning and rain go to the 4-H Building, tornado's basement of the courthouse

Weather: Weather will be checked prior to and during all 4-H events. If danger appears likely, 4-H staff may activate an emergency action plan. Methods of reaching people are: email list and Facebook page.

Be prepared during a weather to secure livestock in barns before going to designated shelter areas. Hamlin County 4-H follows the 30/30 rule: shelter must be taken when there is 30 seconds or less between lightning and thunder, and all must remain sheltered for 30 minutes after the last audible thunder or visible lightning.

Action steps upon activation of safety plan by Extension Staff:

- Secure livestock in appropriate barn.
- Livestock Committee, Parents, and 4-H Staff will secure large barn doors once animals are inside.
- Seek shelter in the 4-H Building and stand away from walls and windows.

If danger is imminent, everyone must move IMMEDIATELY to the emergency shelter. It is possible that 4-H staff could bypass securing livestock and go directly to this stage to ensure safety and well-being of all people involved.

Fire: In case of a fire in or next to any structure immediately communicate "Fire," evacuate buildings and call 911. Do not risk your safety by fighting a fire.

Animal Emergencies: The closest veterinarian office is Watertown or Clear Lake.

- Watertown
 - Glacial Lakes Veterinary Clinic- 605-753-0876
 - Lake Area Veterinary Clinic- 605-886-5002
 - Midwest Vet- 605-753-8943
- Clear Lake
 - Clear Lake Vet Clinic- 605-874-2450

Chain of Command: Incidents should be reported to the main office. The office is in the 4-H Building. The 4-H staff should be notified immediately and will be in command until the arrival of emergency personnel, at which time the command of the incident will transition to Unified Command with first responders and 4-H staff.

Emergency Contact Number: 911

Set-Up and Clean-Up To Do

SET UP

- Put up gates around perimeter
- Set out bleachers and trash cans
- Take out backdrop and announcer stand
- Take out chicken and rabbit cages
- Set up club booths inside
- Set out picnic tables
- Set up water hoses for washracks

CLEAN UP

- Take down gates
- Put away table, bleachers, and trash cans
- Put away backdrop and ring items
- Put away chicken and rabbit cages
- Tear down club booths inside
- Clean out pens and sweep barns
- Pick up and empty out trash

Lunch Stand Schedule

Monday, August 3rd:

9:00 am - 12:00pm

Tuesday August 4th:

6:00pm - 9:00pm- Big Sioux Guys
& Gals

Wednesday August 5th:

8:00am - 1:30pm- Victory Boosters

1:30pm - 5:30pm- Busy Bees

Thursday August 6th:

8:00am - 12:30pm- Rough Riders

12:30pm - 5:00pm- Oxford Korner

Thursday Supper: Help Serve &
Clean Up Big Sioux Guys & Gals

***During all shifts, a minimum of 3 youth
age of at least 11 and 1 adult must be in the
concession stands**