

2026  
Clarke County  
Fair Book

July 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Trash pick-up schedule included

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# 2026 Livestock Schedule

\*Subject to change

	<b>Arrival/Vet Check</b>	<b>Check In</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>Released</b>
<b>Dog Obedience</b>	Tuesday, July 14 7:00 AM	Tuesday, July 14 7:00 AM	Tuesday July 14 8:00 AM	After Show
<b>Horse</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00AM-8:00AM	Wednesday, July 15 10:00AM	Wednesday, July 15 5:00 PM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Goats</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00AM - 8:00 AM	Wednesday, July 15 7:00AM – 9:00AM	Friday, July 17 8:00 AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Sheep</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6AM – 8AM	Wednesday, July 15 7am – 9am	Friday, July 17 1:00 PM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Swine</b>	Thursday, July 16 6:00AM – 7:00 AM	Thursday, July 16 7:00AM	Sunday, July 19 8:00 AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Pets</b>	Thursday, July 16 2:30 PM	Thursday, July 16 2:30 PM	Thursday, July 16 3:00 PM	After Show
<b>Clover Kids</b>	Sunday, July 19 12:30 PM	Sunday, July 19 1:00 PM	Sunday, July 19 1:00PM	After Show
<b>Rabbit</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00AM – 8:00AM	Wednesday, July 15 10:00AM-12:00PM	Saturday, July 18 3:00 PM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Poultry</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00AM – 8:00 AM	Wednesday, July 15 10:00AM-12:00PM	Thursday, July 16 9:00 AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Cattle</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00AM – 8:00 AM	Wednesday, July 15 9:30AM	Saturday, July 18 9:00 AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	Thursday, July 16 6:00AM-7:00 AM	Thursday, July 16 7:00PM	Saturday, July 18 8:00 AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction
<b>Bottle/Feeder Calves (4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders)</b>	Wednesday, July 15 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Wednesday, July 15 10:00 AM	Saturday, July 18 9:00AM	Sunday, July 19 After Livestock Auction

# Vet Inspection

- ALL Livestock (except for dogs, bottle animals, and Clover Kid's animals) are required to be inspected by a veterinarian before being allowed to enter the fairgrounds and unload. Vet papers will not be accepted. All livestock must attend the vet inspection.
- No animals are allowed in the barns until they have passed through vet inspection.
- After you have passed vet inspection, you will be given an unload pass for the barns.
- Livestock trailers and trucks will enter through the gate west of the Events Center going south or all trailers, including goosenecks, will turn on 205<sup>th</sup> Avenue and come in through the west entrance to the fairgrounds. Weather will determine which route will be used. Directions will be announced before the scheduled times for vet inspection.
- All blankets and coverings must be removed from your livestock before the vet reaches your trailer for vet inspection.
- If an animal does not pass vet inspection, it will be marked with a non-washable marker and must remain on the trailer when unloading other animals. Once all animals that have passed vet inspection are unloaded, the disqualified animal must be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Vet inspection for poultry and rabbits will be in the grassy area north of the Small Animal Building. No animal will be allowed in the barn until it has gone through vet inspection.
- ALL SPECIES must arrive during their designated veterinary inspection time. **MUST BE IN VETERINARY INSPECTION LINE BY 8AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, AND BY 7AM, THURSDAY, JULY 16.**
- Sheep must arrive show ready or rough sheared with less than ¼ inch of wool.
- Hogs will unload on the north end of the hog barn and cattle will unload under the breezeway.
- **Veterinarian decision is final.**
- **No animal may leave the fairgrounds until its release time.** This means that once the animal has passed vet inspection, the animals are unloaded and left on the grounds until check-in throughout the duration of the fair.
- The Fair Board is asking that during vet inspection time, that only animals be unloaded at the barns to help reduce congestion and move everyone through faster. We are asking everyone to **bring in tack before vet inspection.** All pens will be assigned and marked, and the barns will be open once the barn superintendents have all assignments done.

# Clarke County Fair Schedule

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Wednesday: Chesnut Lawn & Landscape

Andrew Construction

Thursday: American State Bank

Friday: Paul Mueller Company

Saturday: Altec-Osceola Body Plant

Sunday: Clarke County Cattlemen

	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Monday, July 13th</b>	9:00 AM	Static Exhibit Judging Begins	Event Center Building
	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Open Class Check-In	Event Center Building
	2:00 PM	Open Class Judging	Event Center Building
<b>Tuesday, July 14th</b>	7:00 AM	Dog Check-In	Show Barn
	8:00 AM	Dog Show	Show Barn
<b>Wednesday, July 15</b>	6:00AM to 8:00AM	Poultry and Rabbit Vet Inspection	Grassy area North of Small Animal Building
	6:00AM to 8:00AM	Sheep, Goat, Cattle, & Horse Vet Inspection	Directions will be in July Newsletter
	7:00AM to 9:00 AM	Sheep & Goat Weigh in Dairy Goat check in	Goat/Sheep Barn
	9:30 AM	Cattle weigh in and check in	Cattle Barn
	10:00 AM	Horse Check-In	Horse Barn
	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Check in Poultry & Rabbits	Boardroom
	12:30 PM	Skill-a-thon Sign up	Show Barn

Wednesday, July 15	1:00PM	Skill-a thon Contest	Show Barn Species Barns
	4:00 PM	Middle School Dancers	Show Barn
	5:00PM	Horse Show	Horse Arena
	7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Mariachi Band	Main Drive
	7:00 PM	Dirt Drags	West Pulling Track
<b>Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00AM to 7:00AM	Swine and Dairy Cattle vet inspection	
	7:00AM	Swine weigh in	Swine Barn
	TBA	Ultrasound Goats, sheep, swine	Species Barns
	9:00AM	Poultry Show	Show Barn
	3:00 PM	Pet Show Check in	Show Barn
	3:30 PM	Pet Show	Show Barn
	5:30PM 6:00 PM	Sign up for Pedal Pull Peddle Pull	Show Barn
	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Family Activities	Main Drive
	2:00PM to 7:00PM	Face Painting	Events Center
	6:30PM	Ranch Rodeo	Horse Arena
<b>Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	Goat Show	Show Barn
	1:00 PM	Sheep Show	Show Barn
	7:00 PM	Tractor Pull	West Pulling Track

	4:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Inflatables	Grassy Area
<b>Saturday, July 18th</b>	7:30 AM	Stock Dog Trials	Horse Arena
	8:00 AM	Dairy Show	Show Barn
	9:00AM	Beef Show	Show Barn
	2:00 PM -3:30 PM	Register for Bags Tournament	Shelters by the Show Barn
	2:00PM	Foam Party	
	3:00 PM	Rabbit Show	Show Barn
	3:30 PM	Foam Party	
	4:00PM	Bags Tournament	Shelters
	5:00 PM	Foam Party	
	2:00 PM to 7:00 PM	Face Painting	Events Center
	7:00 PM	Chuckwagon races	Horse Arena Weather permitting
	4:00PM -8:00PM	Inflatables	Grassy area
		Cook off contest	Main Drive
	8:00 PM-11:00PM	Standing Hampton	Main Drive
<b>Sunday, July 19</b>	8:00 AM	Swine Show	Show Barn
	12:00PM	Clover Kids Check in	Show Barn
	12:30 PM	Clover Kids Show	Show Barn
	4:00 PM	Awards & Recognitions	Show Barn
	5:00 PM	Livestock & Pie Auction	Show Barn

# Deadlines Prior to Fair

<b>January 30th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All required paperwork for Market Beef due at the Clarke County Extension Office by 12:00PM.</li> </ul>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal ID opens for all FFA exhibitors to identify animals in FairEntry.</li> </ul>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal ID closes at 11:59 PM for FFA exhibitors.</li> </ul>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All required 4-H and FFA paperwork due to the Clarke County Extension Office by 4:00PM.</li> </ul>
<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Species identification deadline (except rabbits, poultry, and bottle animals) for all 4-H exhibits in 4-H online by 11:59 PM.</li> <li>All YQCA certificates are due at the Clarke County Extension Office by 4:00 PM. (Exhibitors showing cattle, rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, and swine must have this certificate).</li> </ul>
<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FairEntry opens for Communication, Clothing Events items, and Table Setting.</li> </ul>
<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deadline to enter Communication, Clothing Events items, and Table Setting by 11:59pm.</li> </ul>
<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judging Communication, Clothing Event, and Table Setting 2pm.</li> </ul>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FFA members who will be showing poultry, rabbits, or bottle animals, must have them properly identified on the required paperwork and the paperwork must be turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 4pm.</li> </ul>
<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poultry, rabbit, and bottle animal identification deadline in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM</li> <li>All 4-H and FFA species entries deadline in FairEntry by 11:59 PM.</li> </ul>
<b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Static Exhibit entry deadline in FairEntry by 11:59 PM</li> </ul>

## Entry Fees

Breeding/Market/Cow-Calf/Dairy	\$8/head (including bedding)
Bottle/Bucket & Feeder Calves	\$4/head
Horses	\$2/class
Sheep/Goat/Swine	\$3/head
Dogs	\$2/class
Rabbits/Poultry	\$2/class
Pets	\$2/pet
Static Exhibits	\$1 per entry
Communication Projects	\$1 per entry
Clothing Events	\$1 per entry

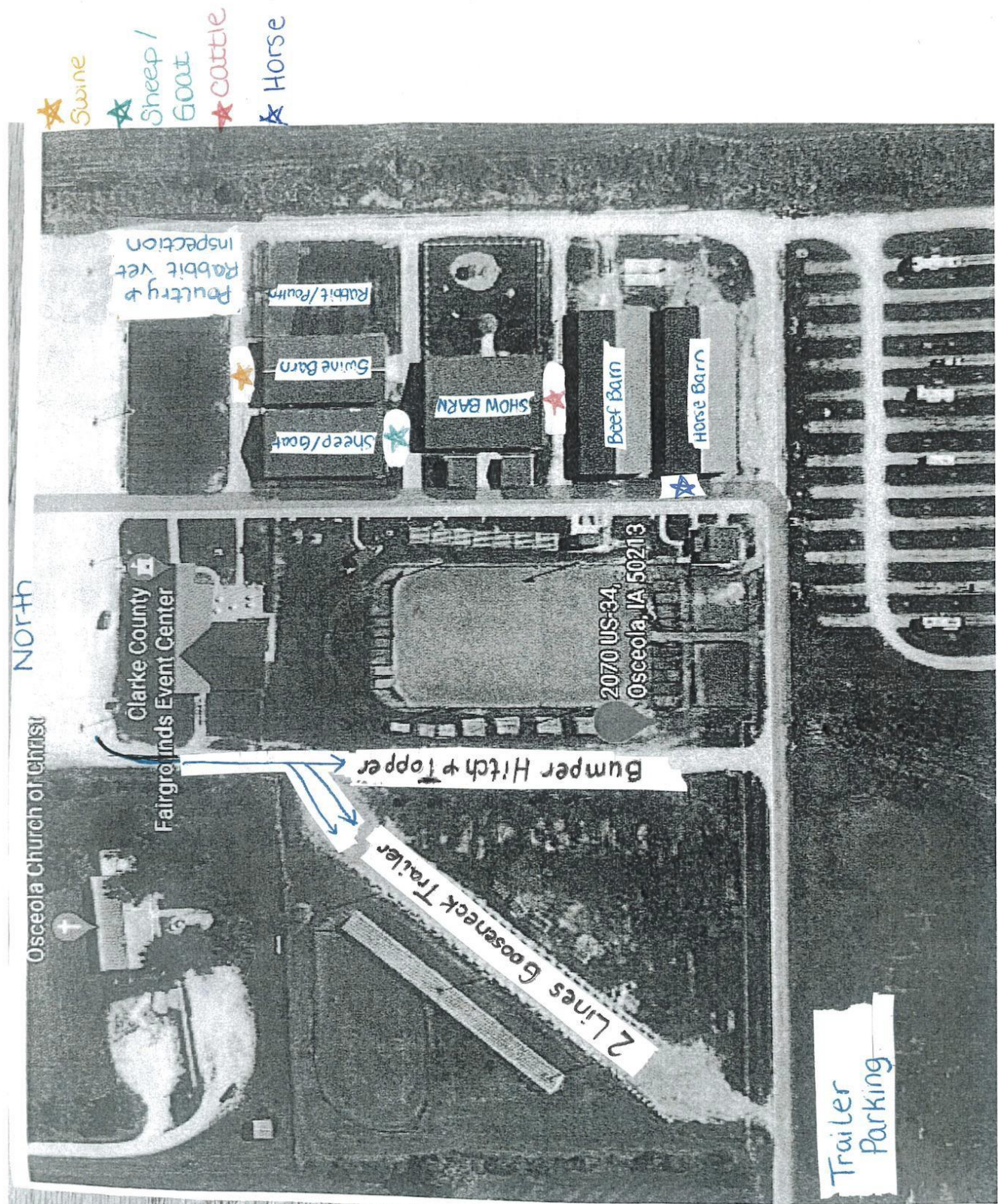
## FairEntry

- All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors will use FairEntry to enter all their projects for the 2026 Clarke County Fair.
- Clover Kids will enter all animal projects and may enter Static Exhibit projects as well.
- Exhibitor families will be given the option to pay by credit card in FairEntry, there is a \$3.00 processing fee. If families would rather pay by check or cash, payment will need to be made at the Clarke County Extension Office during regular office hours by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Please make all checks out to Clarke County Fair.
- Clover Kid families, when entering your exhibitor in FairEntry do not choose credit card as your form of payment. You do not need to pay any entry fees or processing fees.

## Animal ID—FFA Exhibitors

- All FFA Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to use Animal ID to identify your animals in FairEntry.
- It will open on April 15<sup>th</sup> and close at 11:59PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- There could be a couple help nights set up.
- Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Horses, Dogs and Pets need to be identified.
- The advantage of using Animal ID is it won't take as long to enter your animals.
- The animals will still need to be entered into their respective classes when FairEntry opens on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

# Map of Fairgrounds for Vet Inspection



# General Rules

The management will use diligence to ensure the safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will be responsible for any losses, injury, or damage that may occur.

1. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must attend four club meetings from an officially enrolled primary or secondary club between September 1<sup>st</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> to be eligible to show at the Clarke County Fair. For a meeting to count towards the requirements youth must be present during the business portion of the meeting. If a make-up meeting is required, it must be approved by the Clarke County 4-H Youth Committee. Examples include: Extension led workshop, County led project workshop, County led livestock species workshop, excluding certifications, 4-H club event (fundraiser, community service, service learning). 4-H club officer training, Other educational opportunities as approved by the 4-H Youth Committee. Only one make up opportunity may be used to count towards the four-meeting rule. 4-H Youth Committee will contact 4-H club leaders at the end of May and ask for attendance records. 4-H Youth Committee will review and contact youth who are in danger of not meeting the requirement and communicate approved opportunities. Any youth who do not meet the four meeting requirements will not be allowed to exhibit at the 2025 Clarke County Fair.
2. All exhibitors must be members of a Clarke County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. 4-H or FFA members must be properly enrolled according to the rules of the respective organizations. 4-H members must have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade and be enrolled in the appropriate project to show livestock.
3. All exhibitors at the Clarke County Fair will follow the 4-H grade eligibility rule. An exhibitor becomes ineligible to exhibit at the county upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
4. **Livestock Auction checks and Premium money checks must be cashed within 90 days after exhibitors receive their checks.**
5. **All 4-H animals must be identified accurately and all images, registration papers, lease agreements, and/or rabies certificates entered in 4-H Online by the deadlines set for each species.**
  - a. **Market Beef due 11:59 PM, February 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - b. **Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Feeder Calves, Dogs, Horses, Goats, Sheep, Swine, & Pets due 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - c. **Poultry, Rabbits, and Bottle animals due 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>**
6. **4-H Exhibitors will turn in required paperwork to the Clarke County Extension Office by the designated listed times for the following species.**
  - A. **Market Beef due by 12:00PM, Friday, January 30th.**
  - B. **Market Sheep, Market Goats, and Market Swine by 12:00PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
7. **All FFA animals must be identified accurately on all identification paperwork that is turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by the deadlines set for each species.**
8. **FFA exhibitors will turn in all required paperwork to the Clarke County Extension Office by the designated listed times.**
  - a. **Market Beef due by 12:00 PM, Friday, January 30th.**
  - b. **Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Feeder Calves, Dogs, Pets, Horses, Goats, Sheep, & Swine due 12:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - c. **Poultry, Rabbits, and Bottle animals due 3:00PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
9. All animals must be entered in FairEntry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be NO late entries accepted. Payments can be done online via credit card by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cash/checks must be to the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks need to be made out to Clarke County Fair. NO late payments will be accepted.

10. Unauthorized transportation of an exhibit by exhibitor from its assigned barn or area before release time will automatically forfeit any premium he or she may have earned. The exhibitor also gives up the right to exhibit that exhibit or species the following year at the Clarke County Fair.
11. If there are less than three exhibits in any class, the judge shall make the award according to the merits of the exhibits. A Clarke County Fair superintendent has the right to combine classes when only one or two animals are entered in a class, in order to enhance the overall show.
12. A Fair Board Supervisor or Superintendent will be assigned to each livestock division. If you have any problems or questions in that division, consult them.
13. All livestock must be fed and cared for by exhibitors. Each exhibitor will furnish his/her own feed, bedding (unless otherwise noted), and equipment, and keep his/her own pens and stalls. **Wood chips are the provided bedding in the cattle barn, no alternative bedding will be allowed, unless deemed by barn superintendent.**
14. All animals and livestock shown, housed, or displayed shall receive care that is healthy and consistent with accepted management practices and public expectations. Exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that Iowans have for animals and livestock.
15. Exhibitors are responsible for the removal of all bedding and manure during and at the end of the county fair. **Fair Board may withhold premiums if stalls are not cleaned up at the end of fair.**
16. 4-H and FFA members must show their own livestock with the exception of conflicts with school activities as approved by the Fair Board. If two or more animals are called for at the same time, the assistance of another 4-H or FFA member may be obtained. If an exhibitor has a physical injury or disability that puts them at risk in the show ring, refer to Disability Policy Statement and Special Accommodation Request on page 25.
17. Official Clarke County Fair shirts must be worn; excluding horses (see horse section).
18. Exhibitors competing for showmanship must own the animal he/she is showing (see horse and dog sections for specifics in their division).
19. Only exhibitors, judges, and officials in the livestock ring during judging.
20. Any exhibitor who in any way interferes with the awarding judge shall forfeit any premiums that may be awarded.
21. **The Decision of the judge is final.**
22. Any animal that becomes wild or uncontrollable causing a safety concern during the show may be declared ineligible by the division superintendent and/or the judge.
23. The executive Committee of the Fair Board shall have the final right to interpret, to amend, and add to the rules.
24. No commercial advertising allowed on Fair Board property in or around stalls or elsewhere without the written permission of the Fair Board.
25. No cell phone or text messaging allowed by any exhibitors during shows or contests.
26. All exhibitors showing cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.
27. All animals must be dry when walking across the scale for weigh-in.
28. All blankets, tubes, and leg wraps will be removed before the animal walks across the scale for weigh-in.
29. Once an animal crosses the scale, that will be its official fair weight.
30. If an animal becomes sick or is injured during the fair, notify the barn superintendent. The vet can be called to determine if the animal needs to be released. If the animal does need to be released, then the exhibitor will not be penalized for the animal leaving early.
31. No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered at the fair except by the order of the official veterinarian. All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions, or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive

- tests will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums, and sale prices. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor's family may be barred from participating in future Clarke County Fairs. A re-test may be done at the exhibitor's expense. Information on this re-test policy is on file in the Clarke County Fair Manager's Office.
32. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of confirmation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud or deception. **No unnatural means will be allowed of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e., stomach pump, drench gun, IV).**
  33. Injection, drenching, or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
  34. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED.** Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of an animal will be grounds for disqualification to the discretion of the show officials.
  35. Any animal exhibiting a rectal prolapse is subject to veterinary inspection and may be ineligible to show and may be disqualified from exhibition.
  36. Any animal showing evidence of contagious disease will be unable to show. Disqualified animals must be removed from the barn and the fairgrounds immediately. Any animal found to have external parasites will be disqualified and the exhibitor must remove it from the premises immediately.
  37. No artificial alternation or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animals (icing, electrical shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). **NO "ICING".** ICING-No ice allowed in spray buckets, spray bottle or bottles, or blankets. Icing also refers to placing ice or any form of ice (frozen water bottles, ice packs, etc.) anywhere on the animal's body.
  38. The Clarke County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor's assistants who fitted the animal involved.
  39. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting, or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dying or coloring hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair, and heel; as well as any attempt to change the confirmation and degree of firmness by administration of air/O<sub>2</sub> or fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state.
  40. If a youth belongs to two different groups (4-H & FFA) in two different counties, the youth is permitted to show at the Clarke County Fair, provided they are not showing the same animal in another fair. Example: A youth resides in and belongs to a 4-H club in County A but attends school and belongs to an FFA chapter in County B. The youth would be permitted to show market steers in County B and breeding heifers in County A, but the same animals may not be shown at both county fairs that year.
  41. Animals must stay in their designated barn. Animals must be exercised within the fenced area of the fairgrounds or on the grassy area north of the Swine Barn.
  42. Once an animal is identified as a 4-H or FFA exhibit it must remain being shown under that organization. It cannot be shown as an FFA exhibit at the County Fair and then 4-H exhibit at the Iowa State Fair or vice versa.
  43. All exhibitors are responsible to ensure no animal goes through the sale that has not met the drug withdraw time.
  44. Home raised designates that the animal was bred, born, and raised on member's home farm with the dam of the animal owned by the member or the member's parents.
  45. **No animal may leave the fairgrounds until its release time.** This means that once the animal has passed vet inspection, the animals are unloaded and left on the grounds until check-in and throughout the duration of the fair.
  46. All livestock trailers will be parked in the grassy area located at the southwest corner of the fairgrounds. No trailers may remain in the north parking lot.

47. NOTICE: The Clarke County Fair Board of Directors, Clarke County Extension and Outreach, Osceola FFA, I-35 FFA or Murray FFA will not be responsible for any losses from accidents, damage or any other causes incurred at the Clarke County Fairgrounds.
48. Any general rule not covered by the Clarke County Fair Board will be superseded to the Iowa State Fair rules.
49. No livestock, including rabbits and poultry will be allowed in the campgrounds.
50. No animal that goes through vet inspection is allowed in the campgrounds.
51. All fans, electrical appliances, and extension cords used in the livestock barns must include a ground, must have a safe wiring, and must be in safe operating condition. All fans used in livestock barns must have protective screen (front and back).

## **Exhibitor Objectives**

- To acquaint the public with the Clarke County and State of Iowa 4-H/FFA program.
- To provide a showcase of accomplishments of youth.
- To stimulate interest and learn new ideas from the variety of 4-H/FFA projects and experiences available.
- To encourage 4-H/FFA youth to learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management, and and/or marketing their projects.
- To assist 4-H/FFA youth in their personal development and character growth in honesty, integrity, responsibility, creativity, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to measure their progress and skills against accepted standards.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to participate in a wide variety of program opportunities beyond the club level.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas, and learn to work cooperatively with others.
- To provide students with an opportunity to build leadership, personal growth, and career success through participating in the fair and exhibiting projects related to their supervised agriculture experience.
- To educate the public about agriculture and the 4-H/FFA in Clarke County.
- To encourage students through positive experiences at the Clarke County Fair to participate in other state and national shows, livestock judging events, etc.
- To lead by example and understand that honesty, integrity, and ethical showing practices will help make the Clarke County Fair strong and successful for all youth.
- To work cooperatively with other FFA chapters, 4-H clubs, ISU Extension & Outreach Service, and the Clarke County Fair Board to help build the strength and overall success of the fair.

## **Youth Conduct Statement**

During the Clarke County Fair, all youth must conduct themselves in accordance with the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for their children while they are at the Clarke County Fair activities and/or on the Clarke County Fairgrounds. The Fair Board, Extension Office personnel, 4-H leaders, or FFA advisors are not responsible to supervise youth while they are at the Clarke County Fair. The Clarke County Fair Board reserves the right to review any incidences deemed as improper or inappropriate behavior and restrict access to and/or participation in the Clarke County Fair as they feel necessary. If law enforcement and/or medical services are called to the fair as the result of inappropriate behavior, the incident will be reviewed by the Fair Board and action taken. This statement also applies to adults while participating in Clarke County Fair activities and/or on the Clarke County Fair.



## Iowa State University Extension & Outreach 4-H Youth Development Code of Conduct for Iowa 4-H Youth and Families

The Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct applies and will be enforced with 4-H youth, 4-H parents/guardians, and 4-H families.

- While participating in or attending a 4-H sponsored program (e.g. club meeting, project meeting, activity, event, learning opportunity).
- While participating in or attending a 4-H event or while on premises used for 4-H purposes (e.g. County Fair, State Fair, show ring, exhibit building, barn, food stand).
- While representing Iowa 4-H to the public
- Additional programs, events, or opportunities may have additional rules and expectations.
- At all times throughout a 4-H youth's participation when behavior outside of the Iowa 4-H puts youth at risk or has the potential to put youth at risk.

The opportunity to participate in and/or volunteer with Iowa 4-H is a privilege and honor, not a right. All youth participants and parents/guardians supporting their child's participation in 4-H are expected to review and agree to abide by the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct before becoming involved with Iowa 4-H.

1. I understand that the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program is a non-formal education program in which I have a choice to participate. I accept my responsibility to engage in program activities and to excuse myself from this program if it does not meet my personal learning objectives. I recognize the organization has the responsibility and authority to remove youth who are disruptive to the 4-H Youth Development program, violate the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct, the standards of the 4-H Pledge and Motto or federal, state or local laws.
2. I accept my responsibility to represent the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development program by holding myself to the standards of the 4-H pledge and motto. I will refrain from behavior that negatively represents myself, my family, my community, 4-H or Iowa State University. I will act in a respectful and responsible manner during all 4-H programs.
3. I acknowledge that the 4-H program utilizes competition related to project work as a tool for learning. I will ensure that my project exhibits are appropriate and respectful. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, encourage this behavior in others, and not allow this behavior to detract from the learning experience. I will not let my personal desire to win overshadow the needs of the group.
4. I accept my personal responsibility to be informed and follow the policies, rules, and deadlines established by Iowa 4-H. I will not cheat, lie, knowingly furnish false information, deceive, or otherwise engage in dishonest, unethical or illegal behaviors. I will not encourage others to disregard or intentionally violate conditions of Iowa 4-H participation.
5. I will comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the performance of their duties. I will not obstruct or disrupt any 4-H program or encourage others to engage in such conduct. I understand that a judge's decision is final.
6. I will strive to be a positive role model. I will treat youth, parents, volunteers, extension and outreach staff, judges and others with respect, courtesy and consideration.
7. I will communicate (oral, written and electronic) in an open, honest, respectful manner in all situations involving the 4-H program. I will refrain from communication that is negative, offensive, destructive or hurtful to others. I will refrain from sharing private matters in a public group setting.

8. I will promote a spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds. I will not engage in or tolerate harassment in any form, (For example bullying, slander, put-downs, insults, taunting, name calling, yelling, profane language, sexual innuendos and other comments or hostile behaviors likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.)
9. I will ensure a safe environment for myself and others by not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, verbally or non-verbally.
10. I will not possess, offer, or use tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances. I will not attend 4-H programs under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
11. I will respect the property of others. I will not use, abuse, or take another individual's personal belongings. I will not damage facilities.

## **IOWA EXHIBITOR YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS**

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:

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. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
  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.
  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 violative drug residue.
  6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair 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. 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.
  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.
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# FFA GOOD CONDUCT POLICY AND CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

## GOOD CONDUCT POLICY

**All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Clarke County Fair.** FFA members who wish to have the privilege of participating in FFA activities at the Clarke County Fair must conduct themselves in accordance with the Good Conduct Policy. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs by any FFA member, regardless of age, on the Clarke County Fairgrounds (barns, exhibiting facilities, dormitories, campgrounds, etc.) will result in the following:

- A. If the violation occurs before or during exhibiting, the member is ineligible to participate in FFA activities at the Clarke County Fair and must remove his/ her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
- B. If the violation occurs after exhibiting, the member forfeits his/her premium money, prize money, trophies/banners and/or sale of champions money, and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
- C. The violation will be reported to the exhibitor's school for further action under the school district's good conduct policy.
- D. A meeting of the member, parent and advisor with FFA and Clarke County Fair officials will be held to determine future member eligibility.

## CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

FFA members participating in the FFA division of the Clarke County Fair will be obligated to understand and abide by the Code of Ethics described as follows: 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, school 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 Clarke County Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

**Youth agree to follow these guidelines:**

- A. 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 (building, refinishing, etc.) care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
- B. All exhibits will be true representations 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 my exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- C. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
- D. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
- E. 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 violative drug residue.
- F. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the Fair, only an official Clarke County Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
- G. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against me, my parent(s) and/or guardian by the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
- H. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
- I. I will follow all livestock health requirements for the Clarke County Fair, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the Management of the Clarke County Fair.
- J. By my entering an animal in this Fair, I am giving consent to the Management of the Clarke County Fair 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(s) 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 me, my parent(s) and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
- K. 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 I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the Management of the Clarke County Fair for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Fair without recourse against the Clarke County Fair.
- L. 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.
- M. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 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 Clarke County Fair as printed in its Premium Book and other exhibitor material.

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS (IAFE) CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada. The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- A. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- B. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- C. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- D. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which cumulates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internal or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance 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 owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
- E. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal is prohibited.
- F. The use of showing and/or handling

practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.

- G. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives or show officials before, during or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- H. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- I. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- J. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expos and any special notices to members.
- K. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions



# Iowa 4-H Requirements Regarding Clover Kids (K-3) Members Working with Animals

## Introduction

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program supports safe, educational, and developmentally-sound small animal activities for children in Kindergarten through third grade. Educational opportunities for animal subject matter and interaction with animals can contribute to the learning objectives of the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program. However, for safety and liability reasons, as well as developmental appropriateness, the restrictions outlined in this document are necessary.

## Requirements

Members of the Iowa 4-H Clover Kids program may exhibit or showcase their work in a noncompetitive event or activity. All Clover Kids animal exhibitions must be cooperative and not competitive. Clover Kids are not eligible to receive premium funds as a result of exhibition. Clover Kids may receive participatory ribbons, but may not receive regular competitive purple, blue, red, or white 4-H fair/exhibit ribbons.

Developmentally-appropriate small animal exhibits for children in grades K-3 include pets, rabbits, poultry, sheep, goats, and bucket bottle projects (calf, sheep and goat).

Safety requirements for all calf, sheep and goat livestock species are as follows:

- Animal must remain on a halter at all times
- Animal must be born in the calendar year of the show

Animal species specifically excluded from K-3 exhibition opportunities are swine, equine, camelids (llama and alpaca), beef (other than bucket bottle), and dairy (other than bucket bottle).

## Rationale

The physical and emotional safety of children is a prime consideration when working with animals. Special procedures, such as joint leading and/or close proximity of adults, need to be employed to promote and protect children's safety. In general, the handling of all animals requires discipline and motor skills that have yet to be fully developed in most K-3rd grade children, and when coupled with animals' unpredictable behavior, does not provide optimal safe educational environments.

Insurance coverage (accident or liability) for Clover Kids (K-3) programs involving small animals is contingent upon conducting developmentally-appropriate programs that are in compliance with Iowa State University, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Iowa 4-H policies, regulations, and guidelines. Contact your local county ISU Extension and Outreach office to learn more about securing insurance coverage for Clover Kids programs.

# Health Requirements Livestock

The Clarke County Fair will follow requirements provided by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. This publication can be found on the Iowa agriculture website <https://iowaagriculture.gov> or the Clarke County Extension website <https://extension.iastate.edu/clarke>.

## Livestock Placing Premium

	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 <sup>th</sup> Place & Below
Breeding/Market Beef/ Dairy	\$12.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$4.00
Bottle & Feeder Calves	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$2.00
Dog Obedience	\$4.00	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$2.00
Swine	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Sheep/Goat	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Rabbit/Poultry/Pets	\$3.00	\$2.50	\$2.00	\$1.00
Equine	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$4.00

\*Clover Kids will not receive premium money, only participation ribbons

\*Static Exhibit premium is located in that section of the fair book.

\*NOTICE: Due to spending limitations, the Fair Board reserves the right to change the above premium lists without further notice. However, the above premiums will be adhered to as closely as possible.

## Daily Rate of Gain Contest

1. Sheep, beef, goats, and swine that are eligible for this contest must be entered in their appropriate market classes.
2. The same animal or animals that were weighed at the original weigh-in must be weighed again at the weigh-in time during fair week.
3. The difference between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weigh-in will be divided by the days between both weigh-ins.
4. An award will be awarded to the animal with the highest rate of gain in each species.
5. Winners will be recognized in the arena at a designated time.

## Ultrasound Evaluation

*For Sheep, Goat, & Swine. See Beef section for more information on market beef.*

1. Market Goat and Market Sheep Exhibitors may choose 1 to be scanned.
2. Swine Exhibitors who weighed in their pigs, may scan all of their pigs and then choose 2 to participate in the Performance Pen of 2 class.
3. Any additional animals' ultrasound for muscling or pregnancy testing will be paid for by the exhibitor and is the exhibitor's responsibility to pay to the Clarke County Fair Board.
4. The ultrasound evaluation will be conducted at announced time.
5. The data will be measured on the live animal using ultrasound technology.
6. Winners of sheep, goat, and swine ultrasound will be recognized in the show ring during their designated show date.

# Herdsmanship Contest

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock at the Clarke County Fair are automatically entered in the Herdsmanship Contest.

## Judging

- Herdsmanship will be judged twice daily throughout the duration of the fair.
- Judges will consist of Fair Board members and selected community representatives
- The decisions of the judges are final.

## Requirements

- Stall cards or name plates must be properly displayed in order for an exhibitor to receive a score for that judging period.
- Exhibits must be maintained by the exhibitor and reflect appropriate standards of animal care, cleanliness, and responsibility at all times.
- Clubs are highly encouraged to decorate their exhibit area to demonstrate pride, creativity, and fair spirit. While decorations are optional, they may contribute to judges' overall impression in scoring.

## Scoring

Based on the following criteria: Cleanliness of animal, organization of pen/stall/area, availability of appropriate feed/water/exhibitor responsibility and cooperations

- Failure to meet minimum animal care standards may result in a score of zero for that judging period.
- Judges may give additional consideration for overall presentation, including decorations, but animal care and exhibitor responsibility remain the primary factors.

## Awards

### Individual Species Herdsmanship Awards

- Points earned by exhibitors will be totaled across all judging periods.
- One Individual Herdsmanship Award will be presented for each species.
- The exhibitor with the highest total score within each species will be declared the winner.

### Overall Club Herdsmanship Award

- Club scores will be calculated by averaging the total herdsmanhip points of all participating members within each 4-H club or FFA chapter.
- The club with the highest average score will receive the Overall Club Herdsmanship Award.
- Clubs that decorate their exhibit areas are encouraged to do so, as presentation may positively influence the judges' overall impression.

# Showmanship Rules

1. Open to any species exhibitors who are 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. A member can win only once in each division.
3. Junior Showmanship will be grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. Intermediate Showmanship will be grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. Senior Showmanship will be grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.
6. Winners Showmanship: If you have won Showmanship in your age group, (Junior, Intermediate or Senior) you may show in Winners Showmanship.
7. Once you complete an age group and move to the next one, you must win Showmanship in that age group to be able to show in Winners Showmanship.

For example, you win Junior Showmanship in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you would be eligible for Winners Showmanship that year and also while in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Once you enter 7<sup>th</sup> grade, you must win Intermediate Showmanship to be able to show in Winners Showmanship again. Once you enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade, you must win Senior Showmanship to be able to show in Winners Showmanship.

# Mateer Award of Excellence

The Mateer Award of Excellence in Achievement is sponsored/awarded by the Mateer Family during the Livestock Auction. This award will be presented to an outstanding exhibitor for the year overall—including livestock, non-livestock projects, and participation.

## Sale Day Information

1. Fair check-in weight will be the sale weight.
2. Each exhibitor may sell only market animals (two beef, two meat goats, two sheep, and two swine through the sale. Champions are included in this number.) These animals will be sold by the pound. Market ewes, gilts, and heifers may be included in this limit, but must be sold to the highest bidder. Small animal exhibitors can sell only two units (i.e., a rabbit pen is sold as one unit—the rabbits are not sold individually. Poultry that is entered two in a class sell as one unit, not individually.) Only commercial meat poultry and rabbits will go through the auction.
3. Any exhibitor having market animals above the 2-2-2 limit may sell to the buyer at the base price. Please notify your Fair Board Supervisor after the show.
4. Animals sold at the auction will be the responsibility of the member until they are delivered to the purchaser or their representative.
5. All market hogs will be subject to normal price breaks
6. Awards and drawings will be held prior to the sale starting at 4:00pm in the Show Barn. The Livestock Auction will start immediately at 5:00 PM. Sale order will be announced at a later date.
7. The Beef Superintendents will establish a market “floor price” per cwt for market beef to allow for the bidding to begin. The “floor price” is to start the bidding only and has NO relationship to the final carcass value or the amount of money the exhibitor receives for their market beef animal. The livestock sale proceeds will be collected and paid out by the Clarke County Fair Board. If an exhibitor sends an extra animal to pack, they will receive one check for its value. The price for the beef carcass and the amount of money the exhibitor receives (minus expenses) for their market beef animal will be determined by the market grid. These new changes are subject to change at the Fair Board attempts to establish a consistent market outlet for the market beef.
8. **Animals offered for sale in the Livestock Auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says “No Sale!” All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H or FFA projects. An animal should not enter an auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold.**
9. **Overall Grand Champion Market and Reserve Overall Grand Champion Market animal exhibitors, if they choose, may participate in the Livestock Auction. It will be done as a Ribbon sale, where only the exhibitor will go through the sale ring carrying their banner. This means it will be done as a premium sale, where the exhibitor will receive the difference between the sale price and the floor price of that species.**
10. An exhibitor cannot sell a market animal in the sale and then pull it to take it home or elsewhere. A market animal can be privately purchased in the sale and taken wherever, but the full price must be paid.
11. All exhibitors are encouraged to have Premise Identification for their animal and have available at the fair if the animal is to be sold in the sale and into the public food market (go to pack). Premise

ID may or may not be needed for private sales. Premise ID is a directive of IDALS and USDA. At this time the Premise Identification is still optional and not required.

12. Only one pie per 4-H club will be allowed for the pie auction. Money from the pies go to the 4-H general fund.

## Disability Policy Statement

People with disability policy statement of the Clarke County Fair Association, Inc. It is the desire of the Clarke County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. to comply with Chapter 104A of the Iowa Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Clarke County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. Board, as its policy, has adopted the following for Persons with Disabilities:

1. Disabled parking shall be available at the Clarke County Fairgrounds Events Center Grounds, all of which shall be located as near to the area of fair activity as possible.
2. Motorized wheelchairs will be permitted on the grounds and within all buildings.
3. Golf carts, ATVs, and similar vehicles of conveyance shall be limited to Association and grounds personnel, staff, and persons granted special permission by Clarke County Fair Board Executive Committee. There shall be no public use of said vehicles on the grounds while the fair is in session, except as may be permitted reference to grandstand, arena, track, activities in which such vehicles are employed.
4. Children will not be permitted to sit or stand unattended, on non-display, motorized vehicles. Staff and other personnel authorized to use golf carts or ATVs will be subject to sanctions if this rule is violated.
5. Upon request for assistance by an individual with a disability or a person accompanying a person with a disability to enter upon, go to and from grandstand or other areas of activities, authorized personnel will assist, if reasonably possible. (Do not lift or carry unless you are trained to do so).
6. The general public is restricted from use of golf carts, ATVs, and similar vehicles of conveyance during fair activities. This policy is in effect due to congestion, which occurs in the traffic area of the fair grounds and is intended for the protection of the general public and staff. This policy is not in any manner discriminatory nor intended to be discriminatory against any person with disabilities. Assist animals shall have access to all public areas of the Clarke County Fairgrounds Events Center Grounds.

## Special Accommodation Request

An individual requesting accommodation to participate in the Clarke County Fair should submit a completed Special Accommodation Request Form to the Clarke County Extension Office. It can take time to plan for some accommodations, Extension & Outreach requests that the form be submitted by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Submitting a Request for Services on short notice may reduce or limit Extension & Outreach's ability to implement the accommodations.

# Clarke County Fair Board

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<b>Youth Program Specialist</b>	Hallie Robinette
<b>Summer Intern</b>	Sydney Benda

# Trash and Static Schedule

## Reminder!

- If you are not checked in by 11:30 AM you will not be judged by 12:00PM
- If you are not checked in by 2:00 PM you will not be judged by 2:30 PM
  - Check in closes at 2:00 PM
- Clover Kids will be judged with their designated 4-H group time

<b>Club Name</b>	<b>Leaders</b>	<b>Trash Pick-Up Day</b>	<b>Static Judging Time</b>
<b>Cooking Club</b>	Elizabeth Nold Susannah Miller	Saturday, July 18	
<b>Fremont Feenix</b>	Carrie Smith Sarah Beener	Friday, July 17	
<b>Green Bay Gophers</b>	Bobbie Cook Angie Haskell	Sunday, July 19	
<b>KW Hustlers</b>	Rose Greif	Saturday, July 18	
<b>Osceola Chargers</b>	Carrie Benda Danise Garrett Carolyn White	Thursday, July 16	
<b>Osceola Go Getters</b>	Leslie Ruby Lauren Robins	Wednesday, July 15	
<b>Triple Troopers</b>	Sheryl Gilbert Whitley Crum	Sunday, July 19	
<b>Osceola FFA</b>	Brandi Boyd	Friday, July 17	
<b>Murray FFA</b>	Amy Ewing	Wednesday, July 15	
<b>Interstate 35 FFA</b>	Hanna Luedtke	Thursday, July 16	

\*Trash must be picked up before 8:30 AM on your club day of cleaning, unless noted above  
 \*If you cannot make it during your club static judging, please contact the Extension Office  
 \*Clubs have the right to hold placing premium if exhibitors do not help with their trash pick-up day

# Beef Division

*Superintendent: Alex Shaw, Jeremy Shaw, Josh Oswald, Nate Ruby*

## Rules & Regulations

1. See general rules and health rules in front of the book.
2. **No dyes or coloring agents may be used.**
3. **Only transparent grooming materials may be used. When checked, animals will be wiped with a hand or towel and disqualified if color is found. No colored grooming aids may be used anywhere on the animal including the hooves. Penalty for violating this rule will be immediate loss of showing rights for this species, loss of sale rights for the animal, and forfeiture of all exhibit premiums earned for this fair.**
4. No artificial aids such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted.
5. Each exhibitor may be accompanied by one person into the check-in area. This person **MUST** be an immediate family member or a current Clarke County exhibitor.
6. **The gates on the breezeway will be locked during the Cattle Show. This is the staging area for the show, and gates must remain closed for the duration of the Cattle Show.**
7. The exhibitor is solely responsible for all grooming of the animal from the time they enter the check-in area to the time they exit the ring. Penalty for violating this rule will be immediate loss of showing rights for this species, loss of sale rights for the animal, and forfeiture of all exhibit premiums earned.
8. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials reserve the right to re-inspect animals for color or sharp practice. If such is found, the animal will be barred from further championship competition and forfeit all exhibits premium money.
9. Ear tags with farm names or advertisements will be clipped out of the ear. Only tags bearing numbers will be allowed.
10. For both the market and breeding divisions, should a first-place beef animal be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division champions; the second and third place will move up to the first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division.
11. As required by law, cattle must be free from tuberculosis and Bang's disease.
12. All cattle must be tied by a halter and neck rope/strap.
13. All cattle must be in stalls by 8:00 AM each day and cannot be tied out until 8:00 PM. Penalty for violating this rule will be immediate loss of showing rights for this species, loss of sale rights for the animal, and forfeiture of all exhibit premiums earned.
14. Cow/Calf pair can be turned loose in tie out pens at night.
15. The Fair Board Reserves the right to change any or all beef stall assignments after all the entries are on the fairgrounds.
16. No unnatural means will be allowed of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e., stomach pump, drench gun, IV).
17. No artificial alternation or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animal (icing, electrical shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). **NO "ICING"**. ICING- No ice allowed in spray buckets, spray bottles, bottles, or blankets. Icing also refers to placing ice or any form of ice (frozen water bottles, ice packs, etc.) anywhere on or in the animal's body.
18. The Clarke County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitors' assistants who fitted the animal involved. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide, or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dying or coloring the hair, adding

artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair, and heels; as well as any attempt to change the confirmation and degree of firmness by administration of air/O<sub>2</sub> or fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state.

### **Breeding Beef**

1. Entries are open to all breed that are classified by the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association.
2. **All Registered and Commercial Heifers MUST be tattooed and numbered with those identified in 4-H Online or on the livestock verification form (FFA). Calf hood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable as the official tattoo.**
3. All 4-H registered, and commercial heifers must have a tattoo plus one of the following:
  - 1) Approved Iowa 4-H Ear Tag or an Official USDA 840 tag; 2) Calthood vaccination number.
  - 3) Registration number (if registered through a breed association). Both tattoo and second form of identification must be entered in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. If 4-H Exhibitors are showing a purebred heifer, the registration paper must be uploaded in 4-HOnline by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. All FFA breeding beef must have a tattoo and animal may have a number ear tag.
6. All required paperwork for FFA exhibitors Breeding Beef projects, which will include a copy of purebred heifers registration paper for FFA exhibitors, are due at the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have breeding beef entered in Fair Entry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
8. Cow/Calf pairs- The Cow must follow the same identification requirements as all breeding beef. The calf will need an approved 4-H or official USDA 840 tag.
9. Purebred must have date of birth, tattoo, and registration number. If any information is missing on the verification form, the animal will show as a commercial heifer.
10. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
11. Registration papers, calthood number, ear tag, and tattoos will be checked by superintendents during check-in.
12. Limitation- An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 breeding heifers and 2 Cow/Calf pairs.
13. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown in any market beef class.
14. If more than ten head of heifers are entered in one class, the class will be split at the discretion of the superintendents.
15. All heifers to be eligible shall be born between September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

### **Breeding Beef Classes**

- 01 Commercial Heifers  
Born September 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025.
- 02 Registered Heifers
- 03 Producers Class (Product of former 4-H beef heifer shown at a previous fair)
- 04 Group of Three Heifers (shown by one exhibitor)
- 05 Club Group of Four Heifers (two or more owners)

### **Cow/Calf Class**

- 01 Beef Cow/Calf (will show by cow's age)

Calf may be shown as a Feeder Calf but must be ID as a Feeder Calf in 4-Honline or FFA exhibitor must turn in required paperwork.

### **Feeder Calf**

1. Entries are open to any 4-H or FFA member eligible to show at the Clarke County Fair.
2. Limit to two calves per member.
3. The feeder calves need to go through Vet inspection on Wednesday, July 15, and stay at the County Fair until the official release time.
4. Calves will be judged on the same criteria as the other 4-H and FFA beef classes.
5. Calves must be ID with an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag.
6. Feeder calves will be shown by sex and age.
7. Feeder calves must be born after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.
8. If the exhibitor wants to show the calf from the cow/calf pair, it must be entered into this class too.

### **Feeder Calf Classes**

- 01 Feeder Calf

### **Bottle/Bucket Calf**

1. Entries are open to any 4-H or FFA member eligible to show at the Clarke County Fair.
2. An exhibitor may exhibit one bucket calf and that animal may be shown in the bucket calf class only.
3. It is not eligible to show in the feeder calf class since the evaluation criteria is different.
4. Bucket calves will be judged on the member's knowledge of the calf and its management:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising the calf
  - b. The fitting and showing (according to beef or dairy guidelines) of the calf with emphasis on what the exhibitor has learned
  - c. The general health and appearance of the calf and the exhibitor's knowledge in the health area
  - d. Youth need to be able to have a short talk with the judge regarding information about their calf, costs, what they have learned, etc.
5. Calves may be crossbred, straight bred, dairy, or beef. They must have been calved after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
6. All calves will be shown on a halter. The superintendent may divide or combine entries at their discretion.
7. Calves will need to go through Vet inspection on Wednesday, July 15. This year, there will be an area designated for the bottle calves.
8. Calves need to be ID with either an approved Iowa 4-H or an Official USDA 840 tag in 4-H Online.

### **Bottle/Bucket Calf Classes**

- 01 Junior Bottle/Bucket Calf (completed 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 02 Intermediate Bottle/Bucket Calf (completed 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 03 Senior Bottle/Bucket Calf (completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

## **Market Beef**

1. Limitation- an exhibitor may weigh-in ten market animals and enter a maximum of four market animals.
2. 4-H Market Beef may be ID with either an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag.
3. Any evidence of tampering with official 4-H tag or EID tag, the animal and exhibitor will be disqualified.
4. 4-H exhibitors must have Market Beef identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. All 4-H and FFA Market Beef exhibitors must have all required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 12:00 PM, Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.
6. All exhibitors showing Market Beef must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.
7. All purebred steers must have a tattoo and registration papers.
8. Entries will be divided by breed, home raised, and weight based on weigh-in weights at fair, into suitable classes at the discretion of the fair officials.
9. Market Beef must weigh-in at 900 pounds to be eligible for market classes. If weight is less than 900 pounds, Market Beef will show in Heavy Feeder class.
10. Steers with bullish (stag) characteristics are not eligible for show. If identified, they will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
11. To be eligible for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in class, a Market Heifer must gain 2 pounds per day and a Market Steer must gain 2.2 pounds per day.
12. One Market Beef can be chosen for the carcass class. This animal will be sold to the packer for carcass evaluation and pricing on the grid system. All other Market Beef not going to the packer will be sold live weight based on the weigh-in weight.
13. The winners of the beef carcass evaluation will be announced when the data is available. Using the value-based grid system to market the beef, the beef superintendents may need a commitment before the fair starts as to the animal in the contest and others being sent through the sale. This is to schedule the slaughter date with the packer.
14. **Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statements (Drug Affidavits) are required. These must be turned in at fair weigh-in, filled out and signed.**

### Market Beef Classes

- 01 Home Raised Market Heifer
- 02 Market Heifer
- 03 Home Raised Market Steers
- 04 Market Steers
- 05 Pair of 2 (owned by one exhibitor) *Sign up for during check-in*
- 06 Club Group of Four Market Beef (owned by two or more owners) *Sign up for during check-in*

### **Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Junior, Intermediate, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship general rules.

## Pen of Three

Emphasis will be placed on live evaluation, record keeping, project and industry knowledge, rate of gain, and carcass data (collected by ultrasound).

1. Calves must be tagged, weighed and ID at the Clarke County 4-H beef weigh in on scheduled date.
2. Exhibitor may weigh up to 4 head of steers or 4 head of heifers but not mixed sex for the Pen of Three. 4-H Exhibitors will need to properly ID calves on required paperwork and make sure calves are properly ID in 4-Honline by 11:59pm, February 1<sup>st</sup>. FFA exhibitors will need to properly ID calves on required paperwork that will need to be turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 12pm, January 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. If an exhibitor has weighed in 4 head, they will need to select three to exhibit as the Pen of Three. The Pen of Three will then need to be entered into FairEntry by 11:59pm, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Accurate records of feed and other costs associated with the calves that are weighed in should be kept. Feed records are to begin on the day of weigh-in. The monthly feed record sheet will be provided, and must be dropped off or emailed to [white2@iastate.edu](mailto:white2@iastate.edu) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. For example: January records are due by February 10<sup>th</sup>, etc. Points will be given each month for feed records that are turned in on time. If the records are not submitted by the deadline date, they will still be accepted, but points will be deducted from the exhibitor's overall record keeping score. The exhibitor's July records are due upon weigh-in at the county fair. Make sure you keep your records up until weigh in.
5. Each exhibitor may enter one Pen of Three.
6. The Pen of Three exhibitor may participate in the Livestock Auction. The Pen of Three will be sold as one unit which will be the combined weight of all 3 calves in the pen. The exhibitor will walk into the sale ring with the poster that they have created for the project.
7. The Pen of Three will be ultrasounded at a designated time. Then the ultrasound information will be available for the judge to evaluate on Sunday.
8. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning pens and assisting with removal of the pen gates.
9. Pen of Three will be judged in the pen, not on halter.
10. Pen of Three class will be judged in 5 different areas and receive points in each area. The placings will be determined by the combined points.
  - a. **Live Evaluation** (25 points)  
1<sup>st</sup> place pen will receive 25 points. All other pens will be scored based on placing and the total number of pens.
  - b. **June Site Visit** (20 points)  
Superintendent will schedule a site visit with youth to talk about their project.
  - c. **Record Keeping** (30 points)  
Records will be evaluated and exhibitor will participate in an Interview to be held on judging day. Exhibitors will be asked questions about their record keeping and beef project materials.
  - d. **Interview** (25 points)
  - e. **Pen Rate of Gain** (25 points)  
Pen of Three calves will not compete against lead calves.

The top Rate of Gain will receive 25 points. All others pens will be scored based on their rate of gain as a percentage of the 1<sup>st</sup> place pen.

9. **Carcass Evaluation** (25 points)

Ultrasound will be used to collect carcass data. Carcasses will be scored based on the average pen price per pound of hot carcass weight. The highest valued pen will receive 25 points and the other pens will be scored as a percentage of the 1<sup>st</sup> place pen.

Extra calf- as long as the calf was weighed in and has been properly ID.

- a. You may show it as a lead calf if they are controllable by halter, and entered in FairEntry by 11:59pm, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. If you have not sold it yet, you can put them on the truck and sell them to Tysons. Carcass information will be collected but it will be for information only.

**Poster Rule:**

1. Exhibitors participating in the Pen of Three class are required to create a poster of your beef project.
2. Posters need to be on poster board sized material, approximately 22" x 28".
3. Poster should include but is not limited to:
  - a. Exhibitors Name
  - b. Home Raised or Purchased
  - c. Beginning weights of beef animals
  - d. Pictures from duration of beef project.
  - e. Feed ration details (feed inputs, feed costs)

# Dairy Cattle Division

*Superintendent: Alex Shaw, Jeremy Shaw, Josh Oswald, Nate Ruby*

## Rules & Regulations

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. Entries are open to registered and identified grade dairy animals that meet the stated 4-H and FFA rules and regulations.
3. Each animal must be properly identified. Animals must have 2 out of the 3 following identified in 4-H online by 11:59pm May 15.
  - a. Ear tag or Tattoo
  - b. Registration number
  - c. DHIA metal tag ID numberAll levels of registry are acceptable. Registration papers or identified grade papers must match the animal.
4. Entries are open to registered and identified grade dairy animals that meet the state 4-H rules.
5. Registration papers will be checked during check-in by the superintendent.
6. Any animals that cannot produce papers will be shown as commercial.
7. All required paperwork is due at the Clarke County Extension Office by 3pm, May 15.
8. All animals must be entered into FairEntry by 11:59PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. Exhibitors may enter up to six head. An exhibitor may enter only one calf purchased as a calf, only one yearling purchased as a yearling, and only one two-year-old purchased as a two-year-old. Additional animals can be shown if they are product of present or former 4-H projects or have been purchased in previous years.
10. Any yearling heifer that has freshened prior to time of showing must be entered in the two-year-old class.
11. First and Second place winners from calf and yearling classes will compete for Junior Champion. First and Second place in each of the 2- and 3-year old classes are eligible for Intermediate Champion. First and second place in each of the 4yr old and Aged old cow classes are eligible for Senior Champion. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Champions will compete for Grand Champion.

## Dairy Classes

- 01 Spring Heifer Calf- born March 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026
- 02 Winter Heifer Calf- born December 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026
- 03 Fall Heifer Calf- born September 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025
- 04 Summer Yearling Heifer- born June 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025
- 05 Spring Yearling Heifer- born March 1, 2025 to May 31, 2025
- 06 Winter Yearling Heifer- born December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025
- 07 Fall Yearling Heifer- born September 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024
- 08 Fall Yearling in Milk- born after September 1, 2024  
Junior Champion
- 09 Junior Two-Year Old Cow- born March 1, 2024 to August 31, 2024
- 10 Senior Two-Year Old Cow- born September 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024
- 11 Junior Three-Year Old Cow- born March 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023
- 12 Senior Three-Year Old Cow - born September 1, 2022 to February 29, 2023

Intermediate Champion

13 Four-Year Old Cow-born September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022

14 Five-Year Old Cow-born September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

15 Aged Cow, 6 Years and Over-born before September 1, 2020

Senior Champion

16 Club Group of Four (two or more club members)

17 Dairy Herd- shall consist of three animals, all one breed, all entered and shown in the individual classes (owned by one exhibitor)

**Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Junior, Intermediate and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

# Dog Obedience Division

*Superintendent: Rachael Smith, Eddie Benda, Rose Greif*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. 4-H Exhibitors must have dogs identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have entries entered in FairEntry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Each exhibitor can identify six dogs and enter four dogs trained by exhibitor at the fair.
6. Dog cannot be entered in both Pet and Dog Obedience Show.
7. Dogs must have current vaccination records including rabies, distemper-parvo vaccination, and Kennel cough and those records must be brought when dog starts Obedience classes in March of the current year.
8. Dogs must be 6 months old by January 1 of the current year, to be eligible to show at the Clarke County Fair.
9. Vaccination records must be presented at sign-in day of the show.
10. Dogs will be health inspected by the Superintendent/Fair Veterinarian at sign-in the day of the show.
11. Dogs must be on leash and collar and not enter any other livestock buildings or playground area.
12. Females in season cannot be shown.
13. Dogs are to return home after the show.
14. Exhibitor must handle their dog without outside assistance.
15. Non-show dogs except for disability assist dogs will not be allowed in or around the Show Arena the day of the dog show.
16. Dog exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) while on the fairgrounds.
17. All dogs must be entered in an obedience class in order to show in any agility, rally and/or showmanship classes.

## **Dog Obedience Classes**

### 01 Intro Class

First Year exhibitor with First Year dog only. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc. Heel & Figure 8 on leash 40pts, Sit for examination on leash 40 pts, recall (no finish) on leash 40pts, long sit (1 min) handler at the end of the leash 40pts, long down (1 min) handler at the end of the leash 40pts,

### 02 Beginner Novice A

1st year for both exhibitor and dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Heel on leash 40 pts, Figure 8 on leash 40 pts, Sit for Examination on leash 40 pts, Sit/stay Handler walks ring drop leash 40 pts, Recall no finish off leash 40 pts

### 03 Beginner Novice B

2nd year exhibitor/2nd year dog or either exhibitor or dog with previous training experience, but 1st year for the other team member. Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Heel on leash 40 pts, Figure 8 on leash 40 pts, Sit for Examination on leash 40 pts, Sit/stay Handler walks ring drop leash 40 pts, Recall no finish off leash 40 pts

- 04 Preferred Novice A  
Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Dog must not have earned any leg towards any CD obedience title. Heel & Figure 8 on leash 40 pts, Stand for Examination off leash 40 pts, Heel Free off leash 40 pts, recall with finish off leash 40 pts, Down/sit handler walks ring drop leash 40pts
- 05 Preferred Novice B  
Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class till exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dogs must not have earned any leg towards any CD obedience title. Heel & Figure 8 on leash 40 pts, Stand for Examination off leash 40 pts, Heel Free off leash 40 pts, recall with finish off leash 40 pts, Down/sit handler walks ring 40 pts
- 06 Novice A  
Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Dog must not have earned any legs towards any CD obedience title. Heel on leash & Figure 8 40 pts, Stand for Examination 30 pts, Heel free off leash 40 pts, Recall with Finish off leash 40pts, Sit Stay get your leash 30 pts, Group Exercises Sit & down Stay 30
- 07 Novice B  
Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dog may not have earned third leg towards any CD title. Heel on leash and Figure 8 40 pts Stand for Examination 30 pts, Heel free off leash 40 pts, Recall with Finish off leash 40 pts, Sit stay get your leash 30 pts, Group Exercises Sit and Down Stay 30 pts
- 08 Graduate Novice A  
FOR DOGS THAT ARE NOT QUITE READY FOR DUMBBELL WORK, Heel free and figure 8 off leash 40 pts. Drop on recall 40 pts, stand for exam 30 pts, Recall over Broad Jump 30 pts, Recall over High Jump 30 pts, Stay get your leash (sit or down) 30 pts
- 09 Graduate Novice B  
This class is for exhibitor/dog team that is just beginning dumbbell work. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dog must not have earned any legs towards any CDX titles. Heel free and Figure 8 40 pts, Drop on recall 40 pts, Dumbbell Recall 30 pts, Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 pts, Recall over Broad Jump 30 pts, Stay get your leash (sit, down) 30 pts
- 10 Open  
Heel free & Figure eight 40 pts, Command Discrimination (stand, down, sit) 30 pts, Drop on Recall 30 pts, Retrieve on Flat 20 pts, retrieve over High Jump 30 pts, Broad Jump 20 pts, Stand stay get your leash 30 pts

### Agility Classes

- 11 Pre-Novice Agility  
For dogs in their first year of dog training. Dogs will follow course on leash. Time standard will be based on two minutes. Penalties will be assessed for any time over. This class is open to exhibitors showing in Beginner Novice A and Beginner Novice B.
- 12 Novice Agility  
For dogs in Preferred Novice A&B and Novice A&B. Dogs will follow a course on leash. Time
- 13 Open Agility  
For dogs who are in their fourth year or greater of training. Dogs will follow a course off leash. Time standard will be based on 1 minute. Penalties will be assessed for any time over. This class is open to exhibitors in Graduate Novice A, Graduate Novice B, and Open

### Rally Classes

#### 14 Rally Novice

This class is for dogs and handlers in Preferred Novice A&B and Novice A&B training. The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with the dogs at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. Unlimited communication is encouraged, and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged on a leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will be given a course ahead of time to practice.

#### 15 Rally Open

This class is for dog in Graduate Novice A&B and open. The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with dog at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign unlimited communication is encouraged and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will practice all signs that will be judged but will not get a course until the day of the show.

### **Showmanship**

Based on the grade the exhibitor just completed. Scoring is based on handling ability, grooming of dog, appearance of handler, and oral questions. Register for handling in Fair Entry.

# Goat Division

*Superintendent: Paula Hein, Darwin Downing, Clay Andrew, Nate Ruby*

## Rules & Regulations

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. 4-H exhibitors must have all goats identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors showing Market Goats must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. All FFA Exhibitors showing Breeding Goats must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Market goats must have an official FFA tag, approved Iowa 4-H tag or an official USDA 840 tag.
6. Breeding goats must have an approved Iowa 4-H, FFA or official USDA 840 tag or tattoo (tattoo must follow official guidelines: Left ear = individual animal identifier; Right ear = herd prefix) and birthdate.
7. Iowa State Fair 4-H Exhibitors Market and Breeding Goats must have an approved Iowa 4-H tag or official USDA 840 tag, or official tattoo for does and be retinal scanned.
8. Iowa State Fair FFA Exhibitors Market and Breeding Goats must have an official FFA tag or recognized registry tattoo number and hair pulled for DNA.
9. All sexually intact goats must meet the health requirements for exhibition of livestock and must have scrapie flock tag.
10. **Dairy goats must be identified with an official scrapies ID tag or an official tattoo registered with the USDA.**
11. All goats must be collared or haltered.
12. Purebred classes will be offered, if four or more animals of one breed are entered. Otherwise, the purebred and grade will compete together. In order to show purebred, animals should have purebred or American certificates. Purebred classes will be set up by type (milk breeds for dairy, meat breeds for meat, wool/mohair breeds for wool classes and novelty breeds for novelty classes).
13. Exhibitors will not lift front legs of meat goat off the ground when showing.
14. **No colored grooming aids may be used anywhere on the animal including the hooves.**
15. There will be no additional adding or removing of panels. Any changes must be approved by the superintendent.
16. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED.**
17. No unnatural means will be allowed of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e., stomach pump, drench gun, IV).
18. No artificial alternation or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animal (i.e., icing, electrical shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). **NO "ICING"**. ICING-No ice allowed in spray buckets or bottles or blankets or frozen water bottles for use on animals. Icing also refers to placing ice or any form of ice (frozen bottle, ice packs, etc.) anywhere on the animal's body.
19. Injection, drenching or applications of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
20. All animals must be dry when they walk across the scale for weigh in.
21. All blankets, tubes and leg wraps must be removed before the animal walks across the scale.
22. All exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.

### Breeding Goat

1. The breeding meat goat classes are open to meat breeds only, such as Boer, Spanish, Tennessee, or Kiko.
2. Breeding meat goats will be entered by birthdate and shown by weight.
3. All meat breeding does will be weighed to determine class breaks.
4. An exhibitor can identify 10 breeding goats per class, enter 10 breeding goats per class, and bring two breeding goats per class to the fair.

### Breeding Classes

- 300 Meat Breeding Doe- Junior Spring Doe
  - 01 Junior Doe April 1 to May 14, 2026
  - 02 Junior Doe February 2026 to March 2026
- 301 Meat Breeding Doe- Junior Winter Doe
  - 01 Doe born December 2025 to January 2026
  - 02 Doe born September 1 to November 30, 2025
- 302 Meat Breeding Doe- Yearling
  - 01 Doe born May 1-August 31, 2025
  - 02 Doe born January 1-April 30, 2025
  - 03 Doe born September 1- December 31, 2024
- 303 Meat Breeding Doe- Senior
  - 01 Doe born May 1-August 31, 2024
  - 02 Doe born January 1-April 31,2024
  - 03 Doe born on/before December 31, 2023

### Market Goats

1. Market Meat Goat class is open to wether or doe kids with milk teeth or showing no breaking or eruption of either of their front two permanent teeth. Teeth will be checked at weigh-in.
2. Market goat class is open to any breed or crossbred wether/doe meeting the age and weight limits.
3. If there are enough market doe kids, a separate class can be created. Otherwise, the market doe kids show with market wethers.
4. Goats shown in the market show cannot be shown in the dairy, wool, or novelty goat shows.
5. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 45 pounds. Below 45 pounds cannot be sold in the sale or shown for champion.
6. When numbers dictate, multiple weight classes will be created.
7. An exhibitor can weigh-in 15 market goats and only bring six market goats to the fair.
8. All market goat kids must have horns disbudded, dehorned, or tipped blunt prior to the arrival of the fair. Removal of horns on the fairgrounds is NOT permitted.
9. Late or incomplete castration of wethers are not eligible for show. This will be checked at fair weigh-in, and if identified, wethers will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
10. **Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavits) are required. These must be turned in at fair weigh-in, filled out and signed.**

### 308: Market Goat Classes

- 01 Home Raised Market Goat
- 02 Market Goat
- 03 Pair of Market Goats (by one exhibitor)

### **Novelty Goat**

1. Novelty Goats must NOT fit into the dairy, meat, or wool/mohair shows.
2. Typically, novelty breeds are pygmy/dwarf or fainting goats.
3. There will be a limit of six entries per exhibitor.
4. All in tact Novelty goats will need a Scrapie tag.
5. Goats may use a tattoo or a scrapie tag as an official form of ID.

### **307: Novelty Goat Classes**

01 Novelty Goat (will show by age)

### **Dairy Goat**

1. Breeding Dairy Goat classes are open to dairy breeds only such as Alpine, LaMancha, Oberhalsi, Saanen, Nubian, and Toggenburg.
2. There is no pre-show dairy goat milk-out required.
3. There will be a limit of eight entries per exhibitor.
4. Dairy classes will be shown by age.

### **Dairy Goat Classes**

305 Dairy Goat- Junior Doe

306 Dairy Goat- Senior Doe

### **Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

### **FUN Goat Show**

1. Immediately following 4-H/FFA Goat Show.
2. Youth do not have to be in 4-H to participate. Youth must be 5 years of age.
3. Find a 4-H'er or FFA exhibitor that will let you borrow their animal to show.
4. Sheep/Goat are not placed- participants receive a participation ribbon.
5. Kids show their animal to the best of their ability and answer questions from the judge.
6. Only exhibitors can enter the show ring.

Clover Kids participating in the Clover Kids Show cannot re-enter in the Fun Show

# Sheep Division

*Superintendent: Paula Hein, Darwin Downing, Clay Andrew, Nate Ruby*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. All 4-H sheep must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. All sheep must have an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag or an official FFA tag.
5. Wool length must be 1/4" or less when sheep arrive to go through the vet inspection line.
6. Ear tag number and scrappie flock ID information must be listed in 4-H Online or on the livestock verification form (FFA).
7. All sexually intact sheep must meet the health requirements for the exhibition of livestock and must have scrappies flock tag. See front of Fair Book for county fair health requirements.
8. Purebred sheep must have breed association ID in ear.
9. If a lamb is identified with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
10. Sheep showing signs of a rectal prolapse cannot be shown and will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
11. All sheep must be dry when it walks across the scale.
12. All blankets, tubes, and leg wraps will be removed before the animal walks across the scale.
13. Injection, drenching, or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited.
14. **NO MUZZLES OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED.** Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of an animal will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
15. No unnatural means will be allowed of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e., stomach pump, drench gun, IV).
16. No artificial alternation or stimulants of any kind may be applied or administered to animal (i.e., icing, electrical shock, alcohol/formaldehyde baths, etc.). **NO "ICING"**. ICING-No ice allowed in spray buckets or bottles or blankets or frozen water bottles for use on animals.
17. There will be no additional adding or removing of panels. Any changes must be approved by the superintendent.
18. All exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.
19. Exhibitors will not lift front legs off the ground when the judge is handling your lamb.

20. The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears, and legs. Color must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose (see picture below). Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. This judgement will be made at the scale.



### **Breeding Sheep**

1. Members may identify ten breeding ewes per class and are permitted to bring two breeding ewes per class to the fair. Breeding ewes are officially in the fair after the ewes have passed vet check.
2. A lamb shown in the breeding classes cannot be shown in any market classes.
3. Registration papers (for purebreds) and ear tattoos or tags will be checked by the superintendent.
4. All purebred sheep must have breed association ID in ear.
5. Breeding ewes must have an official Iowa 4-H tag or FFA tag and a Scrapie tag.
6. FFA or 4-H Club Progeny Pen of Five Ewes: Each club may have just one entry.
  - a. A Progeny Pen consists of five ewes: lambs or yearlings, purebred or commercial, or a combination of both.
  - b. Each pen must be owned by at least three exhibitors
  - c. All ewes must be shown in their specific classes as well.
  - d. Breeding stock only- no market stock.

### **Breeding Sheep Classes**

- 01 Purebred Ewe
- 02 Commercial Ewe
- 03 Speckled Face Ewe
- 04 White Face Ewe
- 05 Hair Ewe
- 06 White Breed Influenced Ewe
- 07 Natural Ewe
- 08 Yearling Ewe (shown by breed)
- 09 Progeny Pen

### **Market Sheep**

1. Each exhibitor may weigh-in 15 lambs and will be permitted to bring six market lambs to the fair. Market lambs are officially in the fair after lambs pass vet inspection.
2. Market ewes or wethers- grades, crossbred, or purebred, and born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Market lambs will be divided into two or more weight groups according to weight by superintendents.
4. Minimum weight per lamb is 100 pounds. Lambs weighing less than 100 pounds will not be eligible for sale or showing for champion and must be shown as a heavy feeder lamb. (Excluding haired, white face, and white breed influenced sheep)
5. Haired, white face sheep, and white breed influenced minimum weight per lamb is 90 pounds. Haired, white face, and white breed influenced lambs weighing less than 90 pounds will not be eligible for sale or showing for champion and must be shown as a heavy feeder lamb.
6. Late or incomplete castrations of wether are not eligible for show. This will be checked at fair weigh-in. If identified, they will be required to leave the fairgrounds.
7. **Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statements (Drug Affidavits) are required. These must be turned in at fair weigh-in, filled out and signed.**

### *Market Sheep Classes*

#### *202: Home Raised Market Wether*

- 01 Crossbred Market Wether
- 02 Haired Market Wether
- 03 Speckled Face Market Wether
- 04 Purebred Market Wether
- 05 White Breed Influenced Market Wether
- 06 Natural Market Wether

#### *203: Home Raised Market Ewes*

- 01 Crossbred Market Ewe
- 02 Haired Market Ewe
- 03 Speckled Face Market Ewe
- 04 White Breed Influenced Market Ewe
- 05 Purebred Market Ewe
- 06 Natural Market Ewe

204: Market Wether

- 01 Crossbred Market Wether
- 02 Haired Market Wether
- 03 Speckled Face Market Wether
- 04 White Breed Influenced Market Wether
- 05 Purebred Market Wether
- 06 Natural Market Wether

205: Market Ewes

- 01 Crossbred Market Ewe
- 02 Haired Market Ewe
- 03 Speckled Face Market Ewe
- 04 White Bred Influenced Market Ewe
- 05 Purebred Market Ewe
- 06 Natural Market Ewe
- 07 Pair of Market Lambs (owned by one exhibitor)
- 08 Club Group of Four

**Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

**FUN Sheep Show**

- 1. Immediately following 4-H/FFA Sheep/Goat Show.
- 2. Youth do not have to be in 4-H to participate. Youth must be 5 years of age.
- 3. Find a 4-H'er or FFA exhibitor that will let you borrow their animal to show.
- 4. Sheep/Goat are not placed- participants receive a participation ribbon.
- 5. Kids show their animal to the best of their ability and answer questions from the judge.
- 6. Only exhibitors can enter the show ring.

Clover Kids participating in the Clover Kids Show cannot enter in the Fun Show.

# Swine Division

*Superintendent: Mallory Jamison, Alex Shaw, Danny Haub, De Blackford*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. ALL swine must have an approved Iowa 4-H or an official USDA 840 tag or an official FFA tag.
3. All 4-H swine must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. All Swine that are nominated for the Iowa State Fair must have an approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag, ear notch, and had DNA collected with a DNA collection tag.
5. All Swine being shown under FFA at the Iowa State Fair must have an FFA tag and ear notches in both ears.
6. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. **No use of paints or other coloring may be used.**
8. Swine must be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.
9. It is required by the packer that all hogs must have at least ½ inch of hair (for the de-hairing process during slaughter). No clipping allowed on the county fairgrounds.
10. Large feeders, water tanks, or barrels will NOT be allowed in the pens. It is highly recommended that you use PVC Nipple waterer's that are no bigger than 8" in diameter. This is under the discretion of the superintendent.
11. There will be no additional adding or removing of panels. Any changes must be approved by the superintendent.
12. All exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.
13. Maximum of eight total hogs may be brought per exhibitor (i.e., two commercial gilts, two purebred gilts, and four market hogs).

## **Breeding Swine**

1. Each exhibitor may weigh-in 10 breeding gilts, enter up to 10 breeding gilts, and are permitted to bring a maximum of two commercial breeding gilts, and two purebred gilts to the fair. Breeding gilts are officially at the fair when weighed in at the fair. Commercial gilts must be identified by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Fair Entry must have birth date recorded, or pigs are not eligible to show.
3. Breeding gilts are not considered for Rate of Gain Contest.
4. Breeding gilt classes will be based on weight and breed.
5. Purebred gilts must be registered with the respective breed registry. Registration papers must be provided at swine check-in.
6. Breeding swine are not eligible to go through the sale ring. However, it can be sold to market or go home.

## **Breeding Swine Classes**

1. Purebred Breeding Gilt
2. Commercial Breeding Gilt

### **Market Swine**

1. Each exhibitor may weigh-in 20 market hogs, enter up to 10 market swine, and are permitted to **bring** four market swine to the fair.
2. Exhibitors can choose one market hog to enter the carcass contest. Pig had to be weighed-in in the spring.
3. Pigs weighed in the spring will be eligible to enter the Rate of Gain Contest.
4. Pigs must check in at 210 pounds to be eligible for market classes and the auction.
5. All classes will be divided by weight and breed at the discretion of the superintendent.
6. Barrows showing boar characteristics are not eligible for the show. If identified in the show ring, they will be asked to leave.
7. **Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavits) are required. These must be turned in at fair weigh-in, completely filled out and signed.**

### **Market Swine Classes**

- 00 Heavy Feeder (below 210 pounds- will be entered in this class during check-in during fair; not eligible for market champion.
- 01 Purebred Market Hog
- 02 Crossbred Market Barrow
- 03 Crossbred Market Gilt
- 04 Home Raised Market Hog
  - 4A Home Raised Market Gilt
  - 4B Home Raised Market Barrow
- 05 Performance Pen of 2 (must have weighed in to participate in this class)

### **Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

### **FUN Swine Show**

1. Immediately following 4-H/FFA Swine Show.
2. Youth do not have to be in 4-H to participate. Youth must be 5 years of age.
3. Find a 4-H'er or FFA exhibitor that will let you borrow their animal to show.
4. Swine are not placed- participants receive a participation ribbon.
5. Kids show their animal to the best of their ability and answer questions from the judge.
6. Only exhibitors can enter the show ring.

# Horse, Pony, and Mule Division

*Superintendent: Eddie Benda, Bobby Luce, Danny Haub, Annette Brummel*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. Exhibitors are encouraged to study Rules and Regulations of 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa. This is available at the Extension Office.
3. Entries open to purebred and grade horses, ponies, and mules.
4. An exhibitor can identify up to five horses, ponies, or mules with a maximum of two be leased and enter only three.
5. Exhibitors may only enter one pleasure class per horse between pony pleasure, light horse, non-western ranch horse pleasure, or western pleasure.
6. 4-H exhibitors must have horses identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
8. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have entries entered in Fair Entry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. No stallions other than foals may be shown.
10. Saddle classes will include horses born before 2023 or later.
11. Only 4-H and FFA exhibitors can warm-up or ride 4-H or FFA horses before, during, and after the Horse Show. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to warm-up or ride the 4-H or FFA exhibit horse. NO coaching is allowed from the rail; exhibitors may be disqualified from classes at the judge's discretion.
12. No animals are to be turned loose in the arena.
13. Horses may be worked in the arena during the day, when arena and warm up area are available.
14. Horses must be led to and from the arena. Horses may not be ridden in any areas of the fairgrounds except designated warm-up areas.
15. All horses, ponies, and mules will be in their stall from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
16. One pony, horse, or mule per stall. Exception- mare and foal.
17. NO halters will be left on the horses while they are in their stalls.
18. Artificial hairpieces will be allowed in tails only. Body coloring is allowed if it does not change the natural color pattern of the horse. Hooves may be colored black or natural.
19. Leased Horses:
  - a. Lease papers must be signed and turned into the Extension Office before May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Leased papers must be uploaded in 4-H online if attending the Iowa State Fair.
  - c. Leased horses cannot be shown in Halter/Confirmation classes.
20. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT: Contestants shall always act as young ladies and gentlemen. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail.
21. Courtesy is mandatory. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep horse under control or be excused from ring.

## **Exhibitor Apparel**

1. Exhibitor numbers are to be worn on the exhibitor's back only in halter/showmanship classes. In performance classes, including timed events, exhibitors' numbers are to be worn on both sides of the saddle pad.

2. All 4-H and FFA youth participating in any riding classes must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounted and riding, including warm up. Every Time-Every Ride. No caps, hats, or scarfs will be allowed to be worn under the helmet. The Clarke County Fair make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all unforeseeable injuries.
3. English attire - Hunt Seat: ASTM/SEI approved helmets with fastened chin straps are always required while mounted. Clothing must be clean, neat, and appropriate for hunter classes. Riders must wear coats, boots, and breeches. Clean shirts with stock and pin or ratcatcher and choker preferred. The coat should be any tweed or Melton (conservative wash jackets in season) acceptable for hunting. Breeches should be of traditional shades of buff, gray, rust, beige, or canary (jodhpur included), and high English boots or jodhpur boots should be worn. Spurs of the unrowelled type, gloves, crops, or bats are optional. The 4-H armband or chevron is mandatory, and the armband MUST be worn on the upper left arm.
4. Western attire: Clothing must be neat and clean. Riders shall wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets and boots. A solid white or colored, button or snap front, long-sleeved, collared shirt is required. The following is prohibited: personalized logo, embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo), zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments, bling of any kind, including but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirts must be tucked in. A necktie, kerchief, or bolo tie are permitted, but not required. Sleeveless shirts or blouses, turtleneck sweaters, sweater vests, etc. are not permitted. Pants must be blue jeans, and a belt under the loops is recommended. The 4-H armband or chevron is mandatory, and the armband MUST be worn on the upper left arm. Hair must be neat and securely fastened if long, so as not to cover the rider's number.
5. Shorts are prohibited to be worn by exhibitors while mounted on a horse.
6. Spurs are okay in riding classes only if they are dull and rowls are free moving.
7. Penalties - Exhibitors who violate the dress code will be dropped one ribbon group. In the interest of safety when you are mounted, you must wear a helmet, boots, long pants, and appropriate attire and the horse must be properly tacked. This includes in the warmup arena. Any dispute will result in disqualification from your classes.

### **Times Events**

1. Attire: 4-H/FFA T-Shirts may be worn.
2. An ASTM/SEI approved helmet is MANDATORY. Safety gear is strongly recommended for timed events.
3. Equipment: TIMED EVENTS ONLY! Western-type equipment must be used. The use of a mechanical hackamore, gag bit, or other type of bridle is the exhibitor's choice. Exhibitors may use tie-downs. However, the nosepiece of the hackamore and tie-downs should be leather or a flexible braided rawhide, or a rubber covered wire. Uncovered wires and wire chains will result in disqualifications. Any bleeding on the nose, under the jaw, or in the mouth will disqualify the horse.
4. Ball caps are prohibited.
5. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled, or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means.
6. In timed events, a running start is NOT permitted. 4-H'ers may not start their run until the gate is closed behind them. A horse must cross the starting line within 15 seconds after the starting signal. After entering the arena, the contestant must start straight or no more than one circle can be

performed before starting. Violation of any of these rules will penalize the contestant five seconds for each violation.

7. Horses completing a run must be brought to a full stop in the area between the entry gate and timeline prior to the exhibitor dismounting. Failure to do so with any part of the horse recrossing the timeline between or outside the timeline markers shall result in a broken pattern and “no time” given.
8. Any attempt to right a barrel or pole will result in a 5-second penalty for each one.

### **High Point**

Scoring for High Point:

1. All classes EXCEPT halter, keyhole, time events and riding buck will not count towards High Point.
2. Exhibitors already eligible for Winners Showmanship from previous years will in their current age division will receive 5 points toward High Point.
3. No additional points will be awarded for champion or reserve champion awards.

High Point awards will be designated per class grouping as identified in the class listing.

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	5 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	4 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	2 Points
All Others	1 Point

### *Halter Classes: Do not count toward High Point*

- 01 Miniature Horses-Under 34” (all ages)
- 02 Pony Mares –Under 56” (All ages)
- 03 Pony Geldings –Under 56”
- 04 Light Horse Non-Western Types (All ages)
- 05 Western Type Mares 14.1 & Over (3 years & younger)
- 06 Western Type Mares 14.1 & Over (4 + years)
- 07 Western Type Gelding 14.1 & Over (3 years & younger)
- 08 Western Type Gelding 14.1 & Over (4 + years)
- 09 Mules –Molly and Jack (All ages)

### *Showmanship- See Showmanship General Rules for more information*

- 10 Senior Showmanship
- 11 Intermediate Showmanship
- 12 Junior Showmanship

### *Lunge Line Classes: Does not count toward High Point*

- 13 Lunge line – Junior
- 14 Lunge Line – Intermediate
- 15 Lunge Line – Senior

Bareback Classes

- 16 Bareback Pleasure –Junior
- 17 Bareback Pleasure –Intermediate
- 18 Bareback Pleasure –Senior
- 19 Bareback Equitation –Junior
- 20 Bareback Equitation –Intermediate
- 21 Bareback Equitation –Senior

Cart Classes

- 22 Single Cart (Pony or Horse) –Junior
- 23 Single Cart (Pony or Horse)–Intermediate
- 24 Single Cart (Pony or Horse) –Senior
- 25 Cart Equitation –Junior
- 26 Cart Equitation –Intermediate
- 27 Cart Equitation –Senior

Hitches

- 28 Single Hitch -Junior
- 29 Single Hitch –Intermediate
- 30 Single Hitch -Senior

English Walk/Trot

- 31 English Walk/Trot –Junior
- 32 English Walk/Trot –Intermediate
- 33 English Walk Trot -Senior

Hunter Under Saddle

- 34 Hunter Under Saddle –Junior
- 35 Hunter Under Saddle –Intermediate
- 36 Hunter Under Saddle –Senior

English Equitation

- 37 English Equitation –Junior
- 38 English Equitation –Intermediate
- 39 English Equitation –Senior

Hunter Hack

- 40 Hunter Hack –Junior
- 41 Hunter Hack –Intermediate
- 42 Hunter Hack –Senior

At Hand Jumping

- 43 At Hand Jumping -Junior
- 44 At Hand Jumping –Intermediate
- 45 At Hand Jumping –Senior

Western Walk/Trot

- 46 Western Walk/Trot –Junior
- 47 Western Walk/Trot –Intermediate
- 48 Western Walk/Trot –Senior

Western Pleasure- May only enter one of the following per horse/rider combination

- 49 Pony Pleasure –Junior
- 50 Pony Pleasure –Intermediate
- 51 Pony Pleasure –Senior
- 52 Light Horse Non-Western Type (All ages)
- 53 Ranch Horse Pleasure –Junior
- 54 Ranch Horse Pleasure –Intermediate
- 55 Ranch Horse Pleasure –Senior
- 56 Western Pleasure –Junior
- 57 Western Pleasure –Intermediate
- 58 Western Pleasure –Senior

Western Equitation

- 59 Western Equitation –Junior
- 60 Western Equitation –Intermediate
- 61 Western Equitation –Senior

Reining

- 62 Reining -Junior
- 63 Reining –Intermediate
- 64 Reining –Senior

Trail

- 65 At Hand Trail -Junior
- 66 At Hand Trail –Intermediate
- 67 At Hand Trail –Senior
- 68 Riding Trail –Junior
- 69 Riding Trail –Intermediate
- 70 Riding Trail –Senior

Timed Event Classes

- 71 Junior Barrels
- 72 Intermediate Barrels
- 73 Senior Barrels
- 74 Junior Flags
- 75 Intermediate Flags
- 76 Senior Flags
- 77 Junior Poles
- 78 Intermediate Poles
- 79 Senior Poles
- 80 Keyhole – All Ages
- 81 Riding a Buck – All Ages

# Pets Division

*Superintendent: Josh Oswald, Brian Mateer*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. 4-H exhibitors' pets must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have pets entered in Fair Entry by 11:59 PM, July 1st.
5. Exhibitors may ID 2 pets and only show 1 pet.
6. Cats and dogs must have a current immunization record in your scrapbook. Plus, must be fully immunized including rabies by May 15, of the current year.
7. Dogs and cats must be 6 months old by January 1, of the current year.
8. Dogs must be on leash and collar.
9. Dogs cannot be entered in both Pet and Dog Obedience show.
10. Exhibitors will be responsible for feed, care, and safety of animals.
11. To have a complete project, 4-Hers must make a scrapbook. Divide into two parts:
  - a. Educational articles on feeding care, management, etc., from magazines, newspaper, and other reading materials. Source should be noted neatly beside the article.
  - b. Fun Section can be pictures of own pet, stories, or pictures from magazines, newspaper, etc., bits of humor such as cartoons or jokes--all pertaining to the project.

## *Pet Classes*

- 01 Rodents
- 02 Guinea Pigs & Pet Rabbits
- 03 Cats
- 04 Aquarium Pets
- 05 Dogs (not entered in Dog Division)
- 06 Caged Birds
- 07 Other Pets

## **Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

# Poultry Division

*Superintendent: Paula Hein, De Blackford, Amy Ewing, Kim Hamilton*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. 4-H exhibitors' poultry must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have poultry entered in Fair Entry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. All FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Entries in market class will be judged on health, featuring conformation (breast, back, legs, and thighs), fleshing, and flesh covering.
6. Entries in production poultry classes will be judged on uniformity, maturity, development, and general conformation to breed characteristics.
7. Entries in specialty classes will be judged against the American Poultry Association American Standard of Perfection or respective standards used for that species.
8. Breeder birds cannot be from production entries.
9. Some breeds may be combined depending on number of entries.
10. Exhibitors may have a total of up to 12 entries, in all classes, with no more than 3 entries in any one class.
11. Birds will be judged by class, please refer to the class descriptions. Class changes must be made after the draft showbill is posted. Entries not in the correct class at the start of show will not be eligible to show.
12. Only market classes of poultry will be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction. Poultry NOT going through the sale will be released with all other livestock.
13. All poultry exhibited must have been tested for Pullorum-Typhoid by an authorized tester. Test must be performed and be clean for your animal to show at the Clarke County Fair. Paper for test verification must always be available from the exhibitor throughout the fair.
14. All exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.
15. Definitions:
  - a. Rooster- A Male fowl one year old or older
  - b. Cockerel- A Male fowl less than one year old
  - c. Hen- A Female fowl one year old or older
  - d. Pullet- A Female fowl less than one year old

## **Poultry Classes**

### **600 Standard Breed Chicken Individual**

#### 01 American Class

Breeds: Plymouth Rock, Dominique, Wyandotte, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamina, New Hampshire, Hollands

#### 01 Hen and Pullets

#### 02 Rooster and Cockerel

02 Asiatic Class

Breeds: Brahmas, Cochins, Langshans

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

03 English Class

Breeds include Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

04 Mediterranean Class

Breeds: Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian, Buttercups, Catalanas

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

05 Continental Class

Breeds: Barnevelders, Hamburgs, Campines, Lakevelders, Welsumers, Polish Non-Bearded, Polish Bearded, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, Lafleche, Faverolles

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

06 All Other Standard Breeds Class

Breeds: Modern Games, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas Shamos, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

07 Crossbred Standards

Any cross between two or more standard breeds

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

## **602 Bantam Breed Classes-Individual**

01 Game Bantam Class

Breeds: Modern Games, Old English Games

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

02 Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam Class

Breeds: Ancona, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalans, Delwares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Nexks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

03 Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantum Class

Breeds: Anconas, Belgian Bearded D'Anvers, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

04 All Other Combs Clean Legged Bantam Class

Breeds: Ameraucana, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, Lefleche, Mlayas, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatra, Yokohamas

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

05 Feather Legged Bantum Class

Breeds: Booted, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Brahamas, Cochin, Faverolles, Frizzles, Langhans, Silkies, Sultans

01. Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

06 Crossbred Bantams

Any cross between 2 or more bantam breeds

01 Hen and Pullet

02 Rooster and Cockerel

**Waterfowl Class Individual**

**700 Ducks**

01 Bantum/Ducks

Breeds: Call, East Indie, Mallard

01 Hens

02 Drakes

02 Light Ducks

Breeds: Campbell, Magpie, Runner

01 Hens

02 Drakes

03 Medium Ducks

Breeds: Buff, Cayuga, Crested, Swedish

01 Hens

02 Drakes

04 Heavy Ducks

Breeds: Aylesbury, Appleyard, Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen, Saxony

01 Hens

02 Drakes

## **701 Geese**

### 01 Light Weight Geese

Breed: Canada, Chinese Egyptian, Tufted Roman

01 Hens

02 Ganders

### 02 Medium Weight Geese

Breed American Buff, Pilgrim, Saddleback Pomeranian, Sebastopol, Steinbacher

01 Hens

02 Ganders

### 03 Heavy Weight Geese

Breed African, Embden, Toulouse

01 Hens

02 Gand

## **All Other Fowl**

### **702 Turkey**

Breeds: Beltsville Small White, Black, Bourbon Red, Bronze, Narragansett, Royal Palm, Slate, Spanish, White Holland, Nicolas

01 Young Hen

02 Young Tom

### **703 Pigeon Classes**

#### 01 Fancy

Breeds: Modenas, Pouters, Croppers, Tumblers, Owls, Fantails, Frills, Trumpeters

01 Individual Hen

02 Individual Drake

#### 02 Flyer Birds

Breeds: Rollers, Tumblers, Homers, Skycutters, Highflyers, Carrier

01 Individual Hen

02 Individual Drake

#### 03 Utility

Breeds: King, Mondain, Giant Runts, Carneu, Giant Homers, Texas pioneers

01 Individual Hen

02 Individual Drake

#### 04 Rare

Breeds: Frillback, Damascenes, Figur

01 Individual Female

02 Individual Drake

### **704 Pheasant Classes**

01 Individual Female 02 Individual Male

### **705 Guinea**

01 Individual Female 02 Individual Male

### **706 Peacocks**

01 Individual Female 02 Individual Mal

### **707 Quail**

01 Individual Female 02 Individual Male

## **708 Chukar**

01 Individual Female    02 Individual Male

### **Breeding Pen**

#### **Exhibitors will pick these at Fair**

Breeding pen of chickens consists of 1 male and 1 female of the same breed.

Standard Breed- American

Asiatic

English

Mediterranean

Continental

All other standard breeds

Bantam Breed- Game

Single Comb

Rose Comb

All other combs

Feather leg

Other Breeding Fowl

A breeding pen of waterfowl consists of 1 male and 1 female of the same breed.

All other Fowl breeding pair

Waterfowl breeding pair of ducks.

Waterfowl breeding pair of geese.

### **Commercial Poultry**

01 Broilers two birds per pen same sex under 12lb total weight

02 Roasters two birds per pen same sex over 12lbs total weight

03 Market Duck two birds per pen same sex over 8 weeks of age

04 Market Geese two birds per pen same sex over 12 weeks of age

05 Market Turkey two birds of same sex over 15 weeks of age for hens, and 16 weeks of age for toms

### **Commercial Egg Production**

01 3 Pullet White Eggs at least 16 weeks

02 3 Pullet Brown Eggs at least 16 weeks

03 3 Hens White Eggs 1 year +

04 3 hens Brown Eggs 1 year +New Clas

### **Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

# Rabbit Division

*Superintendent: Paula Hein, Amy Ewing, Matt Brokaw, De Blackford*

## **Rules & Regulations**

1. See general rules and health rules in the front of the book.
2. Three rabbits per class per breed.
3. 4-H exhibitors' rabbits must be identified in 4-H Online by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have rabbits entered in Fair Entry by 11:59 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. All FFA exhibitors must have required paperwork turned into the Clarke County Extension Office by 3:00 PM, July 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed check-in and entry must be listed in 4-H Online or on the livestock verification form (FFA). FFA Rabbits - livestock verification forms are due 3:00PM, July 1<sup>st</sup> to the Clarke County Extension Office.
7. Rabbits shown as breeding stock cannot be shown in the market or pet classes.
8. Rabbits will be shown by breeds divided into the classes below.
9. Limit of 12 rabbit entries per exhibitor entered and brought to the fair. A meat pen of three is one entry.
10. Exhibitors must wear long pants.
11. Individual classes will be by breed and age only. Colors will be combined.
12. All exhibitors must be Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certified by May 15<sup>th</sup> to show.

## Rabbit Classes

### 700: Rabbit Poster

### 701: Fancy Rabbits

- 01 Senior Buck-over 6 months
- 02 Senior Doe-over 6 months
- 03 Junior Buck-under 6 months
- 04 Junior Doe-under 6 months

### 702: Meat Rabbits

- 01 Senior Buck-over 8 months
- 02 Senior Doe-Over 8 months
- 03 Intermediate Buck (6 to 8 months)
- 04 Intermediate Doe (6 to 8 months)
- 05 Junior Buck under 6 months
- 06 Junior Doe under 6 months

703: Breeder Pair

- 01 Fancy Breeder Pair-Sr. Doe Sr. Buck Pick your pair at the County Fair
- 02 Meat Breeder Pair-Sr. Doe Sr. Buck. Pick your pair at the County Fair.

704: Single Fryer Class

- 01 Not over 10 weeks old 3-5#s- Max of 2 fryers

705: Roaster Class

- 01 Roaster Class under 6 months 5-8#s- Max of 2 Roasters

706: Meat Pen

- 01 Meat Pen-not of 10wks 3-5#- 1 per exhibitor, 3 rabbit all same breed and variety  
A meat pen doesn't have to come from same litter. Broken group of meat

**Showmanship**

No preregistration necessary. Showmanship will begin with Senior, Intermediate, Junior, and then Winner's Showmanship. See Showmanship General Rules.

**FUN Rabbit Show**

*Set an example, strive to bring kids to the Rabbit Barn. Have fun while making a new friend and becoming a mentor.*

1. Immediately following 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show.
2. Youth do not have to be in 4-H to participate. Youth must be 5 years of age.
3. Find a 4-H'er or FFA exhibitor that will let you borrow their animal to show.
4. Swine are not placed- participants receive a participation ribbon.
5. Kids show their animal to the best of their ability and answer questions from the judge.
6. Only exhibitors can enter the show ring

# Static Exhibit Building Projects

## *Clarke County Extension*

- Clothing/Communication Event Entry Deadline- 11:59 PM, in Fairentry.
- Clothing/Communication Event- at Clarke County Events Center
- Static Entry Deadline- 11:59 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup> on <http://clarkecountyfair-iowa.fairentry.com>
- Clover Kids do NOT have to enter their static projects online
- Clover Kids do not have to pay an entry fee to enter any Static Exhibit, Communication project or Clothing Entry.
- There is \$1 entry fee per Static Exhibit, Communication project and Clothing Entry.

### Static Exhibit Judging Schedule

<b>9:00 AM– 11:00AM</b>	
<b>10:00AM -11:00 AM</b>	
<b>10:00 AM– 12:00PM</b>	
<b>12:00 PM – 12:30 PM</b>	<b>NO JUDGING – LUNCH BREAK</b>
<b>12:30PM – 1:30PM</b>	
<b>1:30 PM– 2:30 PM</b>	
<b>1:30PM - 2:30 PM</b>	

### Static Judging

All entries in the Exhibit Building will be conference judged. 4-H'ers need to be present to talk with the judge. Conference judging brings 4-H'ers and judges together to evaluate exhibits. It provides an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn from what is discussed in the judging.

What do I do in Conference Judging? Here are some tips:

- Smile,
- Introduce yourself
- Explain what you wanted to learn or your goal
- Describe what you did or the steps you took to complete your project
- Tell what you learned that was new
- Tell about mistakes, errors, or trouble you had with the project
- Remember, the most important part of conference judging is that you feel GOOD about your project.
- Say Thank You!

### Static Exhibit Ribbon Premiums

<b>State Fair- Selected</b>	\$8.00
<b>State Fair- Considered</b>	\$7.00
<b>Honorable Mention/ Purple</b>	\$5.00
<b>Blue</b>	\$4.00
<b>Red</b>	\$2.00
<b>Clover Kids</b>	Participation Ribbon

## **Quilt Block**

10 ½ inch by 10 ½ inch with seam allowance on each side

### Contest Rules:

- This is a special class and the blocks entered will become the property of Clarke County Extension.
- Blocks will be made into a quilt.
- The quilt will be sold to raise money for the 4-H Endowment fund.
- Contestants must register specifically for this class.
- A packet of materials will be given to the registrant to be used for construction of the quilt block.

### Guidelines:

- one block per exhibitor/class.
- Quilt blocks are to be made from packets given to exhibitor. The packet will contain fabrics to be used in the block. **DO NOT ADD FABRICS (Do Not Quilt)**
- Use some of each fabric in the quilt block.
- Exhibitors may use a pattern of their choice or create an original block.
- Judging will consider use of fabric, workmanship, overall appearance and accuracy of 10 ½ unfinished block size.

Take pictures! For your project write ups and record books.

An exhibitor signature in the center of the block exhibitor created **FOLLOWING** the judging of projects at the fair.

This class is not eligible for the State Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

## **BLOSSOM BUCKET**

Participants are asked to fill a sponsored bucket with annuals or perennials (no endangered or threatened species) of their choosing.

### **SPECIAL RULES**

1. All 4-H and Clover Kid entries will be judged during static judging on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Projects will be transported and displayed around the Clarke County Fairgrounds for the remainder of the fair.
2. One entry per exhibitor.
3. Participants must enter the class in FairEntry by 11:59 PM, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
4. Each participant will be supplied with a bucket. You can pick up buckets, starting on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Clarke County Extension Office.
5. Participants may use any live annuals or perennials (no endangered or threatened species) of their choice.
6. All 4-H exhibits will receive ribbons and premium will be awarded.
7. Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon.
8. This class is not eligible for the Iowa State Fair.

## Bucket of Junk

1. Buckets will be handed out on a first come- first serve basis. There is a limited number of buckets, once they are gone no more will be available.
2. All buckets will have similar “junk”.
3. Participants are encouraged to work with an adult to ensure safety when creating their project.
4. The goal is to use 80% the items in your bucket to create a sculpture or lawn art piece, may add up to 5 metal pieces to your art BUT must photograph the additional pieces BEFORE and AFTER being added to your project.
5. You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish in any manor the sculptor desires.
6. Participants will be required to take part in conference judging and to complete a write up with photos.
7. All unused pieces and buckets must be returned to the fair with your completed project. All buckets will be numbered to ensure that they are returned. All buckets will be numbered to ensure that they are returned. Participants not returning buckets will not be allowed to participate the following year.
8. Contestants will be judged on four primary areas of emphasis
  - a. Creativity, artistic merit
  - b. Technical merit (quality of welds)
  - c. Percent of “junk” used from bucket
  - d. Knowledge of project (from judges point of view)
9. All pieces will be put on display at the fair.
10. This class is not eligible for the State Fair.

## 4-H EXHIBITS BUILDING

### 4-H Building Exhibits

### 4-H Communication Event Program

### 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event

Superintendent – Gail Castillo, Ames

#### 4-H BUILDING EXHIBITS

This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. 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.

#### General Exhibit Rules

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's 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.
3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice versa. See also: Iowa State Fair 4-H General Rules & Regulations.
4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
6. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods may be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
7. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
  - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
8. Endangered, threatened, and "special concern" plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
  - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
  - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
  - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)
9. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
10. 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. (See also Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information.)

11. The 4-H member'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. Evaluations are located at [State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels \(https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn\)](https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn).
  12. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly 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?
- NOTE:** Check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual arts, 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes.*
13. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department.
  14. All judges' decisions are final.
  15. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, exhibitor's name, class number, and class name.
  16. No entry fee is required. The exhibit should be selected at a county event. All entries must be made in the name of the county and certified by an Extension staff member.
  17. All exhibits must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 11. Counties will be assigned specific dates and times for exhibit delivery. Exceptions: Exhibitors participating in alternative evaluation/educational learning experiences will enter exhibits as determined for program participation.
  18. All exhibits must remain until Sunday, August 23, and must be checked out with the department superintendents before being removed from the 4-H Exhibits Building. RELEASE TIME: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 **or** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24. Times and dates are subject to change. All persons picking up (one or more) exhibits must adhere to this schedule and assigned county time.

### **Other Exhibit Information**

1. 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
2. The Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc.
3. The Iowa State Fair Management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
4. Counties will be awarded a pro-rata amount of travel money based on participation and distance from Des Moines instead of exhibit premium money. Distance determination will be based on the established zones as determined by the Iowa State Fair.

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letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by: (1) Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or (2) Fax: 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or (3) Email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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## **CLASS DESCRIPTIONS**

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are strongly encouraged to go to [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets) for information on judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

### **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 AND 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:**

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.

**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:**

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.  
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. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
2. 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.
3. 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.
  - Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
4. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.
5. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
6. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
7. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.
8. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.

9. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

**10340 Creative Photography** – A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple photographs. Must include original photograph(s).

**Creative Photography Special Rules:**

1. *Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.*
2. *If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.*
3. *Photograph/Image can be digitally created.*
4. *Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.*
5. *Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
6. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*

**10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display** – An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.

**10540 Digital Storytelling** (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) – 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.

**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 Visual 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>.

### **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**

**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 and Nutrition Special Rules:**

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, 2025, 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 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. 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.

### **Special Exhibition: Thrifty Meal Challenge**

**10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge** – Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) 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
  - a. Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
  - b. 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 the following:
  - a. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
  - b. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
  - c. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
  - d. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
  - e. The completed [Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet](#) attached to the back of the poster.
  - f. 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 member's 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 by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 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, AND TECHNOLOGY (SET)**

**10610 Mechanics** – An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions, or that combines 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 13.**)

**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 Rules:**

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 (like sawtooth hangers) 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.

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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.

~~**REMOVE:** The Professional Photographers of Iowa Gallery Award recognizes up to 20 of the best 4-H photographs. Recipients receive a medallion and certificate.~~

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.

## 4-H COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM

This department is open to youth who are participating in the 4-H Youth Development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

All participants are responsible for reading and complying with the Iowa State Fair Communication Event program rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and specific class rules and regulations.

**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.

### 2026 Communications Schedule

Iowa State Fair dates allocated to Extension and Outreach 4-H Regions for all 4-H Communications.

Counties may enter up to the assigned quota for Educational Presentations (6), Working Exhibits (4), Share-The-Fun (3), and Extemporaneous Speaking (2). No more than two (2) performances from an individual county will be scheduled during a Noon Share-The-Fun show. Limit of two (2) 4-H Poster Communication entries per county.

#### **Regions 1,2,3,6,7**

Thursday, August 13  
Monday, August 17  
Tuesday, August 18  
Saturday, August 22

Monday, August 17 (only 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
in 2026)  
Tuesday, August 18  
Thursday, August 20  
Sunday, August 23 (morning  
only)

#### **Regions 4,5,10,11,12,28,29**

Friday, August 14  
Saturday, August 15  
Wednesday, August 19  
Thursday, August 20

#### **Regions 8,9,15,16,17,18,24**

Sunday, August 16 (afternoon  
only)  
Monday, August 17  
Friday, August 21  
Saturday, August 22

#### **Regions 13,14,21,22,23**

Thursday, August 13  
Friday, August 14  
Tuesday, August 18  
Wednesday, August 19

#### **Regions 19,20,25,26,27**

Saturday, August 15  
Sunday, August 16 (afternoon  
only)  
Thursday, August 20  
Friday, August 21

#### **Extemp. Speaking - open to all**

### **General Communication Event Program Rules and Regulations**

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits 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).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants cannot be involved in another event (communication event, clothing program, livestock show or judging) during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in their communication event. Share-The-Fun participants cannot be involved in another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled show to 15 minutes following the show. **Participation in multiple activities may not always be possible because of schedule conflicts.**
5. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event. (Times subject to change.)
6. All participants are required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event. (Times subject to change.)
  - Educational Presentations: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (August 13-22).
  - Working Exhibits: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. (August 13-22).
  - Share-The-Fun: 20 minutes prior to the show, normally 11:40 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. – although times may vary (August 13-22).
  - Extemporaneous Speaking: 8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17; Tuesday, August 18; Thursday, August 20; 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23.
7. **Only presenters are allowed in the Working Exhibit and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.**
8. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a peer evaluation program.
9. All 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Seals of Merit will be presented to those giving outstanding presentations. Seals of Excellence will be presented to those giving superior presentations. Share-The-Fun participants will receive participation ribbons and a written critique of their performance. Participants are expected to be present for awards given at the close of their event session.
10. 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.
11. 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, including HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>.
12. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred.)
13. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
14. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
15. A \$15.00 fee per entry will be billed to the county. Entries should be selected from a county communication event program.
16. Allocated premiums will be paid to counties based on participation in the 4-H Educational Presentation,

Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking opportunities. There will be no premium allocations for Share-The-Fun.

17. Accommodation requests may be made orally and in person, up to the date of the event. However, the timing and manner of a request potentially reduces the Management's ability to determine a reasonable accommodation. Management requests an [Accommodation Request Form](#) be submitted 30 days prior to the event or activity.

**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.
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.

**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 a 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.

**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.

**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.

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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 every 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 member's 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.

**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.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 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.

## 4-H AWARDBOBE CLOTHING EVENT

### General Overview

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with only one entry per year. Participants may be selected to participate in any one of the four classes, even if they participated in that class in previous years.
2. Each county may send the following number of participants in each class to represent their county, selected from each of the county's events:
  - a. Fashion Revue Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - b. \$20 Challenge Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - c. Clothing Selection Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - d. Innovative Design Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
3. The categories in each class are simply for entry limit purposes. All entries in each class will be judged together.
4. Participants must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9 – 12 the same year as the event).
5. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.
6. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created, and accessories, to the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
7. Participants should submit only the materials requested for each class (report form and photo – for ALL classes - plus a receipt for \$20 challenge). If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
8. Participant report forms must be uploaded by county staff no later than August 6. Participants should abide by county deadlines for submitting paperwork for entry. Report form responses may be in an alternate format or handwritten if preferred by the participant.
9. Requests for class or group time changes will be honored as availability allows through August 6. Requests made after August 6 cannot be accommodated due to our printing deadlines.
10. A \$30 registration fee is required for each participant entry. Counties will be billed following the Iowa State Fair.
11. All participants must participate in all Awardrobe Clothing Event activities at the times scheduled for their

county unless the 4-H member is involved in another Iowa State Fair 4-H activity at the same time with a non-flexible schedule. Pre-approval is required prior to July 31. Participants must attend the runway show to be eligible for awards.

### **Special Criteria Related to Event Participation**

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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**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**

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.

The Iowa State University Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management will recognize one participant who expresses an interest in pursuing an education in textiles and clothing, hospitality management, or event management. The recipient will be awarded a scholarship to the college.

The Iowa State University Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management will provide registration for one participant to Fashion Camp. The recipient will receive a full registration scholarship for the following summer's camp.

The Central Iowa Chapter, American Sewing Guild recognizes two outfits that demonstrate outstanding sewing skills in the Fashion Revue or Innovative Design classes. Recipients will receive a certificate.

The Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Fashion Institute will recognize one participant who expresses an interest in pursuing an education in fashion design, fashion merchandising, or interior design. The recipient will be awarded a scholarship to the college. 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. Participant awards will be selected and provided by DMACC.

The Ann Thy Award recognizes one participant whose garment exemplifies current fashion trends. Recipient will receive a certificate.