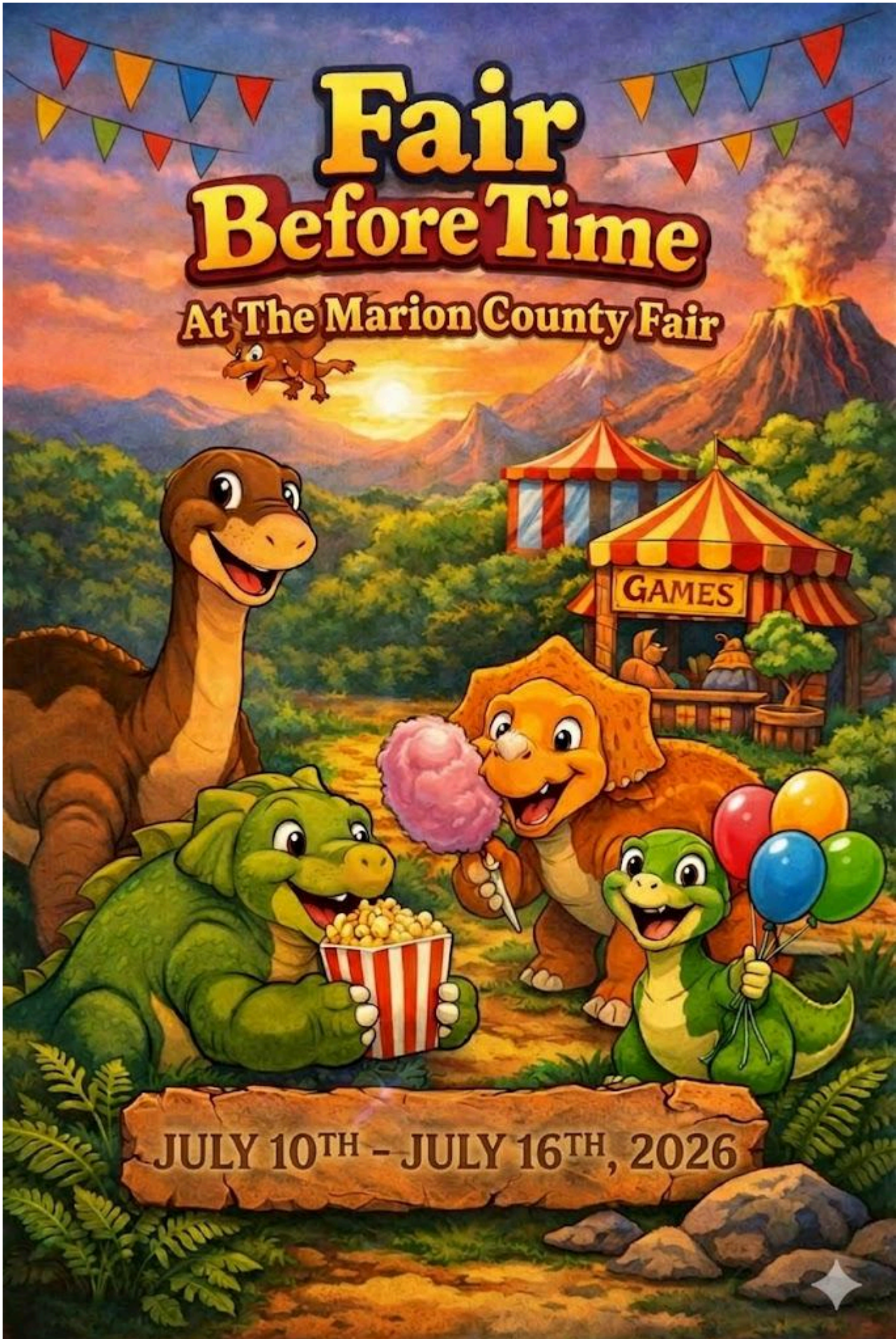


# Fair Before Time

At The Marion County Fair



JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

# Good luck to all 2026 4-H, FFA & Open class participants at the Marion County Fair

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## 2026 Marion County Fair Program

June 16 Mandatory PT Testing- Poultry 5pm-7pm- Extension Office  
June 18 Mandatory PT Testing- Poultry 5pm-7pm- Extension Office  
June 15 ALL ANIMAL ENTRIES DUE on FairEntry by 4:00 PM  
June 20 Fair Queen Crowning, 6 pm, Extension Office  
July 1 Deadline For Open Class Entry Form  
July 6th Communications Day/Clothing Day, County-Extension Off.  
July 6th Cooking Day, Marion County Extension Office  
July 7 All Dyer Hudson ENTRIES DUE on FairEntry by 12:30pm.  
July 09 Dyer-Hudson Judging 9 am-2 pm  
July 09 Open Class Drop off from 2-6:00 pm at East door of Dyer Hudson

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**  
*Today's Sponsor: 3-M*



6:00am-Earliest livestock may arrive at fairgrounds  
8:00am-Check In for Dog Obedience Show  
8:30am-Dog Show  
9:00an-Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Opens  
9:00an-Fruit & Grains, Seeds, Vegetables & Herbs Judging Dept. C & D  
Open Class  
9:30-10:30am Wheels of AG show  
10:00am-Flower Arrangements Judging Group 1 & Children's Dept E  
Open Class  
10:00 Textiles Judging Dept. F Open Class  
11:00 Quilt Judging Dept. F Open Class  
12:00- Bucket of Flowers Silent Auction, Bids Open, Dyer-Hudson  
Noon-6 Knockerball Infaltables  
Noon Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area  
12:45-1:45 Wheels of Ag show  
1:30 Art and Crafts Judging Dept. A Open Class  
2-3-STEAM'N Through the Hour  
2:30 Canned Items Dept. B Open Class  
3-4 Wheels of Ag show  
3:30-6pm Poultry Check in  
2&4 Absolutely Jim  
3 - 6 Open Skate – Skate Pit  
4-5:30 Rabbit check in  
4:30-5:30 Chicken Poop Bingo (By Pit Shack)  
5:30 Horse Check in  
5:30-6 Goats in place and goat check-in and weigh-in  
5:30 All Swine in Place  
**5:30 NO TRAILERS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS**  
5:30 Concert Gates Open  
**7:00 Gabby Barrett with Special guest Logan Crosby**  
8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**  
*Today's Sponsor: Weiler*



6-7 Trailers can unload Livestock  
**7:00 All Livestock Trailers off Grounds**  
7:00 Sheep in Place; Check-in & Weigh-in  
7:00 Beef, Bottle animals and Horses in Place  
7:00 Dairy Animals in Place, check in  
7:00- Beef Check-in & Weigh-in  
9:00-Carve R Way wood carving  
9:00 Meat Goat Show - Show Pavilion  
9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open  
9:30-10:30 Wheels of Ag show  
10:00 Culinary Judging Dept. B Open Class  
11:00 Horse Trail Classes - Horse Arena  
11-12:30 Foam Zone  
Noon-8-Knockerball Inflatables  
12:30 Pitch Tournament  
12:30 Kiwanis Kiddie Tractor Pull – Registration  
12:45-1:45 Wheels of Ag show  
1:00 Kiwanis Kiddie Tractor Pull  
1:00- Poultry Show- Poultry Barn  
1:30 Sweet Corn Eating Contest-Show Pavillion Dan-D Farms  
2 & 4 Absolutely Jim  
2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour  
3-4 Wheels of Ag show  
2:00-3:00 4-H Awards Presentation  
2-8 Toby the Balloon Dude  
3-5 Open Skate  
3:00 Check in Pet & Cat Show, Show Pavilion  
3:30 Pet Show & Cat Show, Pavilion  
4:30-5:30pm Chicken Poop Bingo (By Pit Shack)  
4:30pm Frog Hop Extreme Hopping check in -Show Barn  
4:45pm- Frog Hop Extreme Hopping - Show Barn  
5:30pm-7:30pm- Bingo- Skate Pit  
5-6:30 Foam Zone  
6:45 Sprint Car Races, (4-H Night), Introductions of Fair Queen  
8:00 Camper Judging Contest  
8:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Close

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**  
*Today's Sponsor: Peoples Bank*



6:00 Swine Check-in and Weigh-in  
8:00 Church Service - Columbia Methodist Church – Show Pavilion  
8:00 Horse Show, Horse Arena  
9:00 Clover Kid Pet Show Check-in  
9:00 Carve R Way wood carving  
9:15 Clover Kid Pet Show- Costume Contest to Follow  
9:30-10:30 Wheels of Ag show  
10:00 Clover Kid Bottle Lamb Check-in  
10:15 Clover Kid Bottle Lamb Show - Costume Contest to Follow  
11:00 Open bucket Bottle Lamb Class  
11:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open  
11:00 Skid Steer Rodeo Sign-up – Farm Bureau Tent  
11:00 Knoxville Rural Fire Department Display  
11-12:30 Foam Zone  
11:30-1 Marion County Cattlemen Lunch – Show Pavilion  
Noon-8- Knockerball Inflatables  
12:00 Clover Kid Bottle Calf Check-in  
12-2 Kids Sunday Funday  
    Water games-kiwanis  
    Kids Craft Corner - Optimist Club  
12-6 Toby the Balloon Dude  
12:15 Clover Kid Bottle Calf Show- Costume Contest to Follow  
12:45-1:45 Wheels of Ag show  
1:00 Open Class Bucket Calf Show  
1:00 Farm Bureau Event – Under grandstand  
    - Rootbeer Floats



1:00 Farm Bureau Skid Steer Rodeo Operated by Bandstra Farms  
1:00 Horticulture Judging Dept. E Open Class  
1:00 Baby Contest Registration, Skate Pit  
1:30 Baby Contests, Skate Pit  
    2&4 Absolutely Jim  
2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour  
2-3:30 Barnyard Buddies  
3-4 Wheels of Ag show  
3-6 Open Skate  
4:30-5:30pm Chicken Poop Bingo (By Pit Shack)  
5-6 Bingley Building Program  
5-6:30 Foam Zone  
4-5:30 Little Hands on the Farm  
5:30 Mutton Busting-Infield  
7:00 Duckworth Rodeo – Infield  
8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

**MONDAY, JULY 13**  
*Today's Sponsor: Vermeer*



7:00 Agriland FS Breakfast Feed.  
8:00-Beef Show-Show Pavilion  
8:00am- Iowa Corn Growers Trailer  
9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open  
9:30-10:30 Wheels of Ag show  
10-2 Toby the Balloon Dude  
10:00 Flower Arrangements Judging Group 2 Dept E  
    Open Class  
11-12:30 Foam Zone  
Noon-6 Knockerball Inflatables  
Noon-Beef by Marion County Cattlemen's Asso. in 4-H Concession Stand  
12:00 Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area

12:45-1:45 Wheels of Ag show  
1:00 4-H Bucket Calf Show  
4-H Bucket Lamb & Goat Show Immediately  
    following 4-H Bucket Calf Show  
2&4 Absolutely Jim  
2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-  
2:30 **Notification deadline for.....SELLING MARKET Animal**  
3-4 Wheels of Ag show  
3-6 Open Skate  
4:30-5:30pm Chicken Poop Bingo (By Pit Shack)  
5:00-6:00 Bingley Building Program  
5-6:30 Foam Zone  
7:00 Impact Pro Professional Wrestling- Show Pavilion  
7:00 Horse Show- Games  
8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close

**TUESDAY, JULY 14**  
*Today's Sponsor: Fareway*



7:00 Rabbit Show in Rabbit barn  
8:00 Sheep Show-Show Pavilion  
9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open  
9:30-10:30 Wheels of Ag show  
10-2 Toby the Balloon Dude  
11-12:45 Foam Zone  
Noon-6 Knockerball Inflatables  
12:00 Kids Craft Corner – Tent Area  
12:45-1:45 Wheels of Ag show  
2&4 Absolutely Jim  
2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour  
3-4 Wheels of Ag show  
3:30 Dairy Show Cattle & Goats  
3-6 Open Skate  
4:30pm-5:30pm Chicken Poop Bingo (By Pit Shack)  
5:00-6:00 Bingley Building-Program  
5-6:30 Foam Zone  
5:30 Relay Races Horse Arena (following barnyard Olympics)  
6:30 PLEASANTVILLE FFA DODGEBALL  
5:30 Bucket of Flowers Silent Auction Ends – pick up @ Dyer-Hudson  
7:00 Demo Derby R&R Total Destruction  
7:00-8:00- Barnyard Olympics- Show Pavilion  
8:00 Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Building Close  
9:00-10:30 4-H Social-Skate Pit

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**  
*Today's Sponsor: Marion County Bank*



**MARION COUNTY BANK**

8:00 Swine Show- Show Pavilion  
9:00 Dyer-Hudson Building and Bingley Building Open  
11-12:45 Foam Zone  
Noon-6 Knockerball Inflatables  
1:00 4-H Foundation  
2&4 Absolutely Jim  
1:15 4-H Exhibits released- Dyer-Hudson exhibits must be ..  
    removed for exhibitors to receive premium.  
2:00 Animal Costume Contest  
2-3 STEAM'n Through the Hour-  
2-6 Open Class Exhibits Released  
**Report to East door of Dyer Hudson**  
3-6 Open Skate  
4:00 4-H State Fair Exhibitor Mtg.-Dyer Hudson  
5:00 Car Show  
5:00 Dyer-Hudson Closes  
5-7 Appreciation Dinner –Show Pavilion, Marion County Bankers

Association  
 6:00 4-H Foundation Recognition Events, Show Pavilion  
 Senior Member Recognition  
 4-H Bucket of Junk Auction  
 Parade of Champions/Winners  
 8:00pm- Non selling Livestock Release- Livestock can't leave prior.  
 8:00pm- Trailers allowed on the grounds.

THURSDAY, JULY 17



Today's Sponsor's: Knoxville Regional Livestock Auction  
 &

Steven Van Steenwyk Trucking

7:30 Buyers' Appreciation Breakfast and  
 Registration, Show Pavilion

8:30 Livestock Sale, Show Pavilion

(Market Livestock released following Sale)

All Livestock Exhibits Must be Removed 1 hour after sale ends

Schedule and times subject to change. Check on website for  
 updated information at [www.marioncofair.com](http://www.marioncofair.com) or visit us on  
 Facebook at Marion County Fair.

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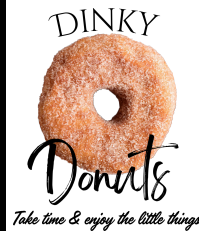
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**OFFICERS**

- President Dustin Demoss
- Vice-President Bob Roush
- Secretary Jim Baker
- Treasurer Brian Bailey
- General Manager Jason Reed

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Term expires: December 2026 – Randy Wilson, Ron Rees, Derek Just, Terry Harvey, Mike Jones, Bob Roush, Andy Shives, and Rick Rankin

Term expires: December 2027- Brian Bailey, Jerry Beyer, Dennis Haselhuhn, Judd Nelson, Dustin DeMoss, Jake Harsin, Rocco Weber, and Josh Link

Term expires: December 2028 - Jim Baker, Kyle Kingery, Kevin DeLong, Bob Rikken, Randy Shives, Kirn Stevenson, Pat Collins, and Jim Bob Darnell

## **FAIR KING/QUEEN COMMITTEE**

Ashley Kearny, Carly Cox, Megan Moore, Michelle Boelling and Nicole Vanderlinden

2025 MARION COUNTY FAIR QUEEN: Abigail Vanderlinden



## **FAIR EVENTS COMMITTEE**

Derek Just, Jim Baker, Andy Shives, Kyle Kingery, Kim Stevenson, Dustin DeMoss, Judd Nelson, Jake Harsin & Holly Shelford

## **OFFICE STAFF**

Jason Reed, Gary Schumacher, David Hays, Laura Shepherd, Jim Uitermarkt, David Herrmann

## **YOUTH AND ADULT OBJECTIVES For the Marion County Fair**

- To provide a showcase for the accomplishments of county youth and adults
- To provide an opportunity for people to share ideas and learn together, gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, and see old friends.

## DEPARTMENTS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

### 4-H & FFA

#### **General Superintendents:**

County Youth Coordinator: Ashtin Wells  
Education Coordinator; Lydia McCombs  
Office Coordinator and Marketing- Bailey Engelke  
4-H Summer Interns: Anna German & Lilly Clark  
FFA Advisors: Carrie Putz, Tiffany Johnston, Chandler Jahner, Jacob Bowers, Jordan Moody, Erin Cook, Justine Brink & Steve Kaisand.

Departments 1-42: Exhibit Building Dyer-Hudson Hall Superintendent- Sharon Thill

#### **Departments 50-68: Livestock Exhibits – Livestock Buildings & Pavilion**

##### **Livestock Department Superintendents:**

Beef -Tracy Tibboel, Trey Schneider, Dustie Wentz, Derek Just and Kim Stevenson  
Bucket/Bottle Calves & Goats – Ty Schneider  
Cats – Amy Vroegh  
Dairy – Tom Smith, Amy Vroegh  
Dog – Chris Smith  
Goats Meat – Zeke Kauzlarich, Levi Collins, Kristen Zipperlen  
Horses – Lora Mattson  
Pets – Amy Vroegh  
Poultry – Dennis Deaver  
Rabbits – Kelly Shives, Janet & Dave Ritchie  
Sheep –Kyle Kingery, Jacob Peterson, Shannon Dykstra and Jack Willemsen  
Swine – Jon Johnson, Josh Schneider, Duane Ver Ploeg

##### **Superintendent Responsibilities:**

- 1) Manage the exhibit check-in process, exhibition, and check-out process for their departments.
- 2) Arrange entries/exhibits to the best advantage of the exhibitors, spectators, and judges.
- 3) Review and interpret the rules and exhibition procedures with the department exhibitors, volunteers, and judge(s) before and/or during the exhibition

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. All vehicles whose purpose it is to advertise in any way whatsoever shall pay the regular concession privilege rate.
2. Each person or firm selling or delivering merchandise on the grounds will be required to make arrangements with the Secretary.
3. 4-H and FFA families wishing to place campers on the fairgrounds during fair week shall register their camper/vehicle at the County Extension office before May 15th .
4. FAIR WEEK EXHIBIT SPACE RENTAL RATES ON GROUNDS: All booths \$100. Excludes food and t-shirt vendors. Vendors wanting to sell t-shirts or food must complete a separate agreement with additional costs.
5. Any exhibitor making false statements in regard to any animals or articles exhibited, or attempting to interfere with judges in the performance of their duties, by any means, shall be excluded from competing or exhibiting on the grounds of the Association.
6. All exhibitors are expected to be cooperative and courteous. Any action to the contrary may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, exhibit, and/or participation in the event.
7. Judges shall not consider any article or animal not properly entered and approved by the superintendent(s).
8. Lack of competition shall not be cause for withholding a premium if animal or article is deemed worthy. The judge's decision is final.

## GROUNDS REGULATIONS

1. The Fairgrounds police will be sworn in as conservators of the law, and it shall be their duty to arrest any persons creating a disturbance or violating any rules of the Association.
2. No concession may be set up until concession fee, light bill and wiring charge have been paid in full to the Secretary.
3. Any privilege or concession obtained under false representation or does not conform with the applicable laws/ordinances will be revoked by management and any/all money paid for the same will be forfeited to the Association.
4. Soliciting for subscriptions for any newspaper or periodical will not be permitted unless from a space rented from the Association.
5. The management reserves the right to exclude from the grounds any person or persons who may seem undesirable or expel from the grounds such person or persons who shall violate any rules. No objectionable features will be tolerated.
6. Absolutely NO ALCOHOL in barns.
7. No golf carts except for fair board members and fair staff only, unless pre-approved by the fair board.
8. During the Fair, with the exception of the dog show, cat show, pet show, and parade of champions; the only animals allowed on grounds are those that align with the ADA's service animal classification for animals specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and are therefore not allowed on grounds during the Fair.
9. Dogs are allowed in the campgrounds.

## USE OF FACILITIES AND TRACK

1. No person, without authority of the Executive Committee, will be allowed to roll, scrape, drag or otherwise manipulate the track or use it when in a condition by which it may be injured.
2. Persons are strictly prohibited from running horses or vehicles of any kind on the track or any other parts of the grounds during the Fair, except by permission of the Association.
3. No intoxicated person or persons shall be allowed on the grounds any person or persons guilty of disorderly conduct shall be immediately expelled.
4. Bill posting privileges are reserved strictly for the Marion County Fair Association, its officers, agents or employees.
5. The Marion County Fair Association is not responsible for injury to any person or person's property having license privilege to exhibit on its fairgrounds or occupy space thereon. The aforesaid association and its officers shall in no manner be responsible therefore.

## OPEN CLASS

**Departments A-F: Exhibit Building in East Dyer Hudson.**

**Superintendent Holly Shelford**

- A) Art, Crafts and Photography
- B) Culinary
- C) Fruit
- D) Grains, Seeds, Vegetables and Herbs
- E) Plants, Flowers and Horticulture
- F) Textiles and Quilts

## OPEN CLASS RULES

1. **All exhibitors must be Marion County residents.** Exhibitors shall carefully consult the fair book and determine what department and which class you wish to enter. Only the official Open Class Entry Form located in the back of this book will be accepted. The Association will not be responsible for incomplete entries.
2. **All entry forms must be entered at the fairground's office on or before July 1, 2026.**
3. Entries must be in place on the grounds at the time designated in the department rules. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
4. All entries entered must be exhibited in the proper class and cannot be entered for a premium in two or more different classes. You may enter 1 item per class so that you do not compete against yourself.
5. All entries must be entered, baked, or grown in the name of the maker and made since July 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year. Culinary

- entries must be made in a home kitchen and not as a means of livelihood.
6. The Association & management will in no case be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibit entries.
  7. Open class entry/entries will be removed from the fairgrounds beginning Wednesday, July 15th between 2:00pm and 6:00pm.
  8. In case of protest of an entry or exhibitor, written notice must be given to the superintendent of the department during the day of judging for the article protested and written name of witness must be filed with the superintendent on the same day. The superintendent has the right to disqualify any entry if it is in question as to when the entry was completed or if it has been shown before.
  9. No judge will be allowed to judge a class in which he/she has articles on exhibition.
  10. Any proposed changes for the following year shall be submitted to the secretary by January 1, 2027.

### **DEPARTMENT A – ARTS, CRAFTS & PHOTOS**

**Best of Show \$10.00 Divisions 1,2,3,7-11**

**Best of Show \$8.00 Divisions 4, 5, 6**

**First-\$5.00 Second-\$3.00 Third-\$2.00**

#### RULES GOVERNING EXHIBIT

1. All entry forms must be entered at the fairground's office on or before July 1, 2026.
2. **Entries must be in place for displaying with attached entry tags on July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) between 2:00pm -6:00pm** and remain until the following Wednesday. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
3. Photographs and drawings must be matted on sturdy mats. No glass or frames.
4. **Judging for Arts and Crafts will take place Friday at 1:30 p.m.** Entries will be judged on excellence and originality. Entries having no competition will not be awarded a first place premium unless judged worthy of one.  
(Note: copyright laws)
5. Amateur exhibitors may not show in the professional class nor professional exhibitors show in the amateur class. A professional exhibitor is one who has received funds for your work.

#### **DIVISION 1 - SCULPTURES**

1. Mold piece – sculptural and functional, any medium
2. Hand built – sculptural and functional, any medium
3. Wooden – sculptural and functional

#### **DIVISION 2 - PAINTING AND DRAWING**

1. Original Oil, Acrylic, Casein, Tempera painting
2. Original Drawing, Pencil, Ink, Scratch Board
3. Mixed Media – Collage, etc.

#### **DIVISION 3 - HIGH SCHOOL**

*9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades*

1. Original Drawing – any medium, must be matted
2. Original Pottery – any medium
3. Original Painting – any medium, matted
4. Collage, any medium, matted if needed
5. Recycled/Repurposed Item – any material
6. Duct Tape Art
7. Models (no Legos)–assembled by participant original or kit. Must be in a clear container with a lid. No bigger than 10” x 10”.
8. Any other than named

#### **DIVISION 4 – MIDDLE SCHOOL**

*6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades*

1. Original Drawing – any medium, must be matted
2. Original Pottery – any medium
3. Original Painting – any medium, matted
4. Craft Kit
5. Recycled/Repurposed item-any material
6. Duct Tape Art
7. Lego/Building Blocks – Original, no kits. Must be in a clear container with a lid. No bigger than 10” x 10”.
8. Any other than named

## **DIVISION 5 – UPPER ELEMENTARY**

*3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades*

1. Original Drawing – any medium, must be matted
2. Original Pottery – any medium
3. Original Sculpture – any medium
4. Original Painting – any medium, matted
5. Craft Kit
6. Perler (plastic) Bead Art
7. Lego/Building Blocks – Original, no kits. Must be in a clear container with a lid. No bigger than 10” by 10”.
8. Any other than named

## **DIVISION 6 – LOWER ELEMENTARY**

*Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades*

1. Original Drawing – any medium, must be matted
2. Original Pottery – any medium
3. Original Sculpture – any medium
4. Original Painting – any medium, matted
5. Craft Kit
6. Perler (plastic) Bead Art
7. Lego/Building Blocks– Original, no kits. Must be in a clear container with a lid. No bigger than 10” x 10”.
8. Any other than named

## **DIVISION 7 – CRAFTS, ORIGINAL**

1. Ornamental item, non-functional
2. Useful functional item
3. Collage, any medium, matted if needed

### **SCRAPBOOKING (Display 1 page only w/protection).**

4. Summer Activity page scrapbooking
5. Fall Activity page scrapbooking
6. Winter Activity page scrapbooking
7. Spring Activity page scrapbooking
8. Any other than named scrapbooking

### **STAMPING, FOILING or DIE CUTS (Display 1) 50% of work must be original**

9. A Birthday Card Stamped
10. Christmas Card Stamped
11. Gift Tag Stamped
12. Any other than named

## **DIVISION 8 – CRAFTS FROM KITS**

1. Ornamental item, non-functional
2. Useful, functional item

## **DIVISION 9 – RECYCLED ITEMS**

1. Ornamental item, non-functional
2. Useful, functional item
3. Metal Materials
4. Wood Materials

## **DIVISION 10 - WOOD OR LEATHER DECORATIONS**

1. Wood ornamental item, functional
2. Wood ornamental item, non-functional
3. Any other than named wood piece
4. Leather ornamental item, functional
5. Leather ornamental item, non-functional
6. Any other than named leather piece

**DIVISION 11 - PROFESSIONAL**  
**Any Marion County resident who**  
**receives payment funds.**  
**First - \$8.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$2.00**

1. Painting, any medium, must be matted
2. Drawing, any medium, matted
3. Pottery or sculpture, any medium

**PHOTOGRAPHY ENTRIES**  
**Best of Show - \$8.00 for Divisions 12 and 13**  
**Best of Show \$10.00 for Divisions 14 and 15**  
**First - \$5.00 Second - \$3.00 Third - \$2.00**

A Marion County Fair entry tag should be securely fastened to the mat on each entry on or near the upper corner. Photographs may be monotone or color and may be processed from negatives, slides, digital means or computer manipulation programs. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally. **The minimum size for a photograph entry is 5' by 7' and may not exceed 11' by 14' including the mat.** Framed photos will not be judged.

**DIVISION 12 – PHOTOGRAPHY ELEMENTARY**  
*Kindergarten - 5th grades*

1. Monotone - People
2. Monotone - Animals
3. Monotone – Nature landscape
4. Monotone – Any Subject
5. Color - People
6. Color – Animals
7. Color – Nature landscape
8. Color - Any Subject

**DIVISION 13 - PHOTOGRAPHY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
*6th -8th grades*

1. Monotone – People
2. Monotone – Animals
3. Monotone – Nature landscape
4. Monotone – Any Subject not named
5. Color - People
6. Color – Animals
7. Color – Nature landscape
8. Color – Any Subject not named

**DIVISION 14 – PHOTOGRAPHY HIGH SCHOOL**  
*9th - 12th grades*

1. Monotone – People
2. Monotone – Animals
3. Monotone – Nature landscape
4. Monotone – Any Subject not named
5. Color - People
6. Color – Animals
7. Color – Nature landscape
8. Color - Any Subject not named

**DIVISION 15 - PHOTOGRAPHY ADULTS**

1. Monotone - People
2. Monotone - Animals
3. Monotone – Nature landscape
4. Monotone - Any subject not named
5. Color - People
6. Color - Animals
7. Color – Nature landscape
8. Color - Any Subject not named
9. Be Creative – Photo is digitally altered or manipulated. Must show a 4'x6' copy of the original picture.

**DEPARTMENT B – CULINARY**  
**Best of Show \$10.00 Divisions 16-27**  
**Best of Show \$8.00 Divisions 28 and 29**  
**First-\$5.00 Second-\$3.00 Third-\$2.00**

**RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS**

1. All entry forms must be entered at the fairground's office on or before July 1, 2026.
2. **Divisions 23-27 canned goods must be brought on Thursday between 2:00pm and 6:00pm**
3. All entries exhibited in mason-type jars must have been canned since July 1st of the previous year and *the lid must be dated when processed and state the processing method used. (Pressure Cooker or Boiling Water Bath)* Tag should be attached to the outer lid. Canned products are to be displayed in a mason-type clear glass canning jar with a sealed lid, showing no rust. Jars may be opened during judging. Use current USDA and /or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation.
4. **Baked entries must be in place by 9:30am Saturday, July 11th for judging** with attached entry tags and remain until the following Wednesday. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
5. Baked entries are to be exhibited on sturdy paper plates/boards and covered with clear plastic, no bags. Do not cover decorated cakes, cupcakes and cookies. Entry tags must be attached to the paper plate or board to be considered for a premium. Pies will be displayed in a pie tin on a paper plate/board with an attached tag.
6. **Judging will take place Saturday at 10:00 am.** Entries having no competition will not be awarded a first place premium unless judged worthy of one. *Please label "Other than Named" entries.*
7. Entries may be removed from the fairgrounds starting Wednesday between 2:00pm –6:00 pm. Entries not removed will be disposed of by the superintendent.
8. Exhibitors may claim three-fourths of all baked items at close of judging on Saturday, except decorated cakes, cupcakes and cookies and any item made with the smaller pans or tins. Please display the remaining item piece on a clean, new paper plate with an attached tag. Canned jars may be opened during judging, you may bring a replacement jar of the same item and exchange it so that the product does not go to waste.

**DIVISION 16 – BREAD AND ROLLS**

(No bread machine bread)

(bread size from a loaf pan at least 3x5 inches or larger and/or display 4 rolls, muffins, etc per plate)

1. White, whole wheat, rye or Sourdough bread or rolls, labeled.
2. Sweet yeast products such as Cinnamon rolls, Sticky buns, Monkey bread, etc, labeled.
3. Specialized yeast products such as Bagels, Pretzels, yeast Donuts, etc, labeled.
4. Any other yeast bread or rolls not named, labeled.
5. Fruit breads (unfrosted, non-yeast), labeled.
6. Harvest/Vegetable breads including pumpkin (unfrosted, non-yeast), labeled.
7. Any other non-yeast bread or rolls not named, labeled.
8. Gluten free yeast bread or rolls, labeled.
9. Gluten free non-yeast bread or muffins, labeled.

**DIVISION 17 – SCRATCH-MADE CAKES**

**Can use non-refrigerated frosting or glaze**

1. Single layer cake, unfrosted (8/9 inch square or round cake pan)
2. Double or more layers cake, frosted (8/9 inch square or round cake pan)
3. Angel food
4. Coffee cake
5. Other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 18 – SCRATCH-MADE MUFFINS**

(Must display 4 to a plate)

1. Fruit muffins, labeled.
2. Harvest/Vegetable including pumpkin muffins, labeled
3. Any other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 19 – DECORATED CAKE, CUPCAKES AND COOKIES**

**(for this division you may use box mixes)**

1. Plate of 4 fancy cookies
2. Plate of 4 fancy cupcakes
3. Decorated large cookie (size 8-12 inches & displayed out of pan)
4. Decorated cake (8/9 inch square or round shape, displayed out of the pan)

**DIVISION 20 – COOKIES & BARS (displayed 4 to a plate)**

1. Chocolate chip cookies
2. Sugar cookies
3. Peanut butter cookies
4. Monster cookies
5. Cookies, any other than named, labeled.
6. Brownies-a chocolate/cocoa base bar, labeled.
7. Fruit Bars, labeled.
8. Bars, any other than named, labeled.
9. Fruit crisp or cobbler, labeled. (Can be displayed in a clear 8/9 inch dish)
10. Gluten free cookies or bars, labeled

**DIVISION 21 – HOMEMADE CANDY (4 pieces to a plate)**

1. Fudge
2. Divinity
3. Mints
4. Candy, any other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 22 – PIES ( no merengue pies)**

**May use a 6 inch mini pie pan or larger**

1. Rhubarb
2. Cherry
3. Apple
4. Pecan
5. Other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 23 – CANNED FRUITS**

1. Apples
2. Applesauce
3. Cherries
4. Peaches
5. Pears
6. Other than named or dried fruit, labeled.

**DIVISION 24 – CANNED VEGETABLES**

1. Beets
2. Carrots
3. Corn
4. Peas
5. String beans
6. Tomatoes, whole or pieces
7. Tomato juice
8. Other than named or dried vegetables, labeled.

**DIVISION 25 – CANNED JAMS, PRESERVES, AND BUTTERS (May be opened)**

1. Apple butter
2. Blackberry
3. Cherry
4. Peach
5. Raspberry, Red or Black
6. Strawberry
7. Other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 26 – CANNED JELLIES (May be opened)**

1. Apple
2. Blackberry
3. Grape
4. Raspberry, Red or Black
5. Other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 27 – SPICED CANNED GOODS,  
PICKLES, CONDIMENTS, MEATS, ETC (May be opened)**

1. Pickled beets
2. Bread and butter pickles
3. Dill pickles
4. Sweet pickles
5. Spaghetti Sauce
6. Salsa
7. Canned meat, labeled.
8. Other than named, labeled.

**DIVISION 28 – PREPARED BY CHILDREN  
*Kindergarten – 5th grades***

1. Cookies, labeled. (4 to a plate)
2. Bars/Brownies, labeled. (4 to a plate)
3. Candy (4 pieces)
4. Decorated Cookies (4 to a plate)
5. Decorated cupcakes (4 to a plate)
6. Batter Mix muffins box or package, labeled. (4 to a plate)

**DIVISION 29 – PREPARED BY STUDENTS  
*6th – 12th grades***

1. Cookies, labeled. (4 to a plate)
2. Bars/Brownies, labeled. (4 to a plate)
3. Candy (4 pieces)
4. Decorated Cookies (4 to a plate)
5. Decorated Cupcakes (4 to a plate)
6. Any other than named, labeled. (4 to a plate)

**DEPARTMENT C – FRUIT  
Best of Show \$10.00 Dept. C  
First-\$4.00 Second-\$3.00 Third-\$2.00**

RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS

1. All entry forms must be entered at the fairground's office on or before July 1, 2026.
2. **Entries must be in place for showing with attached entry tags on July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) between 2:00pm -6:00pm** and remain until the following Wednesday. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
3. **Judging will take place Friday at 9:00 am.** Entries having no competition will not be awarded a first place premium unless judged worthy of one.
4. Entries will be removed from the fairgrounds starting Wednesday between 2:00pm –6:00 pm. Entries not removed will be disposed of by the superintendent.

**DIVISION 30 – Other Fruit**

1. Ten berries of any variety, labeled.
2. Ten cherries any variety, labeled
3. Ten of any other not named, labeled

**DIVISION 31 – APPLES**

1. Five Red Delicious
2. Five Golden Delicious
3. Five Jonathan
4. Five Macintosh
5. Five any other variety, labeled

**DIVISION 32 – PEARS**

1. Five Bartlett
2. Five Seckel
3. Five any other variety, labeled

### **DIVISION 33 – PEACHES**

1. Five Champion
2. Five Hale haven
3. Five any other variety, labeled

### **DIVISION 34 – PLUMS**

1. Eight Damson
2. Eight Lombard
3. Eight any other variety, labeled

### **DIVISION 35 – GRAPES**

1. Three bunches of Concord
2. Three bunches of Niagara
3. Three bunches of any other variety, labeled

### **DIVISION 36 – BEST DISPLAY FRUIT AND VEGETABLES**

1. Best Ornamental display of various Marion County Fruits and vegetables in a basket or container.

### **DEPARTMENT D – GRAINS, SEEDS AND VEGETABLES**

**Best of Show \$10.00 Dept. D**

**First-\$4.00 Second-\$3.00 Third-\$2.00**

#### **RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS**

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2. **Entries must be in place for showing with attached entry tags on July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) between 2:00pm -6:00pm** and remain until the following Wednesday. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
3. **Judging will take place Friday at 9:00 am.** Entries will be judged according to the Iowa Score Card. Entries having no competition will not be awarded a first place premium unless judged worthy of one.
4. Entries will be removed from the fairgrounds starting Wednesday between 2:00pm –6:00 pm. Entries not removed will be disposed of by the superintendent.
5. No samples of grain shown at any Fair in 2025 are eligible, and the judge shall be instructed to disqualify.

### **DIVISION 37 – GRAIN AND SEED**

*(Variety of each sample must be stated on entry tag)*

1. Five ears corn, yellow dent
2. Best single ear, yellow dent
3. Five ears popcorn
4. Five ears Indian corn
5. Tallest Corn Stalk produced this year, cut stalk at ground level.
6. Peck shell corn, yellow dent
7. Peck oats
8. Peck soybeans

#### **All bundles to be three inches at band and CURED**

9. Bundle red clover hay
10. Bundle alfalfa hay
11. Bundle brome hay
12. Bundle reed canary grass
13. Bundle timothy grass
14. Bundle orchard grass
15. Bundle sweet yellow clover
16. Bundle legumes, label with name

### **DIVISION 38 – VEGETABLES, ROOT CROPS**

**Potatoes should be dry brushed not washed.**

1. Three specimens Kennebec
2. Three specimens Early Norland

3. Three specimens Early Cobblers
4. Three specimens Pontiac
5. Two specimens of Sweet Potato
6. Three specimens of any other potato, labeled.
7. Five radishes, tied and dry brushed
8. Five green onions, leave long tops

**Onions lightly peeled, not washed, roots clipped and tops cut one inch from the bulb.**

9. Three red onions
10. Three white onions
11. Three yellow onions
12. Three beets, dry brushed and tops cut one inch from the bulb
13. Three turnips, dry brushed
14. Three carrots, dry brushed and keep root

#### **DIVISION 39 – TABLE VEGETABLES**

1. One head red or white cabbage
2. Largest head of cabbage
3. Leaf lettuce (1 plant in water)
4. Three red variety tomatoes, remove stems
5. Three yellow variety tomatoes, removed stems
6. Three tomatoes any other variety, labeled, remove stems
7. Ten Cherry, Pear or Grape tomatoes, remove stems
8. Three stalks of rhubarb, tied. Must be pulled, not cut, leave 1 inch at top.
9. Two slicing cucumbers
10. Five pickling cucumbers
11. Two squash, any variety, labeled
12. Two Bell Peppers
13. Three ears sweet corn (with husks)
14. Six snap string beans, edible stage, on a plate.
15. Three hot peppers (any variety), labeled
16. Three banana peppers, labeled
17. Six peas, unshelled pods
18. Three table vegetables other than named, labeled

#### **DIVISION 40 – FRESH HERBS**

**Herb bulbs** such as garlic, etc. Must be lightly peeled, roots clipped & tops cut one inch from the bulb **Herbs grown for leaves** such as basil, oregano, mint etc. should be exhibited with stems in a container of water. **Herbs grown for seeds** such as dill, caraway, fennel, cumin, etc. should be loosely tied together & exhibited on a paper plate.

1. Three garlic or any other bulb herb on paper plate
2. Three stems of leaf herbs such as basil, oregano or any other leaf herb in a container of water, labeled.
3. Three stems of seed herbs such as dill, fennel or any other seed herb loosely tied on a paper plated, labeled.

#### **DIVISION 41 – BEES AND HONEY**

1. Cake comb honey
2. Jar extracted honey
3. Decorated beehive box

### **DEPARTMENT E – PLANTS, FLOWERS, AND HORTICULTURE**

#### **RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS**

1. All entry forms must be entered at the fairground's office on or before July 1, 2026
2. **Container grown plants, categories 35-40, must be brought on Thursday between 2:00pm-6:00pm.** All plants should be labeled with a variety name. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
3. **Floral arrangements must be in place by 9:45 am on the morning of the day they are to be judged.** No potted plants in floral arranging, use fresh cut flowers and/or foliage unless stated differently.
4. **Horticulture specimens must be in place by noon on Sunday, the day they are judged.** All horticulture specimens should be labeled with a variety name.

5. All horticulture specimens must be grown by exhibitors and clear containers of any type must be used to display the individual specimens. Specimens must fit to the containers. Please add rocks or clear marbles to stabilize your container.
6. Some foliage should be left on stems. No leaves under water and prune damaged leaves.
7. **Judging for floral arrangements will be Friday July 10 at 10:00am and Monday July 13 at 10:00am.**  
**Judging for horticulture will be Sunday July 12 at 1:00pm.**
8. Entries will be removed from the fairgrounds starting Wednesday between 2:00pm –6:00 pm. Entries not removed will be disposed of by the superintendent.

#### **DIVISION 42 – HORTICULTURE SPECIMEN CLASSES**

**To be judged Sunday, 1:00 p.m.**

**Best of Show \$10.00**

**First - \$3.00 Second - \$2.00 Third - \$1.00**

**Categories Container grown Plants 35-40**

**First - \$4.00 Second - \$3.00 Third - \$2.00**

*Category: Annuals, label variety if available*

1. Zinnia, Large (1 bloom, over 2")
2. Zinnia, Small-flowered (3 blooms, 2" or smaller)
3. Marigold, Medium-flowered (2 blooms, under 3")
4. Marigold, Small-Flowered (3 blooms, 1" or smaller)
5. Petunia, Single (1 spray)
6. Petunia, Double (1 spray)
7. Celosia, Plumed (1 stem)
8. Celosia, Crested (1 stem)
9. Gladioli, Any color (1 spike)
10. Snapdragon, Any color (1 spike)
11. Dahlia, Small-Flowered (1 bloom, under 6")
12. Cosmos, Any color (1 spray)
13. Salvia, Any color (1 stem)
14. Coleus, Any color (1 stem)
15. Sunflower, Any color (1 stem)
16. Cleome, Any color (1 stem)
17. Impatiens, Any color (1 stem)
18. Any other annual specimen, labeled

*Category: Perennials, label variety if available*

19. Rose, Hybrid Tea, any color (1 spray or bloom)
20. Rose, Floribunda, any color (1 spray or bloom)
21. Rose, Miniature, any color (1 spray)
22. Hemerocallis (daylily Pony bloom (between 3" and 6", 1 scape)
23. Hemerocallis (daylily Miniature bloom (under 3", 1 scape)
24. Oriental lilies such as Star Gazers, any color usually of white, yellows or pinks (1 stalk)
25. Asiatic lilies, any color usually of white, yellow, peach, orange, pinks or reds (1 stalk)
26. Tiger lilies any color usually of golden yellow, orange or reds (1 stalk)

*Hosta Leaves-Leaf sizes are in square inches. (Leaf length x leaf width)*

27. Hosta, 3 medium leaves, same variety (30 to less than 64 square inches)
28. Hosta 3 small leaves, same variety (6 to less than 30 square inches)
29. Hosta 3 miniature leaves, same variety (less than 6 square inches)
30. Phlox, Any color (1 stem)
31. Coneflower (1 stem)
32. Rudbeckia (1 stem)
33. Hibiscus (1 bloom)
34. Any other perennial specimen, labeled

*Category: Container-Grown Plants (Indoor or Outdoor)*

**These plants must be potted and are brought in on Thursday between 2:00-6:00pm.**

35. Vines (any variety)
36. Ferns (any variety)
37. Cactus (any variety)
38. Any other blooming plant, labeled

39. Any other non-bloom plant (foliage), labeled
40. Container gardens – open container featuring a variety of plants, flowers, cacti or succulents that blend together.

**DIVISION 43 – ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS, PLANTS AND FLOWERS, Group 1**

**To be judged Friday, 10:00 a.m.**

**Best of Show - \$10.00**

**First - \$5.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$3.00**

1. Fair theme: A Fair Before Time (Dinosaurs)-your interpretation
2. A Past to the Future- a monochromatic color (tone on tone) design creating an ultra modern look
3. T. Rex Tall- creating a vertical design
4. Volcano Eruption- using flower colors or yellow, orange and red

**DIVISION 44 – CHILDREN FLORALS**

**To be judged Friday at 10:00 a.m.**

*For children ages 5-15*

**Best of Show - \$8.00**

**First - \$5.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$3.00**

1. Celebrate 250th, Happy Birthday America!- based on a birthday theme using flowers of red, white and blue
2. Children's potted flowers in 2-5 gallon size container decorated to fair theme A FAIR BEFORE TIME (dinosaurs)

**DIVISION 45 – ARTISTIC ARRANGEMENTS, PLANTS AND FLOWERS, Group 2**

**To be judged Monday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Best of Show - \$10.00**

**First- \$5.00 Second - \$4.00 Third - \$3.00**

1. Celebrate 250th, Happy Birthday America!- based on a birthday theme using flowers of red, white and blue
2. Left in the Past- must use dried flowers and materials such as driftwood, sticks, rocks, etc
3. Dino-Mite- must use a light up feature in floral arrangement
4. Minimalist- a design using no more than 2 stems/branches with a simple vase/container

**DEPARTMENT F – TEXTILES**

**Best of Show \$10.00 Divisions 46-51, 53 & 54**

**Best of Show \$10.00 Division 52**

**Best of Show \$8.00 Divisions 55 & 56**

**First-\$5.00 Second-\$3.00 Third-\$2.00**

RULES GOVERNING EXHIBITS

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2. **Entries must be in place for showing with attached entry tags on July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) between 2:00pm -6:00pm** and remain until the following Wednesday. Use the East door of Dyer Hudson.
3. All entries must have been made by the exhibitor and completed after July 1 of the previous year with the exception in Division 52.
4. **Judging for Textiles will be Friday at 10:00am.** All textiles are judged by the following score: (a) General Appearance 30% (b) Workmanship 50% (c) Application of decoration of material 20%.  
Entries having no competition will not be awarded a first place premium unless judged worthy of one.  
**Judging for Quilts will be Friday at 11:00am.**

**DIVISION 46 – APPLIQUE**

1. Pillowcase (pair)
2. Other than the named item.

**DIVISION 47 – CROCHET**

1. Centerpiece/Runner/Doily/Tablecloth
2. Fashion accessories (hat, purse, scarf, etc.)
3. Pillowcase (pair)
4. Baby blanket
5. Any other baby item
6. Other than named item

## **DIVISION 48 – CROSS STITCH OR EMBROIDERY**

1. Pillowcase (pair)
2. Tea Towels (2)
3. Counted Cross Stitch
4. Other than named item

## **DIVISION 49 – KNITTING**

1. Any baby item knitted
2. Mittens or gloves (pair)
3. Slipper/Socks
4. Hat or scarf
5. Other than named knitted item

## **DIVISION 50 – OTHER HANDWORK**

1. Dolls/stuffed animals
2. Decorated T-shirt or sweatshirt
3. Jewelry/Hair Accessory
4. Plastic canvas article
5. Other than the named items.

## **DIVISION 51 – RUGS**

1. Braided
2. Other than the named rug.

## **DIVISION 52 – QUILTS**

**On entry tag please state the total inches of the quilt and attach tag with safety pin in upper left corner**

1. Appliqué, hand or machine quilted by one or more persons, any size.
2. Any quilt by one person, 200” perimeter or larger.
3. Any quilt by more than one person, 200” perimeter or larger.
4. Any quilt by one person 200” perimeter or smaller.
5. Any quilt by more than one person 200” perimeter or smaller.
6. Miniature quilt, maximum size 100” perimeter or smaller.
7. Any novelty quilt such as denim, t-shirts, panels, photo, memory or hand dyed fabric by one or more persons, any size.
8. Any multiple techniques quilt such as wool, embroidery work, etc, by one or more persons, any size. 9. Other quilted items such as table runner, purse, clothing, etc. By one person

## **DIVISION 53 – AFGHANS**

1. Crocheted
2. Afghan stitch-crocheted
3. Other than named

## **DIVISION 54 – SEWING ADULTS**

1. Any child’s clothing article
2. Any pajama article
3. Any adult clothing article
4. Curtains, tablecloth or runners, etc.
5. Other sewn article not named

## **DIVISION 55 – WORK OF TEENS**

***6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade***

1. Any clothing or pajama article sewn
2. Stuffed toy, pillow or blanket sewn
3. Other sewn article not named
4. Crocheted article
5. Knitted article
6. Crewel, embroidered, cross stitch or needlepoint
7. Plastic canvas article
8. Any non-sewn handwork

**DIVISION 56 – WORK OF CHILDREN**

*Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade*

1. Any clothing or pajama article sewn
2. Stuffed toy, pillow or blanket sewn
3. Other sewn article not named
4. Crocheted article
5. Knitted article
6. Crewel, embroidered, cross stitch or needlepoint
7. Plastic canvas article
8. Any non-sewn handwork

# Exhibit Building

# Dyer Hudson Hall

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### DYER-HUDSON BUILDING EXHIBIT RULES

- 1) Exhibitors are limited to members enrolled in Marion County 4-H by May 15 who have completed grades 4-12 or that equivalent. Grade always refers to last grade completed unless otherwise stated. A member becomes ineligible to exhibit upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. Members must be: a) grades 4-6 to be in the Junior Section b) grades 7-8 to be in the Intermediate Section c) grades 9-12 to be in the Senior Section.
- 2) 4-H members who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4<sup>th</sup> grade members.
- 3) FFA members are open to bring any project category. FFA projects are not eligible for advancement to the state fair through 4-H.
- 4) 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.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Dyer-Hudson judging will take place on Thursday of fair week, from 9 am to Noon and 1-2:00 pm. Absolutely no exhibits will be accepted, entered, or judged before or after the scheduled time.
- 8) Members should plan to spend some time waiting for judge(s). Members will be evaluated by different judges for the various subject matter areas, or if the exhibitor has three or fewer exhibits, may have all exhibits judged by an express-line judge. Fourth graders will have the option of going to the fourth-grade judge and may be judged on up to six items at a time, then will go to the back of the line if they have additional items.
  - a) Members will first take all exhibits to the check-in table (to be sure that entry tags are attached, and the entry form is complete).
  - b) After judging has been completed, members will go to the ribbon table for exhibit ribbons, and then will transfer all exhibits to the proper location in the building.
  - c) The 4-H Exhibit Entry Form is the only copy of the ribbon placings. If this form is lost, premiums will not be paid.
  - d) Cash premiums will be paid at **release time**. Premium money for any exhibits not checked out with authorization to be removed from Dyer-Hudson at official release time will be forfeited.
- 9) Any member who takes an exhibit from the fairgrounds or its display area, prior to release time will be ineligible to exhibit in that Department the following year.
- 10) Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, members are encouraged to use project guides, manuals, and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part, or all learning involved in the respective project or program. The county Extension office has more information on exhibiting.
- 11) Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright, safety, and approved methods may be disqualified and not be put on public display.
- 12) 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.
13. 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. Rubrics are located at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets).
- 14) Each exhibitor is required to complete a 4-H Exhibit Record for each exhibit**, questions are listed below, or a form is available at the Extension Office. Members using video or cassette tapes as a part of their county fair exhibits

should make arrangements with the Extension Office ahead of time to have equipment available or may bring their own equipment. Exhibitors should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:

a) **What did you plan to learn or do?**

b) **What steps did you take to learn or do this?**

c) **What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?**

d) **What would you like to do in this project area next year?**

e) **If your exhibit is a Visual Art, Home Improvement, or Clothing exhibit the following needs to be completed: Please identify the design elements/art principles used in the exhibit and how they are used. Check the Marion County Fairbook for requirements.**

f) **Copyright logos, designs, or trademark materials should not be used for exhibits on public display at a fair or other setting without written permission. If written permission has been obtained for an exhibit, it should be submitted with the exhibit. See fairbook page 4H-6, rule #18**

g) **General Financial Summary**

• **Example of Exhibit Record on page 4-H - 39**

NOTE: Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, home improvement, 4-H poster communication, food and nutrition, photography, and visual arts classes.

- 15) The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish the goal(s) determined by the member or group during the current 4-H year.
- 16) Exhibits may be prepared by an individual member, team of members, or it may be the result of a group effort.
- 17) There is a limit of six (6) exhibits per class unless otherwise noted in department rules.
- 18) A completed Marion County Fair entry tag should be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location.
- 19) Marion County Extension will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
- 20) 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 smaller requirements.)
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12" in depth.
- 21) 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
- 22) Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
- 23) 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.)
- 24) 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. Rubrics are located at State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels (<https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn>).
- 25) 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, and 4-H poster communication and personal development classes.

26) 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.

27) **All judges' decisions are final.**

28) Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including name of the county, exhibitors name, class number and class name.

29) 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.

**30) Exhibits which do not comply with guidelines will not be accepted for entry, evaluation, or display at the Marion County Fair.**

31) Low-cost exhibits of high quality will be given special recognition.

32) STATE FAIR: All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair General Rules for the exhibit to be eligible for Iowa State Fair exhibition. Exhibits which do not comply with size guidelines, copyright, and safety procedures will not be accepted for entry, evaluation, or display at the Iowa State Fair.

33) Exhibits will be awarded premiums of blue, red, and white ribbon quality. Premiums, unless otherwise stated, will be as follows: Blue, \$5.00; Red, \$3.00; White, \$2.00.

34) All exhibits must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building by 3:00p.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

35) 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 exhibiting premium money. Distance determination will be based on the established zones as determined by the Iowa State Fair.

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## **Dyer-Hudson Departments & Classes**

### **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.

#### Department 1 – ANIMALS

##### **Class 10101 – 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 & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

##### **Class 20101 - HORSELESS HORSE PROJECTS**

- Breed Poster
- Horse First-Aid Kit
- Safety Poster
- Horse Barn Design

##### **Class 10102 - VETERINARY SCIENCE**

An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy.

#### Department 2 – AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

##### **Class 10210 - CROP PRODUCTION AND PLANT SCIENCE**

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.

##### **Class 10220 -CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, stewardship, conservation, entomology, fish and wildlife, or forestry. Includes collections.

##### **Class 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 (ex: honey) or equipment as part of the display.

##### **Class- 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, and 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.

##### **Class 10230 - HORTICULTURE AND PLANT SCIENCE**

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruits, 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 at the State Fair.)

Vegetables should be prepared and displayed according to 4-H 462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit".

#### **Class 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.

#### **Class 10240 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES**

An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

#### **Class 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 allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

#### **Class 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.

#### **Class 10260 - OTHER AGRICULTURAL 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.

#### **Class 551A - VEGETABLE CONTAINER DISPLAY**

Must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. For this class, herbs will count as vegetable crops. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than four items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, four tomatoes would constitute one vegetable, e.g. one large red slicing tomato, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato, and one processing tomato. The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container. The vegetables should be prepared for exhibit as instructed in 4H-462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit".

Any decorative basket, box, or other decorative container, not larger than one-half bushel in size, can be used. The exhibit will be judged 75% for cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement. For the educational benefit of the public, a file card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.

#### **Class 551B - FIRST YEAR EXHIBITOR'S CLASS**

Plate of mixed vegetables exhibited by a 4-H member who has never participated in the Marion County Fair 4-H Horticulture Show before. Plate is to consist of one tomato, one onion, one pepper, and two other vegetables of the exhibitor's choice.

#### **Class 551C - HERB COLLECTION**

Collection of 4 different herb species (three sprigs each) to be displayed in four separate bottles of water. Specimens should include 3 stems of adequate length to reach the water level. Each herb species should be properly labeled.

#### **Class 551D - JUMBO OR MOST UNUSUAL**

Vegetables (one specimen) 0

**Class 551E**

Item Constructed from garden produce.

**Class 551F - SCARECROW CLASS**

Be creative

**Class 551G - BUCKET OF FLOWERS**

A 5-gallon bucket with flowers that have been grown by the exhibitor with a **card listing the variety of flowers, and light requirements** (sun or shade). This will be judged by the horticulture judge. After judging, all buckets will be placed outside Dyer-Hudson and Bingley Bldg. to enhance the appearance during the fair. Buckets will be sold with proceeds going to County Council activities.

**State Fair Horticulture** - Entries must be made with the County Extension Office by July 1. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

**Horticulture Special Rules:**

Members are limited to six exhibits in this department. A member may exhibit no more than three (3) vegetable exhibits and no more than three (3) flower exhibits. In addition to plants, posters, folders, and displays are also appropriate exhibits. Each entry must show variety name. Omitting the variety name may cause lowering of placing.

## Department 5 – CRAFT-KITS, &amp; PATTERNS

(Not eligible for State Fair)

**Class 201A** - Limited to 3 exhibits per member

Articles made from kits or pre-formed molds will be accepted in this class. Exhibits made from patterns in general fit into this class. Some traditional patterns, such as quilt patterns, where design decisions are evident will fit into the Visual Arts class for Original Art.

## Department 6 - CREATIVE ARTS

**Class 10310 - MUSIC**

An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

**Class 10320 - PHOTOGRAPHY**

An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to 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.
- 2) Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. 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.
- 3) 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" thick.
- 4) 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.
- 5) A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Slides should be numbered. *Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.*

- 6) Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
- 7) The subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
- 8) Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
- 9) There is a limit of five (5) individual photos per member and a limit of three (3) series of photos; this includes photos entered electronically in class 10303.
- 10) Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
- 11) Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

### **Class 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 a foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
4. Exhibits 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.

### **Class 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..

### **Class 10540- Digital Storytelling**

(entries will be entered through APersonal Development Class 10540)- An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to products of a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation or detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained by a 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 an 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 members 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, white ware) 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'er 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 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 <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm>

## Department 7 - FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

### **Class 10410 - CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

An exhibit that shows learning about children. Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the item(s) in the exhibit. Exhibit examples include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, safety and health, etc.

**Class 10420 - CLOTHING AND FASHION – Constructed/Sewn Garments & 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.

### **Class 10422 - CLOTHING AND FASHION – Purchased Garments & Accessories**

Purchased garments or accessories 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.

### **Class 10424 – CLOTHING AND FASHION – Other Ideas/ Educational Exhibits**

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to 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.*

### **Class 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.

### **Class 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 & service, safety practices, or food preservation. See 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 meal planning and service must include a menu.

#### **Food & 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.

### **Class 10450 - HEALTH**

An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.

### **Class 10460 - HOME IMPROVEMENT**

An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items.

#### **Home Improvement Special Rule**

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s)/designer(s)/artist(s).

### **Class 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 pillowcase, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, or other items. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

### **Class 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.

### **Class 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 & Consumer Science class listed.

### **Special Exhibition - Thrifty Meal Challenge**

### **Class 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 enter 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 Grain
  - A) Recommended portion 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 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>.

## **Department 8 – PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Class 10510 – CITIZENSHIP and Civic Engagement**

An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

### **Class 10520 – COMMUNICATION**

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and 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.

### **Class 10530 - COMMUNICATIONS POSTER**

**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 American's 250th 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

### **Class 10540 - DIGITAL STORYTELLING**

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/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

### **Class 10550 – LEADERSHIP**

An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

### **Class 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?

## Department 9 – Science, Engineering & Technology

### **Class 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 the structural and mechanical technologies.

### **Class 10612 – AUTOMOTIVE**

Repaired or restored vehicle . **(Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only, tentatively Thursday, August 13.)**

### **Class 10613 Automotive Educational Display**

An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems

### **Class 10614 – ELECTRIC**

Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources safety, etc.

### **Class 10615 – SMALL ENGINE**

Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-carts, etc.

### **Class 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.

### **Class 10618 – WELDING**

Constructed item or educational display that shows skill or learning about welding.

### **Class 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.

### **Class 10603 – SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & 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 & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

**10632 Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

**10634 Robotics** - Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

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

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (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.

The ISU College of Health and Human Sciences recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that fall within the college's majors. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the college.

The ISU Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering recognizes outstanding and innovative exhibits that demonstrate excellent industrial engineering principles. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and scholarship to the department.

The Iowa Questers Preservation and Restoration Special Recognition recognizes three 4-H members for their exhibits showcasing the preservation and restoration of a family heirloom or of an item of historical significance. The member must explain the working steps done, research done on the item regarding its history, and what they intend to do with the item; all this information should be included in their write-up. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and a gold, silver, or bronze medal, along with a monetary donation made in their name to a museum or historical society of their choice.

The International Harvester (IH) Collector's Club Chapter 5 recognizes 4-H members who restore International Harvester tractors, farm equipment, stationary engines, Cub Cadet tractors, and/or utilize IH branded items in their exhibit. 4-H members must apply, with final selection of awards determined by the IH Collector's Club Chapter 5. Recipients receive a monetary award, certificate, and one- year membership to the club.

The 4-H Innovation Award, presented by Praxidyn, recognizes one 4-H member for their innovation, engineering, learning, and perseverance. The recipient will receive a certificate and scholarship from Doug and Kathy

Applegate.

The Iowa Tree Farm Committee recognizes outstanding exhibits showcasing forestry in Iowa. Recipients will be awarded a gift card.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship recognizes outstanding exhibits showcasing conservation practices in Iowa. Recipients will be awarded a certificate.

### **Department 3 – CLOTHING EVENT**

**The following Clothing classes will be judged at Clothing Day on Monday, July 6 2026:**

\*Each member is allowed to exhibit 2 garments per class for Clothing Day.

#### **General Overview**

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with 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 one (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 one (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.

#### **Class 12100 - FASHION REVUE .**

- 1) The purpose of this category 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
- 7) Premiums: Purple \$20.00, Blue Ribbons \$10.00, all other entries \$5.00.

### **Class 12200 - CLOTHING SELECTION**

- 1) The purpose of this category 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.
- 6) Premiums: Purple \$15.00; Blue, \$5.00; Participation, \$3.00

### **Class 12300 - \$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, **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 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 and pants 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.
- 10) Premiums: Purple-\$15.00; Blue, \$5.00; Participation \$3.00.

### **Class 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.
- 6) Premiums: Purple \$15.00; Blue, \$5.00; Participation, \$3.00

### **Special Recognition- State Fair**

All Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will receive a participation ribbon presented at the public fashion show held at the Iowa State Fair.

The top five (5) entries in each class (Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, Innovative Design) will receive an award plaque.

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

#### Department 4 – COMMUNICATIONS EVENT

**The following classes will be judged at Communications Day on Monday, Jul 6, 2026**

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.

County premiums: Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Extemporaneous Speaking Premiums:  
 1) Individual - Blue \$8.00, Red \$5.00 2) Team -Blue \$12.00, Red \$8.00 Share-The-Fun 1) Individual & Team - \$8.00

#### 2026 Communication 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) Communications Posters per county.

<p><b>Regions 1,2,3,6,7</b>                      Thursday, August 13                      Monday, August 17                      Tuesday, August 18                      Saturday, August 22</p>	<p><b>Regions 4,5,10,11,12,28,29</b>                      Friday, August 14                      Saturday, August 15                      Wednesday, August 19                      Thursday, August 20</p>	<p><b>Regions 8,9,15,16,17,18,24</b>                      Sunday, August 16 (afternoon only)                      Monday, August 17                      Friday, August 21                      Saturday, August 22</p>
<p><b>Regions 13,14,21,22,23</b>                      Thursday, August 13                      Friday, August 14                      Tuesday, August 18                      Wednesday, August 19</p>	<p><b>Regions 19,20,25,26,27</b>                      Saturday, August 15                      Sunday, August 16 (afternoon only)                      Thursday, August 20                      Friday, August 21</p>	<p><b>Extemp. Speaking - open to all</b>                      Monday, August 17 (only 12th grade in 2026)                      Tuesday, August 18                      Thursday, August 20                      Sunday, August 23 (morning only)</p>

#### General Communication Event Program Rules And Regulations

1. 4-H'ers 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'ers. 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'er(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s) or learning in their projects 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 programs, 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 are 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. Sunday, August 23

6. Only presenters are allowed in the Working Exhibit and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.

7. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a "peer evaluation program".

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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>

11. 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)

12. 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.

13. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

14. A \$15.00 fee per entry will be billed to the county. Entries should be selected from a county communication event program.

15. Allocated premiums will be paid to counties for distribution based on the participation in the 4-H Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking opportunities. There will be no premium allocations for Share-The-Fun.

16. 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.

### **Class 11100 - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

**Purpose:** Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers 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 from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

### **Class 11200 - WORKING EXHIBIT**

**Purpose:** 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.

### **Class 11300 - SHARE-THE-FUN**

Provides 4-H'ers an opportunity to share their skills and talents and to have fun.

1. Eligibility: 4-H'ers 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 will be 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.

### **Class 11400 - EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST**

**Purpose:** 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'ers - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
- 2) Each county may enter a maximum of two entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
- 3) Program format:
  - a. Thirty minutes before the program, 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 materials 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 time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
  - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by, 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 judges' critique/conference is included

**For State Fair** (Fair dates August 7th-17th, 2025)

- 1) Participants must have completed 5th grade.
- 2) Participants cannot be involved in another event such as Clothing Program, Livestock Show, or Livestock Judging during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in the 4-H Communications programs. Marion County participants in the State Fair 4-H Communication event will be scheduled by date availability.
- 3) All participants are required to attend an orientation session at the beginning of the half day they are scheduled to give their Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, Share-the-Fun act, or Extemporaneous Speech.
- 4) Working Exhibits given at State Fair by Juniors (grades 5-6) will be scheduled for 25 minutes-Those given by Intermediates and Seniors (grades 7-12) will be scheduled for 45 minutes.
- 5) Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms.
- 6) All 4-H participants in Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits will be given Certificates of Recognition. Seals of Merit will be presented to those giving outstanding presentations. Seals of Excellence will be presented to those giving superior presentations. Participation ribbons will be given to all Share-The-Fun participants.
- 7) 4-H'ers giving Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Extemporaneous Speech will receive an Iowa State Fair 4-H T-shirt that they are encouraged to wear while presenting. However, if clothing contributes to the topic being presented, such as wearing a bee-keeper's outfit while doing a presentation on raising bees, this is acceptable and appropriate.

### 4-H Exhibit Record

Name: Ann Stolley Class #: Dept. 6, Class 10304  
Club: X Project: Decorated Frame  
Grade Completed: 5 Years in Project Area: 2  
Junior

**What did you plan to learn or do?**

*I wanted to make a picture frame that let me use some old buttons and beads that I had. I also wanted a frame that matched my favorite picture of my dog.*

**What steps did you take to learn or do this?**

*I found a flat picture frame that I could glue buttons and beads to with white glue because I don't like to use a hot glue gun. I picked beads and buttons that matched the background behind my dog. I put enough beads and button on the frame to cover the entire frame. Then I put some ribbons on the frame on the corners to make it look finished.*

**What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?** *I learned to work slowly because I kept knocking off the buttons and beads when tried to go fast. I learned that not all of the beads and buttons look good together so I needed to carefully pick the ones that looked good together.*

**What would you like to do in this project area next year?**

*I want to make a painting of flowers or trees.*

**If your exhibit is a Visual Arts, Home Improvement, or Clothing exhibit, it is highly recommended that you complete the following. Please identify the design elements and/or art principles used in the exhibit and how they are used.** *The design element that I used was color. I wanted to make sure that the colors that I picked to use on my frame matched, but I didn't want them all to be the same color either. The design principle that I used was proportion. There were some buttons that I really wanted to use, but I couldn't because it would not make the project proportionate. One side would be more important than the other sides.*

Copyright logos, designs, or trademark materials should not be used for exhibits on public display at a fair or other setting without written permission. If written permission has been obtained for an exhibit, it should be submitted with the exhibit. Provide proof of permission and list the sources you used for your project (books, magazines, people, projects you have seen in a store, craft shop, etc.) See fairbook page 4H-6, rule #18.  
*Not applicable.*

General Financial Summary

*Beads and buttons - \$3.25*

*Frame - \$2.50*

*Glue - \$2.00*

*Ribbon - \$1.50*

*Total - \$9.2*

# 4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK

## **General Superintendents:**

Ashtin Wells, County Youth Coordinator; Lydia McCombs, Extension Education Coordinator; Bailey Engelke, Office Administrator & Media Coordinator. Anna German & Lilly Clark 4-H & Youth Intern; Carrie Putz, Tiffany Johnston, Chandler Jahner, Erin Cook Jordan Moody, Jacob Bowers, and Steve Kaisand & Justine Brink FFA Advisors; Sharon Thill, Dyer-Hudson Building Superintendent.

## **Marion County Extension Council:**

Cindi Dale, Jim Petersen, Jared Thill, Dustie Wentz, Denise Holmgren, Shannon Dykstra, Sherry Sneller, Merrie Putz, Debra Kearney

## **4-H Committee:**

Geneva Harrison, Tracey Hall, Amy Vroegh, Terri Frank, Tiffani Weldon, TJ Frank, Patti Vander Hart, Tom Smith, Nicolle Smith

## **4-H Foundation:**

Ty Schneider, Lauren Petersen, Shannon Dykstra, Martha Reed, Wendy Chiabotta, Mindy Hartman, Geneva Harrison, Amy Vroegh, Teresa Stittsworth.

## **County Council:**

Sophia Deheer, Bale Prachar, Riley Reid, Grant DeMoss, Naomi Bacon, Payton Kearney, Abbie Keitges, Adela McNeely, Lyndon Norton, Abi Vander Linden, Elisha Bacon, Gideon McNeely, Nattaley Johnson, Natalie Irving, Caleb Reid, Austin Bishop, Cutter Smith, Trenton Womack, Alex Ver Ploeg and Lila Cox

## **Show/Department Superintendents:**

Beef –Tracy Tibboel, Trey Schneider, Dustie Wentz, Derek Just, Kirn Stevenson

Bucket/Bottle Calves – Ty Schneider

Bucket/Bottle Goats & Sheep – Ty Schneider

Cats/Pets – Amy Vroegh  
Dairy - Tom Smith, Amy Vroegh  
Dog –Chris Smith  
Goats, Meat –Zeke Kauzlarich, Levi Collins, Kristin Zipperlen  
Horses –Lora Mattson  
Poultry Dennis Deaver  
Rabbits –Kelly Shives, Janet & Dave Ritchie  
Sheep –Kyle Kingery, Jacob Petersen, Shannon Dykstra, Jack Willemssen  
Swine –Josh Schneider, Duane Ver Ploeg, Jon Johnson

**Official Fair Veterinarian:**

Animal Health Center of Knoxville - 641-828-2101  
Clint Hodson- 641-569-3394

**2026 Judges**

Beef – Judd Swanton  
Bucket Calf/Lamb –  
Dairy – Kari Nichols  
Dog –  
Meat Goats – Craig Mittag  
Horse – Heather Angle  
Pets/Cats – Tri-County Vet  
Poultry – Helena Hays  
Rabbit – Eric Mixdorf  
Sheep – Bryan Williams  
Swine – Andy Planter

**ACCOMODATING YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Youth with special needs may require help in order to be fully included in the variety of programs available. Individuals who need modifications should contact the Marion County Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the fair. A plan will be developed to meet the needs of the individual.

**GENERAL RULES**

- 1. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and understanding fair department rules before making entries.**
2. Exhibitors should wear appropriate dress while in the show ring. This consists of an official 4-H/FFA T-shirt, dark blue jeans, and protective footwear (no sandals or sneakers). Horse and Dairy Show attire is listed with those departments.
3. All exhibitors are expected to be cooperative, courteous, and good 4-H representatives, both in the ring and in the barns. They are also expected to treat their animals in a humane manner. Any action to the contrary may result in the disqualification of the exhibitor, exhibit, prizes, premiums, and/or participation in the event.
- 4. All livestock exhibit entries must be made through FairEntry by 11:59 p.m. June 15th.**
5. Any situation relative to 4-H Club and FFA exhibits not covered in the rules or in case of conflict or misunderstanding, final authority for interpretation rests with a board made up of a member of the Fair Committee, member of the County Extension Council, one FFA advisor, one County Extension staff member, and a superintendent of the division in which the dispute arises.
6. All Marion County 4-H and FFA members who have completed grades 4-12 are eligible to exhibit providing member cared for project a majority of the time. A member becomes ineligible to exhibit upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation or equivalent. **Any time “grade” is stated in connection with a class, it means “last grade completed”.**
7. The following statement is taken from a Statement on Relationship between Iowa State University Extension Service and Iowa Public School Vocation Agriculture Program August 28, 1968, and will apply to Marion County: “Eligible youth may be members of either or both the 4-H and FFA. Separate projects shall be planned and conducted by the members of each group. The persons supervising the work are encouraged to plan projects and programs that will

supplement each other in the broad development of the individual.”

Livestock may NOT be identified as both a 4-H project and an FFA project.

8. In case of sickness, an exhibitor may select a Marion County 4-H/FFA member of eligible age to show his/her exhibit. **Substitution must be approved by the superintendent.** Same applies to exhibitors called into the armed forces.
9. All showmanship exhibitors must show their own animals.
10. During the Fair, with the exception of the dog show, cat show, pet show, and parade of champions; the only animals allowed on grounds are those that align with the ADA's service animal classification for animals specifically trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Animals whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA and are therefore not allowed on grounds during the Fair. Dogs are allowed in the campgrounds.
11. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects, color, or conformation in exhibiting animals such as lifting or filling under the skin (no false tail heads), adding hair or twine, and artificial filling/drenching will be considered as fraudulent deception. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Marion County Fair. The decision of the official fair veterinarian is final.
12. Exhibitors wishing to withdraw any animal on account of sickness must have approval of fair vet
8. Any animal taken from its pen/stall before the scheduled release time during fair week without receiving specific permission from the superintendent(s) beforehand.. WILL RECEIVE NO PREMIUM AND THE EXHIBITOR WILL BE INELIGIBLE TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING YEAR
9. All exhibitors shall review fair program schedules for arrival, check-in and release times.
10. Any flagrant abuse of over-entries can cause forfeiting of right to show.
11. In cases where there are few entries within a class, livestock judges reserve the right to make placings in accordance with the merit of the animal or animals concerned.
12. Numbers will be issued to each exhibitor. **Number is to be worn by exhibitor** for ease of identification and uniform appearance.
13. Any concerns or complaints over a project to be exhibited should be addressed to the Marion County Extension Office by June 30.
14. Sawdust bedding is provided by the Fair Committee to all barns. Used bedding must be disposed of in designated containers prior to leaving the grounds.
15. All fans must have protective screens and safe wiring and NOT be free-standing.
16. All animal unloading in the East/West facing barns must happen on the west. No vehicle access on the east side of barn
17. All livestock trailers must be removed from the Fairgrounds once unloaded and moved to Old Pamida
18. All Tents must have two sides open at all times.
19. NO generators can be used around the Poultry/Rabbit Barn.
20. You can set up 8PM day before your show day on the north side of the goat barn but must tear down by 8pm after the show is completed.

## LIVESTOCK SALE

1. All eligible market livestock (meat goats, swine, beef, and sheep) must be signed up in Extension Office BY 2:30 P.M. Monday of Fair Week. The sale will be posted and families will have 24 hours to make changes if needed. After the 24 hours, there will be no changes made. If you are not on the sale list, you will NOT sell. All exhibitors are responsible for their animals' care before, during, and after the Livestock Sale until safely loaded on the buyer's truck.
2. Only market beef animals gaining at least 2 lbs./day are eligible for the sale.
3. All swine not going to slaughter are subject to rule #6 of Health Requirements.
4. Please be helpful and cooperate with your Department Superintendents, Sale Officials, and Livestock Buyers. Sale officials may post additional requirements. As a seller of livestock, you should be prepared to bring your animals promptly to the Sale Ring, present them for auction, and return them to their pen/stall or other location designated by the superintendents.
5. All non-sale pigs MUST be removed from the barn on Wednesday evening a 8:00pm
6. **Sale order for 2026 is Poultry, Rabbit, Goats, Beef, Swine, Sheep**

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO LAST YEAR'S LIVESTOCK BUYERS:

ABS Sanitation, Bank Iowa, Barry and Becky Fisher, Brent Hanna, Clark Boer Goats/ Rosemary, Community First Credit Union, Core Farms, Cory Moore, Crooked Road Feed, Cutting Edge Painting, D D Farms, Deyarman Automotive, Ernst Farm Supply, Fair Board, Fareway- Knoxville, Fareway- Pella, Griffin Family Farms, Harrington Trucking, Hoch

Development, Hy-Vee- Knoxville, Hy-Vee- Pella, Jason Reed, Jay Hoch, John and Martha Reed, Josh Schneider, Knoxville Farm and Home, Knoxville Hospital, Knoxville Regional Livestock, Knoxville Today, Lambirth Towing, Landry Kingery, Leighton Locker, LLC, Marion County Bank, Mary Hanna, Metcalf Gunnick Farms, Metz Machining, Midtown Tire, Moore Showstock, Noftsgar Farms, Ozinga Feeds, Piersbacher Funeral Home, Raceway Tire, Ring-O-Matic, Richard Willer, Russell Livestock, Ryan Lundy, S&S Quarry, Smith Farms & Livestock LLC, Smith Fertilizer and Grain, Spire Sports, Sutter Family Farms, Tim & Julie Johnson, TM Feeds, Trevor & Rose Clark, Tri-County Vet, Triple T Farms, Ulrich Motors, Van Wall Equipment, Vander Linden Kennels, Vander Linden Livestock, Vanderlinden Services, Veenstra Cattle Co, Vetter Equipment, Vita Ferm, Wiechman Pig Co.

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

See additional rules in department rules

- 1. ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.**
- No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA FAIR, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
- Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
- Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.
- 5. Swine:** All Swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All Swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US Shield are official identification tags.
- Swine originating outside of Iowa- All Exhibitors must present a test record and certificate of vet veterinary inspection that indicates that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.
- Swine exhibition requirements. "Swine exhibition" means an exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.
- Swine exhibition report required. The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.
- 9. SHEEP AND GOATS** - All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.
- 10. POULTRY AND BIRDS** - All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized test. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B) **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from PullorumTyphoid testing requirements.**
- However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot high solid partition.
- 12. DOGS AND CATS** - All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

13. **FARM DEER** - "Cervidae" means all animals belonging to the cervidae family, and "CWD susceptible cervidae" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk and moose. Native Iowa Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification. 14. All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

A. CWD susceptible cervidae: "All Cervidae on this certificate originate from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year."

15. THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

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

## 2026 BEEF BREED CLASSIFICATION FOR IJBBA SANCTIONED SHOWS

To show in a particular breed the entry must conform to the rules established by their Iowa Breed Association. If concerns arise, the Beef Breed Classification for the IJBBA Sanctioned Shows will be referenced: <https://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>  
\*\*\*Superintendents will determine the animal's breed status. Registration papers must accompany the animal through check-in. Only original copies of registration papers will be accepted.

### BEEF

#### DEPARTMENT 50-54

Show will begin at 8:00 AM Monday

#### Beef Show Order

##### 1. Cow-Calf

- 2-Year-Old Cows
- Mature Cows
- Prospect Calf

##### 2. Breeding Heifers

- Angus Shorthorn
- Charolais Shorthorn Plus
- Chianina Simmental
- Hereford Foundation Simmental
- Mini Hereford Other Breeds
- Maine-Anjou Commercial
- Bred & Owned

- **Market Heifers**

- Divided into classes by weight

##### 3. Market Steers

- Angus
- Charolais
- Chianina
- Simmental
- Other Breeds Hereford
- Crossbred Lightweight Maine-Anjou
- Crossbred Mediumweight Shorthorn
- Crossbred Heavyweight Shorthorn Plus

## 5. Beef Showmanship (fitting optional)

- o Senior (grades 9-12)
- o Intermediate (grades 7-8)
- o Junior (grades 4-6)
- o 1st Year Showmanship

### General Beef Rules

1. Free standing fans will not be allowed in barn. Hanging fans will only be allowed when attached to the tie rails or to supports attached to the tie rails. No fans will be allowed to blow from behind an animal regardless of attachment or location. All fans will blow on the non-show side of the animal (Left Side).
2. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects, color, or conformation in exhibiting animals such as lifting or filling under the skin (no false tail heads), adding hair or twine, and artificial filling/drenching will be considered as fraudulent deception. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Marion County Fair. The decision of the official fair veterinarian, is final.
3. All Cattle must be removed from Tie outs by 8am on sale day (Thursday).
4. **Only those with an average daily gain of at least 2.0 pounds or weighing at least 1000 lbs will be allowed to sell in the livestock auction.**
5. All market beef must have been born January 1-December 31, last calendar year.
6. County-Raised Market champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from those animals in the grand champion market class
7. If you are not at the show arena and ready to go in by 3<sup>rd</sup> call, you will miss your class. There will be no more holding the show.
8. Bedding will be spread out in tie-outs. Families can choose to bring in more bedding after tie out spots are assigned.

### Beef Showmanship

- All showmanship participants are eligible to compete for the trophies within their groups – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Showmanship, Junior (Gr. 4-6), Intermediate (Gr. 7-8), and Senior (Gr. 9-12).
- Showmanship exhibitors compete on a voluntary basis and no selection process is followed; fitting of the calf is optional. Exhibitors may win each age group of showmanship only once

## Department 50 - Breeding Beef

### Cow-Calf Rules

1. Exhibitors will display the calf birth date and the exhibitor number while showing.
2. Classes may be divided into British breed or Exotic breed and shown as two-year-old cows or as mature cows (3 years old and older). Age is based on a calendar year.
3. A minimum of four cow-calf entries are needed to divide classes.
4. **To be eligible for the prospect calf class, the calf must have been born after January 1 of the current year.**
5. Cow-calf pairs are not eligible for Overall Breeding Heifer award.
6. Cow-calf pairs will be allowed a 10x10 fenced area in the tie-out area. Pen to be provided by exhibitor.

### Breeding Heifer Rules

1. All exhibitors will check-in at the scales in the Cattle Barn (see Fair Program Schedule for time) to verify birth date and tattoos and have pedigree papers in hand. Exhibitors must be available with papers in hand to be eligible to show.
2. All Breeding Heifers (including Commercial/ Crossbred heifers) must have a legible tattoo.
3. Exhibitors will display the heifer birth date and the exhibitor number while showing.
4. Crossbred heifers will show in a Commercial Class. All heifers must be identified by a legible tattoo and birthday corresponding to the Livestock Identification Form, and be born during the preceding calendar year, inclusive. Any animal unable to meet the above requirements will show in crossbred class.
5. All purebred heifers must be registered, and all breed requirements will follow the IJBBA classifications. Registration papers must be in the 4-H's name OR show a logical family relationship. Any animal unable to meet the above requirements will show in crossbred class.
6. Breeding heifer entries must be born after September 1<sup>st</sup> of two calendar years prior to current year and by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the last calendar year.
7. All heifers will be judged from the standpoint of breed characteristics: type, quality, and conformation with future usefulness as a breeding cow consideration.
8. There will be a limit of 3 heifers per exhibitor.
9. Superintendents have the discretion to combine or divide heifer classes.
10. Three registered heifers of a recognized IJBBA breed are required to add a class.

## 11. Bred & Owned Division

- a. At check in exhibitors must designate the animal for eligibility and all registration papers must be present to superintendent to be checked for appropriate documentation that states the animal was bred by and currently owned by the Exhibitor.
- b. After completion of each breed champion the selection of a champion and reserve champion bred and owned for each breed will be named based on highest placing in each class for that breed.

12. Breeding beef will have to have a second form of ID. This can be a calfhood vaccination number or an official 4-H ear tag if the animal is not registered.

### Breeding Beef Classes

**\*\*All classes will be further divided by Superintendents\*\***  
Commercial will be split by weight and must weigh in at fair

Class 101 – **2-YEAR-OLD COW/CALF**

Class 102 – **MATURE COW/CALF**

Class 103 – **PROSPECT CALF**

Class 111 – **PUREBRED ANGUS**

Class 112 – **PUREBRED CHAROLAIS**

Class 113 – **PUREBRED CHIANINA**

Class 114 – **PUREBRED HEREFORD**

Class 115 – **PUREBRED MINIATURE HEREFORD**

Class 116 – **PUREBRED MAINE-ANJOU**

Class 117 – **PUREBRED SHORTHORN**

Class 118 – **SHORTHORN PLUS**

Class 119 – **PUREBRED SIMMENTAL**

Class 120 – **FOUNDATION SIMMENTAL**

Class 121 – **OTHER BREEDS**

Class 122 – **COMMERCIAL (Crossbred)**

Class 123- **Bred & Owned**

### Department 54 – Market Beef Market Beef Rules

1. Exhibitors will display the average daily gain and the exhibitor number while showing.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to a **maximum of three market beef animals (steers and/or heifers)**.
3. Three steers of any recognized breed are required to add a class. Refer to the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Council Guidelines for specific breed requirements.
4. First and second place winners in each individual market class are eligible to compete for Breed Champions and Reserve Breed Champions.
5. All calves will be placed on individual merit, from market standpoint, taking into consideration weight for age, conformation, quality, finish, and breed type.
6. All calves must be stalled in the barn or place designated by the Superintendent.
7. Market Steers shall be shown by weight and not by age.

8. All Market Heifer breeds and crossbreds will be shown together.
9. Market heifers are ineligible to show as Breeding Heifers.
10. All crossbred calves will show in a Crossbred class. There will be a Lightweight, a Mediumweight, and a Heavyweight division.
11. Market Steer classes will be designated by Superintendents for benefit of exhibitors.
13. All registered steers must have legible tattoos. Steers without legible tattoos will show in a crossbred class. Registration papers must be in the 4-H'ers name OR show a logical family relationship. Member must have papers in hand at check-in.
- 14. Grand Champion and Res. Champion Market Heifers will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef.**
15. The top five animals will be recognized in the grand champion market class.

#### Market Heifer Classes

Class 202 – **All Breeds & Crossbreds**

#### Market Steer Classes

**\*\*All classes will be further divided by Superintendents\*\***

Class 102 - **CHAROLAIS**

Class 103 - **CHIANINA**

Class 104 - **HEREFORD**

Class 105 - **MAINE-ANJOU**

Class 106 - **SHORTHORN**

Class 107 - **SHORTHORN PLUS**

Class 108 - **SIMMENTAL**

Class 109 - **ALL OTHER BREEDS**

Class 110 - **CROSSBRED**

#### Beef Premiums & Awards

**Breeding & Market Class Premiums:** First - \$22.50; Second, \$21.00; Third, \$19.50; Fourth \$18.00; Fifth, \$16.50; Sixth, \$15.00; Seventh, \$13.50; All others worthy, \$12.00

**Rate-of-Gain Premium** paid on top 10 rate-of-gain market beef animals

**Bucket Calf Premiums:** Blue \$7.50, Red \$6.00, White \$4.50

#### DOGS

##### DEPARTMENT 56

Check-in will begin at 8 AM

Show will begin at 8:30 AM

#### Dog Show Order

- **Agility**
- **Obedience**
- **Rally**
- **Showmanship**

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. See General Rules and Health Requirements section of the fair book.

2. Any breed of dog may be shown.
3. Exhibitors must be a 3<sup>rd</sup> year trainer before they can train a second dog.
4. All dogs must have a rabies certificate turned in to dog project leader at the first practice. It is recommended that the dog also have a distemper immunization, either temporary or permanent.
5. All dogs must be on a leash unless being directed by youth and leaders during workouts and stay out of livestock barns.
6. Dogs must be a minimum age of 6 months as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
7. Dogs showing aggressive behavior will be evaluated at the superintendents' discretion in an effort to ensure a safe environment for all dogs, members and volunteers.
8. Must wear closed toed shoes at practice and show day.
9. Females in season cannot be shown
10. Dog Exhibitors are responsible for clearing up after their dog while on the fairgrounds.
  12. Dogs are to return home after the show.
  13. Dogs and handlers who score 85% in a class must move to the next class the following year.
  14. Superintendents have final call on class placements.
  15. Youth must care for, train and handle the dog.
  16. Must attend at least 2 classes at the Fairgrounds(April-July) to be eligible to show at the Fair.

## **DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

### ***Intro Class – Class 100***

1<sup>st</sup> year exhibitor with 1<sup>st</sup> year dog only. Dog must not have earned any obedience title.

Heel & Figure 8 on leash, 40 points; Sit for Exam on leash, 40 points; Recall (no finish) on leash, 40 points; Long Sit, 40 points; Long Down, 40 points.

### ***Beginner Novice A – Class 101***

1<sup>st</sup> 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

### ***Beginner Novice B – Class 102***

2<sup>nd</sup> year exhibitor/2<sup>nd</sup> year dog or either exhibitor or dog with previous training experience, but 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### ***Preferred Novice B- Class 104***

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

### ***Novice B - Class 106***

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

### ***Graduate Novice A – Class 107***

Heel free and figure 8 off leash 40 pts

Moving Drop on recall 40 pts, Moving stand on recall 30 pts, Recall over Broad Jump 30 pts, Recall over High Jump 30 pts, Stay get your leash (sit or down) 30 pts

### ***Open – Class 109***

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**  
***Pre-Novice Agility – Class 201:*** For dogs and exhibitors 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

***Novice Agility – Class 202:*** For exhibitors in their second year or greater and dogs who are in their first to third year of training. Dogs will follow a course on or off leash. If the dog is on leash, a 5-point deduction will be assessed immediately. If dog is off leash, a 1-point deduction will be assessed each time the leash is touched. Time standard will be based on 1 minute 30 seconds and penalties will be assessed for any time over. This class is open to

exhibitors in Beginner Novice B

**Open Agility – Class 203:** For exhibitors in their second year or greater and 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 Rules and Classes**

1. The exhibitor is limited to one entry per class in this division, except Rally Advanced, where two entries are allowed.
2. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score.
3. A dog who has received any Rally Novice title in any sanctioned show such as AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club), etc., must compete in Rally Intermediate or Rally Advanced.
4. AKC guidelines and rally signs will be used as judging guidelines for these rally classes. State fair courses will not be released until the day of the show. Exhibitors are to know the signs in their appropriate class level prior to entering the class.
5. Exhibitors will walk the course without their dog prior to showing. The judge will be available at walk-throughs to answer any questions.

**Rally Novice A-** For dogs which have not previously competed in any rally class & are in their first year of rally training, All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10- 15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class.

**Rally Novice B -** For dogs which have competed in any rally class & are in their 2nd or 3rd year of rally training. Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class. Novice A course will be used.

**Rally Intermediate -** For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 3rd year of rally training or more, or for a dog who has earned any Rally Novice title (AKC, UKC, etc ). Exhibitor/dog combinations are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level stations. There are no jumps in this class. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Intermediate level signs will be used for this class.

**Rally Advanced -** For dogs which have competed in a rally class with 4 or more years in rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Intermediate title (AKC, UKC, etc.). There is no limit on the number of years an exhibitor/ dog combination can compete in this class. All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have a minimum of three advanced level stations plus one required jump. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands, or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Advanced level signs will be used for this class.

**SHOWMANSHIP/HANDLING CLASSES -** Grade the exhibitor just completed. Scoring is based on handling ability, grooming of dog, appearance of handler and oral questions.

**Junior Dog Handling – Class 001 –** Grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

**Intermediate Dog Handling – Class 002 –** Grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

**Senior Dog Handling – Class 003 –** Grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

### **Dog Premiums & Awards**

**Premiums:** Blue \$7.50, Red \$6.00, and White \$4.50

### **MEAT GOATS**

## DEPARTMENT 57

Meat Goat Show will begin at 9:00a.m. Sunday

### Meat Goat Show Order

- **Meat Goats (Breeding Doe, Market Goat)**
- **Showmanship (Jr, Intermediate, Senior)**

#### Goat Showmanship

**\*there will be separate showmanship classes for meat and dairy goats**

- Exhibitors competing in showmanship must show their own projects.
- Previous winners of goat showmanship awards are not eligible to compete again in their age groups.
- Goat Showmanship will be divided into 3 age groups:
  - o Senior – Completed Grades 9-12
  - o Intermediate - Completed Grades 7-8
  - o Junior – Completed Grades 4-6

\*Dairy Goats will have a Master Showmanship Class

### Department 57 – Meat Goat

1. Must be checked in (see schedule) to be eligible to show. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents.
2. Each exhibitor may show up to and no more than 3 market kids. Each exhibitor can show a total of 6 animals in the entire goat show.
3. SUBSTITUTIONS - Exhibitor shall not substitute an animal without cause and approval of the Superintendent.
4. For class 201, males over 5 months must be neutered.
5. ALL MARKET GOATS must be uniformly clipped to 3/8 inch or less prior to arriving at the fair. 6. Market wethers must weigh at least 40 pounds at check-in. Those weighing less than 40 pounds will be in light weight class and can't sell.
7. Market Kid Classes are for wethers with kid teeth in normal position. All market kids must be debudded/dehorned or have **horns tipped blunt before arrival** on the fairgrounds
8. All market kids must have been born after November 1 of prior year and weighed in at the official weigh-in in May.
9. In **Breeding Doe** Kid classes, disbudding/ dehorning is optional. Doe Kids must have kid teeth in normal position. Classes will be divided by weight. **Weigh-in will be required at Fair check-in on Friday July 10th 5:30pm**
10. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo (copy of registration papers could be presented to superintendent or extension office, if needed).
11. ID on 4-H online must watch what is in the ear at check in on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.
12. If you want to participate in Rate of Gain, you must go through State Fair Lane and get a weight at weigh in on May 2nd

#### Non-Dairy Goat Classes

Goats must be broke to lead. Halters or collars and a short lead will be allowed in the show ring. All Goats will be divided by weight, at the discretion of the superintendents.

### MEAT GOATS

**Class 101 – Breeding Doe**  
**Class 201- Market Goat**

#### Meat Goat Premiums & Awards

**Goat Premiums:** First \$15.00, Second \$13.50, Third \$12.00, all others worthy \$10.50

### DAIRY CATTLE/DAIRY GOAT

## DEPARTMENT 58

Dairy Show will begin at 3:30pm Tuesday. Dairy Cattle followed by Dairy Goats

### Dairy Cattle Show Order

- **Junior Heifer Calves (12/1/2023-4/14/2024)**
- **Senior Heifer Calves (9/1/2023-11/30/2023)**
- **Junior Yearling Heifers (3/1/2024-8/31/2024)**
  
- **Senior Yearling Heifers (9/1/2023-2/28/2024)**
- **2-Year-Old Cows (9/1/2022-8/31/2023)**
- **3 & 4-Year-Old Cows (9/1/2010-8/31/2022)**
- **Jr- Steer up to 1 yr.**
- **Sr- Steer up to 1-2yr.**
- **Aged Cows (Born before 9/1/2020)**
- **Best Udder**
- **Dairy Herd**

#### Showmanship

- Exhibitors competing in showmanship must show their own projects.
- Previous winners of dairy showmanship awards are not eligible to compete again in their age groups.
- Dairy Cattle will have Jr, Int, and Sr. Showmanship Class If not more than 2 animals will be one class.

#### Dairy Cattle Rules

The Superintendents may combine or divide the classes if necessary.

1. Dairy Cattle/Goat check in will be Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00am. Exhibitors must be present to get fully checked in.
2. All Dairy Cattle must stay all fair.
3. Any yearling heifer that has freshened prior to the time of judging must be shown in the two-year-old class.
4. Exhibitors may enter two animals in each class.
5. A **maximum of 6 animals per exhibitor** will be allowed.
6. All dairy entries must include birth date (month, day, & year) of animals on the entry plus the total number of animals to be entered.
7. Exhibitors **must** wear white pants & a white shirt or 4-H/FFA t-shirt) If you don't have appropriate outfit you will be last in class.

#### Dairy Cattle Classes

- Class 101 – **JUNIOR HEIFER CALVES**
- Class 102 – **SENIOR HEIFER CALVES**
- Class 103 – **JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFERS**
- Class 104 – **SENIOR YEARLING HEIFERS**
- Class 105 – **2-YEAR-OLD COWS**
- Class 106 – **3 & 4-YEAR-OLD COWS**
- Class 107 – **AGED COWS**
- Class 108 – **Junior Steer up to 1yr.**
- Class 109- **Junior Steer 1-2yrs.**

#### Dairy Cattle Premiums & Awards

**Dairy Premiums:** First \$15.00, Second \$13.50, Third \$12.00, all others worthy \$10.50

#### Department 58 – Dairy Goat Dairy Goat Rules

1. Dairy Cattle/Goat check in will be Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 3pm-5pm. No animal in pens until checked by Superintendents.
2. Classes may be combined or divided at the discretion of the superintendents.
3. All Dairy Goats stay all of fair. .
4. Dairy Goats will show as part of the Dairy show on Tuesday beginning at 3:30pm, Dairy Cattle will show first follow by Dairy Goats.
5. Dairy Goat Classes are for doe goats only and must be shown with neck collar,(collar may be nylon, leather, or

chain style) at superintendent discretion

6. Each exhibitor may have 2 entries per class but not show more than 6 animals in the entire Goat Show, except group classes.

7. SUBSTITUTIONS - Exhibitor shall not substitute an animal without cause and approval of the Superintendent. 8. All Dairy goats must be dehorned or tips blunt before arrival at Fairgrounds

9. Dairy Goat Exhibitors must wear white pants and a white shirt or a 4-H/FFA shirt. If you don't have appropriate outfit you will last in class

10. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo (copy of registration papers could be presented to superintendent or extension office, if needed). 11. Dairy wethers being shown must weigh-in at Fair check-in on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. 12. If you will need a youth to help show, they must be a 4-H/FFA member in show dress (Jeans/FFA/4-H shirt, prefer white but not required.)

### Dairy Goat Classes

#### **JUNIOR**

Does under 24 months of age that are not in milk and have never freshened.

Class 201 – **UNDER 4 MONTHS**

Class 202 – **4 MONTHS AND UNDER 5 MONTHS**

Class 203 – **5 MONTHS AND UNDER 6 MONTHS**

Class 204 – **6 MONTHS AND UNDER 1 YEAR**

Class 205 – **1 YEAR AND UNDER 2 YEARS NOT IN MILK**

#### **SENIOR**

Does in milk or that have freshened

Class 206 – **UNDER 2 YEARS IN MILK**

Class 207 – **2 YEARS AND UNDER 3 YEARS**

Class 208 – **3 YEARS AND OVER**

#### **OTHER**

Class 301 – **MOTHER & DAUGHTER**

Class 302 – **BREEDER'S TRIO (3 DOES, 2 MUST BE IN MILK)**

Class 303 – **GET OF SIRE (2 DOES SIRED BY SAME BUCK)**

Class 304 - **DAIRY WETHER CLASS**

Class 305 – **OTHER GOATS (ALL OTHER GOAT KID (UNDER 1 YEAR),  
ALL OTHER GOAT DOE ( 1 YEAR AND OLDER))**

#### **OTHER GOATS**

**All Goats not meat or dairy type**

Class 305 – **ALL OTHER GOAT KID** (Under 1 year)

Class 306 – **ALL OTHER GOAT DOE** (1 year and Older)

### Dairy Goat Premiums & Awards

**Goat Premiums:** First \$15.00, Second \$13.50, Third \$12.00, all others worthy \$10.50

# HORSES, PONIES, & MULES

Department 59

Trail classes will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday using a flexible schedule

Horse show will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday games will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday

Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting Saturday 10am

## Horse Show Order

### - HALTER

- o Showmanship
- o Weanling/Yearling/2-Year-Olds
- o 3 Years & Older
- o Mules & Donkeys

### - PERFORMANCE

- o Trail (Saturday)
- o English Pleasure, Equitation
- o Walk-Trot
- o Western Pleasure and Horsemanship
- o Ranch Horse Pleasure

### -GAMES (Sunday)

- o Barrel Racing
- o Flag Race
- o Pole Bending

## Horse, Pony, & Mule Rules

### 1. Exhibitors must check in with Superintendents in horse barn, between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Saturday.

Class entries will be verified at that time. Horses must be in place at 7:00am on Saturday, July 11th.

### 2. Mandatory Exhibitor meeting at 10am Saturday.

3. All animals are to be vaccinated for influenza (flu) and Encephalomyelitis (WEE, EEE). Exhibitors will deliver a Health Care Statement to certify the vaccinations form due June 15th. Superintendents also strongly encourage vaccinations for strangles and rhinopneumonitis. Please check with your veterinarian.
4. Each exhibitor may show **not more than 2 animals** (mare & nursing foal will be considered as 1 animal); Mares & Foals will arrive and return home the day of show.
5. Ages in the halter classes are determined on January 1 of the year foaled.
6. Members are to enter project in proper class by the entry deadline.
7. Superintendents have discretion to combine or divide classes.
8. Aged animals may show in only one halter class.
9. No stallions may be shown in any class except the foal classes.
10. All under 57 inches will show as ponies.
11. Ponies will be measured at the discretion of the Superintendents.
12. Previous Showmanship winners will be ineligible to compete in their respective age groups. Horse/Rider combo can only win once.
13. All exhibitors will wear BLUE JEANS, a solid, plain, long-sleeved shirt with a collar of any color including white and 4-H Arm band. Youth will receive one 4-H Arm band for free. If showing English, English attire is encouraged. **These rules apply any time exhibitor is on horseback** with the exception of speed events. Exhibitors will be allowed to wear a 4-H or FFA t-shirt during speed events.
14. **Safety helmets are required for all youth when mounted or driving.** ASTM/SEI certified helmets with chin strap and properly-fitted harness are used every time, every ride.
15. All tack, equipment, and show guidelines are contained in the Guide for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa (available from the Extension Office).
16. **Only exhibitors and their immediate families may ride horse/pony/mule on the fairgrounds. No more than one rider per horse.** NO RIDING WITHOUT PROPER EQUIPMENT/ TACK. NO RIDING IN BARN \* EXERCISE IN ARENA/ROUND PEN ONLY \* NO RIDING IN ARENA AFTER 10:00 p.m.
17. Exhibitors are limited to one rail class.

18. Pleasure animals will be judged under the saddle. No whips or bats used except behind the saddle in any event.
19. Mules and Donkeys will not show in separate riding classes.
20. For more clarification on rules please reference the publication '4-H 0511C' *Rules and Regulation for 4-H Equine Shows*.
21. Equine Sportsmanship – this will consist of one rider paired with one of their horses. Please see superintendents for specific rules and requirements
22. Master Showmanship will only be 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> from Jr., Int., and Sr., Showmanship Classes.
23. Body Condition Score The judge and/or show committee/Vet shall examine and check for body condition of all horses brought to a show. The judge and/or show/Vet committee has the authority to excuse any horse from the class, due to a body condition score of 3 or less, at any time while being judged. This is essential regardless of whether or not the competition indicates it is necessary. The body condition score method uses sight and touch to evaluate the amount of fat over the loin, ribs, tailhead, withers, neck, and shoulders. Scores range from 1 to 9 with 1 being emaciated and 9 being fat.
24. Exhibitors can have up to 2 entries for Games and Trail.

#### Horse, Pony, & Mule Classes

##### HALTER

- Class 009 – **SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP** (gr. 9-12)
- Class 010 – **INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP** (gr. 7-8)
- Class 011 – **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP** (gr. 4-6)
- Class 012 – **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**
- Class 105 – **PONY - UNDER 57" MATURE HEIGHT**
- Class 103 – **ALL MARES & NURSING FOALS**  
(Not eligible for other halter classes)
- Class 104 – **HORSE WEANLING, YEARLING, AND 2-YEAR-OLDS**
- Class 106 – **GELDING - WESTERN TYPE BREEDS 3-YEARS & OLDER**
- Class 108 – **MARES - WESTERN TYPE BREEDS 3-YEARS & OLDER**
- Class 110 – **ENGLISH TYPE BREEDS (ARABS, AS, M, TWH) 3 YEARS & OLDER**
- Class 111 – **MULES & DONKEYS**

##### PERFORMANCE

- Class 201 – **ENGLISH PLEASURE (GR. 4-8)**
- Class 202- **ENGLISH PLEASURE (GR. 9-12)**
- Class 203 – **ENGLISH EQUITATION (GR 4-8)**
- Class 204 - **ENGLISH EQUITATION (GR. 9-12)**
- Class 206 – **WALK-TROT FOR 2 AND 3-YEAR-OLD ANIMAL**
- Class 207 – **WALK-TROT FOR NOVICE MEMBERS**
- Class 209 – **WESTERN PLEASURE (UNDER 57")**
- Class 210 – **WESTERN PLEASURE (57" & OVER), GR. 4-6**
- Class 211 – **WESTERN PLEASURE (57" & OVER), GR. 7-8**
- Class 212 – **WESTERN PLEASURE (57" & OVER), GR. 9-12**
- Class 214 – **RANCH HORSE PLEASURE GR. 4-6**
- Class 215 - **RANCH HORSE PLEASURE GR. 7-8**
- Class 216 - **RANCH HORSE PLEASURE GR. 9-12**
- Class 217 – **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP (GR. 4-6)**
- Class 218 – **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP (GR. 7-8)**
- Class 219 – **WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP (GR. 9-12)**
- Class 220 – **RANCH HORSE RIDING (GR. 4-8)**
- Class 220 – **RANCH HORSE RIDING (GR. 9-12)**
- Class 221 – **TRAIL, GR. 4-8, 1 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 222 – **TRAIL GR. 7-8; 1 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 223 – **TRAIL, GR. 9-12, 1 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 224 - **TRAIL in HAND**
- Class 225 – **CART CLASS**
- Class 226 – **BARREL RACING, GR. 4-6, 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**

- Class 227 – **BARREL RACING, GR. 7-8, 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 228 – **BARREL RACING GRADES 9-12, 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 229 – **FLAG RACE, LIMITED TO 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 230 – **POLE BENDING, GR. 4-6 TIMED EVENT, LIMITED TO 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 231 – **POLE BENDING, GR. 7-8 TIMED EVENT, LIMITED TO 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 232 – **POLE BENDING, GR. 9-12 TIMED EVENT, LIMITED TO 2 ENTRY PER EXHIBITOR**
- Class 300 – **Equine Sportsmanship**

### Horse, Pony & Mule Premiums & Awards

**Halter Class Premiums:** First \$12.00, Second \$10.50, Third \$9.00, Fourth \$7.50, Fifth \$6.00, and all others worthy \$4.50. **Performance Class Premiums:** First \$7.50, Second \$6.00, Third \$4.50, Fourth \$3.00, All Others Worthy, \$1.50.

## PETS

### DEPARTMENT 60

Pets will show 3:30pm. Saturday in the Show Arena followed by Cats

#### Pet Show Order

- **Birds**
- **Puppies**
- **Fish & Amphibians**
- **Gerbils**
- **Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice, & Rats**
- **Reptiles**
- **Other than Named**

#### Pet Show Rules

1. Exhibitor must be the primary care-taker of the pet.
2. Pets will be brought in the day of judging and returned home after judging in the Show Arena. Premium money will be paid once per class per exhibitor.
3. Exhibitors are allowed 2 entries in this department. .
4. All health requirements apply to entries in this department as described in the General Rules section under Junior Livestock.
5. All animals must be in escape-proof, suitable containers.
6. No mature males of a large species unless neutered.

#### Pet Show Classes

- Class 101 – **Birds**
- Class 102 – **Puppies (under 4 months as of May 1)**
- Class 103 – **Fish and Amphibians**
- Class 104 – **Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice, Rats**
- Class 106 – **Reptiles (lizards, turtles, non-poisonous snakes)**
- Class 108 – **Other than Named (examples: hermit crabs, neutered rabbits)**

#### Cat Classes

- Class 201 - Kittens (4-8 months)
- Class 202 - Adult Cats (over 8 months)
- Class 001 - Junior Cat Showmanship (Grades 4-7)
- Class 002 - Senior Cat Showmanship (Grades 8-12)

#### Special Cat Class Rules

1. Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of two (2) animals (mixed or pedigreed)
2. Each cat must be 4 months or older to be shown. If the cat is younger than 4 months, they will be sent home.
3. Cats will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought in and returned home on day of show. Cats will be released following the show.
4. Cats will be Conference-Judged by the following criteria. Items are listed according to importance:
  - A. Condition

- B. Cleanliness
- C. Grooming
- D. General Appearance and Individuality
- E. Disposition

5. Cats must present a current rabies certificate at the Fair. Distemper vaccination is suggested, but not required. 6. Cats showing signs of parasites or disease will be removed from the show. The decision of the veterinarian will be final. All toenails of cats MUST be clipped just before the fair.
7. No pregnant or nursing mother cats may be shown.
8. Cats must be brought to the fair in a secure (WELL VENTILATED) container.
9. Exhibitor must be present during the show unless excused by the superintendent prior to the show.

#### Pet Premiums & Awards

**Premiums:** Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$1.50

#### Cat Premiums & Awards

**Premiums:** Blue - \$4.50, Red - \$3.00, White - \$1.50

### POULTRY

#### DEPARTMENT 67

Poultry will show 1:00pm on Saturday, July 11th.

#### Show Order

- **Large Fowl**
- **Bantam**
- **Mixed Breed**
- **Production**
- **Market**
- **Geese**
- **Game Birds**
- **Pigeons/Doves**
- **Ducks**
- **Turkey**
- **Showmanship**

#### Poultry Rules

1. All poultry will be ID'd on June 16th or June 18th 5 pm-7pm at Poultry ID Day. Mandatory for all exhibitors.
2. All birds must be checked by a Superintendent prior to being placed in their cages. Check in will be Friday 3:30pm 6:00pm.. Exhibitors must be present during check in otherwise, exhibitors will be ineligible to show.
3. All poultry must comply with Pullorum health requirements listed under General Rules Health Requirements.
4. All exhibitors are encouraged to enter Showmanship classes (except previous winners of each age group).
5. An exhibitor may have two exhibits in any class with the exception that one is a male and one is female. A limit of 10 birds per exhibitor (pens of 3 count as one bird).
6. Exhibitors bringing turkeys, geese, peafowl, large ducks, or other large fowl must bring their own pens/cages.
7. All chicken, duck, goose, turkey, and bantam entries will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection and must be listed as a breed. Mixed breeds are permitted only in Class 551 – Mixed Breed.
8. Champion and Reserve Champion meat pens are eligible to sell in livestock sale.
9. All breeding birds should be entered as cock, hen, cockerel, or pullet with these terms defined as: Cock is male chicken 1 year or older – Hen is a female chicken 1-year or older – Cockerel is a male chicken less than 1 year old – Pullet is a female chicken less than 1 year old.
10. Exhibitors can take birds in pen of three and put into individual classes.

#### Poultry Classes

## **LARGE FOWL - CHICKEN (single bird)**

### **Class 101 – AMERICAN**

Buckeye, Chantecler, Delaware, Dominique, Java, Jersey Giant, Holland, Lamona, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Wyandotte

### **Class 102 – ASIATIC**

Brahma, Cochin, Langshan

### **Class 103 – ENGLISH**

Australorp, Dorking, Cornish, Orpington, Red Cap, Sussex

### **Class 104 – MEDITERRANEAN**

Ancona, Andalusian, Catalana, Leghorn, Minorca, Sicilian Buttercup, Spanish

### **Class 105 – CONTINENTAL**

North European-Barnevelder, Campine, Hamburg, Lakenvelder, Welsummer. Polish-Bearded & Non-Bearded. French-Crevecoeur, Faverolie, Houdan, LaFleche

### **Class 106 – ANY OTHER BREED CHICKEN**

Modern & Old English Game, Aseel, Cubalaya, Malay, Phoenix, Shamo, Sumatra, Yokohama, Ameraucana, Araucana, Frizzel, Naked Neck, Sultan, Gold Star

## **BANTAMS (single bird)**

### **Class 151 - SINGLE COMB-CLEAN LEGGED**

Ancona, Andalusian, Australorp, Catalana, Campine, Delaware, Dorking, Dutch, Frizzies, Holland, Japanese, Java, Jersey Giant, Lakenvelder, Lamona, Leghorn, Minorca, Naked Neck, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Spanish, Sussex

### **Class 152 – ROSE COMB – CLEAN LEGGED**

Ancona, Antwerp Belgian, D'anver, Dominique, Dorking, Hamburg, Leghorn, Minorca, Red Cap, Rhode Island, Rosecomb, Sebright, Wyandotte

### **Class 153 – ANY OTHER COMB – CLEAN LEGGED**

Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chantecler, Cornish, Crevecoeur, Cubalaya, Houdan, LaFleche, Malay, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercup, Sumatra, Yokohama

### **Class 154 – FEATHER LEGGED**

Booted, Brahma, Cochin, Faverolies, Frizzies, Langshan, Silkie, Sultan

### **Class 155 – GAME**

Modern & Old English

## **PRODUCTION (pens of 3)**

### **Class 201 – PULLETS, BROWN EGG LAYERS**

### **Class 202 – HENS, BROWN EGG LAYERS**

### **Class 203 – PULLETS, WHITE EGG LAYERS**

### **Class 204 – HENS, WHITE EGG LAYERS**

## **MARKET BROILERS (pens of 3)**

### **Class 251 – UNDER FOUR POUNDS**

### **Class 252 – FOUR POUNDS AND OVER**

## **TURKEYS (single bird)**

### **Class 301 – ALL ENTRIES**

Beltsville, Black, Bourbon Red, Bronze, Narragansett, Royal Palm, Slate, Small White, White

## **Holland DUCKS (single bird)**

### **Class 351 – LIGHT WEIGHT**

Campbell, Magpie, Runner

**Class 352 – MEDIUM WEIGHT**

Buff, Cayuga, Crested, Swedish

**Class 353 – HEAVY WEIGHT**

Aylesbury, Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen

**Class 354 – BANTAM DUCKS**

Call, East Indies, Mallard

**GEESE (single bird)**

**Class 401 – ALL ENTRIES**

**GAME & OTHER FOWL (single bird)**

**Class 451 – ALL ENTRIES**

Pheasants, Quail, Chuckers, Guinea, Peafowl, etc.

**PIGEONS/DOVES (single bird)**

**Class 501 – INDIVIDUAL BIRD**

**MIXED BREED (single bird)**

**Class 551 – INDIVIDUAL BIRD**

**SHOWMANSHIP**

**Class 001 – SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**Class 002 – INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP**

**Class 003 – JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**

**Poultry Premiums & Awards**

**Premiums:** Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$1.50

**RABBITS**

**DEPARTMENT 61**

Rabbits will show 7:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Rabbit Barn

**Show Order**

- **Costume Class**
- **Showmanship**
  - o Senior
  - o Intermediate
  - o Junior
- **Meat Pens**
- **Fryers**
- **Six Class & Four Class**
  - o Odd numbered years, Six Class
  - o Even numbered years, Four Class
- **Crossbreds**

**Rabbit Showmanship**

- Exhibitors competing in showmanship must show their own projects.
  - Previous winners of rabbit showmanship awards are not eligible to compete again in their age groups. •
- Showmanship will be divided into Three classes: Junior (grades 4-6), Intermediate (grades 7-8), and Senior (grades 9-12).

**Rabbit Rules**

1. All Rabbits must be checked by a Superintendent prior to being placed in their cages. Check in will be Friday 4:00pm-5:30pm. Exhibitors must be present during check in otherwise, exhibitors will be ineligible to show. Tattoos must be visible at check in.
2. All rabbits must be free from communicable disease and pass health standards. Any rabbit unhealthy or in un-thrifty condition may be refused pen room. In case of arbitration, the decision of the appointed veterinarian shall be final.
3. All rabbits must be **permanently** earmarked by **tattoo (no ink pens)** in rabbit's left ear so there will be no question as to the owner of the rabbits. Standard of perfection available in 4-H Rabbit Guide; more details on project available from project leader and Extension Office. If a problem arises, the decision of the superintendent and

Extension Staff is final.

4. All rabbits must be in exhibitor's possession and tattooed (except fryers and meat pens) by May 1. 5. An exhibitor is limited to six rabbits, except fryers/meat pens. An exhibitor is allowed two entries per class, except fryers. Each exhibitor may enter one meat pen and three single fryers. Entries must be within the age and weight limits for the class.
6. The superintendent may adjust classes according to entry numbers.
7. Top two meat pens may be sold at livestock auction
8. Rabbits will be judged on how close they come to the standard of perfection. Point total if needed. Only sexually intact rabbits are eligible for show.
9. All varieties within a breed will be judged in the same class. Proof for Breed, such as papers, pedigrees, records, etc. may be requested. All rabbit entries must be listed with the breed of rabbit on entry. Breed types are listed in 4-H Rabbit Book, ARBA Rabbit Guide, etc. If in doubt, talk to superintendents.
10. Best of Show will be picked from Best Six Class, Best Four Class, and Best Other Breeds.

#### Rabbit Classes **COMMERCIAL**

1. The Market Class is judged first so rabbits will not lose weight due to stress.
2. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over 70 days and weight limit of 3.5 – 5.5 lbs
3. Each exhibitor may enter one meat pen and three single fryers.

Class 101 – **MEAT PEN** - Pen of Three Rabbits, 3.5-5.5 lbs, not over 70 days old

Class 102 – **SINGLE FRYER**, 3.5-5.5 lbs, not over 70 days old

#### **SIX CLASS RABBITS**

- AMERICAN – Class 101**
- AMERICAN CHINCHILLA – Class 102**
- ARGENT BRUN – Class 103**
- BEVEREN – Class 104**
- BLANC de HOTOT – Class 105**
- CALIFORNIAN – Class 106**
- CHAMPAGNE D'ARGENT – Class 107**
- CHECKERED GIANT – Class 108**
- CINNAMON- Class 109**
- CREME D'ARGENT – Class 110**
- ENGLISH LOP – Class 111**
- FLEMISH, GIANT – Class 112**
- FRENCH LOP – Class 113**
- GIANT ANGORA – Class 114**
- GIANT CHINCHILLA – Class 115**
- NEW ZEALAND – Class 116**
- PALIMINO – Class 117**
- SATIN – Class 118**
- SILVER FOX – Class 119**
- OTHER SIX CLASS BREEDS NOT LISTED – Class 120**

#### **CROSSBRED RABBITS – Class 901**

Other rabbits that are not an ARBA recognized breed. Will be judged on commercial standard - type, care, etc.

#### **FOUR CLASS RABBITS**

- AMERICAN FUZZY LOP – Class 201**
- AMERICAN SABLE – Class 202**
- BELGIAN HARE – Class 203**
- BRITANNIA PETITE – Class 204**
- CZECH FROSTY – Class 205**
- DUTCH – Class 206**
- DWARF HOTOT – Class 207**

ENGLISH ANGORA – Class 208  
ENGLISH SPOT – Class 209  
FLORIDA WHITE – Class 210  
FRENCH ANGORA – Class 211  
HARLEQUIN – Class 212  
HAVANA – Class 213  
HIMALAYAN – Class 214  
HOLLAND LOP – Class 215  
JERSEY WOOLY – Class 216  
LILAC – Class 217  
LION HEAD – Class 218  
MINI LOP – Class 219  
MINI REX – Class 220  
MINI SATIN – Class 221  
NETHERLAND DWARF – Class 222  
POLISH – Class 223  
REX – Class 224  
RHINELANDER – Class 225  
SATIN ANGORA – Class 226  
SILVER – Class 227  
SILVER MARTEN – Class 228  
STANDARD CHINCHILLA – Class 229  
TAN – Class 230  
THRIANTA – Class 231  
OTHER FOUR CLASS BREEDS – Class 232  
COSTUME CLASS – Class 004

#### Rabbit Premiums & Awards

**Premiums:** First \$4.50, Second \$3.00, third and all others worthy \$1.50

### SHEEP

DEPARTMENT 62-63

Sheep Show to begin 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 14th

Bucket-Bottle Lamb & Kid Show will follow Bottle Calf on Monday, July 13th.

#### Show Order

- **Breeding Sheep**
  - o Other Purebreds
  - o Commercial Crossbred
  - o Yearling & Ewe Class
- **Showmanship**
  - o Senior
  - o Intermediate
  - o Junior
  - o First-Year-Member
- **Market Lambs**
  - o Market Individuals
  - o County Raised
  - o Pen-of-Three

#### Showmanship

- Exhibitors competing in showmanship must show their own project.
- Previous winners of sheep showmanship awards are not eligible to compete again in the age groups they won. •

Showmanship will be divided into three classes: Senior Showmanship, Grades 9-12; Intermediate Showmanship, Grades 7-8; Junior Showmanship, Grades 4-6; First-Year-Member Showmanship, 13-years-old and under on the day of show.

### Sheep Rules

1. ALL Sheep must be tagged at the official weigh-in in May. Commercial ewe lamb and market lamb classes will be divided and shown by weight.
2. No muzzles, or painting of lambs allowed. No drenching in the show pavilion.
3. Market lambs weighing **less than 85 pounds will show in the light weight class and are not eligible to sell in the sale.**
4. All sheep in place by 7:00 a.m. Saturday.
5. **All sexually intact sheep (ewes & ewe lambs) exhibited at County Fair, must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag.**
6. Sheep MUST be slick sheared 1 week before fair.
7. To be eligible to show, lambs must not have evidence of intact testicles at fair time.
8. Sheep exhibiting signs of active club lamb fungus and/or other contagious disease(s) will be disqualified and ineligible for show and need to be removed from the premises. A veterinarian will make the final call.
9. Coats and coverings and leg wraps must be off only for weigh-in. Sheep will be observed at weigh-in and entry check-in for overall health. Therefore, no blankets or other coverings will be permitted on lambs at weigh-in. Sheep exhibiting signs of club lamb fungus and/or other contagious disease(s) will be disqualified and ineligible for show and need to be removed from the premises.
10. We strongly recommend the use of wood shavings/sawdust for bedding of pens.
11. Members should not bring prolapsed animals to the fair. Animals exhibiting evidence of prolapse while on display at the fair may be subject to disqualification and market lambs may not be eligible for sale in the auction. If your animal is exhibiting signs of prolapse, consult your veterinarian
12. Exhibitors are expected to care for their lambs in an acceptable manner. If sheep are being restrained, someone must be present at all times.

### Department 62 – Breeding Sheep

#### Breeding Sheep Rules

1. All Yearling ewes must have been born in the previous calendar year. All ewe lambs must have been born in the current calendar year.
2. 4-H'ers/FFA members may have the assistance of a 4-H'er/FFA member who meets fair age eligibility requirements in the yearling ewe class. The assistant's help will be limited to helping set hind legs.
3. Can only exhibit 6 breeding animals.
4. Breeding lambs are not eligible to show in market lamb classes.
5. All Purebreds must be in the exhibitor's name. Registration papers must be presented at fair weigh-in. If not registered, sheep will be shown in the Commercial class.
6. For long wool purebred ewes, there is no wool length rule.
7. Ewe lambs or yearling ewes shown in a breeding class are **NOT eligible for livestock sale at County Fair.**
8. Superintendents may also reassign breeding sheep to a different class, based on the entry's eligibility. For example, speckled faced ewe classes are designed for entries showing evidence of cross breeding.
9. Ewe & Lamb Class
  - a. Yearling must have showed breeding at our fair a previous year
  - b. Ewe- must have an 840 tag, come to weigh-in and must be born prior to May 2nd
  - c. Class will be at the end of the breeding show.

#### Breeding Sheep Classes

### OTHER PUREBREDS

Class 103 – **YEARLING EWE**

Class 104 – **EWE LAMB**

Class 105 – **HAIR SHEEP INFLUENCE**

Class 106 – **YEARLING & EWE CLASS**

### COMMERCIAL (CROSSBRED)

Class 107 – **BLACKFACED YEARLING EWE**

Class 108 – **WHITE YEARLING EWE**

Class 109 - **SPECKLE-FACED YEARLING EWE**

Class 110 –**BLACKFACED EWE LAMB**

Class 111- **WHITE EWE LAMB**

Class 112 –**SPECKLE-FACED EWE LAMB**

Class 113- **Ewe & Lamb**

### Department 63 - Market Lambs Market Lamb Rules

1. All lambs must have been born after January 1 of the current year.
2. A Speckle-Face Market Individual class may be determined at weigh-in. Speckle-face lambs must have speckles on TWO of three areas: face, ears, and legs. The decision by superintendents is final.
3. Market lambs weighing less than 85 pounds will show in the light weight class and are not eligible to sell in the sale.
4. An exhibitor may enter no more than six (6) market lambs (ewes and wethers).
5. Champion County Raised Lamb will be selected from the Championship Drive; not a separate class.
6. 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> from classes must stay in holding pens until their division drive.

#### Market Lamb Classes

\*\* All classes will be further divided by Superintendents\*\*

Class 201 - **MARKET INDIVIDUALS** (market, speckle, hair sheep influence, feeder lambs (85lbs or less))

### Sheep Premiums & Awards

Exhibitors, please take time to thank those who support you by sending a thank you note to award sponsors and/or buyer of your lambs sold at auction.

#### Premiums:

**Breeding:** First \$7.50, Second \$6, Third \$4.50, All others worthy \$3.00.

**Market:** First \$15, Second \$13.50, Third \$12, all others worthy \$10.50.

### Department 52 – Bucket-Bottle Calf Bucket-Bottle Calf Rules

1. Will be shown on Monday @ 1 p.m.
2. Interviews will take place starting at 9 a.m. on Monday
3. The project is open to 4-H & FFA exhibitors of all ages enrolled in a beef or dairy project. Calf must be bucket or bottle-fed, no nursing permitted.
4. Calves may be dairy, beef, crossbred, straightbred, either sex, but must be: a) born after Jan. 1 and b) identified by tag or tattoo and in the exhibitor's possession by May 1.
5. An exhibitor may identify up to 3 calves but will show only 2 at the fair.
6. Calves are to stay the whole fair.
7. Calves MAY NOT be shown in other classes.
8. Classes will be divided into two exhibitor age groups - (a) Grades 4-6 and (b) Grades 7–12 and further classification at the discretion of the superintendents.
9. Calves will be shown at halter and no show sticks.
10. Judging will be on what the individual has learned about care, feeding, grooming and showing of the calf, according to either beef or dairy guidelines and the general health and conformation of the calf and the completed record sheet. Judging will be based 60% on Interview and 40% on show ring.
11. Bucket Calf Plus One calves are eligible for the livestock auction if they make 1200 lbs.
12. Bucket Calf Plus One calves must have shown as a bucket-bottle calf the previous year.
13. Bucket Calf Plus Ones will show at 1pm on Monday, July 13th to start the Beef show. Plus ones are eligible to show in showmanship
14. Clover Kids who showed a Bucket Calf as a 3rd grader are eligible to bring it back as a plus one for their 4th grade year. The superintendent will take down a tag or tattoo at the show to verify for next year.

## Bucket-Bottle Calf Classes

Class 101 – **BUCKET CALF**, grades 4-6

Class 102 – **BUCKET CALF**, grades 7-12

## Bucket-Bottle Calf Plus One Class

Class 103 – **BUCKET CALF PLUS ONE**

### Department 62 – Bucket-Bottle Lamb & Kid Rules Breeding Sheep Rules

1. Will be shown on Monday after the Bottle Calf Show.
2. Interviews will take place starting at 9 a.m. on Monday
3. Lambs and kids must be bucket or bottle-fed, no nursing is permitted.
4. Lambs and kids may be dairy, meat, or wool/hair varieties, crossbred or straightbred, either sex but must be: a) born after Jan. 1 and b) identified by a tag or tattoo; all sexually intact goats and sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag c) project animal must be in the exhibitors care by May 1.
5. An exhibitor may identify up to 3 animals but will only show 2 at the fair. Lambs and kids shown in these classes **MAY NOT** be shown in other classes.
6. Bottle Lamb/Kids will stay the whole fair.
7. Classes will be divided into two exhibitor age groups - (a) Grades 4-6 and (b) Grades 7-12
8. Lambs and kids may be shown at halter
9. Judging will be based on what the individual has learned about care, feeding, grooming and showing of lambs or goats, and the general health and confirmation of the animal and the completed record sheet. Judging will be based 60% on interview and 40% on show ring.

### Bucket-Bottle Lamb & Kid Classes

**Class 50 - Bottle Lamb/Kid, Grades 4-6**

**Class 55 - Bottle Lamb/Kid, Grades 7-12**

## SWINE

### DEPARTMENT 64

Swine Show begins at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday

Exhibitor Meeting 2:30pm Sunday

### Show Order

- **Commercial Gilts**
- **Pure Bred Gilts**
- **Top 5 Gilts**
- **Market Individuals**
- **Pure Bred Market Individuals**
- **Top 5 Individuals**
- **County-Raised Individuals**
- **Market Pens-of-Three**
- **Showmanship** (Sr, Int, Jr, 1<sup>st</sup> Yr)

### Showmanship

- **Showmanship classes are voluntary for all exhibitors except previous winners of each age group.**
- Previous winners of swine showmanship awards are not eligible to compete again in their age groups. • Exhibitors must show their own project.
- Showmanship will be divided into three classes: Senior, Grades 9-12; Intermediate, Grades 7-8; Junior, Grades 4-6

### Swine Rules

- 1) All pigs must be in place by 5:30 p.m. Friday, with ear notch check-in following.
  - Health Papers are required if you come between 8am-4:30pm on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you come between 6am-8am or 4:30pm-5:30pm on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> no health papers are required but all swine

must be checked by vet **BEFORE** getting off trailer.

- 2) ALL hogs will have a 4-H or FFA ear tag prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. Must upload pictures of the pigs ear notch and tag in their ear on to 4-H online. Supers are willing to come help with tagging and pictures.
- 3) Weigh-in will be Sunday at 6:00 a.m -7:00am.
- 4) No wet hogs at weigh-in. No re-weighs.
- 5) Class sheets must be turned in at the weigh-in at Fair.
- 6) **All non-sale pigs MUST be removed from the barn on Wednesday evening after 8 p.m.** 7) A maximum of 12 pigs may be identified (Universal ear-notch system) 4H Online by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Pigs will be checked at weigh-in for proper identification.
- 8) **All exhibitors must have YQCA Certification and Premise ID number.**
- 9) No pseudorabies (PRV) testing is required for the county fair. Vaccination for PRV and erysipelas is recommended.  
**All pigs returning home are subject to rule # 6 of the Health Requirements.**
- 10) Entries are open to straight-bred or crossbred pigs, either barrows or gilts for market, farrowed after December 1, of the current year, and notched by the Universal Ear Notching System. **Those not properly ear-notched will not be eligible for exhibit.**
- 11) **For all purebred market and breeding swine:** Registration papers must be in the 4-H'ers name OR show a logical family relationship. Members must have papers in hand at check-in. Litter registrations will be accepted. All purebred pigs must meet the breed registry requirements.
- 12) Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects, color, or conformation in exhibiting animals such as lifting or filling under the skin (no false tail heads), adding hair or twine, and artificial filling will be considered as fraudulent deception. No coloring agents, and or powder used on hogs. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Marion County Fair
- 13) Due to packer demands and concerns, the pigs hair shall not be shorter than ½ inch.
- 14) Minimum weight at the Fair weigh-in for all pigs is 220 lbs and maximum is 310 lbs. Pigs weighing less than 220 lbs or more than 310 lbs can still be shown. They are NOT eligible for the sale or for the championship drive. 15) The Breeding Gilt may show in the Breeding Gilt class **AND** in a Pen-of-Three. She may NOT, however, show as a Market Individual.
- 16) Each exhibitor WILL be allowed to exhibit no more than 4 pigs. This means NO extra pigs. 17) Individuals, Pens of Three, and Breeding Gilts will be weighed and divided into classes as designated by superintendents.
- 18) No clean-up of pens until all animals are loaded out
- 19) One market and breeding champion home raised will be selected.
- 20) Market Pigs will be split into Market Gilts and Market Barrows.
- 21) 1<sup>st</sup> year members will complete an interview during the fair to be considered for 1<sup>st</sup> year swine showman.

#### Swine Classes

\*\* Classes may be further divided by Superintendents\*\*

- Class 200 – **Light/Heavy INDIVIDUALS**
- Class 105 – **MARKET PENS OF THREE**
- Class 103 – **PURE BRED GILTS**
- Class 102 – **COMMERCIAL GILTS**
- Class 109 – **PURE BRED MARKET INDIVIDUALS**
- Class 107 – **MARKET Gilt INDIVIDUALS**
- Class 108- **MARKET BARROW INDIVIDUALS**
- Class 110 – **COUNTY-RAISED INDIVIDUALS**
- Class 003 – **SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP**
- Class 002 – **INTERMEDIATE SHOWMANSHIP**
- Class 001 – **JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP**
- Class 004 – **1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR SHOWMANSHIP**

#### Swine Premiums & Awards

**Premiums:** First \$15, Second \$13.50, Third \$12, all others worthy \$10.50.

#### Clover Kids- K-3rd

- Class 110 – **Clover Kids Kritter show**

### Special Rules for the Kritter Show

1. Exhibitor must be a registered Marion County Clover Kid.
2. **Only 1** entry per exhibitor
3. All Pet Show rules apply to this class, unless otherwise noted
4. This class will be non-competitive
5. Exhibitors will receive ribbons but no premiums will be awarded
6. The Exhibitor must be the primary care taker
7. All animals must be contained in a safe, escape-proof, suitable container that is **easily handled by the exhibitor**.
8. No puppies/dogs or kittens/cats
9. Poultry must be Pullorum tested prior to the show.

#### Class 111 – Clover Kids Bottle Lamb/Kid

1. Exhibitor must be a registered Marion County Clover Kid.
2. **Only 1** entry per exhibitor
3. This class will be non-competitive
4. Exhibitors will receive ribbons but no premiums will be awarded
5. The Exhibitor must be the primary care taker
6. All animals must be on halters at all times.
7. Animals will come the day of show and go home after.
8. Ask that supervised by an adult or older 4-H member.

#### Class 112 – Clover Kids Bottle Calf

1. Exhibitor must be a registered Marion County Clover Kid.
2. **Only 1** entry per exhibitor
3. This class will be non-competitive
4. Exhibitors will receive ribbons but no premiums will be awarded
5. The Exhibitor must be the primary care taker
6. All animals must be on halters at all times.
7. Animals will come the day of show and go home after.
8. Ask that it is supervised by an adult or older 4-H member.

#### Dyer Hudson

1. Exhibitor must be a registered Marion County Clover Kid.
2. **Only 3** entries per exhibitor
3. Clover Kids will sit with a caring adult to talk about their project on Thursday, July 09 9am-2pm
4. Exhibits will be displayed in Dyer Hudson on a Clover Kid Table.
5. Projects can be picked back up in Dyer Hudson on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm.

### SHOWRING CODE OF ETHICS

As developed by the INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

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 National 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:

1. 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. 2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. 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 culminates 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 internally 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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. No person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. 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 individuals to disciplinary action.
9. 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.
10. 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 Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. 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 National 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.

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