



MARION COUNTY

4-H NEWS

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

May

- 02 Sheep & Goat ID Day
- 15 All Animals must be ID'd on 4-H online

June

- 16/18 Mandatory Pullorum Testing (Poultry)
- 15 All Livestock Entries are due on Fair entry
- 29 Entries due for Comm/Clothing/Food

July

- 1 State Fair Entries are Due
- 6 Communication/Clothing/Food Judging
- 07 Dyer Hudson Entries Due by 12:30pm
- 09 Dyer Hudson Judging 9am-2pm
- 10-16 County Fair

2026 Fair Rules Changes

Hello Families,

Fair is just around the corner and we have had some updates to many of our rules. In this newsletter will be all of the rule changes for 2026. Please review these changes, so you are aware. Fairbooks are still being worked on but those will be posted to our website soon!

As always the best way to stay up to date with all things fair is to visit our website about fair items:

[Fair Website](#)



2026 Fair Theme:



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Fair Update Rules

Fair Rule Updates

We are working on the Fairbooks. Below are the rule changes we have so far.

General Changes:

- ⇒ Livestock can arrive anytime during the following:
 - ⇒ Friday, July 10th 6am-5:30pm
 - ⇒ Saturday, July 11th 6am-7am
- ⇒ Livestock can not be removed until 8pm on Wednesday, July 15th. No Trailers allowed on grounds prior to 8pm.

Poultry

- ⇒ Mandatory for everyone showing Poultry ID Day:
 - ⇒ Tuesday, June 16th or Thursday, June 18th 5pm-7pm
 - ⇒ We will send out slot sign up for families.
 - ⇒ Families will ID birds, enter into classes and get PT Tested.
 - ⇒ Poultry does **NOT** need to be ID'd by May 15th . Please don't add your birds to 4-H online.
- ⇒ Check in will be Friday, July 10th 3:30pm-6pm
 - ⇒ Must be present during check in times. No poultry in cages until checked in by Superintendent.
- ⇒ Exhibitors can take birds from their pen of three and put into individual classes.
- ⇒ Poultry show will now be Saturday, July 11th 1pm.

Swine

- ⇒ Health papers are required between 8am-3pm on Friday, July 10th. If you come between 6am-8am or 4:30pm-5:30pm on Friday, July 10th no health papers are required but all swine must be checked BEFORE getting off trailer.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must upload a picture of the tag in the ear and ear notch when ID by May 15th. Superintendents are happy to help with this, if needed.
- ⇒ Only Youth and animal are allowed in the holding area.

Pet/Cat:

- ⇒ Must bring copy of vaccinations day of show.
- ⇒ If cats are younger than 4 months, they will be asked to return home.
- ⇒ All animals must be in escape proof, suitable containers



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Bucket Calf/Lamb/Goat

- ⇒ Bottle Animal show has moved to Monday, July 13th at 1pm.
- ⇒ Youth can only show up to 2 bottle Calves, Lamb and or Goat.
- ⇒ All Bottle Calves must have an official 4-H Tag
- ⇒ 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.

Dairy

- ⇒ Dairy wethers will weigh-in at Goat Check-in on Friday , July 10th 5:30pm
- ⇒ Check in will be Friday, July 10th 3pm-5pm. Youth should wait to put animals into pens until Superintendents check animals.
- ⇒ On show day youth must wear white pants & white shirt or 4-H/FFA t-shirt. If you chose not to wear white, you will place last in the class.
- ⇒ If you need someone to help you show, they must be an active Marion County 4-H youth and in 4-H Show dress (4-H Shirt, Jeans and closed toed shoes. White is not require but preferred).

Rabbit

- ⇒ Mandatory Rabbit Check in on Friday, July 10th 4:00-5:30pm. Tattoos must be visible at check-in
No rabbits in their cages until check in.

Horses:

- ⇒ Exhibitors can have up to two entries for Games and Trail.
- ⇒ Safety meetings– March 8th @ 2:00pm and March 22nd @5pm Youth must attend one in order to show at the Fair.

Sheep

- ⇒ Sheep show has moved to Tuesday, July 14th 8am.
- ⇒ Coats/coverings and Leg wraps must be off only for weigh-in.
- ⇒ Sheep must be slick sheared 1 week before fair.

Dog

- ⇒ Safety Meeting is coming soon.
- ⇒ No other changes.



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Meat Goat

- ⇒ Show day has changed to Saturday, July 11th 9am.
- ⇒ Reminder that all Meat Goats need to be weighed in at the Fair weigh-in on Friday, July 10th 5:30pm--6:00pm
- ⇒ ID/Tag on 4-H online must match what is in the ear on check in at Fair.
- ⇒ If you want to participate in Rate of Gain (this is optional), you must go through State Fair Line on May 2nd.

Beef

- ⇒ Beef show is now moved to Monday, July 13th with an 8am start time.
- ⇒ Beef Check in will be at 7am on Saturday, July 11th.
- ⇒ No Carcass scanning this year.
- ⇒ Commercial Breeding will be split by weight– must weigh in at fair check in.
- ⇒ Breeding beef must have two forms of ID. One being a tattoo. The second form can be a childhood calf vaccination or IED 4-H Tag.
- ⇒ An overall Grand and Reserve champion Bred & Owned female will be selected immediately following the supreme champion breeding heifer.

General Rule Reminders

- ⇒ **All Livestock Entries on Fairentry are due June 15th**
- ⇒ All animal unloading in the East/West facing barns must happen on the west side. No vehicle access on the east side of the barn
- ⇒ All livestock trailers must be removed from the Fairgrounds once unloaded and moved to the old Pamida Lot.
- ⇒ Notify the Extension Fair Office of what livestock you will be selling by Monday, July 13th at 2:30pm. We will post sale list on Tuesday, July 14th you have 24 hours to tell us if you are not on the list. After that 24 hours you can not add. You will not be going through the ring on sale day unless on the sale program.
- ⇒ YQCA is required for all youth showing the following: Swine, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits and Poultry
- ⇒ All Livestock must be removed 1 hour after the Sale on Thursday, July 16th.
- ⇒ All tents must have 2 sides open at all times.



Important rules to remember

Clover Kids

- ⇒ Clover Kids can show in the Clover Kid Pet (9:15am), Bottle Lamb/Goat (10:15am) Bottle Calf, (12:15pm)classes.
- ⇒ All Clover Kid shows will be Sunday, July 12th.
- ⇒ Check-ins will be 15 minutes before the start of the show
- ⇒ Kiddos have the option to show in the open Bottle Lamb (11:00am) & Open Bottle Calf (1:00pm). These will follow the Clover Kid shows.
- ⇒ Clover Kid Costume Contest for each species immediately following their show.

Fair Updates:

- ⇒ To stay up to date with information:
 - ⇒ Extension Website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/marion/county-fair>
 - ⇒ Marion 4-H Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/marionco4h>
 - ⇒ Marion County Fair Website: <https://marioncofair.com/>
 - ⇒ Marion County Fair Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057400213397>
 - ⇒ Band App: Scan the QR code to join.



Marion County Fair

We will be posting here during fair with important updates.

Schedule Changes

- ⇒ Communication/Clothing and Food Challenge Day will now be Monday, July 6th.
- ⇒ Goat will now show on Saturday, July 11th
- ⇒ Poultry will now show on Saturday, July 11th 1pm
- ⇒ Beef will now show on Monday, July 13th
- ⇒ Bottle Animal show has moved to Monday, July 13th at 1pm
- ⇒ Sheep will now show on Tuesday, July 14th
- ⇒ Clover Kid shows will be on Sunday, July 12th.

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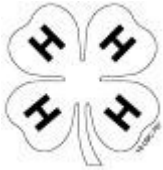
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