FOR 4-H YOUTH:
* To provide a setting that encourages 4-H’ers to further demonstrate, learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management and/or marketing of their 4-H accomplishments.
* To assist in empowering youth to reach their full potential in becoming productive citizens, outstanding communicators, effective leaders and successful learners.
* To provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards.
* To provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to participate in a variety of program opportunities beyond the county level.
* To provide an opportunity for 4-H’ers to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.

FOR PUBLIC:
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Unless otherwise specified, this department is open to youth who are participating in Extension 4-H Youth Development Programs.

RULES

1. Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in the 4-H Livestock Departments. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of these rules are subject to all premium cancellations, disqualification from future participation in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Show and potential submission to the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers’ Rule Infraction Database. Interpretation of rules, when necessary, shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and other appropriate committees.

2. Unless otherwise specified, entries in this division are limited to youth who will have completed 5th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) during the 2019-2020 school year.

3. Only livestock projects, which have been enrolled by the exhibitor and listed in the 4hOnline enrollment program on or before June 1, (February 1 for Market Beef, July 1 for Rabbits) may be entered. (This applies to all animals with exception of poultry which have less restrictive identification rules.) All 4-H livestock must meet ownership/possession identifications and requirements outlined in 4-H 202. Joint member entries will not be accepted with the exception of horses and dogs as outlined in 4-H 202. Animals may NOT be identified as both a 4-H and FFA project.

4. Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says, “No Sale!” All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects. An animal should not enter an auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold.

5. The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. Online entry is available at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock.htm. All entries must be submitted online by July 10 through the FairEntry software program.

6. All judges’ decisions are final.

7. ENTRY FEES must be paid at the time entries are made. ALL EXHIBITOR CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE IOWA STATE FAIR.

Entries will not be accepted without fees. All entry fees must be paid in cash, check, credit card or money order. Payment must be postmarked by July 10. No other forms of payment will be accepted, including purchase orders, etc. No refunds will be made. See Department rules for information on fees.

8. First and second place winners in individual classes are eligible to compete for Championships and Reserve Championships, provided they received a purple or blue award.

9. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa, with the following exception:
   A. BEEF - 4-H members who exhibit 4-H Market Beef but do not exhibit in 4-H Breeding Beef classes, may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Breeding Beef classes. Likewise, 4-H members who exhibit in 4-H Breeding Beef classes, but not in 4-H Market Beef/Beef of Merit classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Performance Beef classes. Exhibitors in 4-H Market Beef classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Breeding Beef classes.
   B. SHEEP - 4-H members who exhibit Breeding Sheep in 4-H classes may, if eligible, exhibit Market Lambs in FFA classes or vice versa. However, 4-H members are not permitted to show Breeding Sheep in both 4-H and FFA classes even though the young person may have separate breeds for 4-H and FFA. 4-H members are not permitted to show Market Lambs in both 4-H and FFA classes.
   C. SWINE - 4-H members who exhibit Breeding Swine in 4-H classes may, if eligible, exhibit Market Swine in FFA classes or vice versa. However, 4-H members are not permitted to show Breeding Swine in 4-H and FFA classes even though the young person may have separate breeds for 4-H and FFA.
   D. RABBITS - Exhibitors in the 4-H Rabbit Department are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Rabbit Department or vice-versa.
   E. HORSES - Exhibitors in the 4-H Horse Department are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Horse Department or vice-versa.
   F. DAIRY CATTLE - Animals entered in the Youth Dairy Cattle Show are limited to those identified in either 4-H or FFA, but not both.
   G. POULTRY - Exhibitors in the 4-H Poultry Department are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Poultry Department or vice-versa.
   H. DAIRY GOATS - Animals entered in the Youth Dairy Goat Show are limited to those identified in either 4-H or FFA, but not both.
I. MEAT GOATS - 4-H members who exhibit 4-H Market Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Breeding Meat Goat classes. 4-H members are not permitted to show Market Meat Goats in both 4-H and FFA classes. 4-H members who exhibit 4-H Breeding Meat Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Market Meat Goat classes. 4-H members are not permitted to show Breeding Meat Goats in both 4-H and FFA classes.

II. Individual animals must be identified as either a 4-H or FFA project, not both.

M. Exhibitors in 4-H divisions may not exhibit 4-H or FFA exhibits in the same department in any other state fair.

10. INSURANCE: 4-H participants and volunteers (not Extension personnel) who are enrolled/registered and approved by the respective counties or campus program, are provided a basic accident/injury insurance policy. Insurance will cover the individual while en route to or from the fair as well as at the fair when participating in an approved 4-H event or program. A report of all illness and accidents must be made to the 4-H Headquarters Office within 24 hours after the accident or illness. All claims will be processed according to procedures established by the insurance company and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Your report must be filed with the insurance company as soon as possible and not more than 20 days after the accident. 4-H participants and volunteers or their families are responsible for any expenses arising from accident/injury or illness due to participating in a 4-H event or program that are not covered by the basic accident/injury insurance policy.

The Show Management will endeavor to protect participants from injury. The Iowa State Fair Authority will not be held responsible for any incident, damage or loss. Should any incident occur, prompt attention is available at the First Aid Station maintained on the State Fairgrounds with a physician in-charge. All animals listed on entry forms must be entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Show and of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions contained in the Premium Book by which all exhibitors are governed. Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property, which may occur as a result of said competition.

11. All youth who make entries in Livestock Exhibits, will receive **three admission wristbands**. Please note that children 5 and under will not wristbands.

12. The Management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.

13. The Show Management will use diligence to insure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc. 4-H exhibits at the show are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program of Iowa State University, in cooperation with the show, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the 4-H Staff and show management cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits.

14. As an exhibitor, I hereby acknowledge that my photographs may be taken by the official Show photographer for use by the Show and agree to release and hold harmless the State of Iowa, Iowa State Fair Authority, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph was taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and I agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

15. When the number of exhibits in a class is fewer than six for two consecutive years, that class will be reviewed by the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program Staff (in consultation, as needed, with the show officials) with a decision to be made to either discontinue the class or combine it with another class within the department unless evidence is found that indicates a need to continue it for an additional year.

**CONDUCT RULES**

16. All exhibitors, 4-H volunteers and 4-H staff are expected to be cooperative, courteous and good 4-H representatives while on the Iowa State Fairgrounds and participating in 4-H events.

17. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or drugs on the Iowa State Fairgrounds will result in disqualification of the exhibitor’s entry and/or continued participation by the 4-H’er in the event.

18. It is the intent that the 4-H’er take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H’er learn new skills and be done by a family member and/or another Iowa 4-H’er. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.

19. No member will be eligible for this show who does not take entire charge and care of the project in the show ring except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the Superintendent. This show is an educational event. It is designed to train 4-H members to properly fit their animals and exhibit his or her animal without aid.

20. All 4-H beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors must be certified through the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) program.

21. Any animal that becomes wild or uncontrollable causing a safety concern during the show may be declared ineligible by the division superintendent.

22. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN - Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence, the Management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.

If a 4-H’er is injured or is seriously ill at the time of the show or is involved in another Show activity with a non-flexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory (i.e. another 4-H livestock show) the 4-H’er may submit an application for a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be a 4-H’er eligible to exhibit at show and approved in advance of the show by the Show Substitute Showman Committee. Participation in school or school activities will not be considered. For those 4-H’ers who are ill or injured, a doctor’s note is highly recommended.

Forms for the approval of substitute showman may be obtained from the Superintendent’s office. These forms must be filled out completely and approved in advance before showing. If the request is approved the form will be handed to the clerk checking the class into the show ring.

An exhibitor, who has more than one animal in a class, need not secure approval for another eligible showman to exhibit one of his/her animals. However, it is expected such cases will be brought to the attention of clerk checking animals into the check-in area or show ring.

23. CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS - Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the Code of Ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

A. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.

B. All exhibits will be true representations of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other’s work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their...
I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use. I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this Code of Ethics, and any other rules of competition of the Show listed in its Premium Book and other exhibitor material.

Any attempt to misrepresent an animal in any way will be considered fraud and deception, and can result in disqualification and barring from the show and the Iowa State Fair. In addition, any exhibiting family whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs or barring for any other reason at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions will be barred indefinitely from showing at the Iowa State Fair.

SHOULD VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE SALE, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value (established by the USDA market for dressed meat as of day of sale) shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will be advanced.

Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

In the case of 4-H Market animals - beef, meat goat, sheep and swine - random samples of DNA/retinal images will be collected during check-in. First and second place animals in each market beef, market meat goat and market sheep class will have retinal images taken. In the case of market swine, DNA samples will be collected on all division and reserve division champions. In addition, all re-tagged animals are subject to have DNA/retinal images collected. Any discrepancies in the comparisons will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiture of all awards, prizes and premiums, and the entire family for a period of time to be determined by the Iowa State Fair Board and submission to the Rule Infraction Database.

TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor’s assistants who fitted the animal involved.

Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development, dyeing or coloring hair, adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. Transparent grooming materials only may be used.

Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All exhibitors whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the Show. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the show and the Iowa State Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize monies and awards won in any division.

CARCASS CONDEMNATION at the packing plant due to unethical or illegal practices shall be grounds for disqualification in the on foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.

No drugs or medications or medical treatment of any kind may be administered except by the Official Show Veterinarian once an animal arrives on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. All animals are subject to a random drug test. All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive tests will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums and sale prices. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor's family may be barred from participation in future Iowa State Fairs. A re-test may be done...
at the exhibitor’s expense. Information on this re-test policy is on file in the State Fair Manager’s Office. Again this year, random drug testing will be conducted.

THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED. Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

A. Drug Testing Procedures - Under the supervision of the Official Show Veterinarian, urine, blood, and other specimens shall be taken and tested from any animal. The samples shall be collected by the Official Show Veterinarian or other person designated by the Official Show Veterinarian. Each sample shall be marked or numbered and bear information essential to its proper analysis. The container of each sample shall be sealed as soon as the sample is placed therein.

During the taking of the sample from an animal, the exhibitor, owner or representative of the owner or exhibitor may present and witness the taking of the sample and so signify in writing by signing the bottom of the bar code form in the appropriate location. Failure to present and witness the collection of samples constitutes a waiver by the owner, exhibitor or representative of any objections to the source, documentation and chain of custody for the sample.

Until transported to the laboratory for analysis, samples shall be kept in a secure facility at the Iowa State Fairgrounds under the supervision of the Show Veterinarian. No unauthorized person shall be admitted at any time to this location.

The urine or blood sample secured by the Official Show Veterinarian or designee shall be split into two parts. Both portions shall be stored and shipped at the same range of temperatures and kept and transported in similar fashion. Urine will not be split if less than 40 ml are obtained. In this instance, a plasma or serum sample shall be taken. Plasma or serum samples shall initially be taken in a quantity to insure that ample portions are obtained, using two 8.5 - 10 ml blood tubes for the primary sample with one additional blood tube for split testing.

All bodily fluids samples taken under direction of the Official Show Veterinarian shall be delivered to the designated laboratory. The laboratory shall conduct individual tests on each sample, screening them for prohibited substances, and conducting other tests to detect and identify any prohibited substance or metabolic derivative thereof with specificity. The laboratory shall submit to the Fair a written report as to each sample tested indicating by sample tag identification number whether the sample was tested negative or positive for prohibited substances. In the event the laboratory finds a sample suspicious for a prohibited substance the test shall be confirmed on a second portion of the original sample, and the remaining portion, if available, of the sample shall be preserved and protected for two years.

A positive test means a test result that confirms the presence of drugs or drug metabolites at a level which equals or is greater than the lowest calibration standard for that substance. An amount below the lowest calibration standard is considered a non detectable amount. In reporting to the Fair a finding of a test positive for a prohibited substance, the laboratory shall present documentary evidence acceptable in the scientific community and admissible in court in support of the professional opinion as to the positive testing.

26. Each exhibitor with market animals, beef, meat goats, sheep and swine, along with horse exhibitors will complete an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement.

27. Any animal showing evidence of contagious diseases will be unable to be shown. Disqualified animals must be removed from the barn and Fairgrounds immediately. Any animal found to have external parasites, will be disqualified and exhibitor must remove it from the premises immediately.

28. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of animal will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials.

29. Coaching from or near the ring is STRONGLY discouraged. This includes verbal or non-verbal coaching. If any individual becomes distracting or disruptive by their words or actions, they will be escorted from the barn/show area for the duration of the show. Please refer to the species-specific premium book sections for stricter requirements/limitations to the coaching of exhibitors.

30. Exhibitors will be required to keep their feed, hay, straw, equipment, etc., in the appropriate location(s) for each specific barn, based upon availability. The public alleyways must at all times be kept open and free from litter, equipment, feed, etc. Stalls, pens and alleyways must be cleaned and refuse deposited where instructed by the Superintendent no later than 8:00 a.m. each day. All kinds of feed may be purchased at reasonable rates from the Feed Barn on the Fairgrounds. The use of paper bedding will be prohibited in the barns. Anyone attempting to use paper bedding will be dismissed immediately from the grounds forfeiting any and all entry fees and charges.

31. 4-H PARTICIPATION T-SHIRTS - 4-H members participating in the 4-H Livestock Exhibit Department of the Show will be furnished a 4-H participation t-shirt. Each 4-H'er will receive only one t-shirt. Members are expected to wear the appropriate t-shirt at the time of participation in the Fair. If the Show 4-H participation t-shirt becomes too soiled for wear, a regulation 4-H t-shirt or white blouse or shirt with a 4-H chevron should be worn.

32. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer; Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog; Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb; Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Broiler (Special); Grand Champion Market Meat Goat must be processed at Iowa State University Meat Lab. Weight for this sale will be weigh-in weight. If sold, the buyer must relinquish animal for carcass data. Various organs of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals (excluding market broilers) will be collected at slaughter for tissue testing.

Changes and additions may have been made to this list of animals after this information has been posted to the Fair’s website. If so, the information will be updated and notification will be sent to County Extension Offices and/or livestock exhibitors.

33. Necessary changes announced at the show by officials will supersede information in this Premium Book.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

a. When exhibiting livestock: GIRLS - Show exhibitor’s t-shirt or white blouse and jeans, slacks or skirt (white trousers for Dairy Exhibitors). BOYS - Show exhibitor's t-shirt or white shirt and jeans or slacks (white trousers for Dairy Exhibitors).