



July 21-26, 2026

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McKenna Miller

2025 Hamilton County Fair Queen

Please join McKenna as she crowns the 2026 Hamilton County Fair Queen on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, in the Grandstand.

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Bucket/Bottle Calf:

Shea Hassebrock

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Darrel Hay

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Field & Garden Open Class:

Yvonne McCormick

Fine Arts Open Class:

Brenda Cousins-Cormaney

Flowers Open Class:

Yvonne McCormick

Goats:

Marty Johnson

Hobby Craft Open Class:

Sandra Greufe

Horse:

Kylee Ormesher, Zach Sukraw

Implements:

Zach Williams

Livestock Health:

Dr. Jen Arnold

Photography Open Class:

Brenda Cousins-Cormaney

Poultry:

Adam Richardson, Dana Casey

Products of the Kitchen Open Class:

Yvonne McCormick

Queen Contest:

Kim Schaa, Kathleen Hay, Carla Johnson, Nikki Ehn, Ashley Burtnett

Rabbits:

Chelsea Gerard, Adalie Hayes

Sheep:

Gerald Gourley, Marty Johnson

Swine:

Dan Ostrem

4-H Building:

Kaylee Young

FAIR INFORMATION

Hamilton County Exposition
PO Box 563, Webster City, Iowa 50595
Phone: 515-832-1443

Email: hamcoexpo@gmail.com

Website: www.hamcoexpo.com

ADMISSION

Daily Car Parking \$3.00

Season Car Parking \$10.00

Gate Admission: Free

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Hamilton County Fair is a cooperative effort of the business and professional people in Hamilton County. Representatives from Blairsburg, Ellsworth, Jewell, Kamrar, Randall, Stanhope, Stratford, Webster City, and Williams take pleasure in announcing the dates of July 21-26, 2026, for these countywide presentations. The program is both entertaining and educational and provides for participation from rural and urban areas for all ages.

NOTICE

The fair office on the fairgrounds will be open the week prior to the fair from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **It is important to read the rules for each department before exhibiting at the fair. See Open Class Fair Book for open class rules and information.**

CLAIMS FOR INJURY

No claim for injury to any person or property shall ever be asserted nor suit instituted or maintained against the Hamilton County Fair Association, its officers, or their agents, by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, or their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on the Fairgrounds or to occupy space thereon. If any damage, loss, or injury to person or property shall be approximately caused by reason of neglect or willful act of any person firm or corporation, their agents, representatives, servants, or employees having license or privilege to exhibit on said Fairgrounds or occupying space thereon, the Hamilton County Fair Association shall in no manner be responsible therefore, and in case it be subjected to any expense or liability, all persons causing same or liable therefore shall indemnify the Hamilton County Fair Association.

FAIR SCHEDULE

Please consult hamcoexpo.com/fair/daily-schedule for the daily schedule.



4-H/FFA Registration

Fair entries accepted May 16 - June 15 (no late entries accepted) on: <http://hamcoiowa.fairentry.com/>

CENTRAL IOWA SHOWDOWN

Sunday of the Fair - 10:00 am Hamilton County Fair Show Arena



The Central Iowa Showdown is an elite livestock event that brings together Iowa's best livestock and top showmen to compete for the title of Showdown Champions from our local event who will be eligible to compete in the All-Iowa Showdown. The event will feature the top placing animals and exhibitors from 9 respective counties in the classes of Champion Market Lamb, Champion Ewe Lamb, Champion Market Beef, Champion Breeding Heifers, Champion Market Swine, Champion Commercial Gilt, Champion

Breeding Doe and Champion Market Goat. The public is invited to attend. **Central Iowa Showdown Exhibitors will need to leave within 90 minutes following the show.** Contact Central Iowa Showdown committee members with any questions: Tennie Carlson 515-571-0832, Gerald Gourley 515-835-2160 or Carlton Ness 515-291-2198

LIVESTOCK PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Sunday of the Fair Hamilton County Fair Show Arena

All 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors (no bucket/bottle exhibitors) who have won a championship livestock award are strongly encouraged to participate in the parade. They may exhibit their ribbons/banners as well as their animals. Registrations for the Parade of Champions are due to the Extension Office by 10:00 am on Sunday of the Fair (horse deadline is within 15 minutes following the end of the Sunday horse show).

SUPREME HAMILTON COUNTY SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP

Following Parade of Champions Hamilton County Fair Show Arena

The Supreme Hamilton County Senior Showmanship Competition is for individuals who won Senior Showmanship honors in their own species' Senior Showmanship competitions earlier during the fair. All qualifying participants will start with their own animal and will rotate and show each animal in the arena and be interviewed by a superintendent or volunteer. In supreme showmanship, each contestant must exhibit the same animal they showed in the preliminary contest. Exceptions to be made only by the superintendent. Exhibitors will be evaluated on the presentation of the animal and knowledge of the species.

HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR QUEEN

Hamilton County Fair Queen Contest Rules

1. Each contestant must be 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2026 State Fair.
2. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
3. The county fair queen must reside in Hamilton County. The only exception: she must reside in an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in Hamilton County.
4. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as a church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc.
5. Only the County Fair winner will be eligible to represent Hamilton County at the State Fair Queen Contest. (Alternates will be considered in order of selection in the event the Queen is unable to participate.)
6. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete.
7. Any Hamilton County Fair Queen Finalist from past years is not eligible.
8. Two identical billfold size photos (Head and shoulder pose) must be submitted with your entry form.
9. Contestant is responsible for locating a vehicle (convertible) and driver to drive them through the Hamilton County Fair Parade on Tuesday, July 21, 2026.
10. Judging date is July 18, 2026. Announcement and crowning ceremonies will take place Tuesday evening, July 21, 2026 following the parade.
11. Judging criteria for both the County and State levels are as follows.
 - a. Charm & Poise
 - b. Personality, Attitude, Appearance, and Awareness
 - c. Leadership and Citizenship-Contribution to Community
 - d. Overall Appearance, Charm, Poise
12. Contest decisions are announced by coordinators and are final. There will be planned activities for the Queen Candidates during the Hamilton County Fair.
13. Positions and prizes are as follows:
 - a. Queen- \$125 cash, State Fair Queen Contest entry, 8x10 photo, crown, sash, a dozen long stemmed roses & trophy
 - b. 1st Runner-Up - \$75.00 cash, trophy.
 - c. 2nd Runner-Up - \$50.00 cash, trophy.
 - d. Leadership Award - \$25.00 cash, trophy.
 - e. Miss Congeniality-trophy
14. Entry forms for Queen Contestant nominations must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2026 or hand delivered to a committee member no later than 5:00 pm, July 1, 2026. Two identical billfold size head and shoulder photos must be included with the completed entry and returned to Hamilton County Fair Association, P.O. Box 563, Webster City, Iowa 50595, or give to any committee member,
15. If the winner is crowned knowing she cannot stay throughout the Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with the title to the 1st Runner-Up. She may then accept the title and awards of 1st Runner-Up.
16. The winner must fully participate in all activities of the State Fair judging competition. (There will be no approvals given for schedule changes during the State Fair judging.)
17. This contest is limited to the first 16 entries.
18. All contestants will be guests of the Hamilton County Fair during the 5 days of the Fair and will receive gifts honoring their participation.
19. Committee members for this year's Hamilton County Fair Queen Contest are as follows: Kim Schaa: 515-290-5815; Kathleen Hay: 515-832-5291; Carla Johnson: 515-835-2418, and Ashley Burtnett (515) 835-0686

The official entry form may be duplicated. Entries may be front and back of one sheet only

OFFICIAL ENTRY FOR HAMILTON COUNTY QUEEN CONTEST

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ T-shirt Size _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

High School Attended _____

School Activities _____

Church and/or Community Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Future Plans _____

Describe your involvements in the Hamilton County Fair: _____

Describe any positions of leadership you have held in your school and community _____

Write one short paragraph on why you would like to be the Hamilton County Fair Queen:

If chosen as Hamilton County Fair Queen, I agree to fully participate in the current year's and next year's Hamilton County Fair and the current year's Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant.

Signature _____

HAMILTON COUNTY FAIR RULES/EXPECTATIONS

1. The Rules and Regulations should be carefully read by each exhibitor to avoid misunderstandings and especially the rules in each department entered.
2. All articles exhibited must be owned by the person entering the same; and to entitle any article other than horses to a cash premium, it must have been manufactured, produced, or grown by the person entering it.
3. Should any person enter an article or an animal in a name other than that of the bona-fide owner, the person making such entry shall not be allowed a premium should one be awarded.
4. No animal or article deemed unworthy shall be awarded a premium, nor any barren animal shown in the breeding classes.
5. The Hamilton County Fair Association will use all diligence to secure the safety of the stock and articles after arrival and arrangement on the grounds but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. It is particularly desired that exhibitors give their personal attention to their property and at the close take charge of it.
6. No articles shall be exhibited in more than one class except in the case of some livestock and limited 4-H exhibits as specified.
7. No articles or animals shall be removed from the Exposition before the specified release time. If removed before that time without the consent of the Superintendent, they shall forfeit any premium that may have been awarded, stripped of any titles and suspended from showing at the fair for one year.
8. Any non-exhibitor attempting to interfere with the judging, questioning judges' decisions, or exhibiting rude or disrespectful behavior towards a judge may be removed from the immediate show area by the superintendent of the show.
9. There will be no soliciting/advertising of any kind that is not pre-approved by the Hamilton County Fair Board. No material will be handed out on grounds without prior approval of the Board.
10. Any and all protests on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds are required to take place from 8:00 am -9:00 am on the infield of the Hamilton County Racetrack. These protests are to be done peacefully and should not jeopardize the general public's safety.
11. Credentials are needed for any publications/press to be on the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. Credentials can be obtained during regular business hours.

GENERAL RULES

1. Judges shall report to the Superintendent any exhibitors who interfere with the judging. In cases of any interference the Superintendent may demand a proper apology and/or withhold any premium previously awarded and exclude any further entries by such exhibitors in classes yet to be judged.
2. Judges may withhold first place premium if in their judgement the best exhibit in the class is not worthy of the prize. It is the object of the Association to further improvement and the judge may at his/her discretion award first, second, or third or withhold premiums as he/she may deem proper. This rule will be adhered to even where there is competition.
3. Judges and Superintendents should see that the awards are properly recorded before turning the books over to the Extension Office.
4. Any animal or article must have won first in its class in order to be eligible for champion.
5. It is the duty of the superintendent to be on the grounds early in the morning of the first and each succeeding day of the Exposition.
6. Each Superintendent will give instructions to the awarding judge before the latter enters upon his/her duties.
7. The Superintendent will assist in locating stalls and pens.

JUDGES

1. No person shall act as judge in any class in which he or she may be an exhibitor.
2. Should any doubt arise as to the irregularity of an entry, or any important matter that a judge feels incompetent to decide, they must at once report the same to the Superintendent of the proper department.
3. Great care should be taken by the Superintendents in recording the awards judge's books, furnished them by the Secretary or Extension Office, in order that no mistakes occur.
4. When the awards in any class are made and entered on the Judge's Book the report shall be recorded by each judge or clerks and the books returned to the Superintendent of the Department.
5. The Association will not be liable for any errors of committees or clerks in placing premiums. ALL PERSONS WILL BE PAID AS SHOWN BY THE JUDGES' BOOK.
6. The Fair Board reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations; and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or connected with or incident to the fair.

PLEASE READ ALL RULES UNDER EACH DEPARTMENT BEFORE BRINGING YOUR EXHIBIT

4-H AND VOAG AG-FFA DEPARTMENT

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Extension Staff

Kaylee Young – County Youth Coordinator
Krystal Schnabel – K-12 Outreach Educator

FFA Advisors

Carlton Ness - South Hamilton
Kurt Veldhuizen - Webster City

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL VOAG-FFA & 4-H EXHIBITORS

1. Entries are open to students who are regularly enrolled in a Hamilton County Vocational Agriculture department or active Hamilton County FFA members, who have retained active membership until November 30, following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduation from high school, and/or, entries are open to active Hamilton County 4-H members who are enrolled in 4-H Online. Entrants failing to comply with any of the rules are not eligible to exhibit.
2. **All entries must be into FairEntry by 11:59 pm on June 15, 2026.** No late entries will be accepted.
3. Insofar as possible, diligence will be used to ensure the safety of all animals and articles entered for exhibition. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** will the Fair Board, Department Superintendent or Extension Office be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage.
4. All entries must be made in the name of the member.
5. Judges' decisions will be final, and awards made on their decisions.
6. All exhibitors are to assist with the care and upkeep of the exhibit buildings and barns during the fair. This will include regular cleanup of all exhibit buildings and barns.
7. Exhibits are only to be entered and removed at the designated time in the schedule of events.
8. Rule infractions will be subject to the forfeiture of premiums, stripping of titles, and one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair.
9. Officials request that there be no commercial advertising in or around exhibit buildings unless approved by the Fair Board.
10. Any false representation, interference, or unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor or his/her family to judges, officials or superintendents throughout the entire fair will be dealt with by the Hamilton County Fair Board. Any failures to comply with rules governing the County Fair exhibition will be dealt with by the Fair Board.
11. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to know the fair rules.
12. For any large exhibits selected for the State Fair, the 4-H member will be responsible for transporting to/from the State Fair at the discretion of the Extension Office.
13. Livestock premiums will be distributed at 4-H club meetings and to FFA advisors for distribution. Out of county exhibitors may pick up premiums from the Hamilton County Extension office from August 24-28, 2026. Any premiums not picked up by August 28th will be donated back to the Hamilton County Fair.
14. Livestock Exhibitors are expected to follow the livestock program promptly in producing livestock when instructed to do so, and any person refusing shall be ruled out of competition.
15. Any exhibitor knowingly misrepresenting the age, breeding, ownership, etc. of stock or the manufacturer or production of articles competing for premiums at the fair; or any person who shall attempt to interfere with the judges while in discharge of their duty, or who shall afterwards on the premises of the association use any rude and disrespectful language reference to any decision or awards shall therefore by forfeit his/her right to any premium which might be entitled and shall be excluded for one year thereafter.

STATIC EXHIBITS

Monday, July 20, 2026

Judging Schedule will be released after June 15

Van Diest & Ed Prince Buildings

Superintendents: Extension Staff

Entry Fee: \$1.00 per exhibit (excluding Challenge Classes)

Static Exhibit Premiums: Purple, \$3.00 Blue, \$2.00 Red, \$1.00 (excluding Challenge Classes)

4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING GENERAL RULES & CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

1. This department is open to youth active in Hamilton County 4-H. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with the 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.
2. Exhibitor must be present for judging.
3. 4-H members who have completed 4th grade thru 12th grade (or that equivalent) in the current year are eligible to exhibit at the Hamilton County Fair. Only exhibits from 5th – 12th graders are eligible to be sent to the Iowa State Fair. (Clover Kid opportunities at the fair located on page 45)
4. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done during the current 4-H year.
5. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, and/or safety and approved methods may be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
6. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters **may not** exceed 24"by 36" in size. (See classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements)
 - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., **may not** exceed 48"x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (see Class 10255 for the smaller requirement)
 - c. Display boxes **may not** exceed 28"by 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
7. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may not be used in any exhibit.
8. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
9. 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 Info for 4-H members).
10. The 4-H members goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship & techniques, and general appearances & design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and an exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to tip sheets for specific classes for detailed evaluation criteria in each class, located online at extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets
11. A written, audio recording, or video recording of goal questions are to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - a. What did you plan to learn/do?
 - b. What was your exhibit goal(s)?
 - c. What steps did you take to learn and/or do this?
 - d. What were the most important things you learned?

NOTE: Check for additional requirements for clothing and fashion, food & nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes. A form has been created to be filled out with these questions. Exhibitors can find this at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/news/hamcofair>. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube.

12. 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.

13. All judge's decisions are final.
14. No parents/guardians will be allowed in Ed Prince Building during judging times.
15. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled and include the name of the county, class number, class name, and exhibitor's name.
16. A \$1/static exhibit entry fee is required at submission through FairEntry.
17. All static and horticulture exhibits must be checked into the Exhibit Building on entry day with goal questions answered and conference judged on the Monday before the Fair.
18. All exhibits must remain in the exhibit building until Sunday of the Fair and be checked out before being removed. Release time is 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm on Sunday. Exhibits must be out by 6:00 pm on Sunday and cannot stay in the building overnight.
19. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and/or historical value as the exhibit or part of the exhibit.
20. The Hamilton County Fair Board and Hamilton County Extension will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition, however, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.
21. The Hamilton County Fair Board nor Hamilton County Extension Office will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
22. Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are encouraged to visit extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.
23. For Visual Arts, Home Improvement and Clothing Exhibits, youth must explain how the identified design elements and/or art principles were used in their exhibit. While not evaluated or given a higher ribbon placing for using more than the number required of elements and/or principles of design required, youth may discuss additional elements and principles used in the exhibit.
 - a. Junior (4th - 6th grade) exhibitors are responsible for identifying a minimum of one element of design **OR** one art principle within their exhibit.
 - b. Intermediate (7th - 8th grade) exhibitors are responsible for identifying a minimum of one element of design **AND** one art principle within their exhibit.
 - c. Senior (9th - 12th grade) exhibitors are responsible for identifying a minimum of one element of design **AND** two art principles **OR** two elements of design **AND** one art principle within their exhibit.

ANIMALS

10110 Animal Science - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

10120 Veterinary Science - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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.

10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability - An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.

10222 Entomology - Any 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.

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.

10230 Horticulture and Plant Science - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock and Horticulture.)

10235 Home Grounds Improvement - An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

10240 Outdoor Adventures - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

10255 Farm Model Display – An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources - An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork frames, 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 not typically adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will drop one ribbon placing.

CREATIVE ARTS

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.

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.*
2. *Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.*
3. *Photographs must be a minimum of 5" x 7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11" x 14". Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11" high by 24" in length.*
4. *All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of a finished project must not exceed ½ " thick.*
5. *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.**
6. *A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Slides should be numbered. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.*
7. *Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.*
8. *Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
9. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*
10. *All photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits. This can be found at <https://iastate.app.box.com/v/webdoc4HP5220Word>*
11. *Exhibitors may only exhibit a total of 5 photographs, not including challenge photo entries.*

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/mated or submitted (uploaded) as a digital image.*
2. *If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5" in length or larger than 14" in length.*
3. *Photograph/image can be digitally created or from a film negative.*
4. *Exhibit must have 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, photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*

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

10540 Digital Storytelling - (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative 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.

10350 Visual Arts - Original Art - An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

10355 Visual Arts - Design, Process, or Technique Exploration - This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different medium. 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 still 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 Art topics that are not an art item or object.

Visual Arts Special Rules:

1. *Items entered for exhibition must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*
2. *Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.*
3. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets.*
4. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.*
5. *Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.*
6. *Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.*

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

10410 Child Development – An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.

10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories - A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & 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.

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 Rule:

1. *Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event at the Iowa State Fair (Senior 4-H members only) may not be sent to the Iowa State Fair as a static exhibit.*
2. *Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*

10430 Consumer Management - An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

10440 Food & 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 & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf> for additional information regarding prepared food products. Display

boxes are not allowed for prepared products.

10442 Food & 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 & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf> for additional information regarding preserved food products.

10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display - An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning & service preparation, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf* for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning 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, credit the source of the recipe.*
7. *Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation 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 Exhibit Label.*
8. *Preserved food 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 resealable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:*
 - a. *Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items*
 - b. *Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product.*
10. *The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*

10450 Health - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.

10460 Home Improvement - An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving, and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

Home Improvement Special Rule:

1. *Items entered 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.*
2. *Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).*

10470 Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed item – A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not

intended to be worn by humans.

10472 Sewing and Needle Arts – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including but not limited to construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

Note: Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

10480 Other Family and Consumer Science - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family & Consumer Science class listed.

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)

Info on food groups and recommended daily servings can be found on the USDA MyPlate website: myplate.gov

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. *Each county may advance one 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 meal must serve four (4) people, with the serving for each person of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains.*
 - a. *Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.*
 - b. *If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.*
5. *Total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.*
6. *The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 22" x 28" or 20" x 30") that includes:*
 - a. *Menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes of each food item*
 - b. *Meal type (Breakfast, lunch, or dinner)*
 - c. *Copy of receipts (up to 2)*
 - d. *Photos of participant 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.*

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

10520 Communication - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, 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 and non-fiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit - Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

- *4-H is . . . (open to 4-H member's' interpretation)*
- *Join 4-H*
- *Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week theme)*
- *4-H Spirit (variation of 2026 Iowa State Fair Theme)*
- *4-H for America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250th birthday)*

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. *Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered. Two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14" by 20" or maximum of 15" by 22".*
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.*

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.

10550 Leadership - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

10560 Self-Determined - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

Personal Development Special Rule:

1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork frames, 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 are not typically adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will drop one ribbon placing.

10610 Mechanics - An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions, or that combines skills related to the design, construction, and repair of structural and mechanical technologies.

10612 Automotive - Vehicle - Repaired or restored vehicle.

10613 Automotive – Educational Display - Educational display showing learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

10614 Electric - Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

10615 Small Engine - Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

10616 Tractor - Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the fair.

10617 Tractor - Educational Display - Educational display showing learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

10618 Welding - Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

10620 Woodworking - Any exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

10630 Science, Engineering & Technology - Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

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

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

HORTICULTURE

1. See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules
2. Exhibitors must enter the maximum number of entries they plan to bring in FairEntry.
3. One exhibit from each category below may be entered.
4. Firm white paper plates should be used to contain most of the entries.
5. Evaluation will be based on:
 - a. Condition; specimens should be clean and free from blemishes.
 - b. Uniformity; specimens should be uniform in size, maturity and color.
 - c. Form; form should be typical of variety, regular, and smooth.
 - d. Size; specimens should be medium to moderately large size
 - e. Color; color should be typical of the variety, and uniform throughout.
6. Horticulture entries cannot qualify for the Iowa State Fair through Hamilton County Fair exhibition. These entries must be made independently through the Iowa State Fair by their set deadline.

101 – One Horticulture Entry (any below)

Categories Available (limit one entry per exhibitor per category):

- Sweet Corn, 3 ears (in husk)
- Plate of 5 cucumbers (small pickling)
- Plate of 3 beets
- One head of cabbage
- Plate of 3 carrots
- Plate of 2 cucumbers (slicing)
- Plate of 3 white onions (dried)
- Plate of 3 yellow onions (dried)
- Plate of 3 onions, other (dried)
- Plate of 3 hot peppers
- Plate of 3 sweet peppers
- Plate of 3 red potatoes
- Plate of 3 white potatoes
- Plate of 3 potatoes, other
- Plate of 6 snap beans
- Plate of 1 summer squash
- Plate of 1 winter squash
- Plate of 6 cocktail or cherry tomatoes
- Plate of 3 ripe tomatoes (no green)

- Plate of 3 turnips
- Plate of 3 kohlrabi
- Plate of 3 rhubarb
- Plate of 3 gourds
- Plate of unusual vegetables (may be any vegetable not listed above. Include a reasonable amount of one or more kinds.)
- Single specimen jumbo or most unusual looking vegetable (any of large and/or interesting size/shape)
- Novelty/Artistic Figure (made from fruit(s) and/or vegetable(s) grown by exhibitor. Accessories are allowed.
- A display of vegetables raised as the result of work done in 4-H. May include from 1 to 5 different kinds or species of vegetables, prepared and displayed as recommended in publication 4-H 462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Harvesting-and-Preparing-Vegetables-for-Exhibit.pdf> for proper exhibit preparation. Vegetables are to be judged on the standards listed in the above publication to an individual species basis.
- Single specimen Annual flower (grown by member and exhibited in clear glass container with water).
- Single specimen Perennial flower (grown by member and exhibited in clear glass container with water).
- Bulbs, corms or tubers
- Other ornamentals
- Collection of 5 different flowers, named (may be 5 different colors or shades of same variety. Exhibited in a clear glass container).
- A decorative arrangement of fresh flowers and/or plant materials in a vase arranged by the member from materials grown by the member.
- Houseplant-Blooming Plant (must be owned and cared for by exhibitor at least 5 weeks prior to Fair. May have more than 1 plant of the same kind in the same container.
- Houseplant-Foliage Plant
- Cactus or succulent
- Dish garden, 3 or more different plants, named (includes fairy gardens)
- Bucket of Flowers – A bucket container with flowers that have been grown by exhibitor and named as to the varieties planted. Exhibitor must make and include a waterproof card listing variety of flowers/plants used. To be exhibited outside of Floral Hall.
- Community Gardens – These are gardens that are planted and cared for by special group of 4-H members or classrooms.
 - Garden Vegetables
 - Garden Herbs
 - Garden Flowers
 - Garden Fruits
 - Creative Creatures (made from fruits and/or vegetables grown by exhibitor. Accessories allowed)

CHALLENGE CLASSES

FOOD & NUTRITION CHALLENGE CLASS

201 – Food & Nutrition Challenge (all ages)

2026 Theme: Chocolate Brownie Challenge – Members must find their own chocolate brownie recipe. Only “Traditional” brownie recipes will be accepted (frosting, fillings, nuts, toppings, etc. will not be accepted)

1. 2026 Special Rule: Entries must have a recipe attached to the plate of brownies. The recipe is chosen by 4-H member. Recipes must adhere to Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs guidelines.
2. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter. Members do not need to be enrolled in the Food & Nutrition project.
3. Limit one entry per member.
4. Entry should be placed on a firm disposable plate and sealed inside a plastic bag. The entry tag must be attached with the exhibitor’s name on the bottom of the plate.
5. Entry will be judged on standard product qualities after the completion of conference judging. Members do not meet with the judge about their challenge class items.
6. No write-up is required.
7. Exhibitors must present **3 BROWNIE SQUARES.**
8. Do not substitute or change the ingredients listed in the recipe.
9. Set on the designated table on judging day at building check in.
10. Only the top three in each division will receive recognition.

PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE CLASS

301 – Photo Challenge Class (all ages)

Theme: "Story Telling" Every photo tells a story. Show action, emotion, or relationships. Think about what happened before and what might happen next!

1. Participants may enter 1 photo. It MUST be taken in Hamilton County, Iowa in the past 4-H year.
2. The place where the photo was taken must be documented on the back of the photo.
3. The entries are to be 5"x 7" and mounted (either surface or window mounts).
4. Photos depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities (including trespassing) will NOT be judged or displayed.
5. Set on the designated table on judging day to be judged. Members do not meet with the judge about their challenge class items.
6. Only the top three in each division will receive recognition

TALL CORN CONTEST

Registration: No need to register on FairEntry. Seeds and buckets can be picked up at the Hamilton County Extension Office during office hours (Monday-Thursday 8:00 – 4:30 or Friday 8-Noon).

Judging: Bring to static judging on Monday, July 20, 2026 from 9:00am – 1:30pm (or club judging time). Please confirm drop off at check in table to register for the contest.

Who: Hamilton County 4-H and FFA members, 4-12 grades

Prizes: Cash prizes will be delivered by the Extension Office and will go to the top two entries. All prizes are courtesy of Arnold Crop Services. No additional premiums or ribbons are given.

Important Safety: Always handle seeds with gloves if they are treated with fungicide/insecticide.

Rules:

1. Arnold Crop Services will provide seeds and buckets. Each participant will get the same number of seeds and pick their tallest plant to bring to the Hamilton County Fair.
2. Each participant can bring one bucket with one plant to the fair. Corn must be alive at fair time.
3. Tallest corn will be determined by measuring the end of the root ball to the top of the tassel if not tasseled, the tallest part of the plant will be used for measurement.
4. Cornstalks can be tied to a structure to stabilize in the bucket.
5. Cornstalks will be displayed outside the Van Diest Building during the fair.
6. This is a local contest only. None advance to the Iowa State Fair.
7. Corn does not need to be grown in the bucket, can be grown in the ground then transferred to bucket.

We encourage each participant to research the best way to grow the tallest corn. Consider: Time to plant, drainage, cross-pollination, the addition of an untreated fertilizer, planting in the bucket or planting in the ground and transferring in the bucket, wind prevention, tie to structure, keep away from powerlines, light, water, potting soil mix.

See ISU Extension and Outreach's website for corn growing info: <https://crops.extension.iastate.edu/crops/corn>

BUCKET OF FLOWERS CHALLENGE CLASS

Participants are asked to decorate a five-gallon bucket or smaller to coordinate with the theme "America's 250th Birthday" using red, white, and blue flowers.

Rules:

1. All 4-H and Clover Kid entries will be judged during static day judging on July 21st.
2. One entry per exhibitor
3. Participants do not need to sign up for the class in FairEntry. Sign-up will happen on the static day during check-in.
5. Participants may use any live annuals or perennials (no endangered or threatened species) of their choice
6. 4-H exhibits will be placed in the top 3, with the winner receiving a 4-H prize. Clover Kids will receive a participation ribbon. No premiums will be awarded.
7. This class is not eligible for the Iowa State Fair

4-H CLUB BOOTH COMPETITION

All booths located in the 4-H Exhibit Building will be judged on Wednesday of the Fair. A certificate will be placed in the top three booths. Criteria for evaluation will include:

- a. Use of the current Fair theme: "Where Traditions Shine"
- b. Originality
- c. Organization
- d. All exhibits visible and clearly identified

4-H COMMUNICATION EVENTS

Friday, July 24, 1:00 pm

Judging Schedule will be released after June 15 (FairEntry Deadline)

Location: Van Diest Building

Superintendents: Extension Staff

Communication Event Premiums: Purple, \$3.00 Blue, \$2.00 Red, \$1.00

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

General Communication Rules and Regulations

1. Entries are open to enrolled 4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade in 2026. 4th grade exhibitors are not eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
5. 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>.
6. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
7. 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 Static Exhibit Building.
8. Stickers are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits building. Stickers may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. If tape is needed, painter' tape is preferred.
9. Entry must be made in FairEntry to receive premiums.
10. Premiums for all communication events align with Static Exhibits.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

11110 Junior Educational Presentation

11120 Intermediate/Senior Educational Presentation

Educational Presentation Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

Educational Presentation Rules

1. Time limit: Junior presentations (4th – 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th -12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
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.
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.

WORKING EXHIBIT

11210 Junior Working Exhibit

11220 Intermediate/Senior 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 working exhibits 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.
4. Have enough supplies for 30 people to complete your activity.

SHARE-THE-FUN

11300 Share-The-Fun Program

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 4th 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 least 80% of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed 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 performers must confirm stage set up, cue music, necessary equipment, etc. a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

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 members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
2. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted every 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participants may bring their own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H members' 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. 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 ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - f. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the club 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.
3. 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.

4-H AWARDROBE CLOTHING EVENT

Judging Wednesday, July 15th at the Extension Office starting at 4:00pm
Judging Schedule will be released after June 15
Style Show Thursday, July 23 at 4:30pm – Van Diest Building

Superintendents: Extension Staff

Awardrobe Event Premiums: Purple, \$3.00 Blue, \$2.00 Red, \$1.00

GENERAL AWARDROBE RULES

1. Participants in the Awardrobe Clothing Event will interview with a judge to discuss their exhibit.
2. All participants must fill out the Awardrobe Clothing Event Report form to give to the judge before starting the interview. This can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/county-fair>
3. A photo of participant in the outfit must be submitted along with the report form.
4. Certain classes may require receipts as proof of purchase.
5. A commentary is also required to be turned in on a SEPARATE document and emailed to hamilton4h@iastate.edu to be used for the Style Show.
6. On the report form, youth should list design elements and art principles – see “Exhibit Building General Rules”.
7. Only seniors are selected to attend the Iowa State Fair Awardrobe Event in one of the four categories.
8. Outfits may also be dual entered into 10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories or 10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories to be judged on static judging day on a hanger with a separate write-up. For 9th-12th grade members, outfits may only qualify for the Iowa State Fair through one class.

FASHION REVUE

12101 Junior Fashion Revue

12102 Intermediate Fashion

Revue 12103 Senior Fashion

Revue

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear, and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected

CLOTHING SELECTION

12201 Junior Clothing Selection

12202 Intermediate Clothing Selection

12203 Senior Clothing Selection

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

\$20 CHALLENGE

12301 Junior \$20 Challenge Event

12302 Intermediate \$20 Challenge Event

12303 Senior \$20 Challenge Event

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping/handling are not included in the total.
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, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN

12401 Junior Innovative Design

12402 Intermediate Innovative Design

12403 Senior Innovative Design The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit

1. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
2. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
3. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
4. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

Clover Kids Opportunities at the Fair

Superintendents: Krystal Schnabel, K-12 Outreach Educator
Kaylee Young, County Youth Coordinator
Entry Fee: None **Event Premiums:** None

Clover Kids Exhibitor Eligibility:

- Be enrolled in 4-H Online for the current program year on or before May 15.
- Be in grades K-3 in the current 4-H program year.
- Clover Kids do not have a minimum attendance requirement for club meetings.

Clover Kids Objectives at the Fair:

- Provide cooperative learning, non-competitive opportunities that foster children's self-understanding and self-confidence.
- Use experiential learning to provide research-based, developmentally appropriate cooperative activities that build life skills and are uniquely suited to kindergarten through 3rd-grade members.

Clover Kids do not receive premiums for their exhibits. Members may enter exhibits in both Clover Kids and Open Class shows, but the same exhibit may not be shown in both. For a complete list of Open Class opportunities and rules, please find the Open Class Fair Book at: <https://hamcoexpo.com/>

NEW this year!

- Clover Kids have two options to share their static (non-livestock) exhibits. Clover Kids can share 1 Static Exhibit and a Pet during the **Clover Kids Exhibit Sharing & Pet Show, Sunday July 19, 5:30 pm.** and 2 additional Static Exhibits during **Clover Kids Static Conference Judging, Monday, July 20, 10:00 am -1:30 pm.**
- **Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event- Clothing Selection. Thursday, July 23, 3:30 pm.**
- **Clover Kids Building Block Lego Display. Monday, July 20, 9:00 am-1:30 pm.**

We will do our best to take care of all items brought in; however, we are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken items. Please keep in mind that accidents can happen. If a child would rather take their item home after sharing it with the judge, we are happy to take a photo of the item and display it in its place.

Please contact the Hamilton County Extension office at schnabel@iastate.edu with any questions.

Clover Kids Pet Show

Sunday, July 19, 2026, 5:30 pm

in the Show Arena at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds

1. Registration begins 30 minutes before the Show.
2. Youth may bring 1 exhibit and 1 pet (no large animals) or stuffed animals.
3. All pets should arrive on a leash, in a crate, cage, or bowl
4. Pets include cats, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, chickens, mice, turtles, birds, dogs, and other small pets.
5. Large animals are not allowed.
6. Cats & dogs MUST have a current rabies certificate and bring it to the Pet Show Check In.
7. No wild animals are allowed
8. Please do not bring aggressive or skittish animals.
9. All exhibitors are responsible for their pets and any messes they make.
10. Each youth will share their pet with a caring adult or older 4-H member in front of an audience.
11. All participants will receive a Clover Kids ribbon.
12. No premiums will be paid to Clover Kids.
13. All Pets must return home immediately after the Pet Show is completed.

NEW this year! Clover Kids have two options to share their static exhibits. Clover Kids can share **1** Static (non-livestock) Exhibit during the Sharing Show and **2** additional Static Exhibits during Clover Kids Conference Judging, Monday, July 20, 10:00 am -1:30 pm.

14. K-3 youth can make something for the fair or bring something they have already created in school or at home.
15. Clover Kid family members, friends, and community members are welcome to attend the Show.
16. After judging, Clover Kids may leave their non-living static exhibit for display in the Van Diest Building alongside 4-H members' exhibits during the Hamilton County Fair.
17. All exhibits MUST be picked up between 5:00 and 5:30 pm on Sunday, July 26.
18. Graduating (3rd graders), Clover Kids will be recognized during the program.

Clover Kids Static Exhibit Conference Judging

Monday, July 20, 2026, 10:00 am-1:30 pm

in the Van Diest Building at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds

1. Youth can sit down with a caring adult or an older 4-H member (a reviewer or judge) to share their exhibit. Sharing their exhibit with a judge is a great way to practice for when a youth is in 4-H.
2. Clover Kid exhibitors who are not interested in sitting down with a reviewer but still want their exhibit displayed must have their exhibits in the 4-H Static Exhibit building by Monday, July 20, 1:30 pm.
3. The Clover Kids Goal Card (below) is optional. You can pick up copies at the extension office in Hamilton County during business hours, or click this link to download <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hamilton/clover-kids>
4. Clover Kids may enter up to 2 static exhibits, excluding Pet and Share Show, Clover Kids Fashion Class, or Clover Kids Building Brick Lego Display Challenge.
5. Static Exhibits can be anything the youth made, including cookies, paintings, craft projects, reports, buckets of flowers, houseplants, fairy gardens, photos taken, and so much more. The possibilities are endless with static exhibits, making it a great way to explore new hobbies.
6. We will do our best to take care of all items brought in; however, we are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken items. Please keep in mind that accidents can happen. If a child would rather take their item home after sharing it with the judge, we are happy to take a photo of the item and display it in its place.
7. All participants will receive a Clover Kids ribbon.
8. No premiums will be paid to Clover Kids.

Hamilton County Clover Kids Static Exhibit Goal Card

Clover Kids Member Name: _____
Grade Completed: _____ School or Clover Kids Club: _____

Please answer these questions (or draw a picture) as best as you can. Families are welcome to help.
Bring this paper with your exhibit. Goal Card is **optional**, but it's a fun and helpful way to support learning.

1. How did you get the idea for this project?

2. What did you like about this project?

3. What did you learn from doing this project?

4. Who helped you with this project?



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Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event- Clothing Selection

Registration and Judging, Thursday, July 23, 3:30 pm

Style Show (optional) Thursday, July 23, 4:30 pm
in the Van Diest Building

This class introduces Clover Kids to the 4-H Clothing Project Area by asking each participant to select an outfit to wear and share details about it.

Clover Kids participating in this class will meet one hour (3:30 pm) before the 4-H Awardrobe Event in the Van Diest Building. At this time, Clover Kids will share the outfit they choose with an older 4-H member experienced in the 4-H Clothing project and Awardrobe Event. Clover Kids will learn how to walk the runway, explore the 4-H Clothing Project Area, and get involved when they become 4-H members.

1. The chosen garments may be selected from one's own wardrobe, borrowed, or purchased, and can be acquired from a combination of sources.
2. Youth should wear the outfit they choose to **ATTEND THE CLOTHING EVENT**.
3. Clover Kid participants are asked to fill out the participation card (below) and bring it to the Clover Kids Awardrobe event.
4. A picture will be taken and displayed during the Fair.
5. Participation in fashion shows and photo displays is not required for this class.
6. All participants will receive a Clover Kids ribbon.
7. No premiums will be paid to Clover Kids.

Hamilton County Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event- Clothing Selection

Clover Kids Member Name: _____
Grade Completed: _____ School or Clover Kids Club: _____

Please answer these questions (or draw a picture) as best as you can. Families are welcome to help.
Bring this paper with your outfit. Goal Card is **optional**, but it's a fun and helpful way to support learning.

1. Why did you pick your outfit?

2. What do you like about your outfit?



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Clover Kids Building Block Lego Display

Registration and display drop off Monday, July 20, 9:00 am -1:30 pm
in the Van Diest Building

1. Display size must be 6x6 inches or smaller.
2. No pre-registration required.
3. Participants can choose whether to sit down with a reviewer to share their exhibit.
4. Youth will receive a participation certificate.
5. Youth do not have to keep their Legos on display.
6. We will do our best to take care of all items brought in; however, we are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or broken items. Please keep in mind that accidents can happen. If a child would rather take their item home after sharing it with the judge, we are happy to take a photo of the item and display it in its place.
7. Lego displays need to be picked up by Sunday, July 26, 5:00-5:30 pm.

Books in the Barn

Wednesday-Saturday 12:00-12:30 pm

Location: TBD

Books in the Barn invites little listeners and their families to gather 'round for story time in the barn! Enjoy charming tales of farm life, followed by a hands-on activity that brings the story to life.

It's a fun, educational way for families to learn, play, and make memories together at the Fair!

Books in the Barn is a free, drop-in program — no pre-registration required! Just come by and join the fun.

Wednesday, July 22, 12:00-12:30 pm

Thursday, July 23, 12:00-12:30 pm

Friday: July 24, 12:00-12:30 pm

Saturday: July 25, 12:00-12:30 pm

NEW THIS YEAR!

STEM + Arts at the Fair

During Kids Day at the Hamilton County Fair

Saturday, July 25, 1:00-4:00 pm in the Van Diest Building

LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES

1. All animals must have been properly identified as a 4-H project or VoAg-FFA enterprise.
2. Exhibitors have from 10:00 pm Sunday to Monday at Noon to remove livestock from fairgrounds.
3. An exhibitor is defined as an active 4-H or FFA member who actively shows and participates in a 2026 Hamilton County Fair livestock show with a livestock exhibit on the grounds.
4. All 4-H exhibitors must input their 4-H Animal ID's in 4hOnline by May 15th with the exception of Market Beef, Rabbits and Poultry. Market Beef ID's must be entered in by February 1st. Rabbits and Poultry have until June 1st to be entered in 4hOnline.
5. All FFA exhibitors must turn in their Animal ID paperwork to the Hamilton County Extension Office by May 15th with the exception of Market Beef, Rabbits and Poultry. Market Beef ID's must be turned in by February 1st. Rabbits and Poultry have until July 1st to be ID'd.
6. All 4-H/FFA Beef, Dairy Cow, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine Exhibitors **MUST** have completed the annual YQCA training online in order to complete fair entries in FairEntry to show at the Hamilton County Fair.
7. All exhibitors must comply with the general rules and health requirements of the Hamilton County Fair.
8. Each exhibitor shall wear the official rust-colored Hamilton County Fair t-shirt (or a plain white t-shirt) and long pants when exhibiting in 4-H/FFA shows. Appropriate shoes (no sandals) should be worn. Entrants failing to comply with any of the rules are not eligible to exhibit.
9. Entry fees must be paid at the time entries are made or they will not be accepted. **No refunds.** See individual Department rules for limitations on entries.

ENTRY FEES:

Beef	\$10 per head
Returning Bucket/Bottle	\$5 per head
Dairy Cow	\$10 per head
Dog Obedience	\$4 per dog
Goats	\$5 per head
Horse	\$3 per lot
Poultry	No fee for 2026
Rabbit	\$3 per head
Sheep	\$5 per head
Swine	\$5 per head
Bucket/Bottle Animals	No fee

1. Substitute Showman

Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats the important objectives of 4-H/FFA work. Hence, the management does not approve the use of substitute showman except in extreme cases. If a 4-H member or FFA member is injured or is severely ill at the time of the show or is involved in another Fair activity with a non-flexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory (i.e. another livestock show) the 4-H member/FFA member may submit an application for a substitute showman. The Superintendents will decide on eligibility. The substitute showman must be a 4-H member or FFA member eligible to exhibit at the Fair, already exhibiting in the species, and APPROVED IN ADVANCE OF THE SHOW by the superintendents. Forms for approval may be obtained from the Extension Office. These forms must be filled out completely and APPROVED IN ADVANCE OF THE SHOW. 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 (someone already exhibiting in that species) to exhibit one of his/her animals. However, it is expected such cases will be brought to the attention of the clerk checking animals in to the check-in area of show ring.

2. In the event of two entries in the one class or illness of exhibitor, a bonafide VoAg-FFA or 4-H member, enrolled per Items 1 and 3 in General Rules, may show the animal upon approval of the Department Superintendent.
3. No substitution will be allowed for showmanship lots.
4. All purebred livestock exhibited in breeding classes must be registered and recorded in the exhibitor's name or in partnership with parent or guardian prior to the date of showing.
5. All animals will be placed on merit basis into ribbon groups.
6. **Showmanship: Only Hamilton County exhibitors (members of a Hamilton County 4-H club or FFA chapter) are eligible to participate in showmanship classes.** Judging will be according to the following criteria, in order of importance: presenting the animal in ring, appearance of animal, appearance and merits of exhibitor, showing any other animals, promptness to arena. The animal brought into the ring must be the property of the entrant and must be exhibited in a regular livestock class by the same entrant.
7. Showmanship/Rate of Gain premiums will only be awarded to the top three placings unless otherwise specified.
8. All livestock superintendents MUST adhere to Fair check-in times.
9. No straw is allowed in any livestock barns. No bedding is allowed in beef or dairy pens. EXCEPTION: For health reasons, bedding (including straw) may be used for milking dairy cows only. Wood chips/sawdust/shavings are allowed in the sheep barns. Sawdust is allowed in the horse barns. Sawdust or shavings MUST be used in swine pens.
10. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pen or stall prior to 10:00 pm on Sunday will forfeit premiums, will be stripped of any titles, and will have a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair.
11. Pens must be cleaned and will be checked by Superintendents following the removal of livestock. Exhibitors failing to do so will forfeit all premiums.
12. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in animals exhibited, such as pumping or injecting air, will be considered as fraud and deception. This includes no painting (or black adhesive) above the hooves on beef animals. Fair officials do not allow the use of diesel fuel on hogs. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the Hamilton County Fair. The Hamilton County Fair Board will make final rulings. **Exception:** tail extensions on horses will be permitted.
13. **Fitting:** Fitting will be allowed. It is the intent that the exhibitor (who the animal is registered under in FairEntry) takes responsibility for caring for and grooming their own animal. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills. No professional groomers will be allowed at the Hamilton County 4-H/FFA Fair. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring or upon completion of a class. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified.
14. No cable halters are allowed for any animals.
15. Sheep and Goat entries are open to 4-H and FFA members from out of county townships that border Hamilton County (*Hardin County-Alden, Buckeye, Sherman, Concord; Story County-Lafayette, Howard; Webster County-Colfax, Washington, Webster, Yell, Hardin; Boone County-Dodge, Harrison; Franklin County, Oakland*).
16. Beef, swine, and horse entries are open to enrolled FFA and 4-H members in adjoining counties. (*Hardin, Story, Boone, Webster, Wright, Franklin*). Poultry, rabbit and dog are open to Hamilton County exhibitors only.

17. No person shall be allowed within the ring except judges, show superintendents, fair board directors, exhibitors at the time of exhibition and approved show assistants.
18. **No livestock will be held for a live auction. The fair board is not responsible for selling animals. Instead of a live auction, a "bonus auction" will be held. See rules below for more information.**
19. All livestock trailers must be stored off site during fair week.

BONUS AUCTION

Information coming soon!

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H/FFA ANIMAL EXHIBITION

1. Iowa 4-H Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements for beef, horse, meat goats, sheep and swine **MUST** be turned in upon check-in at the Fair. These are to be filled out and signed by exhibitors. The forms are available at the Extension Office or online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/livestock-id>
2. No individual health certificates will be required on animals or poultry exhibited at the County Fair but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Dr. Jen Arnold of Webster City is the official vet of the Hamilton County Fair.
3. 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 tester. Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds CANNOT be exhibited.
4. During check in, Swine exhibitors must sign an affidavit that states to the best of their knowledge, swine dysentery and/or pseudo rabies has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months.
5. Evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.
6. The decision of the official show vet will be final. Only fair vet will administer medications to animals on site.

2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITION

Health requirements for livestock exhibitions from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship will be followed at the Hamilton County Fair. Consult the [attached document](#) for the most up to date regulations.

HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship will be checked every day during the Fair. Since a fair is an educational event for everyone in attendance, it is necessary that the barns and other exhibit places be kept clean, neat, and well cared for. Exhibits and buildings should look their best at all times. **The overall objective is to encourage exhibitors to present their livestock, alley, and pen area to fairgoers in an attractive and appealing manner. Rules are as follows...**

1. **Alleyways:** Orderly, open to Fair traffic, free from equipment, swept clean, dry as possible and free of bedding.
2. **Stalls or Pens:** Adequate amount of bedding where allowed, bedding clean and dry, manure hauled out to correct place, feed and watering pans orderly, chore pails removed when not being used, gates secured, stall cards posted and readable, group storage area clean and neat. All grooming racks must be outside of barn and kept in a neat, orderly fashion on grounds and away from entry gates when not in use. Visitors need to be able to enter the barns.
3. **Animals:** Clean, groomed, as comfortable as possible, securely tied or penned in the correct pen, and correctly fed and watered.

Failure to adhere to herdsmanship rules will result in a warning to exhibitor(s). If after one warning exhibitors fail to follow rules, all premiums will be forfeited at the discretion of the superintendents. Exhibitor may be banned from showing at future county fairs if rules are not properly followed.

SHEEP

Department 10

Superintendents: Gerald Gourley & Marty Johnson

Check-in Time: Wednesday, July 22, 9:00 am

Weigh In Time: directly after check in

Judging: Thursday, July 23, 8:00 am

Premiums: Purple: \$5.00 Blue: \$4.00 Red: \$3.00

SHEEP RULES

1. Read General Rules and regulations.
2. All market lambs must have been identified and tagged by May 15th, 2026.
3. All intact sheep (ewes and rams/bucks) to be exhibited must have a scrapies tag.
4. Lambs eligible to be shown must have been born on or after January 1 of this year and entered on Livestock ID that is due May 15.
5. Lambs must have official 4-H or FFA USDA ear tags. Any lost tags must be reported to the Extension Office or FFA instructor immediately.
6. Showmanship is open to Hamilton County exhibitors only and will be done at the discretion of the judge - could be at the beginning, end or before the Champion Drive for the Market Lamb. Premiums are given to top three in each lot.
7. Purebred lambs shown in purebred lots cannot be shown in market lamb lot. Market lambs cannot be shown in purebred lot. Commercial Ewe lambs shown in commercial lots cannot be shown in the market lamb lot.
8. Market lambs will be weighed upon their arrival at the grounds and will be divided into lots by weight.
9. Market lambs must be **100 pounds minimum weight** limit at weigh-in time to be eligible for Market Classes. Up to 2 lambs may be shown as feeder lambs or Commercial Ewe Lambs if they weigh less than 100 pounds. Individual market lambs must be shown to be eligible to be entered and exhibited in market lots. Recommended slick sheared.
10. Carcass/Rate of Gain will be calculated. Rate of Gain is for Hamilton County exhibitors only.
11. Each exhibitor may show a total of **7 market lambs**, with **no more than 5 in either the blackface or whiteface individual lots**.
12. Each exhibitor may show two animals in each of the breeding lots.
13. Each exhibitor may enter one carcass lamb.
14. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of 10 sheep.
15. No straw will be allowed for bedding.
16. See general rules for health requirements for sheep.
17. Sheep Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during sheep check in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animals.
18. See Herdsmanship Rules
19. Released beginning at 10:00 pm on Sunday of the Fair. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pens or stalls prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will result in a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and titles and premiums will be stripped. The only exceptions will be those with prior approval from the fair superintendents.

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 0 - Senior Showmanship (Grades 9 - 12 past school year)

Lot 1 - Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7 & 8 past school year)

Lot 2 - Junior Showmanship (Grades 5 - 6 past school year)

Lot 3 - Beginner Showmanship (Grade 4 past school year)

BREEDING SHEEP

- Lot 4 - Purebred Ewe Lamb** (Born this year)
- Lot 5 - Purebred Ram Lamb** (Born this year)
- Lot 6 - Commercial Ram Lamb** (Born this year)
- Lot 7 - Commercial Ewe Lamb** (Born this year)
- Lot 8 – White Breed Influence Commercial Ewe**
- Lot 9 - Commercial Yearling Ewe** (Born before September 1, 2024)
- Lot 10 - Purebred Yearling Ewe** (Born between September 1, 2024)

MARKET LAMBS

Lot 11 - Blackface Lambs

Lot 12 - White Breed Influence

Lot 13 - Feeder Lamb Class (for lambs weighing less than 100 pounds)

Lot 14 - Lamb Carcass (To be scanned by ultrasound)

1. Entry is limited to one lamb per exhibitor for the scanning.
2. Lambs must weigh a minimum of 100 pounds
3. Carcass lambs may be shown in a Market Lamb Lot.
4. Lambs must have been properly identified and tagged by May 15.
5. Lamb must meet the same health requirements as other lambs for exhibition.

GOATS

Department 11

Superintendent: Marty Johnson

Associate Superintendent: Gerald Gourley

Check/Weigh-in Time: Wednesday, July 22, following sheep weigh in

Judging: Thursday, July 23, 1:00pm

Premiums: Purple: \$5.00 Blue: \$4.00 Red: \$3.00

GOAT RULES

1. Read general rules and regulations, Health Requirements, time for check-in and showing and Herdsmanship Division rules. **Any goat showing evidence of contagious diseases will be unable to be shown. Disqualified goats must be removed from the barn and Fairgrounds immediately. Any goat found to have external parasites will be disqualified and exhibitor must remove it from the premises immediately.** Exhibitors are expected to care for their goats in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of any goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials.
2. Each exhibitor may bring up to **EIGHT goats** but limited to no more than six entries in dairy or meat. All breeds are eligible.
3. Only Hamilton Co. Exhibitors eligible for Rate of Gain. Top ten (10) rate of gain will be shown.
4. All goats will be weighed and checked for identification during check-in. Any evidence of tampering with the official tag will be scrutinized. No reweighs will be allowed. Tattoos on dairy goats will be accepted as an alternative to scrapie tags with proper USDA paperwork. Tattoos will be checked.
5. Market Meat goat will be divided into divisions by decision of superintendents and judge.
6. Age: Wethers must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in, any wether having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified.
7. Horns: Exhibitors will be required to have horns tipped blunt on all goats before arrival on the grounds. Removal of horns on the grounds is NOT permitted.
8. Hair: Market goats per state fair rules are to be uniformly clipped with 3/8 inch length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on the grounds.
9. All goats must be penned in the assigned pens, have a collar and lead or tie chain. If your goats will not stay in their pen the exhibitor is responsible for securing the pens, so their animals are secure. (That means YOU bring the necessary equipment to make that happen).
10. Exhibitor pens with small kids will need a mess liner (supplied by the exhibitor)
11. All goat exhibitors must be YQCA certified.
12. Goat Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during goat check-in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animals.
13. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the show.
14. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussions.

15. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
16. Superintendent may adjust classes according to numbers. Classes will be determined by the Superintendent - depending upon the number of entries for each division - some may be grouped together.

SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 15 - Junior Showmanship

Lot 16 - Intermediate Showmanship

Lot 17 - Senior Showmanship

DAIRY GOATS

Lot 18 - Senior Doe (1 year of age or over)

Lot 185 - Yearling (Born before September 1, 2024 and not in milk)

Lot 19 - Junior Dairy (Goats under 1 year of age and not in milk)

MEAT GOATS

Lot 20 - Junior Doe (Goats under 1 year of age and not in milk)

Lot 205 - Yearling (Born before September 1, 2024 and not in milk)

Lot 21 - Senior Doe (1 Year of age and over)

Lot 22 - Junior Wether (Goats under 1 year of age)

Lot 23 - Rate of Gain

DAIRY COWS

Department 12

Superintendent: Darrel Hay

Check-in: Wednesday, July 22, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Judging: Thursday, July 23, 3:00pm

Dairy Premiums: Purple: \$5.00 Blue: \$4.00 Red: \$3.00

DAIRY COW RULES

1. Read general rules and regulations
2. Entries are open to registered purebred or grade animals
3. Any yearling heifer that has freshened prior to time of judging must be entered in the two-year-old lot.
4. Animals will be divided by breed into proper age groups.
5. Exhibitors are not required to wear white. Exhibitors should wear the livestock exhibitor shirt, jeans, and closed toe shoes.
6. See general rules for health requirements for dairy.
7. See Herdsmanship Division Rules.
8. Milk out time will be at the discretion of the exhibitor. However, the judge or superintendent has the right to disqualify the exhibitor if animals are not handled in a humane manner.
9. For health reasons, bedding, including straw, may be used for milking dairy cows only.
10. Released beginning at 10:00 pm Sunday. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pens or stall prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and stripped of any titles and premiums received. (The only exception will be those with prior approval of fair superintendents.)

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 17- Showmanship (one age group)

DAIRY LOTS

Lot 18 – Calves (calved September 1, previous year to March 1, current year)

Lot 19 – Junior Yearlings (calved March 1 to August 31 of previous year)

Lot 20 – Senior Yearlings (calved September 1 previous year to February 28 current year)

Lot 21 – Two Year Olds (calved September 1, two years ago to August 31 two years ago)

Lot 22 – Three Year Olds and Older (Calved prior to August 31, 2022)

BEEF

Department 13

Superintendent: Darrel Hay

Associate Sup.: Kathleen Hay, Jaclyn MacRunnel, Nathan Hay, Jen Hay, Joey Koop, Coyce Carlson, Cayson Carlson

Check-in/weigh deadline: Thursday, July 23, 9:00am

Judging: Friday, July 24, 8:00am

Premiums: Purple: \$6.00 Blue: \$5.00 Red: \$4.00

GENERAL BEEF RULES

1. No paint (or black adhesive) above the hooves. Evidence of paint (or black adhesive) will mean disqualification. Also see General Livestock Rules
2. **Grooming racks must be outside of barn except on show day.**
3. All beef (exception- Bucket/Bottle Calves) may be tied out in evening, unless inclement weather.
4. **Rate of Gain & Showmanship limited to Hamilton Co. Exhibitors.**

BREEDING BEEF RULES

1. Read general rules and regulations.
2. Entries are open to grade or purebred heifers.
3. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown in any market beef lot or sold in the sale.
4. *Breeding heifers will be divided by weight.*
5. Members are limited to a total of three entries in the Breeding Beef lots and two entries in the cow/calf lots.
6. See General Rules for health requirements for beef heifers.
7. See Herdsmanship Division Rules.
8. Released beginning at 10:00 pm Sunday. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pen or stall prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and titles and premiums will be stripped. The only exceptions will be those with prior approval from fair superintendents.
9. All Breeding Beef and any Market Beef to be shown as a breed steer at the Iowa State Fair, must have been ID's with a tattoo plus calthood vaccine number, USDA tag or registration number by May 15 of current year.
10. Beef Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during beef check in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animals.

BREEDING BEEF

Lot 24 - Grade or Purebred Registered Heifer (Breeding heifers will be shown by weight, determined at check-in)

Lot 25 - Cow and Calf - Limit of 2 Cow/Calf pairs (Grade or Purebred Registered Cow and Calf. Calf must be shown at side and dropped this year)

Lot 251 – Calf - Class is for calves only from Lot 25 (No trophy or premium money paid)

Lot 255 - Prospect Calf (Feeder Steer Calf) Calved between January 1, current year - June 1, current year)

Lot 256 - Prospect Calf (Feeder Heifer Calf) Calved between January 1, current year - June 1, current year)

*Prospect Calves may be checked in the day of the Beef Show - they will be released immediately after the show.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 26 - Senior Showmanship (Grades 9 and above past school year)

Lot 27 - Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7 & 8 past school year)

Lot 28 - Junior Showmanship (Grades 5 & 6 past school year)

Lot 29 - Beginning Showmanship (Grade 4 past school year)

MARKET BEEF RULES

1. Read General Rules and Regulations
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show a limit of six (6) market beef,
3. Entries are open to animals that have been enrolled and weighed in by January 15 of the current year.
4. Weight lots will be established so that approximately an equal number of animals will be in each lot.
5. There will be a minimum weight limit of 900 pounds for steers and 850 pounds for heifers.
6. Rate-of-Gain information will be calculated from beginning weigh-in date to county fair weigh-in date and worn by member exhibiting. **Rate of Gain in Market Heifers will be at least 2.1# per day, Market Steers' rate will be at least 2.3# per day.** Only Hamilton County Exhibitors eligible for this competition. Top ten (10) rate-of-gain beef will be shown in this lot.
7. Females fed for market will be shown in the Market Heifer Lot.
8. Market heifers must gain at least 2.1#, and steers 2.3# a day, before they are qualified to receive blue ribbons.
9. See General Rules regarding health requirements for Market Beef
10. See Herdsmanship Division Rules.
11. Released beginning at 10:00 pm Sunday. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pen or stall prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and titles and premiums will be stripped. The only exceptions will be those with prior approval from fair superintendents.
12. Beef Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during beef check in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animals.
13. Returning Bucket/Bottle Calf Exhibitors will show during 4-H/FFA Show and not at 5:00pm show. Returning bucket/bottle exhibitors must let the bucket/bottle program leaders know if they will be bringing a returning bucket/bottle calf to Fair.

4-H BOTTLE BUCKET

Lot 305 - Returning Bucket/Bottle Calf (No entry in FairEntry required)

MARKET BEEF

Lot 31 - Market Heifer

Lot 32 - Market Steer

Lot 33 - Rate of Gain

HORSE AND PONY

Department 14

Superintendent: Zach Sukraw & Todd Pille
Show Manager- Ella Evans

Horses may be stalled: Tuesday, July 21, 9:00am - 8:00pm

Check-in: Tuesday, July 21, 7:00pm - 8:00pm (No check in will occur before this time)

Halter & Performance, Trail & Pattern Classes: Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 am

Timed and Fun Events: Sunday, July 26, 8:00 am

Premiums: Purple: \$3.00 Blue: \$2.00 Red: \$1.00

HORSE AND PONY RULES

1. Read General Rules and Regulations
2. All horses showing for prizes must be exhibited in the designated place or no premiums will be awarded.
3. Entries are open to horse, ponies and mules regularly enrolled as VoAg-FFA enterprise or 4-H project.
4. No Stallions may be shown except in foal/weanling halter lot.
5. Ownership of horse: to exhibit in classes where the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the 4-H'er, ownership is not required; however, the 4-H'er must take an active role in the care of the animal. Leased horses CAN be shown in all classes.
6. A horse MAY NOT be shown or ridden by more than one person in a single lot.
7. A 4-H or FFA member can exhibit only the animal (s) identified on the Livestock ID sheet as their project.
8. At all times, every horse should be treated in a humane, respectful, dignified and compassionate manner. The Henneke Body Condition Score will be used as the method to determine the body condition of horses (or degree of fat cover on the horses) and is a good indicator of their general health. Horses exhibiting a score of 1-3 **WILL NOT** be allowed to be shown. These animals will be sent home immediately.
9. Horses may have been shown by the member in other shows. **NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE THE DAY OF THE SHOW.**
10. The AGE of any given horse is determined as of January 1 of the current year.
11. Only 4-H or VOAg-FFA members will be allowed to be mounted in the show ring.
12. Exhibitors shall wear a long sleeve dress shirt (consistent with State Fair 4-H Rules) and blue colored jeans (No T-shirts). Chaps are allowed and spurs are optional. Exhibitors are required to wear hard-soled shoes or boots, as they are considered safe and appropriate. On Sunday, Exhibitors may wear the official 4-H/FFA Rust colored T-shirt if they so choose.
13. As needed horses will be measured at check-in to ensure correctness of class assignment.
14. See health requirements for horses and ponies.
15. Horse Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due by 9:00 pm Tuesday during horse check in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animal(s).
16. See Herdsmanship Division Rules. Tack is allowed in designated areas only. Aisles MUST be kept clean.
17. NO HORSE TRAILERS MAY PARK SOUTH OF THE HORSE BARN UNLESS UNLOADING AND LOADING!
18. Exhibitors in foal/weanling lots must check-in with the superintendent during the official check-in time, but may choose to only bring their animals the day of the show. Safe mares may be permitted in the ring with foals during judging.
19. No horses will be released prior to 10:00pm on Sunday. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and any titles and premiums received will be stripped. (The only exception will be those with prior approval of fair superintendents.)
20. In the event of a large number of entries in any given lot, the Horse Superintendent, assistant or show management, reserves the right to further divide the class on the basis of exhibitors' age, horse height, type and breed of horse entered.
21. Youth participating in the Horse Show will be required to wear an American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved head gear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounting and riding EVERY TIME.
22. Only 4-H and VoAg FFA horse exhibitors can ride horses before, during and after the horse show and 4-H horse riding clinics. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to ride the 4-H or VoAg FFA exhibit horse with the

exception of approved alumni classes or unless approved by the Horse Superintendent, assistant and/or show management.

23. 4-H and VoAg FFA members shall act respectfully and courteously at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy (as determined by the Superintendent, Assistant, or show management) can disqualify the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. Exhibitors shall not strike or hit the horse or pony forward of the cinch with any object including hands. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep his or her horse under control or be excused from the ring. Courtesy is mandatory- no exceptions.
24. All 4-H and VoAg FFA exhibitors must have their horses under complete control at all times. Horses must enter the ring unassisted and the gate must be closed before starting the class or course. Riders will not be allowed to leave the ring until their horses are walking under control. (No horse will gallop into or out of the show ring; this endangers other exhibitors and spectators and will result in disqualification). Riders having difficulty in the ring and desiring to leave should request permission to be excused from the ring steward, judge or show manager/announcer. Check the list below for some examples of what constitutes an unruly horse (being lead or rode) that will be excused from the arena.
 - a) A runaway horse
 - b) Bucking
 - c) Rearing
 - d) Kicking other horses
 - e) Biting other horses
25. Show management or the judges can reserve the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any lot if they deem the entry unsafe for the exhibitors or other exhibitors' animals. All show officials (judge, superintendents, assistant superintendents and show management) have the authority and must dismiss from the ring any entry that is unruly or not in sufficient control for the safety of the handler or other exhibitors.
26. All horses are to be ridden astride, if for any reason, a rider is thrown from a horse, continued performance is permitted; however, the exhibitor should be penalized by either lowering one ribbon group or receiving the lowest ribbon at judges' discretion. **In a timed event**, if a rider is thrown and/or the horse falls, it is suggested that the entry retire from the arena receiving the lowest ribbon placing at the judge's discretion.
27. **NO RIDING IN THE BARN**. Horses should be ridden or exercised in the ring, **by the exhibitor**. The only exception is going between the barn and the ring. If ridden, horses should be AT A WALK.
28. Riders will be judged on hands, seat and suitability of horse to rider.
29. ENGLISH LOTS: ASTM/SEI approved helmets with fastened chinstraps are required at all times while mounted. It is recommended that breeches of traditional shades of buff, gray, rust or canary (or jodhpurs), high English boots or Jodhpur shoes be worn. Black, brown or dark blue hunting cap is recommended. Regulation English bridles and bits are recommended. Type of hunt saddle is optional.
30. Riders should be able to perform not only in the ring routine demanded of them, but also should be prepared to answer questions, and to perform routines the judge may ask of them.
31. Judges decisions will be final.
32. Superintendents & show managers reserve the right to combine classes/lots if entries warrant; also to re-arrange lot order at show time if conflicts exist with other on-going shows/fair events.

LOT/CLASS ENTRY DETAILS:

1. **Exhibitor can enter ONLY ONE horse per class/lot.**
2. Horses in the intermediate halter horse division (by height) show in performance classes/lots in their rider's respective age division classes as a Horse (i.e. this animal will show in a Jr. walk-trot class/lot, not in the pony walk-trot class/lot).
3. Exhibitors choosing to enter a Novice class/lot may not exhibit in the corresponding age division class/lot (i.e. will show in Novice Walk Trot and not Junior, Intermediate or Senior walk-trot.)
4. An exhibitor can only enter in Novice classes their first year showing or with approval of 4-H project leaders and/or show mgmt.
5. Patterns for all classes/lots will be provided at least one hour prior to lot.
6. Class/lot awards (trophies, banners, etc.) will be given for each class/lot. To be eligible for class/lot awards an exhibitor must complete the knowledge class worth 10 points.
7. In addition to class/lot awards a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Champion Horseman Award will be given.
 - **To be eligible for these awards, exhibitors must participate in a halter lot.**
 - Any horse shown by an exhibitor is eligible to earn points toward the Champion Horseman Award.
 - Points from the Knowledge Class will count toward the total points for this award.
 - Ties will be broken based on: Knowledge Class and total points earned across all classes/lots.
 - Participants will be awarded points based on placings in all classes/lots; however, only the exhibitor's highest placing out of each group of classes/lots listed below will count toward the award: Lot 38-49 (Halter). Lots 53-57 (Walk-Trot). Lots 58-64 (Pleasure). Lots 65-68 (Trail).

TRAIL CLASS/LOT RULES:

1. Trail class/lot will include 5 to 10 obstacles.
2. Obstacles may include the following: open, ride through, and close a gate; put on and remove a raincoat; cross a wooden bridge; remove and replace materials from a mailbox; step through a series of at least 4 logs; side pass a log; back through L Shaped course, cones or barrels; dismount and ground tie animal; 360 degree turn in 5 to 6 foot square.
3. If obstacle is not completed after 3 attempts, participant must move on to the next obstacle.
4. Contestants will be judged on their poise and confidence, use of proper horsemanship, response of the horse or pony to the rider, ease and gracefulness of the horse and rider, safety and whether or not the obstacle is completed.
5. Each of the obstacles is scored. The rider accumulating the highest total score on all obstacles is the winner.

KNOWLEDGE CLASS

No lot assignments are given because no sign up is necessary for this class. When asked, please report your Junior, Intermediate or Senior division designation to show personnel the day of the show.

SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 35 - Senior Showmanship (Grades 9 & above, past school year)

Lot 36 - Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7 & 8 past school year)

Lot 37 - Junior Showmanship (Grades 4-6 past school year)

HALTER CLASSES/LOTS

MINIATURE EQUINE - Grade or registered mares or geldings (horses, donkeys, mules)

Lot 38 - Miniature Equine Yearling and Two Year Old Halter

Lot 39 - Miniature Equine Three Year Old and Older Halter

PONIES - (Under 50") Grade or registered, mares or geldings

Lot 40 - Pony Yearling and Two Year Old Halter

Lot 41 - Pony 3 Year Old and Older Halter

MULES/DONKEYS - Grade or registered, females or gelded males

Lot 42 - Mule/Donkey Yearling and Two Year Old Halter

Lot 43 - Mule/Donkey Three Year Old or Older Halter

INTERMEDIATE HORSES - (50"-56") Grade or registered mares or geldings

Lot 44 - Int. Horse Yearling and Two Year Old Halter

Lot 45 - Int. Horse Three Year Old and Older Halter

SADDLE HORSES - (57" and Over) Grade or registered, mares or geldings

Lot 46 - Saddle Horse Foal/Weanling Halter

Lot 47 - Saddle Horse Yearling and 2 Year Old Halter

Lot 48 - Saddle Horse Three Year Old or Older Mare Halter

Lot 49 - Saddle Horse Three year Old or Older Gelding Halter

Lot 50 - Yearling & 2 YO Lunge Line (must be a yearling or 2YO not showing in a riding class)

PERFORMANCE CLASSES/LOTS

- Lot 51 - English Pleasure (all grades)
- Lot 52 - English Equitation (all grades)
- Lot 53 - Horse Senior Walk-Trot-English or Western Track (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 54 - Horse Intermediate Walk -Trot- English or Western Tack (Int. grades 7 & 8)
- Lot 55 - Horse Junior Walk-Trot- English or Western Tack (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 56 - Novice Walk Trot (1st yr. horse project member or with approval of 4-H project leaders and/or show mgmt.)
- Lot 57 - Pony Walk Trot (all grades) Pony under 50" can be ridden in English or Western Tack. Pony is not eligible for any other walk trot class. May be shown only once in a walk trot class.
- Lot 58 - Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure - 2 or 3 year old horses shown in snaffle or bosal. Horse is not eligible for other western pleasure classes.
- Lot 59 - Senior Western Pleasure (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 60 - Intermediate Western Pleasure (Int. grades 7&8)
- Lot 61 - Junior Western Pleasure (Jr. Grades 4-6)
- Lot 62 - Novice Western Pleasure (1st yr. horse project member or with approval of 4-H project leaders and/or show management)
- Lot 63 - Ranch Pleasure (all grades)
- Lot 63-1 – Senior Ranch Pleasure (Sr. Grades 9 & above)
- Lot 63-2 – Senior Ranch Pleasure (Int. Grades 7 & 8)
- Lot 63-3 – Senior Ranch Pleasure (Jr. Grades 4-6)
- Lot 64 - Pony Pleasure - Open to all grades. Pony (under 50") can be ridden in English or Western Tack. Pony is not eligible for other western pleasure classes. May be shown only once in a pleasure class.
- Lot 65 - Senior Trail Class (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 66 - Intermediate Trail Class (Int. grades 7-8)
- Lot 67 - Junior Trail Class (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 68 - Novice Trail Class (1st yr. horse project member or with approval of 4-H project leaders and/or show management)
- Lot 69 - Driving/Cart (all ages)
- Lot 70 - Senior Western Horsemanship (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 71 - Intermediate Western Horsemanship (Int. grades 7 & 8)
- Lot 72 - Junior Western Horsemanship (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 73 - Novice Horsemanship (1st yr. horse project member or with approval of project leaders and/or show management)
- Lot 74 - Ranch Riding (pattern class) (all grades)
- Lot 75 - Intermediate and Senior Bareback Pleasure (grades 7 and above)
- Lot 76 - Junior Bareback Pleasure (grades 4-6)
- Lot 77 - Tandem Bareback (all grades) Must obtain own partner who must be a current 4-H/FFA horse project member)

TIMED AND FUN EVENTS (Exhibitor can enter ONLY ONE horse per class/lot)

- Lot 80 - Costume (all grades)
- Lot 81 - Senior & Intermediate Break the Gate (Grades 7-12)
- Lot 82 - Junior Break the Gate (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 83 - Senior & Intermediate Egg & Spoon (Grades 7-12)
- Lot 84 - Junior Egg & Spoon (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 85 - Alumni Egg & Spoon
- Lot 86 - Jumping Figure 8 (all grades)
- Lot 87 - Keyhole (all grades)
- Lot 88 - Senior Barrels (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 89 - Intermediate Barrels (Int. grades 7 & 8)
- Lot 90 - Junior Barrels (Jr. grades 4-6)
- Lot 91 - Senior Poles (Sr. grades 9 & above)
- Lot 92 - Intermediate Poles (Int. grades 7 & 8)

Lot 93 - Junior Poles (Jr. grades 4-6)

SWINE

Department 15

Superintendent: Dan Ostrem

Associate Superintendents: Jay Heeren, Carlton Ness, Grant Carlson, Coyce Carlson, Cayson Carlson

Hogs may arrive for vet checks: Wednesday, July 22 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm or Thursday July 23 from 7 am to 8 am

Weigh in: Thursday, July 23, 9:00am **Judging:** Saturday, July 25, 8:00 am

Premiums: Purple: \$5.00 Blue: \$4.00 Red: \$3.00

SWINE RULES

1. **Read General Rules and Regulations.**
2. Swine show is a non-terminal show. All exhibitors are responsible for taking their own animals home.
3. See general rules for Health Requirements for hogs.
4. **All hogs must be vet checked before unloading off the trailer on to the grounds. Failure to be vet checked will result in dismissal.**
5. ****NEW** all swine must arrive at the fair with an approved Iowa 4-H, FFA, or an official USDA 840 ear tag, as recorded on Animal ID that is due by May 15th. No tagging will be done at the fair.**
6. Entries open to either barrows or gilts- farrowed this year and weighing at least 220 pounds at weigh-in. One re-weigh will be allowed of underweight animals after all other exhibitors' animals have been weighed in. Underweight animals will not be allowed to leave early.
7. Each exhibitor may bring a MAXIMUM of 6 hogs to the fairgrounds for weighing.
8. Each exhibitor may show a maximum of 6 hogs, 2 as commercial gilts and 4 as market hogs.
9. One market hog (cannot be shown as commercial) may also be entered in the Carcass class. To show in the Carcass class, the hog must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds.
10. Hogs must be individually ear notched (with each hog having a different number) and ear tagged, as recorded on Animal ID that is due by May 15th.
11. All exhibitors must have Premise ID's recorded with the Extension Office before animals can be unloaded on Fairgrounds.
12. Hogs showing fresh ear notches will be disqualified.
13. Ear notches and ear tags will be checked at weigh-in.
14. If hogs do not make weight, the exhibitor may hold one hog back to show in Showmanship.
15. Bedding must be shavings or sawdust.
16. No fans - absolutely no fans of any kind at any time!
17. An additional pen may be issued to an exhibitor (if available).
18. Swine Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during check-in. Failure to turn in forms will result in not showing animals.
19. See Herdsmanship Division Rules.
20. Only the exhibitor will be allowed in the holding area with their animal. No additional persons (family, friends, or assistants) will be allowed without superintendent permission.
21. A gilt may not show in a market class and a commercial class.
22. Showmanship is open to Hamilton County 4-H or Hamilton County FFA members only. Premiums will be given to top three in each lot.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

If showmanship classes are too large, Swine Superintendents reserve the right to split divisions into manageable sizes.

Lot 79 - Graduate Showmanship (Out of high school)

Lot 80 - Senior Showmanship (Grade 9-12 past school year)

Lot 81 - Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7 & 8 past school year)

Lot 82 - Junior Showmanship (Grade 5-6 past school year)

Lot 83 - Beginner Showmanship (Grade 4 past school year)

SWINE CLASSES

Lot 84 - Market Gilt

Lot 86 - Market Barrow

Lot 86 – Commercial Gilt

Lot 87 - Swine Carcass (*Real-time Ultrasound*)

1. Each member may choose to enter one market hog in the Carcass class.
2. All Hogs must have ear notches match Swine Animal ID.
3. Either gilts or barrows may be entered.
4. Hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds in order to meet carcass specifications.
5. Carcass hogs will be exhibited in the arena at the end of the afternoon show.

RABBITS

Department 16

Superintendent: Chelsea Gerard

Associate Superintendent: Adalie Schwandt

Check-in: Tuesday, July 21, 12:30pm - 3:00pm, **Judging:** Wednesday, July 22, 12:30pm

Showmanship: 11:00am to 12:30pm and after show

Premiums: Purple \$3.00 Blue \$2.00 Red \$1.00

RABBIT RULES

1. All rabbits must be positively identified with a tattoo in the left ear and tattoo listed on entry form. No wild rabbits allowed.
2. Each exhibitor will be allowed unlimited entries.
3. Rabbit Animal Care & Management Disclosure Statements are due during rabbit check in. Failure to turn these forms in will result in NOT SHOWING your animals.
4. Exhibitors must be present during judging.
5. Cages and pens must be cleaned daily. See Herdsmanship Division Rules.
6. Ribbons will be awarded on quality of exhibits at judge's discretion. No class will automatically receive any of the awards offered.
7. Each exhibitor will use the State Fair 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet. Showmanship judging will be held 11:00 am-12:30 p.m on show day and again after Dress-Up through remainder of show. Premiums awarded to top three in each lot.
8. Dress-Up class will be first class.
9. Released beginning at 10:00pm Sunday. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pen or stall prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and stripped of any titles and premiums received. (The only exceptions will be those with prior approval of fair superintendents.)

SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 89 - Junior Showmanship (Grades 4-6 past school year)

Lot 90 - Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7&8 past school year)

Lot 91 - Senior Showmanship (Grades 9 & above- past school year)

MIXED BREED RABBITS

Age Criteria for this Class: Rabbit classes are divided on the following age criteria (age on date of show) Classes may be combined if there are not enough entries for separate classes. Jr. Doe and Buck: 6 weeks to 6 months, Intermediate Doe and Buck: 6 to 8 months, Senior Doe and Buck: over 8 months

Lot 92 - Junior Doe

Lot 93 - Junior Buck

Lot 94 - Intermediate Doe

Lot 95 - Intermediate Buck

Lot 96 - Senior Doe

Lot 97 - Senior Buck

COMMERCIAL RABBITS

Examples of meat rabbits include Californian, Satin, and New Zealand. Other meat rabbits can also be exhibited.

Lot 98 - Junior Doe

Lot 99 - Intermediate Doe

Lot 100 - Senior Doe

Lot 101 - Junior Buck

Lot 102 - Intermediate Buck

Lot 103 - Senior Buck

FANCY PUREBRED RABBITS

Individual purebred classes will be judged against their own breed. Examples of fancy rabbit include Dutch, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Angora, and Rex. Other fancy breeds can also be exhibited. You must have identified the breed of your purebred rabbit on your ID sheet/4hOnline in order to show in these classes.

Age Criteria for this Class: Jr. Doe or Buck: 6 weeks to 6 months and Sr. Doe or Buck: over 6 months

Lot 104 - Junior Doe

Lot 106 - Senior Doe

Lot 107 - Junior Buck

Lot 109 - Senior Buck

Lot 110 - Fur Class: One rabbit selected from entries in Mixed Breed, Commercial, Fancy Purebred, and Meat Classes.

RABBIT MEAT PENS

Rabbits shown as part of a meat pen, pen of three, or single fryer should not be pulled from other lots.

Lot 111 - Rabbit Meat Pen

Meat Pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over ten weeks with minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds and weight limits not over 5 ½ pounds each. This division allows cross bred rabbits; however, they must be of the same variety.

Lot 112 - Pen of Three Fryers

(3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs individual live weight at time of check-in) Pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed.

Lot 113 - Single Fryer

Single Fryer consist of one rabbit not over ten weeks of age with minimum weight of 3 ½ pounds and not over 5 ½ pounds. This division allows crossbred rabbits. The fryer must not be pulled from the meat pen.

PRODUCTION PENS

Lot 1130- Production Pen

Must check in on Tuesday. Only for this class: Rabbits may stay entire fair or leave after the show.

RABBIT DRESS UP

Lot 114 - Dress Up

Exhibitors will be judged on “most original” costume for their rabbit. Will be the first lot of the show.

POULTRY

Department 17

Superintendents: Dana Casey & Adam Richardson

Check-in: Tuesday, July 21, 12:30pm - 3:00pm

Judging: Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 am

Premiums: Purple: \$3.00 Blue: \$2.00 Red: \$1.00

POULTRY RULES

1. Hamilton County Fair General Rules and Regulations apply in this division
2. All poultry must be clean and free of lice. Failure to comply will be grounds for disqualification. Any Poultry showing evidence of disease will be removed from the Fairgrounds immediately. (See Poultry under Health Requirements/Livestock Rules & Regulations)
3. All poultry must be properly cared for. The fair will furnish cages.
4. Poultry Animal care & Management disclosure Statements are due during check-in. Failure to turn in these forms will result in not showing your animals.
5. Birds entered at the county fair must be owned, raised and cared for by the 4-H/FFA member.
6. Entries limited to ten poultry entries with no more than 6 entries per lot. Each exhibitor will be allowed only 10 pens.
7. Entries will be judged on the basis of uniformity, development and evidence of production (handling qualities, pigmentation and molt)
8. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN:** May be used in confirmation classes only. The substitute showman **MUST** show within that species. See Rules "Rules and Regulations Junior Livestock Department."
9. Released beginning at 10:00pm Sunday. Any exhibitor removing livestock from pen or stall prior to release time will forfeit premiums. Failure to comply will lead to a one-year suspension from showing at the Hamilton County Fair and stripped of any titles and premiums received. (The only exceptions will be those with prior approval of fair superintendents.)
10. Ribbons will be awarded on quality of exhibit at judges' discretion. Exhibitors need to know breed of poultry/fowl. No class will automatically receive any of the awards offered.
11. No entry is required for showmanship. It will be judged while exhibiting in the various classes and announced towards the end of the show. Top score in each division, Junior, Intermediate and Senior, if worthy. Scores bases on the following: 50% on demonstration before judge; 50% on oral questions from judge (possibly written exam on presenters knowledge, given at a workshop prior to fair.)
12. Age Criteria: cocks/hens are male/female chickens 1 year or older, cockerels/pullets are male/female chickens less than 1 year of age

SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 115 - Junior Showmanship (grades 4-6 past year)

Lot 116 - Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7 & 8 past year)

Lot 117 - Senior Showmanship (grades 9 and above)

PRODUCTION & MEAT PENS

Lot 118 - Production Hens (more than 20 weeks of age) pen of 3 hens, (limit 2 pens)

Lot 119 - Production Pullets (less than 20 weeks of age) pen of 3 pullets, (limit 2 pens)

Lot 120 - Egg Production - Judge 1 dozen eggs

Lot 121 - Market Pen - pen of 3 (limit 2 pens) may be either fryers 2-3#, or broilers 3-4#

BANTAM - Bantams weigh 1 – 4 lbs.

Lot 122 - Clean Legged Bantam - Cock

Lot 123 - Clean Legged Bantam - Hen

Lot 124 - Clean Legged Bantam - Cockerel
Lot 125 - Clean Legged Bantam - Pullet
Lot 126 - Feather Legged Bantam - Pullet
Lot 127 - Feather Legged Bantam - Hen
Lot 128 - Feather Legged Bantam - Cockerel
Lot 129 - Feather Legged Bantam - Cock
Lot 130 - Bantam Waterfowl

LARGE FOWL – Standard Chicken over 4 lbs.

Lot 131 – Large Fowl - Cocks
Lot 132 – Large Fowl - Hens
Lot 133 – Large Fowl - Cockerels
Lot 134 – Large Fowl - Pullets
Lot 135 – Large Fowl - Waterfowl

WATERFOWL

Lot 136 - Commercial or Market Duck (Pen of two, hens or drakes)
Lot 137 - Fancy Duck (Pen of one, hen or drake)
Lot 138 - Commercial or Market Goose (pen of two, geese or ganders)
Lot 139 - Fancy Goose (Pen of one, goose or gander)

OTHER FOWL

Lot 140 - Commercial or Market Turkey (Same sex pen of two, hens or toms)
Lot 141 - Fancy Turkey (pen of one, hen or tom)
Lot 142 – Other Fowl (Guineas, Peacocks, Pheasants)

PIGEONS

1. All birds must be permanently ID'd with a seamless leg band.
2. Maximum of 6 birds per lot.

Lot 143 - Young Bird (hatched the current year of show)
Lot 144 - Old Cock (hatched year prior to show or older)
Lot 145 - Old Hen (hatched year prior to show or older)

DOG OBEDIENCE

Department 18

Superintendents: Donna Moore and Virgene Monthei
Associate Superintendents: Cassie Segó & Taylor Johnson
Check-In: Tuesday, July 21, 7:30am
Judging: Tuesday, July 21, 8:00 am
Premiums: Purple: \$3.00 Blue: \$2.00 Red: \$1.00

DOG OBEDIENCE RULES

1. Entries are open to 4-H youth and FFA members who are enrolled in Hamilton County 4-H or FFA programs and **participated** in the Dog Obedience Training Program.
2. Dogs must be identified on ID sheet or 4hOnline by May 15. (no exceptions)
3. Exhibitor Dress: The exhibitor shall wear the rust-colored Hamilton County Exhibitors T-shirt, jeans and closed shoes or boots.
4. Exhibitors must check in 15 minutes before judging starts.
5. Exhibitors must be responsible for their dogs. All dogs must be leashed or crated while staging or waiting for their class to be called. Dogs should **NOT be tied and left unattended in the staging area!**
6. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT- **Exhibitors shall not strike dogs or use any other unnecessary harsh physical means of disciplining dogs.** No harsh or excessive corrections are to be made on the grounds.
7. EQUIPMENT-The use of choke chains, buckle collars, and head halters, such as Gentle Leaders are acceptable. **No prong or pinch collars.**
8. No food treats or bait are allowed during the judging of the obedience or rally classes. Treats are allowed to be used in the Showmanship/Handling classes.
9. An Alumni/Parent Showmanship class will take place after the dress up class. Registration will be the day of the show.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

Lot 146 – Beginners Novice A - Both exhibitor and dog in first year of 4-H/FFA dog obedience training. Dogs will be judged on their ability to heel ON leash, heel figure 8 ON leash, sit for examination ON leash, recall ON leash (no finish). Dogs will sit and stay for one minute while handler walks the ring. Handlers or dogs cannot have an AKC or UKC CD title prior to the fair. A dog may be shown only once in this class.

Lot 147 – Beginners Novice B - For dogs in first year of 4-H/FFA dog obedience training and exhibitors that have completed MORE than one year of obedience training. Exercises are the same as Beginners Novice A class. Dogs cannot have an AKC or UKC CD degree prior to the fair. A dog may only be shown once in this class.

Lot 148 - Sub-novice - For dogs and handlers in second year who are not ready for off leash heeling. Dogs will heel ON leash, figure 8 ON leash, stand for examination OFF leash, recall and finish OFF leash, sit and stay for one minute with the leash dropped, and down stay for 3 minutes with the leash dropped. Dogs may be entered in either Sub-novice or Novice A, but not both! Dogs entered in this class may NOT be entered in Pre-novice A, Pre-novice B classes. Handlers or dogs cannot have AKC or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair. A dog may only be shown once in this class.

Lot 149 - Novice A - For dogs and handlers in second year of training. Exercises: Dogs will heel and figure 8 on leash, and heel OFF leash, stand for examination OFF leash, recall and finish OFF leash, sit-stay while handler gets the leash, sit-stay for 1 minute and down -stay for 3 minutes with the leash dropped in a group exercise. Dogs entered in this class may not have an AKC or UKC C.D. degree. Dogs may only be entered once in this class and may not be entered in Pre-novice A, Pre-novice B, or Sub novice classes.

Lot 150 - Novice B - For dogs in second year and handlers in third year or more OR for those who participated in the Sub-novice class the year before. Exercises the same as Novice A class. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in any previous class. Dogs may not have an AKC or UKC C.D. degree.

Lot 151 - Challenge Novice - For dogs and handlers in second year or more of training. Exercises same as Novice A or B. Dogs may be entered in any other class except Beginners Novice A or B. (Scores in this class do not count towards High Point Dog or Reserve High Point Dog.

Lot 152 - Graduate Novice A - For dogs in the third year of dog obedience training OR dogs and handlers in the 4th year who showed in Novice B the year before. OR dogs under three years 4-H obedience training who have an AKC or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair. Dogs will heel OFF leash, and figure 8 ON leash, stand for examination OFF leash, drop on recall OFF leash, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, and STAY while handler gets the leash-both sit and down. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in Pre-novice A or B, Sub-novice as well as Novice A or B. Handlers must not have an AKC or UKC C.D.X. degree.

Lot 153 - Graduate Novice B - For dogs in fourth year or more of obedience training. OR dogs who showed in Graduate Novice A the year before. Exercises the same as Graduate novice A. Dogs must not have an AKC or UKC C.D.X. degree.

Lot 154 - Open A – For Dogs in fourth year or more of obedience training, OR those who showed in Graduate Novice A or Graduate Novice B the year before. Exercises: heel and figure 8 OFF leash, drop on recall, retrieve on the flat and over the high jump and jump over the broad jump, and do 3 minute sit stay and 5 minute down stay (with leashes dropped) with the handler out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in Pre-novice A and B, Sub-novice, Novice A and B classes. Dogs must not have an AKC or UKC C.D.X. degree.

Lot 155 – OPEN B- For dogs and project exhibitors of fourth year or more who showed in Open A the year before OR for dogs that have a AKC or UKC C.D.X. degree prior to the fair. Exercises the same as Open A Class.

Lot 156 – Dress-up

DOG OBEDIENCE AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

Ribbons will be awarded in lots 146 thru 148 as follows

Purple	150-160 points
Blue	130-149 ½ points
Red	120-129 ½ points
White	119 and lower

Ribbons will be awarded in lots 149 thru 155 as follows

Purple	190-200 points
Blue	170-189 ½ points
Red	150-169 ½ points
White	149 and lower

- A trophy will be presented to the first place winner in each obedience class with ribbons to the others.
- A Grand Champion trophy will be given to the dog and exhibitor with the highest score in lots 149-155 (except lot 151) A Reserve Grand Champion trophy will be given to the dog and exhibitor with the highest score in lots 146-148.

DOG HANDLING/SHOWMANSHIP

Lot 157 - Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12 in the past year)

Lot 158 - Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7-8 in the past year)

Lot 159 - Junior Showmanship (grades 4-6 in the past year)

An award will be presented to the top Senior, Intermediate, and Junior handler.

RALLY CLASSES

Lot 160 - Rally Novice A - For dogs and handlers that have participated in 4-H/FFA dog obedience training. Dogs must not have an AKC or UKC RN degree. Rally Novice must have between 10-15 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than (5) stationary exercises per class. All stations will be completed with dog on a leash. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. (Scores in this class do not count towards High Point Dog or Reserve High Point Dog).

Lot 161 - Rally Advanced - For a handler in 2 or more years of obedience training, or both exhibitor and dog participated in the Rally Novice Class or Rally Advanced Class the year before. Dogs must not have an AKC or UKC RA degree. Rally Advanced must have between 12-17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with no more than (7) stationary exercises per class. A broad jump may be used in this class. All stations will be completed with the dog on a leash. A person may enter more than one dog in this class. (scores in this class do not count towards High Point Dog or Reserve High Point Dog).

Points for awarding ribbons:

95 - 100 Purple ribbon

94 - 70 Blue ribbon

69 - 40 Red ribbon

39 - 0 White ribbon

BUCKET/BOTTLE PROJECTS

BUCKET/BOTTLE LAMB, GOAT & CALVES RULES

1. Open to any exhibitor with given consent, grades pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, and 4th grade as of September 1 of the current school year. Age limitations on species are as follows:
 - a. Bottle lamb – pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade
 - i. Pre-kindergarten registrars will be accepted on a case-by-case basis due to space in the barns.
 - b. Bottle goat – pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade
 - i. Pre-kindergarten registrars will be accepted on a case-by-case basis due to space in the barns.
 - c. Bottle calf – 1st grade, 2nd grade, 3rd grade, 4th grade
 - i. 2nd – 4th grade for returning bucket-bottle calves, which are to be shown in the 4-H show
2. The animals will be checked by a veterinarian, just like all livestock to be shown at the county fair. All animals must be free of any contagious or infectious conditions.
3. All animals must have an ear tag/identification that adheres to each species general rules.
4. All animals are to be halter broke.
5. A photo record kept throughout the project showing the exhibitor feeding, caring for, and working with the animal. The photo records will be shown at the participant interviews held prior to the fair.
6. The Bottle Bucket program is to be fun for the exhibitor and also a learning experience. The exhibitor will be asked to try to do the following:
 - a. Showmanship
 - i. Will be asked to set the animal
 - ii. Will be asked to move the animal about the ring
 - iii. Keeping animals between themselves and the judge
 - b. Record Book and Interview
 - i. Basic questions on the exhibitor's animal project
 - ii. How they cared for the animal
 - c. Herdsmanship
 - i. Maintain good herdsmanship throughout the entirety of the fair
 - ii. Keep pens clean and change bedding if warranted
 - iii. Keep aisles clean
 - iv. Always have water in front of animal and fed proper amounts

7. Awards: All exhibitors will receive a ribbon for their efforts and participation
8. Project ends when the animal is either kept by the exhibitor or sold as a market animal.
9. Each member must attend 75% of the informational meetings provided throughout the year unless they have an excused absence to the leader prior to the meeting.
10. The same general rules required of each species will apply to Bucket Bottle Project exhibitors.

BOTTLE LAMBS

Superintendent: Shea Hassebrock

Check-in: Wednesday, July 22nd around 9:30 am following 4-H/FFA exhibitors

Bottle Lamb Show: 4:45 pm Thursday, July 23rd

Group Photo of Bottle Lamb Participants: 4:30 pm Thursday, July 23rd

1. Any orphan or newborn lamb, ewe or wether or ram, lambled after January 1 of current project year, and in possession of the showing participant by May 15th.
2. An exhibitor is not limited to number of lambs identified with leaders, BUT is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair. It is recommended that if no other livestock is on the premise that they purchase two lambs for better survivability.
3. Second grade level is given the option to show off halter. Third grade level is asked to show off halter unless they feel strongly against it.
4. Lambs with fleece (not haired sheep) must be sheared to be eligible to be shown in the Bottle Lamb Class.
5. Leaders have the discrepancy to not allow someone to show if they feel the member is unfit at their age to handle the animal.

BOTTLE GOATS

Superintendent: Shea Hassebrock

Check-in: Wednesday, July 22nd around 11:00am following 4-H/FFA exhibitors

Bottle Goat Show: 4:45 pm Friday, July 24th

Group Photo of Bottle Goat Participants: 4:30 pm Friday, July 24th

1. Any orphan or newborn goat, born after January 1 of current project year, and in possession of the showing participant by May 15th.
2. An exhibitor is not limited to number of animals identified with leaders, BUT is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair.
3. All goats are to be broke.
4. Leaders have the discrepancy to not allow someone to show if they feel the member is unfit at their age to handle the animal.

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALVES

Superintendent: Shea Hassebrock

Check-in: Thursday, July 23rd around 10:00 am following 4-H/FFA exhibitors
Judging: Friday, July 24th 8:00am for all returning bucket-bottle calves
Bottle Calf Show: 5:45 pm for all 1st – 4th grade bucket-bottle calves
 Group Photo for all Bottle Calf Participants: 4:30 pm Friday, July 24th

1. Open to any exhibitor grades 1st through 4th as of the current school year.
2. 1st-4th grade bucket-bottle calves will show during evening regular Bucket/Bottle Show.
3. Any orphan or newborn calf calved after January 1st of current year and in possession of participant by May 15th.
4. 4th graders need to ID their calf in 4hOnline by May 15th.
5. An exhibitor may identify multiple animals, BUT is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair.
6. The calves will be checked by a veterinarian. All calves must be free of contagious or infectious conditions.
7. Calves will be shown by halter or lead rope.

8. Participants must attend 75% of informational meetings unless an excused absence is recorded prior to the meeting by altering the superintendent.
9. Participants must attend an interview with completed project record book on designated dates.
10. Leaders have the discrepancy to not allow someone to show if they feel the member is unfit at their age to handle the animal.
11. **Returning Bottle Bucket** is open to 2nd– 4th grades. The same child must show the same calf that was shown at the previous fair. Grades 2nd through 4th need to notify the Extension Office they are bringing a returning bottle bucket by June 15th. ALL returning bucket-bottle calves will be shown in the 4-H/FFA show.

JUNIOR RABBIT PROJECT

Superintendent: Chelsea Gerard

See Rabbit Section on Page 39 – Follow all times and rules.

Show will begin at 3:00pm or following the Rabbit show if rabbit show runs past 3pm

1. The animal will remain at the fair from the time of check-in until 10:00 pm on Sunday.
2. The animal must pass a health inspection upon check-in.
3. The participant would have just completed preschool – 3rd grade.
4. Rabbits must be in their possession by June 1st.
5. Participants must attend at least 1 informational meeting.
6. Participants must complete a small Project Record Book for show day.
7. Participant must keep their pen clean during the fair and keep the alley swept for fairgoers. When animals leave the fair, pens must be cleaned.