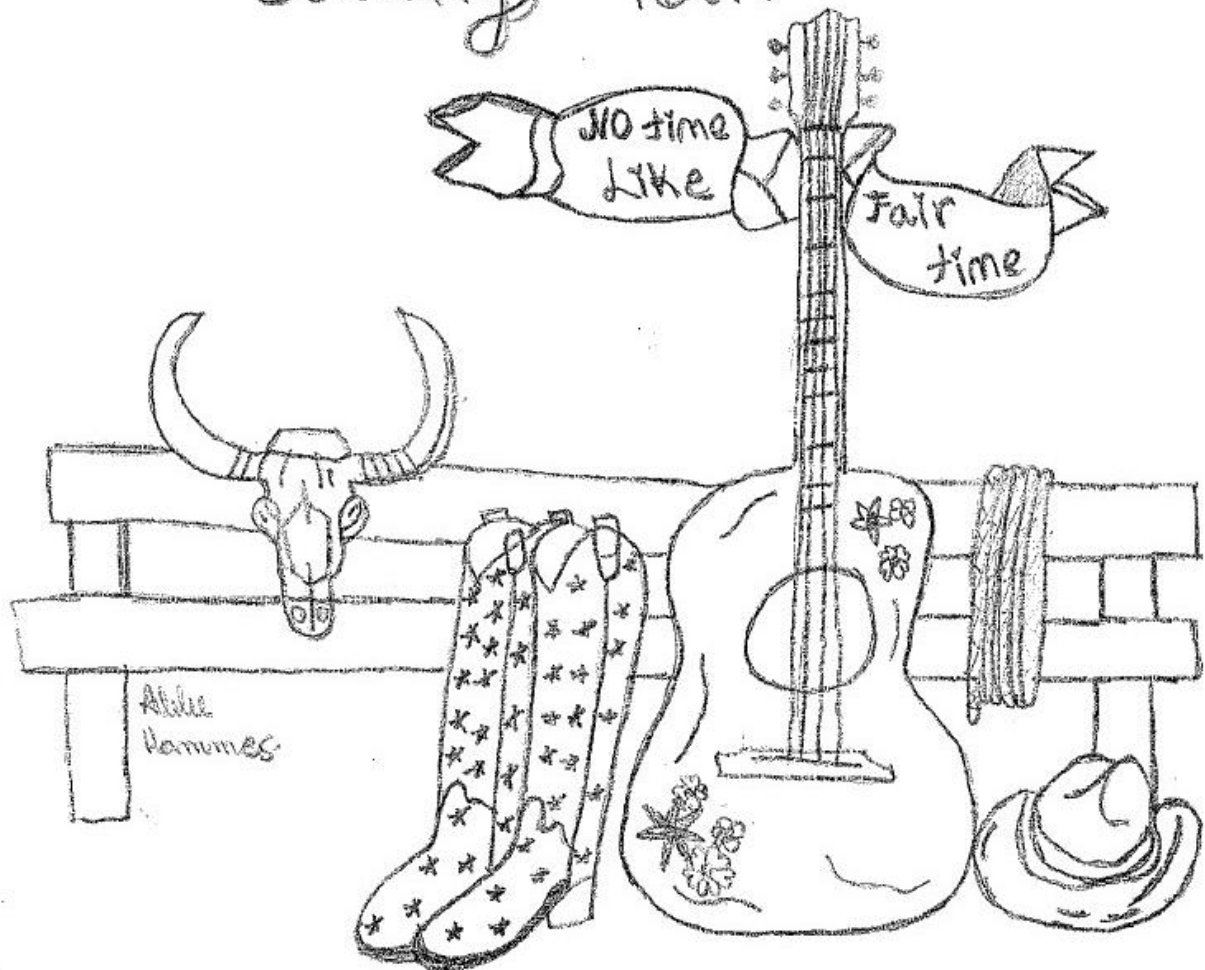


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4 Wheelers, Golf Carts, and ATV's

The Jefferson County Fair Board has implemented the following policy on the use of 4 wheelers, golf carts, and ATV's: the use of the above vehicles is limited to Fair Board members or their designees.

Front Gate Admission is Free!

Grandstand Admission:

Pits (all ages)- \$20

Grandstand, 12-Adult- \$10

Grandstand, Ages 5-11- \$5

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4-H, Clover Kids, and FFA Information

Justice Statement

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Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, and American Sign Language) should contact the responsible State or local Agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at 202-720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, which can be obtained online at <https://www.ocio.usda.gov/document/ad-3027>, from any USDA office, by calling 866-632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:
Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or Fax: 833-256-1665 or 202-690-7442; or Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Youth Accommodation Request

As part of its mission to serve all Iowans, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach ("ISU Extension and Outreach") will provide reasonable accommodations to its "policies, practices, or procedures" when the accommodations are necessary to provide equal access to programming for participants with a qualifying disability. It will also provide auxiliary aids and services when they are necessary to provide equal access to participation.

To begin the process, participants or their parents/guardians should submit the Accommodation Request online form found at: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_72sm83mdL3ZH4oK

4-H Member Age Divisions

Note- Grade listed below is the grade of the exhibitor during the 2025-2026 school year.

- Clover Kids: Kindergarten-3rd Grade
- Junior 4-H Members: 4th-6th Grade
- Intermediate 4-H Members: 7th-9th Grade
- Senior 4-H Members: 10th-12th Grade
- FFA members will show in the age divisions listed above by their grade, with out of school FFA members showing in the Senior category.

4-H & FFA Code of Conduct and Exhibitor Code of Ethics

All exhibitors (Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA) and their families must follow both the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families and the Iowa Exhibitor Code of Ethics. Violation of either code may result in the exhibitor being prohibited from participating in the remainder of the fair and forfeiture of any premium earned.

Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families

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

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

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

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

7. I will communicate (oral, written and electronic) in an open, honest, respectful manner in all situations involving the 4-H program. I will refrain from communication that is negative, offensive, destructive or hurtful to others. I will refrain from sharing private matters in a public group setting.
8. I will promote a welcoming, supportive, and respectful environment for all youth, families, and staff. I will not engage in or tolerate harassment in any form, (For example bullying, slander, put-downs, insults, taunting, name calling, yelling, profane language, sexual innuendos and other comments or hostile behaviors likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example).
9. I will ensure a safe environment for myself and others by not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, verbally or non-verbally.
10. I will not possess, offer, or use tobacco, electronic smoking devices (including but not limited to ecigs, vapes, juuls), alcohol or illegal substances. I will not attend 4-H programs under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
11. I will respect the property of others. I will not use, abuse, or take another individual's personal belongings. I will not damage facilities.

Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Iowa 4-H Program, the local County Extension District, or their appointed representatives. Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will result in consequences. The consequences may range from a verbal warning to the loss of privileges (e.g. participation at the event or future events, forfeiture of awards or other forms of recognition, forfeiture of positions of leadership, limitation on volunteer responsibilities) to full removal from the Iowa 4-H Program.

Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics

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

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.

6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this Code of Ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its Premium Book.

2026 Health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry, and Birds at a County 4-H/FFA Fair Exhibition

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABCESESSES, OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA Fair, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. **(See under Dogs, Cats, and Pets for different requirement for Jefferson County Fair).** Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4-H/FFA Fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows, and exhibitions.

Swine

All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are official identification tags.

Swine originating outside of Iowa. All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicates that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

Swine exhibition requirements. "Swine exhibition" means an exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.

Swine exhibition report required. The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.

Sheep and Goats

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex: IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex: IA1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.

Poultry and Birds

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B) **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.**

However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot-high solid partition.

Dogs, Cats, and Pets

All dogs and cat exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. **In Jefferson County, all dogs, cats, and pets must have a Certificate of Individual Veterinary Inspection to present the day of the show.**

Farm Deer

Accredited veterinarians must be approved to administer tuberculosis tests on Cervidae.

"Cervidae" means all animals belonging to the Cervidae family, and "CWD susceptible Cervidae" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, and moose. Native Iowa Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification.

All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

"All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd from the past year."

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

Jefferson County Behavior and Rule Management Policy and Grievance Process

When Iowa 4-H members participate in events, including the local county fair, there are rules and protocols in place to ensure safety and integrity for all participants. Sometimes, our 4-H members and/or families fail to abide by the Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics, the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth/Families, and/or event rules, which may lead to disciplinary action.

To ensure consistency and fairness, Jefferson County Extension follows a written process to respond to and resolve 4-H issues and complaints in a manner that teaches good character, life skills, and positive youth development.

Jefferson County Extension has a partnership agreement with the Jefferson County Fair Board. In the agreement, Extension has the ultimate authority and jurisdiction over the Jefferson County 4-H program; has final decision-making authority over rules and guidelines pertaining to all 4-H events and activities, including 4-H involvement in the Jefferson County Fair. School Boards have the ultimate authority and jurisdiction over the FFA Chapter at their corresponding school; have final decision-making authority over rules and guidelines pertaining to all FFA events and activities, including FFA involvement in the county fair, for their FFA members.

Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Iowa 4-H Program, the local County Extension District, or their appointed representatives. Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will result in consequences. The consequences may range from a verbal warning to the loss of privileges (e.g., participation at the event or future events, forfeiture of awards or other forms of recognition, forfeiture of leadership positions, limitation on volunteer responsibilities) to full removal from the Iowa 4-H Program.

All judges, superintendents, staff, volunteers, and members of the Fair Board, Extension Council, and related committees shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect. No complaint will be considered based upon a complaint that a judge is incompetent. Decisions made by judges are final.

Grievance Procedure

1. Any Jefferson County Fair 4-H/FFA exhibitor and their parent or guardian may submit a complaint using the grievance procedure outlined in this policy.
2. Staff or event officials may have access to evidence or witness something themselves where an official grievance may not be necessary to address the situation.
3. Complaints regarding fair shows, events, or rules should first be brought to the attention of the department superintendent within 1 hour of the incident. If the department superintendent is unavailable or the complaint does not pertain to a specific department, the complaint should be brought to the attention of an Extension staff member (for 4-H exhibitors) or FFA Advisor (for FFA exhibitors). If a resolution cannot be reached, a formal, written grievance can be filed as outlined in this policy.
4. The burden of proof lies with the individual(s) filing the grievance. All complaints shall be in writing, filed at the Jefferson County Extension Office within 2 hour of the incidents, and accompanied by a \$25 cash deposit. If the complaint is validated or dropped by the complainant before the Grievance Committee meets, the complainant will have their deposit refunded to them. If the complaint is not validated, the deposit will be forfeited and become the property of Jefferson County Extension.
 - a. If testing costs are associated with the grievance, the individual(s) filing the grievance are responsible for paying the testing costs before the testing occurs. Testing costs may involve an investment of \$200 or more. Testing costs can be estimated for the party filing the grievance, which must be paid up-front. If the complaint is validated, the person filing the grievance will be reimbursed, and the exhibitor in violation must cover the cost of the testing.
5. The written complaint shall be made using the grievance form available in the Jefferson County Extension Office or on the county fair webpage of the Jefferson County Extension website.
6. The Jefferson County Fair Grievance Committee will consider complaints filed. The committee will consist of two extension council members, two fair board members, and one Fairfield or Pekin Community School District representative if an FFA member is involved.

7. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach staff (county, field, and/or state) will be involved in the grievance process to ensure best practices are followed.
8. The parties for which the grievance has been filed against will be notified and allowed to attend a hearing with the Grievance Committee. This meeting will take place within 2 hours of the filing, with the exception of check-in/weigh-in time or show time; in that case, the meeting would then take place within 2 hours of the conclusion of check-in/weigh-in time or show time. The Grievance Committee will share pages 2-3 of the Grievance Form, as filed, with the exhibitor against whom the grievance is filed. The Grievance Committee will not provide Page 1 to the exhibitor; however, the complainant should not expect confidentiality throughout this process. All witness names will be listed on the Grievance Form and as such, will not be kept confidential.
9. Each party will be given 5 minutes to speak to the Grievance Committee during the hearing. All parties are expected to act civilly. All parties shall be prepared to provide documentation/evidence at the hearing. The Grievance Committee can terminate the process at any time based on failure to meet deadlines and/or the lack of evidence presented.
 - a. It is the choice of the individual(s) filing the complaint whether they are present at the hearing. If they choose not to be present, they forfeit their right to speak to the Grievance Committee and provide additional documentation/evidence.
10. After all relevant information is presented, the Grievance Committee will meet privately to discuss the issue and come to a decision within 7 calendar days of the hearing or receipt of the test results.
 - a. The degree of infraction will always be taken into consideration. Possible disciplinary actions include but are not limited to disqualifying the animal from a show, disqualifying the exhibitor from that year's fair participation (in all exhibits), withholding premiums and awards, or potential disqualification from future fair participation.
11. Committee representatives will notify all parties within one business day of the decision. After the initial communication, a formal decision letter will be mailed to all parties involved.

Appeals Procedure

1. Once a decision has been made regarding disciplinary action, the individual(s) shall have 14 calendar days from the date of the notification letter to appeal any disciplinary action.
2. The burden of proof lies with the individual(s) filing the appeal. All appeals shall be in writing and filed with the Jefferson County Extension Office.
3. The written appeal must include:
 - a. Names and phone numbers of the member and parent/guardian filing the appeal
 - b. Cause for appeal
 - c. Date and time of incident
 - d. Specific rule or action in question
 - e. Situation and documentation, which may include written documents, photos, or videos, etc.
 - f. Additional persons the committee may contact for further clarification
 - g. Signature of the exhibitor and their parent or guardian filing the complaint
4. Appeals will be turned over to the appropriate decision-making authority: the Jefferson County Extension Council, the Jefferson County Fair Board, or the corresponding School Board. They shall promptly consider any and all appeals and their decision in the matter shall be final.

Clover Kids Fair Participation

General Rules for Clover Kids

1. Open to all active Jefferson County Clover Kids who attend at least 2 Clover Kids meetings within the 4-H year.
2. Identification of all animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. When entered into 4-H Online:
 - a. Bucket/Bottle Calves will need one of the following:
 - i. USDA approved alphanumeric tag
 - ii. Brucellosis/Calfhood Vaccination Tag (not tattoo)
 - iii. Purebred registry tattoo with accompanying papers
 - iv. 840/EID tag
 - b. Bottle Lambs and Kids will need one of the following:
 - i. Scrapies Tag or Tattoo
 - ii. USDA/840 Tag
 - iii. If any of these species are exhibited in the pet show (ex: pigmy goat), they must have a scrapies tag/tattoo or 840 tag.
3. Pre-fair entry is required by 11:50 PM on June 10. Entries must identify what is being exhibited. If an exhibitor needs to add animals, classes, static projects, or swap classes animals or are entered into after the June 10 deadline, they must pay a \$100 late fee (only 1 fee per exhibitor per fair). There is a 7-day grace period for all additions or swapping; no animals or classes can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM. All classes and animals entered are final at that time.
4. All Entry Fees are due to the Extension Office by June 11 at 4:30 PM. If this deadline falls on a day the office is not open, the deadline will be 4:30 PM on the next business day. Entry Fees are populated from Fair Entry and cannot be paid until after Fair Entry is complete. All Entry Fees should be made payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board but dropped off at the Extension Office. Fees are as follows:
 - a. Bottle Calf- \$10/head
 - b. Bottle Goat or Lamb- \$5/head
 - c. Poultry and Rabbits- \$1/head
5. Participants will receive a participation ribbon; no premium money is given for Clover Kids projects.
6. All Clover Kids exhibit opportunities will be cooperative and not competitive.

Clover Kids Static Projects (Class 90101)

General Rules-

1. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to discuss their showcase items with a caring adult at their assigned time on Static Project Judging Day.
2. There is no limit to the number of items entered by a Clover Kid. All items must be made by the Clover Kid under adult supervision. Items may be made at home, in school, at day care, or at camp.
3. All showcase items will be on display at the Jefferson County Fair until Sunday, June 29 at 6 PM.
4. The Jefferson County Extension Office and the Jefferson County Fair Board will use diligence to ensure the safety of all items entered at the Jefferson County Fair; however, we are not responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
5. Showcase items may be entered in any of these categories:

- a. Class A: Animals- Showcase items related to all species and types of animals. Live animals may be brought to the fair for this class.
- b. Class B: Creative Arts- Showcase items related to art, photography, and music.
- c. Class C: Agriculture and Natural Resources- Showcase items related to plants, agriculture, and the environment. Notice: You will be totally responsible for the care of your plants while they are at the fair.
- d. Class D: Family and Consumer Science- Showcase items related to food, clothing, or home decorating. Sewn or home-crafted items can be included in this class.
- e. Class E: Personal Development- Showcase items related to, or created by the child, such as stories, poems, etc.
- f. Class F: Science, Engineering, and Technology- Showcase items related to science, engineering, technology, or items designed and built by the child, such as wood items.
- g. Class G: Other- Showcase items not included under any of the above classes.

Clover Kids Clothing Event

The Clothing Selection Event project for Clover Kids will give K-3rd graders a head start on learning about personal clothing preferences, communication skills and experience in making decisions through a clothing project. Participants will be asked to select an outfit to wear that is from their own wardrobe, borrowed, purchased, or a combination of these sources. Clover Kids will not receive premiums but will receive a participation ribbon for their showcase.

Entries must be submitted in Fair Entry by the June 10th Fair Entry deadline. Interviews will take place prior to fair. Members will have the opportunity to participate in the Style Show held during the county fair.

Clover Kids Animal Classes

General Rules-

1. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to show the audience and tell a caring adult about their animal.
2. There will be a limit of 2 entries per Clover Kid exhibitor for any species of animals, except bottle animals, which are limited to 1 entry per species.
3. Clover Kids may use a 4-H or FFA member's animal for the classes listed below. Clover Kids are not able to share animals with another Clover Kid.
4. Dogs and pets will be checked in a half hour prior to the start of the show. All other animals will need to be present at fair for the duration of fair and be checked in and out at the same times as 4-H and FFA animals.
5. Exhibitors must follow the fair's rules and [health requirements](#) as stated in the fair book for 4-H and FFA members. These include, but are not limited to, the following: no evidence of warts, ringworm, pinkeye, or other infectious conditions will be allowed; each exhibitor is responsible for showing and caring for his or her animal in partnership with a caring adult.
6. Clover Kid animals do not attend weigh-ins, only 4-H and FFA animals.
7. Depending on the number of entries, the shows may be divided into multiple classes.

Classes-

- **Clover Kids Pet Show Class 90201**
 1. Clover Kids Pet Show animals are only allowed on the fairgrounds during entry and show time.

2. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Examples include on a leash, in a box, cage, or bowl.
 3. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle, or poultry are not to be shown in the Clover Kids Pet Show. All animals must be less than 200 pounds.
 4. Clover Kids and pets must be supervised by an adult at all times. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and pet.
 5. Cats and dogs must have a current rabies certificate. A copy of the rabies certificate must be presented at the time of check-in. All pets are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in.
 6. Any female animal in season cannot be shown.
 7. Clover Kids may show animals in the following classes:
 - a. **Class A: Cats**
 - b. **Class B: Dogs**
 - c. **Class C: Gerbils**
 - d. **Class D: Guinea Pigs**
 - e. **Class E: Hamsters**
 - f. **Class F: Mice**
 - g. **Class G: Turtles**
 - h. **Class H: Fish**
 - i. **Class I: Birds**
 - j. **Class J: Other- Please check with Extension Office for animals that can be entered into this class**
- **Clover Kids Dog Show Class 90202**
 1. Members must attend at least two dog obedience classes offered by the dog project leader prior to county fair to be eligible for the Dog Show. Clover Kids that do not attend at least two classes can enter their dog in the Pet Show but will not have the opportunity to showcase the skills of obedience.
 2. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to showcase their dog and what each of them have learned through dog obedience classes.
 3. All dogs must come properly restrained on a leash.
 4. Clover Kids and dogs must be supervised by an adult at all times. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and dog.
 5. Dogs must have a current rabies certificate. A copy of the rabies certificate must be presented before the first dog practice. All dogs are required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in.
 6. Any female in season cannot be shown.
 - **Clover Kids Poultry Show Classes**
 1. Clover Kids must keep their poultry on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair and pay the entry fee.
 2. All poultry animals will be Pullorum tested.
 - **Clover Kids Poultry Class 90203**
 - Limit of 2 birds, either male or female.
 - **Classroom Chickens Class 90207**
 - Chickens in this class must be hatched from the Ag in the Classroom project in the Fairfield and Pekin School Districts.
 - Can be either male or female, and members can bring either 1, 2, or 3 chicks.
 - **Return Classroom Chickens Class 90208**
 - Chickens in this class must be hatched from the Ag in the Classroom project in the Fairfield and Pekin School Districts before the prior year's fair.

- Limit of 2 birds. Can be either both male, both female, or one of each.
- **Clover Kids Rabbit Show Class 90204**
 1. Clover Kids must keep their rabbits on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair and pay the entry fee.
- **Clover Kids Bucket-Bottle Show Classes**
 1. Limit of 1 entry per exhibitor.
 2. All bottle animals (4-H and Clover Kids) will be weighed-in during county fair weigh-in on Wednesday morning (but are not weighed-in during the spring weigh-in).
 3. Clover Kids members must be accompanied by an adult in the show ring at all times.
 4. Clover Kids can borrow an older 4-H/FFA member's exhibit, and the owner of the animal should accompany the Clover Kid in the ring.
 5. Animals need to be cleaned, groomed, and shown on a halter.
 6. Clover Kids must keep their bucket-bottle animals on the fairgrounds for the duration of the fair and pay the entry fee.
 7. Classes are open to any newborn or orphan male or female animal born after January 1 of the current year. Male animals do not need to be castrated.
 - **Bucket-Bottle Lamb Class 90205**
 - **Bucket-Bottle Calf Class 90206**
 - **Bucket-Bottle Goat Class 90209**

4-H and FFA General Animal Rules and Regulations

Also refer to individual department rules, [Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families](#), [Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics](#), and [State Health Requirements](#).

All exhibitors at the Jefferson County Fair agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book and also abide by any rulings made by the Jefferson County Extension Council and Jefferson County Fair Board not covered in this list, no exceptions.

The fair board will not be responsible for any injury to any exhibitor or exhibit.

This fair follows the requirements set forth in the 4-H 202 document- Animal Identification, Weighing, and Exhibition Requirements, found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

An active Jefferson County 4-H member may exhibit in Jefferson County with their respective 4-H club. To qualify as an active 4-H member, youth must be officially enrolled in 4-H in Jefferson County by May 15 and have completed at least 6 hours of 4-H activity and given a presentation at a club meeting. Fairfield FFA and Pekin FFA members who are in good standing with their respective chapters can also exhibit.

Animal Ownership Requirements:

1. All animals must be identified by an individual 4-H/FFA member. When registration papers are involved, the papers must be in the 4-H/FFA member's name or show a logical family relationship.
2. Ownership and possession of the animal are required by May 15 of the current year.
3. Animals changing ownership or leasing after being identified for a project are ineligible to be exhibited for that year.

4. Exceptions for ownership: Horses have an official lease option as a project. Only showmanship, riding, or driving horses are eligible for lease; horses in halter/conformation classes cannot be leased and must be owned by the member or his or her immediate family (parents, sibling, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins, or grandparents) are considered leased horses.
5. Exceptions to individual identification: Horse and dog project animals can be identified by more than one member provided the members are all 4-H or FFA members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister, or step-sibling with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA.

General Animal Rules

1. Proper identification must have been recorded on 4-H Online or with the Jefferson County Extension Office by the following deadlines:
 - a. Market Beef- winter weigh-in
 - b. Swine- spring identification day
 - c. Market Sheep and Market Goats- spring weigh-in
 - d. Breeding Beef, Bucket-Bottle Calves/Lambs/Goats, Dairy, Dogs, Pets, Cats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbits, Breeding Sheep, and Breeding Goats- May 15

Animal identifications must be completed by the deadline- no exceptions. Extraordinary forgiveness may be granted if a written request is received by the Extension Council by June 1st. This forgiveness applies to county fair animals only. No animals requiring a weigh-in or identification day attendance can be entered after the last county in the state has held their weigh-in/identification day.

2. RSVP's will be required from all exhibitors planning to attend beef, swine, or sheep & goat weigh-ins/identification days. This will be due approximately 1 week before weigh-in. Exhibitors are required to give the approximate number of animals they are bringing for county and/or state fair eligibility. Anyone who does not RSVP ahead of time will be required to wait until all exhibitors who have RSVP'd have weighed-in/identified and will only be allowed to weigh-in/identify if enough ear tags are left; if no tags are left, then the exhibitor must attend another county's weigh-in/identification day.
3. Exhibitors must notify the Extension Office immediately of any missing ear tags from weighed-in animals. A new tag will be issued and a second form or identification will be checked.
4. All exhibitors exhibiting swine, beef, sheep, dairy cattle/goats, meat goats, rabbits, or poultry in any classes must be YQCA certified. A copy of the YQCA certificate is due to the Extension Office by May 15.
5. All Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA exhibits (livestock and static) are to be pre-entered into the appropriate classes on Fair Entry no later than 11:59 PM on June 10. Exhibits must be in the appropriate classes by the deadline. If an exhibitor needs to add animals, classes, or swap classes animals are entered into after the June 10 deadline, they must pay a \$100 late fee (only 1 fee per exhibitor per fair). There is a 7-day grace period for all additions or swapping. No animals or classes can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM. All classes and animal entered are final at that time.
6. While animals registered in Fair Entry by the deadline are final and cannot be switched, in the event an exhibitor's animal dies between the time of the Fair Entry deadline and fair, they can add a new animal in their place, given that the animal was registered in 4-H Online by May 15. In this circumstance, contact the Extension Office right away.
7. All Entry Fees are due to the Extension Office by June 11 at 4:30 PM. If this deadline falls on a day the office is not open, the deadline will be 4:30 PM on the next business day. Entry Fees are populated from Fair Entry and cannot be paid until after Fair Entry is complete. All

Entry Fees should be made payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board but dropped off at the Extension Office. Fees are as follows:

- a. Beef, Cow/Calf, Dairy Cattle- \$10/head or cow/calf pair
 - b. Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine- \$5/head
 - c. Poultry and Rabbits- \$1/head
 - d. Carcass Ultrasounding- charged per head after 1st entry; charges may vary
8. For market animal species that have carcass scanning classes- entries must be made by the June 10 Fair Entry deadline. All exhibitors showing a market animal with a carcass class are required to enter the carcass class. Only 1 market animal may be entered in a class per species, and the animal must be selected at the time of entry. Animals selected for this class cannot be changed after June 10, with the exception of the death of an animal. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in the Carcass class; however, on the day of scanning, an exhibitor can choose not to participate and scratch their entry. Exhibitors, parents, or a substitute must be present for scanning in order for the animal to be scanned. If an exhibitor wishes to have additional animals scanned for educational purposes, the exhibitor will need to pay for the scanning of those animals by the June 11 Entry Fee deadline.
 9. After the June 10 Fair Entry deadline, no animal can be switched to another class, without paying the \$100 late fee. This includes switching animals from breeding to market classes or vice versa. No animals or classes can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM.
 10. All projects must be under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor.
 11. No alcoholic beverages allowed on show grounds.
 12. No diseased animals will be housed on the grounds. All animals must meet the State Health Requirements of livestock for exhibition at county shows and fairs.
 13. Stall assignments will be designated by the superintendents.
 14. Tack may be placed beginning Monday at noon. This is at the owner's risk; barns will be unattended. Tack areas will be designated and show boxes must be placed in the designated locations. Show boxes cannot be placed with the animals. No feed storage allowed in the barns or designated tack locations.
 15. All animals (except horses, dogs, cats, or pets) must weigh-in or check-in on Wednesday during their designated check-in or weigh-in time.
 16. At fair weigh-ins or check-ins, exhibitors must present the original registration papers. No copies allowed. Those without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbred division. Tattoos will be checked.
 17. There are no minimum weights for any animal species to exhibit in their classes. The judge will place each animal with the understanding that county fair is the ideal finish date for market animals.
 18. During weigh-ins, animals can only have their halter on as they walk through the scales. No blankets, coats, or other items are allowed.
 19. All exhibitors in the show ring must wear their 4-H/FFA t-shirts respectfully. For the purposes of showing, the official Jefferson County 4-H t-shirt may not be modified. 4-H shirts must be official Jefferson County 4-H t-shirts (green or white) or chevrons may be attached to a plain white t-shirt or blouse. Shirts are available for purchase in the Extension Office. FFA members will receive their shirts from their advisors. This ruling applies to all 4-H and FFA classes. Exhibitors are to wear blue jeans. This also applies to the auction. Note- special rules apply to horse and pony classes.
 20. Substitute Exhibitor: All showing must be down by the 4-H/FFA member. In the case of sickness or excused absence, an exhibitor may select another 4-H/FFA member to show the exhibit. Excused absences will be reviewed by Extension staff and superintendents and determined on a case-by-case basis. Absent members will not be eligible for showmanship.

The substitute exhibitor must be a 4-H/FFA member who is eligible to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair.

21. Assistant Showman: In case of two entries in the same class, the exhibitor may select another 4-H/FFA member as an assistant. The assistants must be approved by the department superintendent. The assistant exhibitor must be a 4-H/FFA member who is eligible to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair.
22. No one is allowed in the show ring, except the 4-H/FFA members showing, superintendents, judges, ring leaders, show clerks, or persons designated by the superintendents.
23. All market animals can only be shown for one year. Exceptions: exhibitors can choose to keep their bottle calf, lamb, or goat, and bring them back next year.
24. Jefferson County Fitting and Show Preparation Rule: It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills. This includes all grooming, fitting, and putting on equipment. This is for every species of animal. Any youth found in violation of this rule will be given a verbal warning. If additional violations occur, the exhibitor may be disqualified.
25. No colorant is allowed for any animal. Superintendents have the right to check for colorants. No icing or cold sleeves are permitted.
26. No grooming chutes, blocking chutes, or fitting stands in any barn.
27. Besides stall cards, only club signs are allowed to be hung in stalls. Any other signs must be approved by Superintendents.
28. Stalls and pens must be cleaned out before 8 AM each day and all refuse matter disposed of in designated disposal areas. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to keep the pen, stall, aisle, and area around his/her exhibit clean.
29. Common bedding will be provided by the fair board. If you wish not to use it, you can bring purchased natural wood bedding (shavings, flakes, etc.) to use instead. However, the entry fee still must be paid. Types of bedding other than natural wood bedding is not allowed (such as straw, cornstalks, fiber carpets, etc.). Rubber mats will be allowed but pens must remain dry and clean; it will be up to the discretion of the Superintendents if rubber mats need to be removed.
30. No animals (except horses, dogs, cats, or pets) will be allowed outside of the green fence at any time. All animals are to remain in the barns from 8 AM to 8 PM, unless being shown or prepared for shows. Ex: no cattle to tie outs before 8 PM or after 8 AM. Tie-outs will be on a first come, first serve basis.
31. All dogs must be kept on leashes at all times. No dogs in the barns.
32. Show classes will be broken out according to age/weight of the animals and depending on the number of entries. Decisions of superintendents for classes, breed determinations, etc. is final.
33. Premiums will be awarded as follows: Blue \$3, Red \$2, White \$1, and Green Participation \$0. Premiums are given for each class, not for division or overall winners. All checks or cash must be picked up and cashed within 60 days of issue or money is forfeited. Premiums will only be paid to 4-H/FFA members who meet the qualifications as set forth in the 4-H Rules and Regulations and this fair book.
34. No animal can be a champion unless it is blue ribbon quality.
35. All animals (except horses, dogs, cats, or pets) will be released on Monday, following the conclusion of the Fair Board Meeting at 8:15 AM and must be checked out with the Superintendent before they are loaded. No animals will be released earlier, with the exception of Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3, which will be released under the guidance of the superintendents. If animals are not checked out with a Superintendent, premium money for

that exhibit will be forfeited. All pens and stalls must be cleaned of manure, etc. at the close of fair.

4-H/FFA Showmanship Classes

1. The objective of this class is to give recognition to those exhibitors who exhibit the principles of good showmanship, preparation of their animal for the show ring, and presentation of their animal in the ring.
2. A showmanship class will be held at the conclusion of each livestock division. Exhibitors must register to participate by the June 10 Fair Entry deadline.
3. All exhibitors will be required to enter Showmanship for each species that they exhibit. The animal used for showmanship does not have to be selected in Fair Entry ahead of time but must be the exhibitor's own animal and must have been shown in another class to be eligible to be used for Showmanship. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate in Showmanship; however, on the day of the show, an exhibitor can choose not to participate and scratch their entry (except for horses).
4. Awards will be given in swine, sheep, beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, horse, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine divisions. Bottle animal classes are excluded from this but will be recognized with showmanship awards as showmanship is included in their ring division.
5. Senior Showmanship- having completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade or out of school FFA members. Intermediate Showmanship- having completed 7th, 8th, or 9th grade. Junior Showmanship- having completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grade.
6. Champion Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Showman in each division will receive an award.
7. Purple showmanship ribbons will be awarded to those selected by the judge for showmanship honors.
8. An exhibitor may compete each year and be eligible to win. However, an exhibitor may only win once in the Junior and Intermediate levels. After winning showmanship in their age level, they will then compete in the next level the following year with the Senior Level being the exception.
9. Showmanship winners of each age division from the previously year will present the flags during the national anthem of the respective show during the current year's fair.

Herdsmanship Awards

The purpose of the Herdsmanship Awards is to promote neatness and cleanliness of stalls, alleyways, and livestock in the exhibit barns during county fair. Safety of visitors while in the barns, as well as exhibitors and livestock, will be emphasized. A special committee will rate livestock exhibitors on a 4-H club or FFA chapter basis during the fair. This committee will visit the livestock barns twice per day, unannounced, to evaluate each exhibitor's animals and exhibit area. Individual exhibitor ratings will be grouped on a club or chapter basis to determine a final rating. The judging of the exhibits by committee will be based primarily on cleanliness of alleys, stalls, pens, arrangement of exhibits, neatness, appearance of animals, staff cards, and education to the public about their exhibit.

Criteria for Judging Herdsmanship:

The following applies to all pens or stalls for livestock:

1. Name of club, members, and animal properly identified on stalling card.
2. Amount of education shared with the public about the livestock exhibits.
3. Stall or pen cleaned of manure, and fresh bedding or chips put down if needed.
4. Animal(s)' appearance is clean and groomed.
5. No tack is left in stalling or pen area.
6. For individual species:
 - a. Cattle- Tied properly as not to step into the aisle area or tangle with another calf. No feed pans or water left in stalls unattended.
 - b. Hogs- Feed pans may be kept in pens if fastened to the gate/pen.
 - c. Poultry and Rabbits- Water and feed may remain in pen. Check to see that the feed and water are clean. Area under pen should be kept clean.
 - d. Sheep & Goats- Feed pans may be left in the pens if attached to the side of the pen and water may be left if it is clean.
7. No species will be judged the morning, afternoon, or evening of their show.

4-H/FFA Cats

[General animal rules, regulations, and health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Identification of cats must be done in 4-H Online by May 15.
 - a. Cats will be entered into 4-H Online in the Pet category if Cat is not a category listed.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.

Department Rules-

1. Because of susceptibility to disease, no kitten under 4 months of age on the day of the show will be accepted for competition.
2. Health requirements- Cats must have current Rabies vaccination certificate. No cat or kitten may enter the show if there is any feline infections or contagious diseases in the household within 3 weeks prior to show date. It is recommended that cats or kittens be up-to-date on distemper vaccinations.
3. All cats and kittens will be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in on Show Day.
4. All cats and kittens must have nails clipped. Declawed cats may also enter.
5. Exhibitor must furnish their own coop or cage coverings. Towels may be held to the care with some kind of clamp or safety pin, and these work well as coverings. Exhibit is to remain caged/cooped until time of competition.
6. It is recommended that cats and kittens are not fed during show time. Feed them in advance of the show.
7. Cats and kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on their necks or bodies.

Classes-

Division 371: Kittens (4-8 Months)

- **Longhair Male Class 37101**
- **Shorthair Male Class 37102**

- Longhair Female Class 37103
- Shorthair Female Class 37104

Division 372: Adults (8 Months and Over)

- Longhair Male Class 37201
- Shorthair Male Class 37202
- Longhair Female Class 37203
- Shorthair Female Class 37204

Division 373: Purebred Kittens (4-8 Months)

- Longhair Male Class 37301
- Shorthair Male Class 37302
- Longhair Female Class 37303
- Shorthair Female Class 37304

Division 374: Purebred Adults (8 Months and Over)

- Longhair Male Class 37401
- Shorthair Male Class 37402
- Longhair Female Class 37403
- Shorthair Female Class 37404

Cat Show Order-

Cats will show in the Dog, Cat, and Pet Show, in the following order:

1. 4-H/FFA Dog Agility (horse arena; all other classes are in the show arena)
2. Clover Kids Dog Obedience
3. 4-H/FFA Dog Handling/Showmanship
4. 4-H/FFA Dog Obedience
5. Clover Kids Pet Show
6. 4-H/FFA Pet Show
7. 4-H/FFA Cat Show

4-H/FFA Beef Cattle

[General animal rules, regulations, and health requirements](#) also apply.

1. Heifers showing in the market heifer classes will not be eligible to be shown in the breeding beef classes and vice versa, of the current year.
2. Previous years' bucket-bottle calves are only eligible to complete in appropriate return bucket bottle classes or appropriate market or breeding classes, not both.
3. Calves will be shown in classes determined by breed, sex, and weight. Number of classes will be determined by fair weigh-in weights.
4. Only 1 fan per animal will be allowed. All fans must be pointed toward the nonjudge side/animal's left side (when standing behind).
5. Double ties must be done on all cattle at night.
6. It is the expectation that you maintain daily clean-up of tie-out area and completely clean up tie-out area at the end of the fair and check out with beef superintendents.

Division 207: Bucket Bottle Calves

General animal rules and regulations, 4-H/FFA beef cattle rules, and health requirements also apply.

Specific Division Information-

1. Bottle animals do not attend a weigh-in. Identification of bucket bottle animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 3 head can be identified. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Breeding heifers, calves, or cows, must have a tattoo plus an 840 tag (Calfhood vaccination or 4-H tag), or registration number. Purebred heifers or cows are NOT required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 1 bucket bottle calf animal at the fair.

Division Rules-

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA members.
2. Open to any heifer or male calf born between January 1 and May 15 of the current year. Males can be intact. (However, only steer calves are allowed to be entered into return bucket bottle classes the following year; no bulls). Calves can be beef, dairy, or crossbred.
3. If purchased, the calf must be purchased and in possession of the member within two weeks of birth. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed; no nursing permitted after purchase.
4. Exhibitors must fill out the Bucket Bottle Calf Record Book, which can be picked up at the Extension Office or found on their website. An interview will be held prior to fair. Members must wear their approved 4-H/FFA shirt and jeans during the interview.
5. Evaluation of the project will be based on the following:
 - a. Record Book Evaluation- 200 points
 - b. Interview with Judge- 200 points
 - c. Show Ring Evaluation- 100 pointsfor a total of 500 points. Champion and Reserve Champion selection is based on the total number of points that exhibitors receive.
6. All bottle animals (4-H and Clover Kids) will be weighed-in during county fair weigh-in on Wednesday morning (but are not weighed-in during the spring weigh-in).
7. Classes will be determined by Superintendents, depending on the number of entries. Classes will be divided by the age of the member.
8. Fitting and showing of the calf should be according to beef showmanship guidelines with emphasis on what the member has learned.
9. Calves will be shown at halter, using beef showmanship. No show sticks or brushes allowed in the show ring.
10. Calves will be tagged with a 4-H tag on Saturday, following the beef show. This allows the exhibitor to return to the next year's fair with the same calf and enter it into the return bucket-bottle calf classes. Exhibitors and a parent/guardian must be present at that time.
11. Members have the option to keep animals for breeding heifer, market steer, or market heifer classes in the following year.

Classes-

- **Junior Exhibitors Class 20701:** Exhibitors in grades 4-6
- **Intermediate Exhibitors Class 20702:** Exhibitors in grades 7-9
- **Senior Exhibitors Class 20703:** Exhibitors in grades 10-12

Division 203: Return Bucket Bottle Calves

Only for animals that were exhibited prior years' in a bucket bottle calf class. [General animal rules and regulations](#), [4-H/FFA beef cattle rules](#), and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Division Information-

1. Return Bucket Bottle Market Steers and Heifers must have been weighed in and ear tagged during a winter weigh-in. Identification of animals must be done in 4-H Online by February 1. A maximum of 1 return bucket bottle market beef animal may be weighed-in and identified, as each exhibitor can only bring 1 bucket-bottle animal to the fair each year. The animal must have its new ear tag from county fair when it attends the winter weigh-in. If the tag was lost, the Extension Office should be notified right away. The following are required for identification by February 1:
 - a. 15 digit USDA ear tag number from weigh-in
2. Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifers and Cow-Calf pairs do not attend a weigh-in. Identification animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 1 return breeding heifer can be identified, as only 1 bucket bottle calf can be shown by each exhibitor per year. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. All heifers must have birthdate listed.
 - b. All animals must have 2 forms of identification. Tattoos are required as the primary form of identification.
 - i. Tattoo (both registered and commercial); calfhood vaccination tattoo is not an acceptable primary ID.
 - ii. Calfhood vaccination number, approved 4-H ear tag, or registration number.
 - c. Breeding heifers, calves, or cows, must have a tattoo plus an 840 tag (Calfhood vaccination or 4-H tag), or registration number. Purebred heifers or cows are NOT required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
3. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
4. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 5 breeding beef entries, with a maximum of 2 entries in any 1 class. Cow/calf pairs count as 1 entry.

Division Rules-

1. Animals must have the original tag from previous year(s)' fair, or the tag must be produced, if it has fallen out. Tag numbers will be verified in prior years' records.
2. All ages of exhibitors will show together in each class.

Classes-

- **Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer Class 20301**
- **Return Bucket Bottle Cow-Calf Class 20302**
- **Return Bucket Bottle Market Heifer Class 20303**
- **Return Bucket Bottle Market Steer Class 20304**

Division 201: Breeding Beef

[General animal rules and regulations](#), [4-H/FFA beef cattle rules](#), and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Division Information-

1. Identification of breeding beef animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 10 head can be identified (total for purebred and commercial). The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. All heifers must have birthdate listed.
 - b. All animals must have 2 forms of identification. Tattoos are required as the primary form of identification.
 - i. Tattoo (both registered and commercial); calfhood vaccination tattoo is not an acceptable primary ID.
 - ii. Calfhood vaccination number, approved 4-H ear tag, or registration number.
 - c. Breeding heifers, calves, or cows, must have a tattoo plus an 840 tag (Calfhood vaccination or 4-H tag), or registration number. Purebred heifers or cows are NOT required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 5 breeding beef entries, with a maximum of 2 entries in any 1 class. Cow/calf pairs count as 1 entry.

Division Rules-

1. Open to breeding females and male prospect calves.
2. All breeding beef animals must be checked in with the Beef Superintendents and will run through the weigh-in chute during county fair and heifers and purebred animals will have tattoos checked at that time. If questionable situations arise, final breed determinations will be made by superintendents.
3. Commercial heifers will be shown by weight. Purebred animals will be shown by breed. Breeds with less than 5 entries will have Junior & Senior Yearling classes combined.
4. Birthdate and breed must be displayed on the stall card.
5. First place breeding beef heifer in each division and breed will complete for Champion Breeding Heifer. First place breeding cow/calf in each breed will complete for Champion Breeding Cow/Calf.
6. Prospect and senior calves will each have sub-classes of heifer calves and male calves. Yearling and senior yearlings will have sub-classes divided by breed.

Classes-

- **Prospect Calf Class 20110**
 - Heifer, bull, or steer calves born by May 15 of the current calendar year. The calf can be the calf of a cow/calf pair exhibit.
- **Senior Calf Class 20111**
 - Heifer calves born between September 1 and December 31 of the previous year.
- **Yearling Breeding Heifer Class 20121**
 - Junior Sub-Class: A heifer born between January 1 and August 31 of the previous year.
 - Senior Sub-Class: A heifer born between September 1 and December 31 of two years prior.
- **Cow/Calf Pair Class 20161**
 - All cows with calves must be shown in this class. The calf may also be shown in the prospect calf class.
 - A male calf may remain a bull when entered as part of a cow/calf pair.
- **Farm Raised Breeding Heifer Class 20151**
 - Must be designated by registration deadline.

- Calves entered in this division are not eligible to compete in other market or breeding divisions.
- All breeds will be shown together and class will be split by age if needed.
 - Junior Sub-Class: A heifer born between January 1 and August 31 of the previous year.
 - Senior Sub-Class: A heifer born between September 1 and December 31 of two years prior.

Division 202: Market Beef

[General animal rules and regulations](#), [4-H/FFA beef cattle rules](#), and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Division Information-

1. Market steers and heifers must have been weighed in and ear tagged during a winter weigh-in. Identification of animals must be done in 4-H Online by February 1. A maximum of 10 head can be identified. The following are required for identification by February 1:
 - a. Purebred animals must enter a breed in 4-H Online. Registration numbers have to be added by May 15. Tattoos will be checked at county fair weigh-in.
 - b. Advanced Feeding Pen of 3 class animals must be denoted at time of weigh-in.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 3 market beef entries, with an additional 3 being eligible for the Advanced Feeding Pen of 3.

Division Rules-

1. Male animals must be castrated or banded by winter weigh-in.
2. Market beef exhibits will be weighed on state approved scales at county fair weigh-in. Market animals will be weighed on time only, no re-weighing.
3. The following will compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef Award: Champion and Reserve Farm Raised Market Animal, Champion and Reserve Market Heifer, Champion and Reserve from each breed class, and Champion and Reserve Crossbred Market Animal.
4. All purebred and crossbred market heifers show together.

Classes-

- **Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3 Class 20201**
 - An exhibitor may feed three to five head, either steers or heifers, not mixed.
 - Animals will be exhibited at the fair in a pen of 3. Animals do not need to be halter broke to lead or fitted, but they must be worked with and cannot be wild. Superintendent of the beef barn has the right to determine animals' disposition.
 - These animals will be checked in and released under the guidance of the superintendents.
 - At winter weigh-in, animals must be designated as Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3 to be eligible to be shown in this class. Animals being exhibited in these classes cannot also be shown in another class.
 - Judging will be conference style with cattle in pens right before market portion of the show. Evaluation of the project will be based on record keeping, interview with the judge, and knowledge of the project.
 - Accurate feed records must be kept and brought to the fair as part of the exhibit. Project information (rate of gain, cost per pound of gain, and feed costs) must be displayed on pen for the duration of the fair. Forms can be obtained from the Extension Office.

- The Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3 animals will not be calculated into the regular market Rate of Gain or Carcass Beef of Merit Awards, as it is part of the scoring for the class.
- All 3 animals will be weighed and ultrasounded and carcass data will be collected during the fair at the scheduled time.
- **Carcass Beef of Merit Class 20241**
 - Each exhibitor will be allowed 1 market beef animals (heifer or steer) in the Carcass Beef of Merit class. If an exhibitor wishes to have additional animals scanned for educational purposes, it may be done at the exhibitor's expense. Ultrasounding of beef will be done at the county fair on Wednesday afternoon at the scheduled time.
 - Beef animals entered in this class must be exhibited at fair.
 - Placing is determined using the ultrasound method, and results will be released during the beef show.
- **Club Group Class 20200**
 - A club group will consist of three market steers (no heifers) of any breed exhibited from one 4-H club or FFA chapter. Each club is limited to one group.
- **Farm Raised Market Heifers Class 20203**
- **Farm Raised Market Steers Class 20204**
 - Calves entered into the Farm Raised Market Heifer or Steer classes are not eligible to complete in any other market or breeding divisions, with the exception of Carcass Ultrasounding.
 - The Champion Farm Raised Market Heifer and Market Steer will complete for Overall Grand Champion Market Beef Animal.
 - Calves must be weighed and identified as Farm Raised at the winter weigh-in; they are then not eligible to change to another class.
 - The calf must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm, and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the dam at the time of the calf's birth.
- **Market Heifer Class 20211**
- **Market Steer Class 20221**
 - The individual market steer class will be divided into sub-classes based on breed:
 - Angus
 - Belgian Blue
 - Charolais
 - Chianina
 - Commercial
 - Gelbvieh
 - Hereford
 - Hereford, Mini
 - Limousin
 - Maine Anjou
 - Salers
 - Shorthorn
 - Simmental
 - Other

Division 205: Beef Showmanship (both Breeding and Market Beef)

- **Senior Showmanship Class 20501**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 20502**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 20503**

Beef Show Order-

- Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Calves
- 4-H/FFA Bucket Bottle Calves
- Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifers
- Return Bucket Bottle Cow-Calf Pairs
- Return Bucket Bottle Market Heifers
- Return Bucket Bottle Market Steers

- 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle
- Cow-Calf Pairs
- Bull Prospect Calves (Bulls, Steers, Heifers)
- Senior Calves
- Farm Raised Breeding Heifers
- Yearling Breeding Heifers
- Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3
- Carcass Beef of Merit
- Farm Raised Market Heifers
- Individual Market Heifers
- Farm Raised Market Steers
- Individual Market Steers by Breed
- Club Group
- Showmanship

4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Identification of dairy cattle animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 20 head can be identified. Two forms of identification are required for May 15 identification:
 - a. All heifers must have birthdate listed.
 - b. All animals must have 2 forms of identification. Tattoos are required as the primary form of identification.
 - i. Tag/Ear Tattoo
 - ii. Registration Number
 - iii. DHIA Metal Tag ID
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 6 dairy cattle entries, with a maximum of 2 entries in any one class.

Department Rules-

1. Purebred and grade animals are shown together. Classes are set by age only.

Classes-

Division 211: Dairy Heifer

- **Junior Dairy Heifer Calf Class 21101-** Born December 1 of the previous year or after
- **Senior Dairy Heifer Calf Class 21102-** Born September 1-November 30 of the previous year
- **Junior Dairy Yearling Heifer Calf Class 21103-** Born March 1-August 31 of the previous year
- **Senior Dairy Yearling Heifer Calf Class 21104-** Born September 1 of two years prior– February 28 of the previous year

Division 212: Dairy Cow

- **Two Year Old Dairy Cow Class 21201**- Born September 1 of three years prior- August 31 of two years prior to the current county fair year
- **Three Year Old Dairy Cow Class 21202**- Born before September 1 of three years prior to the current county fair year

Division 213: Dairy Cattle Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 21301**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 21302**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 21303**

The Dairy Cattle Show will take place during the Beef Cattle Show. Dairy Cow Show Order-

- Calves
- Yearlings
- Cows
- Champion Drive
- Showmanship

4-H/FFA Dogs

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Dogs must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 4 head can be identified for county fair. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Vaccination date
 - b. Dog's information
2. Animals can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only) but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.
3. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
4. An exhibitor may have only one entry in any obedience class, and dogs may not be entered in more than two obedience classes. Exhibitors are limited to one entry in handling/showmanship. In order to exhibit in Handling, exhibitors must also enter and exhibit in an obedience class. In order to exhibit in Agility, the exhibitor and dog must also participate in dog obedience in the current fair season, and the dog must have shown in first year 4-H/FFA dog obedience prior to this year.

Department Rules-

1. Dogs must present a rabies certificate in person or by email to the Dog Project Leader or County Youth Coordinator by the first scheduled dog practice, even if the exhibitor is not planning to attend the first practice. An exception will be if the dog is not old enough to receive a rabies vaccine at the time of the first practice, but they are still to check in with the leader to notify them that they plan to attend as soon as a rabies vaccine can

be given. They must provide proof of rabies vaccination before the first practice they attend.

2. Members must attend at least 2 dog practices prior to county fair to be eligible to exhibit in the dog show.
3. Any female in heat may not be shown or come to practice.
4. All dogs will be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in on show day.
5. All dogs must be leashed or crated while waiting for their class to be called.
6. For Handling/Showmanship classes, exhibitors will wear armbands on the right arm to coordinate with their age classification. Colors are as follows: Juniors- blue; Intermediates- green; and Seniors- red.
7. This is not an AKC sanctioned dog show; however, AKC rules have been used as guidelines.
8. This is a haul in, haul out show.

Classes-

Division 280: Obedience

• Intro Class 28001

- First year for both exhibitor and dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title.
- Scoring:
 - Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash 40 points
 - Sit for Examination ON Leash 40 points
 - Recall (no finish) ON Leash 40 points
 - Long Sit (1 min.) Handler at end of leash 40 points
 - Long Down (1 min.) Handler at end of leash 40 points

• Beginners Novice A Class 28002

- Second year exhibitor and second year dog. Exhibitor/dog team may only enter this class one year. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel ON Leash 40 points
 - Figure 8 ON Leash 40 points
 - Sit for Examination ON Leash 40 points
 - Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash 40 points
 - Recall (no finish) OFF Leash 40 points

• Beginners Novice B Class 28003

- Either exhibitor or dog with previous training experience, but first year for the other team member. Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel ON Leash 40 points
 - Figure 8 ON Leash 40 points
 - Sit for Examination ON Leash 40 points
 - Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash 40 points
 - Recall (no finish) OFF Leash 40 points

- **Preferred Novice A Class 28004**

- Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash 40 points
 - Stand for Examination OFF Leash 40 points
 - Heel free OFF Leash 40 points
 - Recall with finish OFF Leash 30 points
 - Stay- Sit or Down, Handler walks ring 30 points
 - Sit stay- get your leash 30 points

- **Preferred Novice B Class 28005**

- Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel & Figure 8 ON Leash 40 points
 - Stand for Examination OFF Leash 30 points
 - Heel free OFF Leash 40 points
 - Recall with finish OFF Leash 30 points
 - Stay- Sit or Down, Handler walks ring 30 points
 - Sit stay- get your leash 30 points

- **Novice A Class 28006**

- Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel ON Leash & Figure 8 40 points
 - Stand for Examination 30 points
 - Heel free OFF Leash 40 points
 - Recall with finish OFF Leash 30 points
 - Sit Stay- Get Your Leash 30 points
 - Group Exercise- Sit & Down Stay 30 points

- **Novice B Class 28007**

- Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1 of the current year, is not eligible to enter this class.
- Scoring:
 - Heel ON Leash & Figure 8 40 points
 - Stand for Examination 30 points
 - Heel free OFF Leash 40 points
 - Recall with finish OFF Leash 30 points
 - Sit Stay- Get Your Leash 30 points
 - Group Exercise- Sit & Down Stay 30 points

- **Graduate Novice A Class 28008**

- This class is for exhibitor/dog team that is just beginning dumbbell work.
- Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dog must not have earned any 'CDX' level titles. All OFF leash.
- Scoring:

- Heel Free & Figure 8 40 points
 - Drop on Recall 40 points
 - Dumbbell Recall 30 points
 - Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 points
 - Recall over broad jump 30 points
 - Stand/stay- Get your leash 30 points
- **Graduate Novice B Class 28009**
 - Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dog must not have earned any 'CDX' level titles. All OFF leash.
 - Scoring:
 - Heel Free & Figure 8 40 points
 - Drop on Recall 40 points
 - Dumbbell Recall 30 points
 - Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 points
 - Recall over broad jump 30 points
 - Stand/stay- Get your leash 30 points
- **Open Class 28010**
 - No limit to number of years of experience for exhibitor/dog team. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbell for this class. All OFF leash.
 - Scoring:
 - Heel Free & Figure 8 40 points
 - Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) 30 points
 - Drop on Recall 30 points
 - Retrieve on Flat 20 points
 - Retrieve over High Jump 30 points
 - Broad jump 20 points
 - Stand/stay- Get your leash 30 points

Division 281: Handling/Showmanship

- **Junior Handler (4th-6th Grade) Class 28101**
- **Intermediate Handler (7th-9th Grade) Class 28102**
- **Senior Handler (10th-12th Grade) Class 28103**

Division 282: Agility

- **Agility Class 28107**
 1. Dog may not be pregnant or nursing puppies at the time of practice or competition.
 2. Dogs must have a buckle collar or slip collar- no chains, tags, or attachments on collar.
 3. All exhibitors are strongly encouraged to consult their veterinarian before beginning agility training to be sure that there are no problems such as hip dysplasia, disc problems, overweight, etc.
 4. Any breeds or mixture of breeds and any size dog is allowed to show.
 5. Handler must have complete control over their dog at all times. This is at the discretion of the dog project leader/superintendent and/or judge.
 6. Dogs 10 months and younger and 7 years and older are encouraged to jump at least one height lower than measured jump height.

7. Dogs are not allowed to mark (urinate or defecate) on equipment. Keep control and an eye on your dogs. If this happens two times, that dog will not be allowed to continue training.
- **Class Jump Height**
 - 4" class- for dogs up to 10" at the shoulder
 - 8" class- for dogs greater than 10" and up to 14" at the shoulder
 - 12" class- for dogs greater than 14" and up to 18" at the shoulder
 - 16" class- for dogs greater than 18" at the shoulder
 - **Classes**
 - JTT (Jumps, Tunnels, Table)
 - Only equipment will be jumps, table, and tunnels. A total of 7-10 obstacles and a course time of 60 seconds. Beyond 60 seconds, a time penalty will be assessed as described in the scoring section.
 - **Standard Agility**
 - Only equipment will be A-frame, 6 weave poles, jumps, tunnels, and table. A total of 10-15 obstacles and a course time of 75 seconds. Beyond 75 seconds, a time penalty will be assessed as described in the scoring section.
 - **General Course Information**
 - The course will be clearly marked with a start/finish line.
 - A dog's time starts whenever any part of the dog crosses the start line. Its time will end when any part of the dog crosses the finish line.
 - Each obstacle will be marked with a number. Handlers and dogs will be required to follow the course in numerical order.
 - Before the show begins, the handler will be allowed to walk through the course to become familiar with the course. The walk through is restricted to the handlers only and is limited to 10 minutes.
 - Food and toys are not permitted on the course.
 - Handlers are not permitted to have whistles, stop-watches, fanny packs, or other training devices on the course.
 - The handler may be on either side of the dog while running the course.
 - **Obstacles**
 - **A-Frame:** Dogs must go up one side touching the contact zone on the up side with any part of one foot and down the other side in the direction designated by the judge. The dog must also touch the contact zone on the down side with any part of one foot prior to exiting the obstacle.
 - **Weave Poles:** The dogs must enter the weave poles by passing between poles #1 and #2 from the right to left. They must continue the sequence until they pass the last two poles. Missing one or more will be a 10-point penalty. The dog's left shoulder must enter on the right of the 1st pole.
 - **Pause Table:** The dogs must pause on the table for 5 seconds in either a sit or a down position, as specified by the judge at the beginning of the competition. The judge will do an oral count and will also give a signal to "go". If the dog breaks from the sit or down position the judge will stop counting and will only continue to counting when the dog returns to the proper position. When the judge says, "go", the handler may then release the dog and proceed.
 - **Open Tunnel:** The dogs must enter the end specified by the judge and exit the other end.

- **Bar Jumps:** The dog must jump over the top bar, without displacing it, in the direction indicated by the judge.
- **Tire Jumps:** The dogs must jump through the tire opening in the direction indicated by the judge, without knocking the tire/frame over.
- **Scoring for Agility**
 - Each course is worth a maximum of 100 points.
 - A penalty consists of the loss of 5-10 points.
 - 10-point penalties (judge holds up to 2 hands) include not making contact in contact zones, not doing the obstacles in proper order or not completing an obstacle, the handler going over the obstacles with the dog, or the dog missing 1 or more weaves after 2 attempts. Obstacles may not be re-attempted, except the weave poles.
 - If a handler loses control of their dog while on the course, it will be considered a 10-point penalty.
 - 5-point penalties (judge holds up one hand) include: knocking down a jump bar, excessively guiding the dog with leash (max of 3 penalties), touching the dog, or touching the obstacle.
 - Failure to follow the judge's verbal instructions is a 5-point penalty.
 - Excessive or harsh commands or corrections will not be allowed. This will be a 5-point penalty.
 - The dog/handler team's run will be timed. A 5-point penalty will be given for going over the course time limit and an additional 5 points for each 15 seconds over the course time. After 60 seconds of additional time, the handler will be asked to leave the course immediately and will be given a 25-point time penalty and a 10-point penalty for each obstacle not completed.
 - Refusals or run-by's will not be faulted. A handler may redirect the dog to the obstacle.
 - The only penalty for breaking a sit or a down on the pause table is the extra time that accumulates when the count stops, and is not resumed, until the dog is back in position.
 - The contact zone on the A-frame is colored by yellow at the start and end of the obstacle.
 - Any dog that commits to a contact obstacle (A-frame) with all four paws must, for safety reasons, continue with the obstacle. Whether the obstacle is completed or if the dog jumps off, the dog and handler must do on to the next obstacle and may not attempt that obstacle again.
 - If the judge determines that a dog is no longer working with the handler, the team will be excused from the course. No score will be given. (DQ)
 - Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. This will be a disqualifying penalty, and the handler and the dog will be excused from the competition with a DQ.
 - If the dog urinates or defecates in the ring (from the time it enters until it leaves the ring), the dog and handlers will be disqualified from the class with a DQ.
 - In the case of a tie in total points, the fastest time will win.

Dog Show Order-

Dogs will show in the Dog, Cat, and Pet Show, in the following order:

1. 4-H/FFA Dog Agility (horse arena; all other classes are in the show arena)
2. Clover Kids Dog Obedience

3. 4-H/FFA Dog Handling/Showmanship
4. 4-H/FFA Dog Obedience
5. Clover Kids Pet Show
6. 4-H/FFA Pet Show
7. 4-H/FFA Cat Show

4-H/FFA Dairy Goats

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Identification of dairy goat animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 20 head can be identified.
2. All sexually intact goats that are housed with sheep must have individual scrapie flock or origin ID tag. All state fair dairy goats must be identified with an official scrapies ID tag or an official tattoo registered with the USDA.
3. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
4. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 6 dairy cattle entries, with a maximum of 2 entries in any one class.

Department Rules-

1. Classes are limited to does only- no bucks.
2. Does over 24 months of age and never freshened cannot be shown.
3. Dairy goats in milk must be milked out after the show.
4. Dairy goats may be hornless or have horns. Goats must be disbudded/dehorned only if going to the state fair.
5. Dairy goats must have coats cleaned and be show ready, with hooves properly trimmed and filed. Must be shown with a collar. No muzzles are allowed.

Classes-

Division 221: Junior Dairy Does- Under 24 months of age not in milk or ever freshened

- **Class 22101-** Suckling kids, 8 weeks and under
- **Class 22102-** Under 4 months
- **Class 22103-** 4 months to under 8 months
- **Class 22104-** 8 months to under 12 months
- **Class 22105-** 12 months to under 24 months

Division 222: Senior Dairy Does- in milk or have freshened

- **Class 22201-** 24 months and under
- **Class 22202-** 24 months to under 36 months
- **Class 22203-** over 36 months

Division 223: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 22301**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 22302**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 22303**

Dairy Goat Show Order-

- Junior Does (Champion Junior Doe)
- Senior Does (Champion Senior Doe)
- Supreme Champion Dairy Goat
- Showmanship

4-H/FFA Meat Goats

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. All market meat goats must have been weighed in and ear tagged during a spring weigh-in. Breeding meat goats only need to attend weigh-in if they are going to be nominated for state fair. Identification of meat goat animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 20 head can be identified. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Intact meat goats (both does and bucks) must have a scrapies tag.
 - b. Birthdate for breeding does.
 - c. All state fair meat goats (market animals and breeding does) must have an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag, or official tattoos for does, with retinal images collected at weigh-in.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 6 meat goat animals.

Department Rules-

1. Open to all market does and wethers born between August 1 of the year prior to fair and April 1 of the current year. No pygmy goat allowed; they can be entered into the pet show.
2. All market goats must 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. All goats should arrive to the fairgrounds clipped and show ready. Trimming is allowed but must arrive fully clipped.
3. Goats must be disbudded/dehorned only if going to state fair. Wethers are to be clipped short before coming to fair. Does and bucks must have coats cleaned and be show clipped, with hooves properly trimmed and filed. Must be shown with a collar or halter. No muzzles are allowed.
4. All meat goats (both market and breeding) will be shown according to weight.
5. 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.
6. Superintendents will combine classes in the event that there are less than three entries per class. If less than 3 market does are brought to the fair, they will show with the market wethers.
7. Market does and wethers will follow the same rules. Champion Market Doe and Champion Market Wether will show against each other for the Grand Champion Market Meat Goat.

Classes-

Division 231: Breeding Does

- **Breeding Does Under 1 Year of Age Class 23101**
- **Breeding Does Over 1 Year of Age Class 23102**
- **Breeding Bucks Less than 1 Year of Age Class 23201**

Division 233: Market Goats

- **Market Does Class 23301**
- **Market Wethers Class 23401**
- **Farm Raised Goats Class 23501**
 - Goats entered in this class are not eligible to compete in other market or breeding divisions.
 - Champion Farm Raised Meat Goat will compete for Overall Grand Champion.
 - Goats in this class must be weighed-in and identified as Farm Raised at weigh-in. Then, they are not eligible to change to any other classes.
 - Goats in this class must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm, and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the nanny at the time of the kid's birth.

Division 236: Carcass Goats

- **Carcass Goat Class 23601**
 - Each exhibitor will be allowed one market goat in this class. If an exhibitor wishes to have additional animals scanned for educational purposes, it will be done at the exhibitor's expense.
 - Placing is determined using the ultrasound method, and results will be released during the meat goat show.

Division 238: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 23701**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 23702**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 23703**

Division 237: Bottle Goats and Return Bottle Goats

[General animal rules and regulations](#), [4-H/FFA meat goat rules](#), and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Bottle animals do not attend a weigh-in. Identification of bottle animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 3 bottle goats and 1 return can be identified. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Ear tag number or animal's name
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 1 bottle goat animal and more than 1 return bottle goat animal at the fair.

Department Rules-

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA members.
2. Open to any newborn or orphan male or female goat born between January 1 and May 15 of the current year. Males can be intact. Goats can be dairy or meat.
3. Kids need to be separated from mother within 48 hours of birth. No nursing permitted after 48 hours.
4. Exhibitors must fill out the Bottle Goat Record Packet, which can be picked up at the Extension Office or found on their website. An interview will be held prior to fair. Members must wear their approved 4-H/FFA shirt and jeans during the interview.
5. Evaluation of the project will be based on the following:
 - a. Record Book Evaluation- 200 points
 - b. Interview with Judge- 200 points
 - c. Show Ring Evaluation- 100 points
 for a total of 500 points. Champion and Reserve Champion selection is based on the total number of points that exhibitors receive.
6. All bottle animals (4-H and Clover Kids) will be weighed-in during county fair weigh-in on Wednesday morning (but are not weighed-in during the spring weigh-in).
7. Kids identified in the Bottle Goat Project may not be shown in the Market Goat Classes or any other classes.
8. Fitting and showing of the kids should be according to goat guidelines with emphasis on what the member has learned.
9. Members may keep female bottle goats and exhibit the following year in the Return Bottle Nanny Class. No interviews are held for Return Bottle Animals. They do not need to complete the Bottle Goat Packet.

Classes-

- **Junior Exhibitors Class 23731:** Exhibitors in grades 4-6
- **Intermediate Exhibitors Class 23732:** Exhibitors in grades 7-9
- **Senior Exhibitors Class 23733:** Exhibitors in grades 10-12
- **Return Bottle Goat Class 23741**

Meat Goat Show Order-

Meat Goats will show in the following order, following sheep:

1. Breeding Does
2. Bucks
3. Farm Raised Market Animals
4. Market Does
5. Market Wethers
6. Grand Champion Market Meat Goat
7. Carcass
8. Rate of Gain
9. Showmanship

The Bottle Goats will be shown at the start of the Sheep & Goat Show.

1. Clover Kids Bottle Goats
2. 4-H/FFA Bottle Goats
3. 4-H/FFA Return Bottle Goats

4-H/FFA Horses

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Identification of horses must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 5 head can be identified.
2. All horses are required to have photos uploaded into 4-H Online by May 15 for both county and state fair.
3. Animals can be identified by more than one 4-H member (immediate sibling or step-sibling only) but cannot be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.
4. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
5. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 3 horses and no more than 1 horse per class. A separate entry is required for each class entered.

Department Rules-

1. Jefferson County will follow 4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa. The current version can be found at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/430>
2. This division will be divided into sections for horses and ponies. Foals must have been born after January 1 of the current year. Yearlings must have been born between January 1 and December 31 of the year prior to fair. Two year olds must have been born between January 1 and December 31 of two years prior to fair. No stallions allowed, other than foals.
3. Horse Helmet Rules: All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved protective head gear when mounting and riding in any 4-H horse riding activity. Jefferson County Fair, Iowa State Fair, and Iowa State University make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death and serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
4. Horses have an official lease option as a project. Only showmanship, riding, or driving horses are eligible for lease; horses in halter/conformation classes cannot be leased and must be owned by the member or his or her immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins, or grandparents) are considered leased horses.
5. Guidelines to sharing a horse: Exhibitors may enter the same horse in county classes shared by immediate family. Immediate family being siblings or step-siblings. A shared horse can be entered 1 time into the following disciplines by 1 exhibitor: halter, walk/trot, western pleasure, ranch western pleasure, ranch riding, hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, and driving.
6. All 4-H/FFA members who wish to show at the Jefferson County Fair must attend, and bring the horse they intend to bring to fair, to at least 2 horse workout practices prior to fair. All horse exhibitors must have a guardian or parent stay that is 18 years or older.
7. Horse measurements and required vet check is performed at the last scheduled horse practice. Attendance is mandatory unless prior arrangements have been made.
8. A member must show in a showmanship class and horsemanship class in order to show in any other class.

9. A horse/pony may only show in 1 halter class regardless if it qualifies for more than 1.
10. Exhibitors may only show in 6 classes for high points, not including showmanship, horsemanship, poles, and barrels. They may enter other classes, but no points will accumulate.
11. All classes will be shown in the outside show ring weather permitting. This is a decision of the superintendents.
12. This is a haul in, haul out show.
13. All classes will be judged at age levels (Junior, Intermediate, Senior). Age levels will enter the ring separately unless there are not enough entries at which time the age levels will enter the ring together but be judged separately. Classes eligible for High Point Senior, High Point Intermediate, and High Point Junior are indicated under each division. Halter classes are not automatically included in the high points but can be chosen by the exhibitor as part of their high point selections. Pole and Barrels (class #31502 and 31504) are not an option for the high point selections as there is a separate award for the Speed Horse Buckles.
14. Mounting is only permitted in the warm-up pen or the arena. Members exhibiting in the Performance or Speed Divisions must mount at the gate, then enter the ring under control. Members will also dismount before they leave the arena.
15. No assistance is allowed to approach or enter the ring. If any assistance, including but not limited to being led by any person, led or pushed by another horse, is given, the horse and rider will be disqualified.
16. No double riding will be allowed at any time!
17. 4-H and FFA exhibitors must ride only the horse they have entered.
18. All exhibitors will receive three calls to get to the ring for the next class. Exhibitors must be ready to enter the ring at the final call. When exhibitors enter the ring, and the gate is closed, the class is closed and judging will begin.
19. Judging will be place as purple, blue, red, or white.

General Appearance of Exhibitor-

- Exhibitor should wear attire appropriate to match the breed of their horse (i.e. Western or English).
- A solid white or colored, button or snap front, long-sleeved, collared shirt is required. Shirts must be tucked in. The following is prohibited: personalized logos or embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo), sheer or lace fabric, contrast piping, embellishments, and bling of any kind, including, but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc.
- Failure to wear appropriate attire will result in dropping of a ribbon group.
- 4-H or FFA armbands must be worn on the upper left arm. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Exhibitors will wear armbands on the right arm to coordinate with their age classification. Colors are as follows: Juniors- blue; Intermediates- green; and Seniors- red.
- Chaps, spurs, ball caps, tank tops, t-shirts, or jersey-type shirts are not to be worn. In certain classes spurs, crops, and bats are permissible. Spurs must be dull and the rowels free-moving. Please refer to the 4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa.
- In timed events, riders are allowed to wear knee and leg protection at their own discretion.

Western Attire:

1. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required.
2. Western boots must be worn. Fashion heels are prohibited.
3. In Western halter and showmanship classes, the exhibitor is expected to wear a cowboy hat.

English Attire:

1. Hunt seat type helmet must be worn.
2. Exhibitors must wear hunt coats or traditional colors such as navy, dark green, gray, black, or brown.
3. Breeches (or jodhpurs) are to be of traditional shades of buff, khaki, or light gray.
4. Shirts with tie or choker are preferred.
5. Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid).
6. Exhibitors must wear high English boots or paddock (jodhpur) boots of black or brown.

Classes-

Halter Division 301:

- **Miniature Horse (34 inches and under) Class 30101**
- **Pony Mares (35-56 inches) Class 30102**
- **Pony Geldings (35-56 inches) Class 30103**
- **Horse Foals (mature to 14.1 and over or 57 inches and over) Class 30104**
- **Horse Yearlings (mature to 14.1 and over or 57 inches and over) Class 30105**
- **2 Year Old Horse (mature to 14.1 and over or 57 inches and over) Class 30106**
- **Horse Mares 3-7 Years of Age (Quarter Horse/Stock Type) Class 30107**
- **Horse Mares 8 Years and Above (Quarter Horse/Stock Type) Class 30108**
- **Horse Geldings 3-7 Years of Age (Quarter Horse/Stock Type) Class 30109**
- **Horse Geldings 8 Years and Above (Quarter Horse/Stock Type) Class 30110**
- **All Other Breeds (Not Quarter Horse/Stock Type) Class 30111**
- Note- Classes 30104-30106 and 30111 are county classes only and are not available at the Iowa State Fair. Classes 30101-30111 can be included in calculations for High Point.

Showmanship Division 311:

- Showmanship is required of all participants.
- **Senior Showmanship Class 31101**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 31102**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 31103**

Pleasure and Equitation Division 313:

- **Walk/Trot Pony Class 31301**
- **Walk/Trot Horse Class 31302**
- **Pony Pleasure (English or Western) Class 31303- Pony Only**
- **Western Pleasure Class 31304- Horse Only**
- **Ranch Horse Western Pleasure Class 31305- Horse Only**
- **Ranch Riding Class 31306- Horse Only**
- **Hunter Under Saddle Class 31307- Horse Only**
- **Hunt Seat Equitation Class 31308 - Horse and Pony**
- **Horsemanship Senior Class 31309- Horsemanship required of all participants**

- **Horsemanship Intermediate Class 31310**- Horsemanship required of all participants
- **Horsemanship Junior Class 31311**- Horsemanship required of all participants
- Note- Classes 31301-31308 can be included in the calculations for High Point.

Performance Division 314:

- **Driving-Pony Class 31401**
- **Driving-Horse Class 31402**
- **Driving-Draft Class 31403**
- **Trail- Senior Class 31404**
- **Trail- Intermediate Class 31405**
- **Trail- Junior Class 31406**
- Note- Classes 31401-31403 are county classes only and are not available at the Iowa State Fair. All Performance classes can be included in calculations for High Point.

Speed Division 315:

- **Pole Bending (Trot) Class 31501**
- **Pole Bending Class 31502**
- **Barrels (Trot) Class 31503**
- **Barrels Class 31504**
- **Plug Race Class 31505**
- **Flag Race Class 31506**
- Note- Classes 31501 and 31403 are county classes only and are not available at the Iowa State Fair. Exhibitors may only enter one pole bending class (31501 or 31502) and only one barrels class (31503 or 31504). All classes in the Speed Division can be included in the calculations for High Point, besides 31502 Pole Bending and 31504 Barrels. Those 2 classes are calculated for the Speed Buckle award only.

Horse Show will be in the order that classes are listed in the fair book.

Additional Classes-

- **Cowgirl Queen Contest:**
 - **Senior Division** (ages 16-26)
 - **Junior Division** (ages 10-15)
- Age determined as of January 1 of the current year.
- For a list of rules: <https://www.iowastatefair.org/participate/competition>
- The Cowgirl Queen Contest is not sponsored by Jefferson County Extension or 4-H and is considered an open class contest sponsored by the Jefferson County Fair Board.

4-H/FFA Pets

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Identification of pets must be done in 4-H Online by May 15.
 - a. The type of animal exhibited must be declared.

2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. Exhibitors are limited to 2 pet entries.

Department Rules-

1. Pets are animals that do not fit into any other class at fair. If an animal meets the requirements of another department, it should be shown in that department, not under Pets. Animals exhibited in this department may not be exhibited in any other department.
2. No poultry are allowed in this class.
3. Entries are to be brought to the fairgrounds on the day of exhibition and taken home after completion of judging.
4. Exhibitor must furnish their own coop or cage. Exhibit is to remain caged/cooped until time of competition.
5. Pets are judged based on an interview process in the ring with the judge. This interview is based on the exhibitor's knowledge of the animal.
6. All dogs, cats, and pets will be required to have a certificate of veterinary inspection, presented to Superintendents at check-in on Show Day.

Classes-

Division 350:

- **Pets Class 35001**

Pet Show Order-

Pets will show in the Dog, Cat, and Pet Show, in the following order:

1. 4-H/FFA Dog Agility (horse arena; all other classes are in the show arena)
2. Clover Kids Dog Obedience
3. 4-H/FFA Dog Handling/Showmanship
4. 4-H/FFA Dog Obedience
5. Clover Kids Pet Show
6. 4-H/FFA Pet Show
7. 4-H/FFA Cat Show

4-H/FFA Poultry

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Poultry must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Breed listed
 - b. Tag is listed as a required field in 4-H Online. If your animal does not have a tag/wing band, list an identifying feature (poultry type/breed and sex or name).
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. Pullorum-typhoid tests are required for all birds (except pigeons) in order to exhibit.

4. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 16 entries. A pen of 3 counts as 1 entry, not 3. Additionally, exhibitors are limited to 3 entries per class, with the exception of pens of 3, which are limited to 1 entry per class. Exhibitors can only enter one Production Pen of 3 (Class 24001 or Class 24002), not one of each class. Birds can only be shown 1 time, not in 2 classes (for instance, can be shown as a single or a pair, but not 2 singles also shown as a pair, or a single from a Pen of 3). Superintendents have the right to change birds into the appropriate classes for their breeds. The class limit rule will still apply. If you are not sure what class the breed fits into, please contact the Extension Office before the Fair Entry deadline.

Department Rules-

1. Classes for exotic, hobby chickens will be determined by breed.
2. Locks for cages are optional, but if they are used, they must be provided by the exhibitor. Superintendents have the right to remove any locks in emergency situations.

Classes-

Division 248: Egg Quality Classes-

1. Each exhibitor is limited to two entries in each class, and eggs entered must be produced by exhibitor's own flock.
 2. All eggs shall be properly cleaned, dried, and in a carton (1 dozen). Any entry that is dirty or has an odor shall be disqualified.
 3. Judges reserve the right to move eggs from one class to another when they have been entered in the wrong class according to class definitions.
 4. The eggs are judged by weight, uniformity of colors, uniformity of shape, and shell texture. Judging criteria is based on the judge's own point system.
 5. All eggs for the Egg Quality Class will be due to the Superintendents or Extension Office by Thursday of fair at 8 AM.
- **White** (as close as reasonably possible)- **Class 24801**
 - **Brown** (as close as reasonably possible, including dark and light brown)- **Class 24802**
 - **Pastels** (includes blue, green, pink, beige, and cream)- **Class 24803**
 - **Bantams** (weight criteria does not apply)- **Class 24804**

Division 240: Chicken Classes-

- **Return Classroom Chickens Class 24005**
 - Chickens in this class must be hatched from the Ag in the Classroom project in the Fairfield and Pekin School Districts before the prior year's fair.
 - Limit of 2 birds. Can be either both male, both female, or one of each. Do not have to be matching breeds.
- **Production Pen of 3 (Layers Only) Class 24001**
 - Birds must be of the same breed under 120 days old and cannot be laying eggs.
- **Production Pen of 3 (Layers Only) Class 24002**
 - All hens. Birds must be of the same breed over 120 days old and be laying eggs. Not shown the previous year.
- **Return Production Pen of 3 (All Hens) Class 24003**
 - This class is for production birds that were shown the previous year.
- **Meat Pen of 3 Class 24004**
 - All roosters or all pullets, no mixed sex. Must be 8 weeks or under.

Divisions 240-247: Pairs- Must have a pair (1 male and 1 female) in which both the male and female meet the class qualifications.

- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Large Breeds Class 24005**
- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Medium Breeds Class 24006**
- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Small Breeds Class 24007**
- **Ducks Class 24201**
- **Geese Class 24301**
- **Turkeys Class 24401**
- **Pigeons Class 24501**
- **Pea Fowl Class 24601** (Guineas and Peacocks)
- **Game Birds Class 24701** (Pheasants, Chukar, Quail, and Partridge)

Divisions 240-247: Single Entry- Can be 1 male or 1 female

- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Large Breeds Class 24008**
- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Medium Breeds Class 24009**
- **Exotic, Hobby Chickens- Small Breeds Class 24010**
- **Ducks Class 24202**
- **Geese Class 24302**
- **Turkeys Class 24402**
- **Pigeons Class 24502**
- **Pea Fowl Class 24602** (Guineas and Peacocks)
- **Game Birds Class 24702** (Pheasants, Chukar, Quail, and Partridge)

Division 249: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 24901**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 24902**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 24903**

Poultry Show will begin with the Egg Quality class and then in order of the classes listed in the fair book. The Egg Quality classes and Showmanship may not take place in the Show Arena but may be in barn or at an alternative location.

4-H/FFA Rabbit

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. Rabbits must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 40 head can be identified for county fair. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Breed listed
 - b. Tattoo is listed as a required field in 4-H Online. If your animal does not have a tattoo, list an identifying feature (name or breed and sex).
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 16 rabbits. A Pen of 3 counts as 1 rabbit entry, not 3. The Single Fryer counts as 1 rabbit entry.

Department Rules-

1. Any of the recognized rabbit breeds listed on the American Rabbit Breeders Association website may be exhibited: <https://arba.net/recognized-breeds/> Please check the website to ensure that your breed is recognized.
2. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to bring necessary equipment needed to provide protection from the sun for the rabbits in the early evening hours.
3. Each exhibitor must furnish their own carrying hutches/cages. Carrying cages are not to remain in the exhibition building but are needed on show day. Exhibition hutches and cages are provided.
4. Locks for cages are optional, but if they are used, they must be provided by the exhibitor. Superintendents have the right to remove any locks in emergency situations.

Market Rabbit Rules-

- Market rabbits cannot be over 90 days of age.
- Market pen rabbits cannot weigh over 5 pounds.
- Market pen consists of 3 rabbits.

Classes-

Division 270 Market Rabbits:

- **Market Pen of Three Class 27001**
- **Single Fryer Class 27002**

Division 271: Large Breeds:

- **Senior Buck (8 months and up) Class 27101**
- **Senior Doe (8 months and up) Class 27102**
- **Intermediate Buck (6-8 months) Class 27103**
- **Intermediate Doe (6-8 months) Class 27104**
- **Junior Buck (3-6 months) Class 27105**
- **Junior Doe (3-6 months) Class 27106**
- **Pre-Junior Buck (0-3 months) Class 27107**
- **Pre-Junior Doe (0-3 months) Class 27108**
- Note- Pre-Junior classes are to be judged primarily for meat and fur qualities. It is also to teach members how to cull young stock. These lots are not eligible to compete for champion. This is strictly an educational class.

Division 272: Small Breeds:

- **Senior Buck (8 months and up) Class 27201**
- **Senior Doe (8 months and up) Class 27202**
- **Junior Buck (under 8 months) Class 27203**
- **Junior Doe (under 8 months) Class 27204**

Division 274: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 27401**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 27402**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 27403**

Rabbit Show be in order of the classes as they are listed in the fair book, with Large Breeds and Small Breeds classes divided into subclasses by breed.

4-H/FFA Sheep

General animal rules and regulations and health requirements also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. All market sheep must have been weighed in and ear tagged during a spring weigh-in. All sheep must have tails docked before weigh-in, and ram lambs must be banded by weigh-in, unless specified at weigh-in that they will be shown as a ram. All sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification tag. To register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG. Members cannot weigh in more than 15 lambs.
2. Identification of sheep must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 30 head can be identified. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. All state fair sheep (market, commercial, and purebred breeding) must have an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag, weighed, and retinal images collected at weigh-in.
3. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
4. Each exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 9 lambs. There are no individual class limits.

Department Rules-

1. Champion and Reserve Champion of each division will show for Grand Champion Market Lamb.
2. Speckled Face Qualification- The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on two of the three areas: face, ear, and legs. Colors must be at least 1/3 of that area. The face will include the top of the poll down to the nose. Leg wool and wool caps are not considered part of the 1/3 coloring; hair color only is allowed. This judgement will be made at the scale. Within face color category, lambs will be divided into weight divisions.
3. No muzzles are allowed.

Classes-

Division 251: Breeding Sheep

- **Purebred Lambs**
 1. Lambs entered in purebred classes cannot be shown in market lamb division.
 2. Purebred entries will be shown by breed.
 - **Purebred Ram Lamb Class 25101**
 - **Purebred Ewe Lamb Class 25102**
 - **Purebred Yearling Ewe Class 25103**
- **Commercial Lambs**
 - **Ewe Lamb Class 25111**
 - **Ewe Lamb Speckled Face Class 25112**
 - **Ewe Lamb Natural Class 25113-** Natural sheep are uniform color (not white).
 - **Hair Ewe Lamb Class 25114**
 - **Yearling Ewe Class 25115**

- **Yearling Speckled Face Class 25116**
- **Yearling Natural Sheep Class 25117**- Natural sheep are uniform color (not white).
- **Yearling Hair Sheep Class 25118**

Division 252: Market Sheep

- **Market Lambs**
 1. Market lambs must be shorn to exhibit.
 2. Market lamb entries are open to either ewe or whether lambs born between December 1 of the current year and spring weigh-in. Ewes and whethers are shown against each other.
 3. Lambs will be divided into classes by weigh at the discretion of the superintendent.
 4. Commercial ewes cannot be shown as individual market lambs or in pens of three.
 5. Pens of Three can be all one sex or mixed sex.
 - **Individual Market Lamb Class 25201**
 - **Individual Market Lamb Speckled Face Class 25202**
 - **Individual Market Lamb Natural Class 25203**- Natural sheep are uniform color (not white).
 - **Individual Market Lamb Hair Sheep Class 25204**
 - **Pen of Three Market Lambs Class 25211**
 - **Pen of Three Market Speckled Face Lambs Class 25212**
 - **Pen of Three Market Hair Sheep Class 25213**
 - **Pen of Three Market Natural Lambs Class 52514**
- **Farm Raised Lamb Class 25301**
 1. Sheep entered into this class are not eligible to compete in other market or breeding divisions.
 2. Champion Farm Raised Lamb will complete for Overall Grand Champion Lamb.
 3. Sheep must be designated at weigh-in for the Farm Raised Class and cannot change to another class later.
 4. Sheep must have been born on the exhibitor's family farm and the exhibitor and/or family must have owned the ewe at the time of the lamb's birth.

Division 254: Carcass Lambs

- **Carcass Lamb Class 25401**
 1. Each exhibitor will be allowed one market goat in this class. If an exhibitor wishes to have additional animals scanned for educational purposes, it will be done at the exhibitor's expense.
 2. Placing is determined using the ultrasound method, and results will be released during the sheep show.

Division 256: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 25901**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 25902**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 25903**

Division 255: Bottle Lambs and Return Bottle Lambs

[General animal rules and regulations](#), [4-H/FFA sheep rules](#), and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Division Information-

1. Bottle animals do not attend a weigh-in. Identification of bottle animals must be done in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 3 bottle lambs and 1 return can be identified. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Ear tag number or animal's name
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than 1 bottle lamb animal and more than 1 return bottle lamb animal at the fair.

Division Rules-

1. Open to all 4-H and FFA members.
2. Open to any newborn or orphan male or female lamb born between January 1 and May 15 of the current year. Males can be intact. Lambs must have tails docked.
3. Lambs need to be separated from mother within 48 hours of birth. No nursing permitted after 48 hours.
4. Exhibitors must fill out the Bottle Lamb Record Packet, which can be picked up at the Extension Office or found on their website. An interview will be held prior to fair. Members must wear their approved 4-H/FFA shirt and jeans during the interview.
5. Evaluation of the project will be based on the following:
 - i. Record Book Evaluation- 200 points
 - ii. Interview with Judge- 200 points
 - iii. Show Ring Evaluation- 100 points
 for a total of 500 points. Champion and reserve champion selection is based on the total number of points that exhibitors receive.
6. All bottle animals (4-H and Clover Kids) will be weighed-in during county fair weigh-in on Wednesday morning (but are not weighed-in during the spring weigh-in).
7. Lambs identified in the Bottle Lamb Project may not be shown in the Market Lamb Classes or any other classes.
8. Fitting and showing of the lambs should be according to goat guidelines with emphasis on what the member has learned. Lambs should be shorn at least two weeks prior to show.
9. Members may keep female bottle lambs and exhibit the following year in the Return Bottle Ewe Class. No interviews are held for Return Bottle Animals. They do not need to complete the Bottle Goat Packet.

Classes-

- **Junior Exhibitors Class 25531:** Exhibitors in grades 4-6
- **Intermediate Exhibitors Class 25532:** Exhibitors in grades 7-9
- **Senior Exhibitors Class 25533:** Exhibitors in grades 10-12
- **Return Bottle Ewe Class 25541**

Sheep Show Order-

Sheep will show in the following order, following dairy goats:

1. Purebreds- Rams and Ewes
2. Yearling Commercial Ewes
3. Commercial Ewe Lambs
4. Champion Commercial Ewe Lamb
5. Farm Raised

6. Individual Market Ewes & Wethers
7. Champion Individual Market Lamb
8. Pen of 3 Market Lambs
9. Carcass
10. Rate of Gain
11. Showmanship

The Bottle Lambs will be shown at the start of the Sheep & Goat Show.

1. Clover Kids Bottle Lambs
2. 4-H/FFA Bottle Lambs
3. 4-H/FFA Return Bottle Lambs

4-H/FFA Swine

[General animal rules and regulations](#) and [health requirements](#) also apply.

Specific Department Information-

1. All swine must have been ear tagged and identified during a spring weigh-in. They must also be identified in 4-H Online by May 15. A maximum of 10 head can be identified for county fair; however, a maximum of 40 can be identified for the state fair. The following are required for identification by May 15:
 - a. Ear notches listed
 - b. All state fair swine (breeding and market) must have a DNA collection sample taken and an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA 840 tag.
2. Fair Entry is due June 10. Entry Fees are due June 11. See General Animal Rules and Regulations #5-6 for more details.
3. An exhibitor cannot exhibit more than a total of 6 pigs. There are no individual class limits and no restrictions as to the number of purebred or market vs. breeding.

Department Rules-

1. Pigs must have been farrowed after December 1 of the year prior to fair. Any breed or cross may be shown.
2. Each exhibitor will pay an entry fee for the number of head they are exhibiting. The superintendents will assign stalls and number of stalls based on the availability and total number of exhibitors.
3. It is strongly recommended that all pigs exhibited at fair are vaccinated with a flu vaccine at least three weeks before fair.
4. All clipping should be done before pigs arrive on the fairgrounds. Pigs are not to be clipped on the grounds. It is recommended that pigs are not clipped shorter than ½ inch because of quality assurance concerns at slaughter.
5. Pigs showing in market classes will not be eligible to be shown in the breeding classes and vice versa. Exhibitors will have to nominate pigs as either market or breeding by June 10 in Fair Entry and cannot switch the pigs out of those classes after that date.
6. At least three of a breed are needed to make a purebred breeding gilt class or purebred market hog class. Less than three will show in an All Other Breeds class.
7. Crossbred Market Barrows and Gilts will show separately. Members can exhibit a total of 3 entries for individual market hogs.

8. A pen of three market pigs can be all one sex or mixed sex; however, no gilts entered in a breeding class can be used in the market pen of three class.
9. Champion Market Barrow, Champion Market Gilt, and Champion Purebred Market Hog will all compete for Grand Champion Market Hog.
10. Fair class weight divisions will be determined by the Superintendents.

Classes-

Division 261: Breeding Swine

- **Purebred Breeding Gilt Class 26101**
- **Commercial Breeding Gilt Class 26102**

Division 262: Market Swine

- **Purebred Market Hog Class 26201**
- **Crossbred Market Barrow Class 26202**
- **Crossbred Market Gilt Class 26203**
- **Market Pen of Three Class 26211**
- **Single Source Class 26204**
 - Participants must sign-up and pay a non-refundable payment by the date set forth by superintendents prior to Swine ID day. Price for pigs will be set according to market value before sign-up.
 - Participants can purchase up to 3 pigs from the county's single source producer but show a maximum of 1 as a Single Source pig; any additional pigs may be shown as Individual Market Pigs.
 - The pig designated as the Single Source pig may not be shown also as an Individual Market Pig, but it may be shown in showmanship, the carcass class, or as a Pen of 3.
 - The only pigs eligible to be shown in this class are ones from the Single Source Commercial pigs.
 - All pigs will be selected and distributed to youth randomly as they are identified at pick up on the Swine ID day.
 - Exhibitors must fill out the Single Source Swine records, which can be picked up at the Extension Office or found on their website. An interview will be held prior to fair. Members must wear their approved 4-H/FFA shirt and jeans during the interview. The interview, records, and show ring evaluation will all factor into placing for the class.

Division 263: Carcass Swine

- **Carcass Class 26321**
 - This class is not required for market exhibitors, but if an exhibitor chooses to participate in this class, either they or their representative must be present for scanning.
 - Each exhibitor will be allowed one market hog (either gilt or barrow) in this class. If an exhibitor wishes to have additional animals scanned for educational purposes, it will be done at the exhibitor's expense.
 - Placing is determined using the ultrasound method, and results will be released during the hog show.

Division 269: Showmanship

- **Senior Showmanship Class 26901**
- **Intermediate Showmanship Class 26902**
- **Junior Showmanship Class 26903**

Swine Show Order-

1. Purebred Breeding Gilts
2. Commercial Breeding Gilts
3. Grand Champion Breeding Gilt
4. Purebred Market Hogs
5. Individual Market Barrows
6. Individual Market Gilts
7. Grand Champion Market Hog
8. Pen of Three
9. Single Source Hogs
10. Showmanship

Ultimate Showmanship Show

Sunday, June 28 at Noon; Check-in Starting at 11 AM in the Show Arena

The Ultimate Showmanship Show is hosted by Southeast Iowa Youth Livestock Supporters. If you have any questions regarding this show, please reach out to one of the Southeast Iowa Youth Livestock Supporter Committee members. Adult members: Amy White, Makenna Myers, Gretchen McLain, Ashlynn Lingle, Jo Heidt, Katie Johnson, Nick Roach, and Hunter Roach. Youth members: Emily White, Lauren White, Jacob White, Sydney Stremsterfer, and Scout Lock.

1. Members will have the opportunity to show four species during this show: Sheep, Goats, Swine, and Cattle. This show will give members the opportunity to show species that they may not have had the opportunity to show before. It is our hope that this opportunity will spark an interest in another species that they might consider showing in the future.
2. You do not have to show one of the above listed species at the Jefferson County Fair to be able to enter the show. Any 4-H/FFA member who is in grades 4-12 that exhibits a project at the 2026 Jefferson County Fair is eligible to enter this show.
3. If a member shows one of the four species mentioned above during the 4-H/FFA show, they will show their own animal during this show. If the member does not show one of the above species, they will work with another 4-H/FFA member to borrow an animal to show.
4. It is our hope that we will see 4-H/FFA members mentoring each other prior to the fair and during the fair, teaching each other how to show their animals.
5. Age Divisions- Grades are determined by the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a. Senior (10th-12th grade)
 - b. Intermediate (7th-9th grade)
 - c. Junior (4th-6th grade)
6. All participants will receive a shirt to wear during the show.
7. An exhibitor number will be provided for each participant.

8. This will be a no-fit showmanship show but all animals should be clean upon entering the show ring.
9. During the show, the following criteria will be considered in determining the Overall Showman:
 - a. Exhibitor's ability to show and control the animals in the show ring.
 - b. Exhibitor's appearance in the show ring.
 - c. Exhibitor's attitude toward animals and judge.
10. The top five of each class for each species will be recognized. Exhibitors will receive points based on their placing in each class. The exhibit with the highest number of points will be the Overall Ultimate Showman. If there is a tie in points, the youth that showed all 4 species will be the winner. If there remains a tie, the youth with the most 1st place wins will be the winner. Following that, the judge will break all ties.
11. The Overall Grand and Reserve Showmanship winner will receive an award along with the top three in each age division.
12. Any member that chooses to participate in the show must attend a mandatory check-in meeting at 11 AM on the day of the show. Each participant must write a thank you card to the sponsors to be eligible to show.
13. The show order will be by age division starting with the Seniors, Intermediates, then Juniors.
14. Classes will be grouped at the committee's discretion.
15. An initial sign-up for the show will occur prior to the fair. To guarantee a shirt, sign-up can be completed submitting the Google Doc sign-up form on the Southeast Iowa Youth Livestock Supporters Facebook page. You can also email southeastiowayouthlivestocksup@gmail.com for more information. The sign-up deadline is 11 AM on the day of the show.

Premium Auction

Monday, June 29 at 5:30 PM- Show Arena

The Premium Auction is hosted by Premium Auction Committee volunteers.

1. No animals will be sold nor will they be on the grounds during the auction.
2. All 4-H/FFA members must wear their official Jefferson County 4-H/FFA t-shirt in the sale ring.
3. The bidding will not be based on the animals, but instead on the exhibitor. The final bid is the amount that the exhibitor will receive.
4. Any 4-H or FFA member (not Clover Kid) that exhibits any animal at the current Jefferson County Fair may enter the auction.
5. You do not need to sell an animal at the market animal bid after the show to be eligible to sell in the premium auction. (i.e. You can take all your animals home after the fair and still be eligible for the premium auction.)
6. Exhibitors are encouraged to be creative. You may create a poster about your animal, carry your banner and/or ribbons with you in the ring, or otherwise create a showcase of your project.
7. The 4H/FFA member must be present the night of the auction in order to receive any Premium Auction money. In the rare circumstance that the 4H/FFA member cannot be present they must contact the Premium Auction Committee prior to sale to get approval for a substitute exhibitor. The substitute exhibitor must be an eligible 4H/FFA member.

The Premium Auction Committee will review each circumstance on an individual basis. Rare circumstances include but not limited to:

- a. illness
 - b. injury
 - c. death of an immediate family member
 - d. Mandatory conflict with another official fair/school event
8. Each exhibitor can enter the Premium Auction one time, regardless of the number of animal species they exhibit during fair. All awards an exhibitor receives for all animal species will be recognized at the same time when that exhibitor enters the ring.
 9. Exhibitors are required to sign up for the Premium Auction during the Fair Entry process, due June 10.

The Jefferson County Fair Board, the Jefferson County Extension Office, and the Premium Auction Committee would like to thank our buyers for their continued support of our youth!

4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules

Also refer to individual department rules, [Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families](#), and [Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics](#).

All exhibitors at the Jefferson County Fair agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book and also abide by any rulings made by the Jefferson County Extension Council and Jefferson County Fair Board not covered in this list, no exceptions.

The fair board will not be responsible for any injury to any exhibitor or exhibit. The Jefferson County Fair Board and the Jefferson County Extension Staff will use diligence to ensure the safety of all articles exhibited but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc. Exhibitors should not exhibit small items that have special meaning or historical significance as the exhibit or part of the exhibit.

An active Jefferson County 4-H member may exhibit in Jefferson County with their respective 4-H club. To qualify as an active 4-H member, youth must be officially enrolled in 4-H in Jefferson County by May 15 and have completed at least 6 hours of 4-H activity and given a presentation at a club meeting. Fairfield FFA and Pekin FFA members who are in good standing with their respective chapters can also exhibit.

Fair Entry Registration

All Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA exhibits (animals and static) are to be pre-entered into the appropriate divisions/classes on Fair Entry no later than 11:59 PM on June 10. For static exhibits, this means that the maximum number of projects an exhibitor will bring to fair, per division, must be entered into Fair Entry by the deadline. The static divisions are: Animals, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Creative Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Personal Development, and Science, Engineering, and Technology. An example would be: the total number of Family and Consumer Science projects must be entered (which is the division level); the number of exhibits within classes of the division, such as Food and Nutrition: Prepared Food Products, Home Improvement, and Sewing and Needle Arts, do not have to be entered, as long as the total number of projects brought to judging day does not exceed the

total number of project originally entered into Fair Entry within the division. There are no entry fees for static exhibits.

If an exhibitor needs to add projects or switch the divisions entered into after the June 10 deadline, they must pay a \$100 late fee (only 1 fee per exhibitor per fair). There is a 7-day grace period for all additions and swapping (June 11-17, with paying the late fee). No entries can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM. All entry numbers are final at that time.

Any static project may be switched on judging day from one class or division to another upon decision of Extension staff, Superintendents, or judges to ensure projects are in the appropriate classes.

General Static Exhibit Rules

1. 4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair. Exhibit judging will occur on Saturday, June 21. Each exhibitor is responsible for registering for a judging time in Fair Entry when registering exhibits. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2025 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members. Projects exhibited by FFA members are not eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair. FFA members are eligible to enter projects in any classes within the Animal Science, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Horticulture, and Science, Engineering, and Technology divisions and the Photography classes in the Creative Arts division at the county fair level.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program. If a 4-H goal was set prior to doing a project that was evaluated at school, it can be exhibited at the fair.
3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice versa. See also "Iowa State Fair 4-H General Rules & Regulations."
4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
6. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video or audio recording, etc. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods may be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
7. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for similar requirements.)
 - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)
 - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.

8. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species)- per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to us in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below).
 - a. State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - b. State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - c. Iowa Noxious weed list: <https://law.justia.com/codes/iowa/2022/title-viii/chapter-317/section-317-1a/>
9. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
10. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the author. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information.)
11. The 4-H member’s goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive oral evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white exhibitor ribbon. Additionally, Iowa State Fair Consideration ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors that have completed the 5th through 12th grade for exhibits evaluated as outstanding by the judges; exhibits selected for Iowa State Fair will receive State Fair selection ribbons. Outstanding exhibit ribbons will be given to outstanding 4th grade exhibits. No additional premium money will be given for these additional ribbons. Refer to exhibit tip sheets for helpful guidance on criteria used by the judge at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
12. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned?
 - d. Note- Check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual arts, 4-H poster communications, and personal development classes.
13. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendents or Extension staff.
14. All judges’ decisions are final.
15. All exhibits must be tagged with a completed exhibit tag provided by the Jefferson County Extension Office. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the exhibitor’s name and 4-H club/FFA chapter.
16. Exhibitors may not exhibit two identical exhibits. A new learning experience or knowledge should be gained from preparing each exhibit.
17. If an exhibitor cannot attend the day of conference judging, their exhibit(s) may be brought to the fair by a family member or dropped off to the Extension Office prior to

- judging day if special arrangements are made and will be judged based on submitted documentation (written exhibit form, audio, or video).
18. All exhibits, activities, and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit around the evaluation process.
 19. All exhibitors must wear official Jefferson County 4-H or FFA t-shirts during conference judging.
 20. The building will be closed to the public during judging. Parents or accompanying adults may be in the building during judging, but only the member may be in the official judging area.
 21. Exhibits for the Iowa State Fair will be selected by the judges, from eligible exhibits, following the completion of conference judging. The exhibit building will be closed to the public and families while the Iowa State Fair exhibits are being selected.
 22. All members with exhibits selected for the Iowa State Fair will receive a packet of information at check-out time regarding how to proceed, deadline, and what is required to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.
 23. All exhibits will be released Sunday, June 29 at 6 PM and must be checked out with a Superintendent. No early release of exhibits will be allowed.
 24. Outstanding Project Awards will be given. They are listed under each department. Outstanding Project Awards are not restricted to State Fair selected items.
 25. Special Awards will be given. They are not restricted to State Fair selected items, are open to any class. Special Awards include:
 - a. Historical Preservation or Restoration Recognition, sponsored by the Bonnefield Chapter #1012 of The Questers, needs to include a family artifact, at least 50 years old or older, that is preserved and/or restored and reflects the guidelines of the chosen class. The history of the artifact must be included in the exhibit write-up. The recipient will receive a certificate and money donated to a historical organization in Jefferson County in their name.
 - b. Fair Theme Special award, sponsored by the 4-H Static Superintendents, recognizes an exhibit that embraces and reflects the current year's fair theme- Barn in the USA. The recipient will receive \$25 cash.

Animals

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Animal Science Exhibit

Classes-

- **Animal Science Class 10110**
 - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse and pony, llamas, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, etc. Ownership of an animal is not required.
- **Veterinary Science Class 10120**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.

- Special division rule: Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Agriculture and Natural Resources Exhibit

Classes-

- **Crop Production and Plant Science Class 10210**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about growth, use, and value of field crops; plant growth; soils and soil fertility; or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.
- **Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability Class 10220**
 - An exhibit that shows the connection between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.
- **Entomology Class 10222**
 - An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collection and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.
- **Fish and Wildlife Class 10224**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, or who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are not permitted in taxidermy exhibits.
- **Forestry Class 10226**
 - An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.
- **Horticulture and Plant Science Class 10230**
 - 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 Division.)
- **Home Grounds Improvement Class 10235**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.
- **Outdoor Adventures Class 10240**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, or other outdoor activities.
- **Safety and Education in Shooting Sports Class 10250**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)
- **Farm Model Display Class 10255**
 - 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. The exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/visual explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

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

Creative Arts

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Special division rules:
 - Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
 - 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.
 - 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: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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>.
- Outstanding project awards for this department: Outstanding Photography Exhibit and Outstanding Visual Arts

Classes-

- **Music Class 10310**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition, arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube
- **Photography Class 10320**
 - An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera or modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

- Special Photography class rules:
 - Limit of 8 entries per exhibitor.
 - Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
 - Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
 - All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
 - 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.
 - A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.
 - Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
 - Subject matter of photographs 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.
 - Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
 - Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa at the Iowa State Fair.
- **Creative Photography Class 10340**
 - 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).
 - Special Creative Photography class rules:
 - Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.
 - If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
 - Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
 - Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.
 - 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.
- **Photography Idea/Educational Display Class 10345**

- An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.
- **Digital Storytelling Class 10540**
 - (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) – An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **Visual Arts: Original Art Class 10350**
 - 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.
- **Visual Arts: Design, Process, or Technique Exploration Class 10355**
 - This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See Visual Arts Special Rules.
- **Visual Arts: Other Visual Arts Ideas/Topics Class 10360**
 - Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

Family and Consumer Sciences

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Child Development Exhibit, Outstanding Clothing and Sewing Exhibit, Outstanding Food and Nutrition Exhibit, Outstanding Home Improvement Exhibit

Classes-

- **Child Development Class 10410**
 - 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.
- **Clothing & Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories Class 10420**

- 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.
- Special Clothing & Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories class rule:
 - Exhibits in this class must include information about application of design elements and art principles.
- **Clothing & Fashion: Purchased Garments & Accessories Class 10422**
 - Purchased garments or accessories that show learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.
 - Special Clothing & Fashion: Purchased Garments & Accessories class rule:
 - Exhibits in this class must include information about application of design elements and art principles.
- **Clothing & Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits Class 10424**
 - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.
 - Special Clothing & Fashion: Other Ideas/Education Exhibits class rule:
 - Exhibits in this class should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.
- **Consumer Management Class 10430**
 - An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities.
- **Food & Nutrition: Prepared Product Class 10440**
 - An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products.
 - Special Food & Nutrition: Prepared Product class rules:
 - Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
 - Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
 - Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - Meat jerky products are prohibited.
 - The recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
 - Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 - Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
 - Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product
 - The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

- **Food & Nutrition: Preserved Product Class 10442**
 - An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.
 - Special Food & Nutrition: Preserved Product class rules:
 - Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
 - Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
 - Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - Meat jerky products are prohibited.
 - The recipe must be included for any preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
 - Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.
 - Preserved foods exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
 - The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.
- **Food & Nutrition: Educational Display Class 10445**
 - An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.
 - Special Food & Nutrition: Educational Display class rules:
 - Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
 - Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
 - Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
 - Meat jerky products are prohibited.
 - The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
 - Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2024, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.

- Preserved foods exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
- Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 - Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
 - Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product
 - For items that are larger and are one whole product (cakes, loafs, pies, etc.), once judging is complete, the exhibitor has the option to take the rest of the product home and only display a portion of the product (i.e., one slice) or display a photo. A photo can be requested to be taken at fair check-in. State Fair Considered exhibits need to be left until selections are complete and can be picked up at a later time.
- The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.
- **Health Class 10450**
 - 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.
- **Home Improvement Class 10460**
 - 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.
 - Special Home Improvement class rules:
 - Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
 - 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).
- **Sewing and Needle Arts Class 10470**
 - 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.
 - Special Sewing and Needle Arts class rules:
 - Exhibits in this class should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.
- **Sewing and Needle Arts: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits Class 10472**
 - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

- Special Sewing and Needle Arts class rules:
 - Exhibits in this class should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.
- **Other Family and Consumer Sciences Class 10480**
 - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family and Consumer Science class listed.
- **Special Exhibition: Thrifty Meal Challenge Class 10490**
 - Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended five 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).
 - Special Thrifty Meal Challenge class rules:
 - Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
 - All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
 - Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
 - The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
 - The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains.
 - Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - 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.
 - The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches or 20 inches by 30 inches) that includes the following:
 - The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
 - Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
 - Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
 - The completed Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.
 - For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.

Personal Development

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Special division rule: 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?
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Personal Development Exhibit

Classes-

- **Citizenship and Civic Engagement Class 10510**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.
- **Communication Class 10520**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, or visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **4-H Poster Communication Exhibit Class 10530**
 - Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:
 - 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
 - Join 4-H
 - Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week theme)
 - 4-H Spirit (variation of 2026 Iowa State Fair theme)
 - 4-H for America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250th birthday)
 - Poster Communication Special Rules:
 - Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered. Limit of two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.
 - All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.
 - Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
 - Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
 - 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
- **Digital Storytelling Class 10540**
 - (See also Creative Arts) – An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **Leadership Class 10550**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.
- **Self-Determined Class 10560**

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

Science, Engineering, and Technology (STEM)

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Special division rules:
 - 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 at the Iowa State Fair.
 - Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Science, Engineering, and Technology Exhibit (two awards split between class options)

Classes-

- **Mechanics Class 10610**
 - 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.
- **Automotive Class 10612**
 - Repaired or restored vehicle.
- **Automotive: Educational Display Class 10613**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.
- **Electric Class 10614**
 - Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.
- **Small Engine Class 10615**
 - Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type of exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.
- **Tractor Class 16016**
 - Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.
- **Tractor: Educational Display Class 10617**
 - An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.
- **Welding Class 10618**
 - Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.
- **Woodworking Class 10620**
 - An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.
- **Science, Engineering, and Technology Class 10630**

- An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers and networking, earth and climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.
- **Aerospace Class 10632**
 - Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.
- **Robotics Class 10634**
 - Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

Horticulture (County-Only Division)

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Special division rules:
 - Exhibits should be an outgrowth of participation in the horticulture project of home garden, vegetable crop, or flower gardening.
 - All entries must have been grown by the exhibitor as a 4-H project.
 - Exhibits must have the most current Jefferson County Horticulture Exhibit Form completed by the member. The exhibit form should include additional information about the species and variety of fruit, vegetable, herb, flower, or houseplant. It should also include a record of the plan including planting date (for annuals), fertilizer (how much and when), care, and harvest date.
 - Exhibits are to be maintained in good condition throughout the fair and are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
 - Classes in this department are county fair only classes and will not be chosen to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair during the conference judging experience. Vegetables may be exhibited at the Iowa State Fair by 4-H members in the 4-H Horticulture Show. Exhibitors must register by July 1. For specific information, contact the Extension Office.
 - Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Horticulture classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Horticulture classes and vice versa at the Iowa State Fair.
 - Blue, red, and white ribbons will be used, with premium money given accordingly. Lavendar Outstanding Exhibit ribbons will also be given out to outstanding exhibits from exhibitors of all grade levels, as State Fair Consideration ribbons are not used for this class.
- Outstanding project award for this department: Outstanding Horticulture Exhibit

Individual Vegetable Classes:

- Class 40001 Beans, snap, 3 specimens
- Class 40002 Beans, yellow wax, 3 specimens
- Class 40003 Beets, 3 specimens
- Class 40010 Cabbage, round, 1 specimen
- Class 40011 Cabbage, flat, 1 specimen
- Class 40012 Cabbage, red, 1 specimen
- Class 40020 Cantaloupe, any variety, 1 specimen
- Class 40021 Carrots, 3 specimens
- Class 40030 Cucumbers, for slicing, 3 specimens

- Class 40031 Cucumbers, dill, 3 to 5 inches, 3 specimens
- Class 40032 Cucumbers, for pickling, 3 specimens
- Class 40040 Eggplant, standard or traditional, 1 specimen
- Class 40041 Eggplant, cylindrical, 1 specimen
- Class 40042 Honeydew Melon, smooth skin, 1 specimen
- Class 40043 Kohlrabi, 3 specimens
- Class 40051 Onions, red, 3 specimens
- Class 40052 Onions, white, 3 specimens
- Class 40053 Onions, yellow, 3 specimens
- Class 40054 Onions, other, 3 specimens
- Class 40060 Peppers, sweet, bell, green, 3 specimens (includes Bell Boys, etc.)
- Class 40061 Peppers, sweet, bell, red, 3 specimens
- Class 40062 Peppers, sweet, bell, yellow, 3 specimens
- Class 40063 Peppers, sweet, bell, any other, 3 specimens
- Class 40064 Peppers, sweet, banana, yellow, 3 specimens
- Class 40065 Peppers, sweet, red, 3 specimens
- Class 40066 Peppers, sweet, any other variety, 3 specimens
- Class 40067 Peppers, hot, Cayenne, 3 specimens
- Class 40068 Peppers, hot, Habanero, 3 specimens
- Class 40069 Peppers, hot, Hungarian yellow wax, 3 specimens
- Class 40070 Peppers, hot, jalapeno, 3 specimens
- Class 40071 Peppers, hot, green, other new Mexican, 3 specimens (Anaheim, Big Slim, Slim Jim, Garden Salsa, Serrano, Big Chile, Pablano)
- Class 40072 Peppers, hot, any other color variety, 3 specimens
- Class 40073 Potatoes, red, 3 specimens
- Class 40074 Potatoes, white, 3 specimens (Gold Rush, etc.)
- Class 40075 Potatoes, yellow/gold, 3 specimens
- Class 40076 Potatoes, other, 3 specimens (includes blue, etc.)
- Class 40077 Pumpkin, sugar pie, 1 specimen
- Class 40078 Squash, summer, scallop or patty pan, 3 specimens
- Class 40079 Squash, summer, zucchini, green, 3 specimens
- Class 40080 Squash, summer, zucchini, yellow, 3 specimens
- Class 40081 Squash, summer, any other variety, 3 specimens
- Class 40082 Squash, winter, acorn, green, 1 specimen
- Class 40083 Squash, winter, acorn-like, all other colors, 1 specimen (includes Heart of Gold, Carnival, Madri Gras, etc.)
- Class 40084 Squash, winter, butternut type, 1 specimen
- Class 40085 Squash, winter, any other variety, 1 specimen
- Class 40086 Sweet Corn, 3 ears exhibited with husks open on 1 side
- Class 40087 Sweet Potatoes or Yams, 3 specimens
- Class 40088 Tomato, red slicing, 3 specimens
- Class 40089 Tomato, yellow slicing, 3 specimens
- Class 40090 Tomato, cherry type, red, 3 specimens
- Class 40091 Tomato, cherry type, other color, 3 specimens
- Class 40092 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), red, 3 specimens (includes grape, pear, Juliet, etc.)

- Class 40093 Tomato, cocktail type (bite-size), other color, 3 specimens (includes grape, pear, etc.)
- Class 40094 Tomato, processing type, 3 specimens
- Class 40095 Tomato, other, 3 specimens
- Class 40096 Watermelon, any variety (large) 1 specimen
- Class 40097 Watermelon, any variety (small) 1 specimen (includes Sugar Baby, etc.)
- Class 40099 Any other kind of vegetable, not included in any previously name class, 3 specimens for produce under 1 lb. or 1 specimen for produce over 1 lb.

Vegetable Container Display Class 40101

- The vegetable display must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than 4 items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, 4 tomatoes would constitute 1 vegetable, e.g., one large red slicing, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato, and one processing tomato.
- The container display will be reduced 1 placing if it contains more than 4 vegetables of any 1 kind, e.g. more than 4 beans. The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container and specimens may not overflow onto the table.
- The vegetables should be prepared for exhibit as instructed in 4H-462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit", found at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Harvesting-and-Preparing-Vegetables-for-Exhibit>.
- Any decorative basket, box, or other decorative container, not larger than one-half bushel in size, can be used.
- The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement. A special variety card will be provided and must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.

Jumbo Vegetable Classes:

- The vegetables will be placed and awarded premiums on the basis of weight as ascertained by the Superintendents.
- Class 40201 Tomato, 1 specimen
- Class 40211 Potato, 1 specimen
- Class 40221 Pumpkin (woody stem), 1 specimen
- Class 40231 Squash (fleshy stem), 1 specimen

Novelty Class 40301

- Unusually formed vegetables. This class is for unusually formed vegetables that have grown in your garden. Ex: a potato that looks like Mickey Mouse or a twin carrot.

Herb Classes:

- All herb specimens should include sprigs with stems of adequate length to reach the water level.
- Class 40401- Parsley, 3 sprigs in bottle of water
- Class 40402- Dill, 3 heads in bottle of water
- Class 40403- Basic, 3 sprigs in bottle of water
- Class 40404- any other individual herb, 3 sprigs in water

Herb Collection Class 40501

- Collection of 4 herb species to be displayed in separate jars/bottles of water. Specimens should include 3 stems of adequate length for each species. Each herb species should be properly labeled.

Flowers Class 40601

- A bud or stem with 1-5 flowers of one variety or mixed variety displaying the growth and development of the exhibitor's garden. This is an exhibit of stems only, not an arrangement with fillers and/or greens.

Flower Arrangement Class 40701

- Any arrangement of flowers, in any kind or color of container, of one variety or mixed varieties. This class is to display the exhibitor's ability to arrange flowers.

Houseplants Class 40801

- An exhibit of a single houseplant.

Dish Garden or Terrarium Class 40901

- An exhibit of an arrangement of houseplants with 2-5 plants of mixed varieties in a dish, basket, or container of choice.

Patio Pots Class 41001

- Any arrangement in a patio container with 1-5 flowers or plants of one variety or mixed variety.

Garden Containers Class 41101

- An exhibit using a container that is normally not considered a flower/plant pot. The intended use for this container would be for the outside garden. This class is to display the exhibitor's ability to use creative thinking in their outside garden using other things than regular flower containers. The container may be recycled or used items or something that exhibitor builds or crafts out of one or more existing items.

County Only Creative (County-Only Division)

- 4-H and FFA General Static Exhibit Rules apply.
- Special division rules:
 - This department will not advance to the Iowa State Fair.
 - Entries in this department include items made from kits (Legos, birdhouses, diamond art, or other crafts).
 - Blue, red, and white ribbons will be used, with premium money given accordingly. Lavendar Outstanding Exhibit ribbons will also be given out to outstanding exhibits from exhibitors of all grade levels, as State Fair Consideration ribbons are not used for this class.

County Only Creative Class 42000

4-H Clothing Event

Also refer to individual department rules, Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families, and Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics.

All exhibitors at the Jefferson County Fair agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book and also abide by any rulings made by the Jefferson County Extension Council and Jefferson County Fair Board not covered in this list, no exceptions.

The fair board will not be responsible for any injury to any exhibitor or exhibit. The Jefferson County Fair Board and the Jefferson County Extension Staff will use diligence to ensure the safety of all articles exhibited but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.

An active Jefferson County 4-H member may exhibit in Jefferson County with their respective 4-H club. To qualify as an active 4-H member, youth must be officially enrolled in 4-H in Jefferson County by May 15 and have completed at least 6 hours of 4-H activity and given a presentation at a club meeting. Clothing event is open to all 4-H members.

Fair Entry Registration

All Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA exhibits (animals and static) are to be pre-entered into the appropriate divisions/classes on Fair Entry no later than 11:59 PM on June 10. For static exhibits, this means that the maximum number of projects an exhibitor will bring to fair, per division, must be entered into Fair Entry by the deadline. Limit of one entry in each Clothing Event class per exhibitor. There are no entry fees for clothing exhibits.

If an exhibitor needs to add projects or switch the divisions entered into after the June 10 deadline, they must pay a \$100 late fee (only 1 fee per exhibitor per fair). There is a 7-day grace period for all additions and swapping (June 11-17, with paying the late fee). No entries can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM. All entry numbers are final at that time.

General Clothing Event Rules

1. Clothing Event entries may also be entered as a clothing exhibit in the static division for county fair. However, if an exhibitor is selected to advance in both division for the Iowa State Fair, the member must choose one division the exhibit will be exhibited under at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Judging will be held the week prior to county fair. Date and time TBD.
3. Exhibitors should bring complete Clothing Event form and color photo of the participant in their outfit to judging.
4. Each participant must wear their outfit during judging.
5. Participants are required to wear and showcase their outfit in the Style Show on Thursday, June 25 at 4 PM, in conjunction with the 4-H Communications Event. Ribbons, awards, and Iowa State Fair selection will be announced at that time. Participants that have completed grades 9-12 are eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair Awardrobe Clothing Event, if selected. Event participants selected for the Iowa State Fair Clothing Event will receive a packet regarding details, specific dates/times to choose from, deadlines, and what is required. Please do not contact the Iowa State Fair for this information.
6. Evaluation for the Clothing Event will be based on:

- a. Developing self-esteem, posture, poise, and grooming.
- b. Clear and effective communication: explains decision-making, demonstrates knowledge, has written report carefully prepared
- c. Choosing clothes for appearance: style, becoming colors, design, awareness of current fashion trends, fit, and accessories
- d. Choosing clothes for intended purpose, considering costs
- e. Evaluating construction and appearance

Fashion Review Class 12100

- The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
- Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
- Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
- 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.
- Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
- All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.

Clothing Selection Class 12200

- 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.
- Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
- 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.
- 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.
- Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

\$20 Challenge Class 12300

- 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.
- Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
- 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.
- Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand

stores and venues do not charge sales tax.

- 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.
- 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.
- Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
- There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
- 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 Class 12400

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

4-H Communications Event

Also refer to individual department rules, Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families, and Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics.

All exhibitors at the Jefferson County Fair agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth in this fair book and also abide by any rulings made by the Jefferson County Extension Council and Jefferson County Fair Board not covered in this list, no exceptions.

The fair board will not be responsible for any injury to any exhibitor or exhibit. The Jefferson County Fair Board and the Jefferson County Extension Staff will use diligence to ensure the safety of all articles exhibited but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.

An active Jefferson County 4-H member may exhibit in Jefferson County with their respective 4-H club. To qualify as an active 4-H member, youth must be officially enrolled in 4-H in Jefferson County by May 15 and have completed at least 6 hours of 4-H activity and given a presentation at a club meeting. Clothing event is open to all 4-H members.

Fair Entry Registration

All Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA exhibits (animals and static) are to be pre-entered into the appropriate divisions/classes on Fair Entry no later than 11:59 PM on June 10. For static exhibits, this means that the maximum number of projects an exhibitor will bring to fair, per division, must be entered into Fair Entry by the deadline. Limit of one entry in each Communications Event class per exhibitor. There are no entry fees for communications exhibits.

If an exhibitor needs to add projects or switch the divisions entered into after the June 10 deadline, they must pay a \$100 late fee (only 1 fee per exhibitor per fair). There is a 7-day grace period for all additions and swapping (June 11-17, with paying the late fee). No entries can be added or swapped after June 17 at 11:59 PM. All entry numbers are final at that time.

General Communications Event Rules

1. All 4-H members who have completed 4th-12th grade (or that equivalent) during the current 4-H year are eligible to participate in the Communications Event at the county fair. All 4-H members who have completed 5th-12th grade (or that equivalent) during the current 4-H year are eligible to participate in the Communications Event at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-the-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking- See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. The purpose of the Communications Event program is to provide opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. Topics selected by the 4-H member should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Each participant will be evaluated by the judge. They will visit with the judge immediately following their presentation or skit.
5. Participants in the 4-H Communication Program are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
6. 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>.
7. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred).
8. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
9. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

10. Judging will be held the week prior to county fair. Date and time TBD.
11. The Communications Event will take place at the Jefferson County Fair on Thursday, June 25 at 4 PM. Ribbons and awards will be presented after all exhibitors have presented/performed. Event participants selected for the Iowa State Fair Communications Event will receive a packet regarding details, specific dates/times to choose from, deadlines, and what is required. Please do not contact the Iowa State Fair for this information.

Educational Presentation Class 11100

- Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.
- Time limit: Junior Presentations (5th and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.
- Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
- Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

Working Exhibit Class 11200

- Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.
- Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, with a 10-minute set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit.
- Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.

Share-the-Fun Class 11300

- Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.
- Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
 - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
 - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate.
- Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
- Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
- All acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.

Extemporaneous Speaking Class 11400

- 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.

- Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
- Program format:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county they represent, and read the selected question.
 - Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
- Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - Content related to topic
 - Knowledge of the subject
 - Organization of material
 - Power of expression
 - Voice
 - Stage presence
 - General effect
 - Response to questions

Open Class Division

Exhibited in the Cambridge Building

This activity is financially independent of the Jefferson County Fair Board and no money is spent for the Open Class exhibits. It will be supported by those people who exhibit, so its success will depend on the exhibitors. The Open Class Committee welcomes all help and suggestions.

2026 Open Class Officers

- President- Tracy Hammes
- Vice President- Barb Kistler
- Secretary- Astrid Burns
- Treasurer- Kathy Peck
- Historian- Karen Redeker
- Data Entry and Scheduling- Cathy Giberson
- Fair Board Representative- Kolby Freeman

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- Wilkinson Construction

Thank you to all merchants who displayed our quilt.

Rules and Regulations

1. Entries not accepted by a professional in said category.
2. We reserve the right to refuse any article that has previously won a blue ribbon.
3. All articles entered must have been completed within the last 12 months and constructed or grown by the exhibitor.
4. Any exhibit using noxious weeds will be disqualified.
5. Diligence will be used to ensure the safety of articles; but in case of an accident, the open class committee or Jefferson County Fair Board will not be responsible for loss, theft, or damage.
6. Registrations will be made at the Open Class Booth:
 - a. Monday, June 22 from Noon to 6:00 PM
 - b. Tuesday, June 23 from Noon to 6:00 PM
 - c. Wednesday, June 24 from 7:00-8:30 AM for Food Exhibits Only
7. Completed entry forms must be accompanied by all entry fees. Entry fees are due at the time of registration.
8. Entry fees:
 - a. Adults (ages 18 & up)- \$1.00 for each entry
 - b. Intermediates (ages 12-17) and Juniors (ages 11 & under)- 50¢ for each entry

9. Please note: Food items will be sold unless exhibitor requests they not be at check-in time.
10. Judging begins at 9:30 AM Wednesday, June 24. No entries will be accepted once judging has begun. Open Class Department will not be open to the public until 1 PM Wednesday, June 24.
11. Entries will be judged by number.
12. In case of a large number of entries in a class, the class may be divided.
13. Exhibits will be judged on quality of work and awarded a ribbon accordingly. Judges' decisions are final.
14. Adult premiums: blue- \$1.50, red- \$1.00, and white- 50¢
15. All premium checks will be void if not cashed by September 1, 2026.
16. Food exhibits will be sold Wednesday, June 24 between 1:00-4:00 PM.
17. Entries will be released Sunday, June 28 between 5:00-6:00 PM. No entries may be released before 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 28. You must sign your entries and prizes out in order for them to be released.
18. Not responsible for articles not picked up by 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 28.
19. All ages welcome to enter exhibits in any division.
 - a. Juniors (ages 11 & under)
 - b. Intermediates (ages 12-17)
 - c. Seniors (ages 18 & up)

Division A- Arts & Crafts

Kits will be accepted but must be labeled as such.

Class 101: Ceramics

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Cold-painted
2. Glazed and fired
3. Antiqued
4. Other than named

Class 102: Woodworking

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Home furnishing
2. Novelty
3. Barn Quilts
4. Other than named

Class 103: Photography

1. Nature, single any size, mounted
2. People, single any size, mounted
3. Flowers, single any size, mounted
4. Animals, single any size, mounted
5. Special Effects, single any size, mounted
6. Photo Story, series of 2 or more, mounted
7. That's Funny, any size, mounted or unmounted
8. Jefferson County, any size, mounted or unmounted
9. Digital Storybook
10. Computer graphics, any size, mounted or unmounted

11. Other than named

Class 104: Holidays/All Occasions

1. Decorations
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Hanging
4. Table Decoration
5. Door Decoration
6. Other than named

Class 105: Pictures

Ready to hang.

1. Paintings
2. Drawing
3. Other than named

Class 106: Refinished Furniture

Explain process on a 3" x 5" card.

1. Small article
2. Other than named

Class 107: Recycled

1. Cloth
2. Metal
3. Plastic
4. Other than named

Class 108: Yard Art

1. Metal
2. Wood
3. Stone
4. Other than named

Class 109: Baskets

1. Hand Weaving, with or without a handle

Class 110: Writing

1. Short Stories
2. Poetry

Class 111: Paper Crafts

1. Scrapbook
 - a. A Page
 - b. Complete Book
2. Card Crafting
3. Gift Tags
4. Origami
5. Tags
6. Other than named

Class 112: Felting, etc.

Class 113: Lego® Creation

1. Kit
2. Original

Class 114: Models or Kits

Class 115: School or Organization Project

Class 116: Other Than Named- Arts and Crafts

Division B- Food

All food items must be placed on white plastic or Styrofoam plates, placed in clear plastic bags, zip locked. Small items such as cookies, fruit, candy, etc., should be in quantities of eight (8). Each entry must be accompanied with two (2) copies of the recipe; recipe should be in recipe sleeve or covered with saran wrap or clear contact.

Class 201: Cookies

1. Drop
2. Rolled or molded
3. No bake
4. Other than named

Class 202: Bar Cookies

1. Brownies
2. Other than named

Class 203: Cakes (Unfrosted)

1. Sponge
2. Angel
3. Chiffon
4. Cheesecake
5. Other than named

Class 204: Cakes (Frosted)

1. Chocolate
2. White
3. Decorated
4. Other than named

Class 205: Candy

1. Fudge
2. Divinity
3. Other than named

Class 206: Bread

1. Loaf of Bread
2. Yeast Rolls
3. Sweet Bread
4. Quick Breads
5. Bread Machine
6. Muffins
7. Other than named

Class 207: Canning

Must display two regulation size pint, quart, or jelly jars with rims on. Jars will be opened at the discretion of the judge. Open jars will be sold. Recipes in recipe sleeves or saran wrap are required.

1. Relishes
2. Jams
3. Jellies
4. Vegetables
5. Fruit
6. Pickles
7. Salsa
8. Other than named

Class 208: Pies

1. Fruit

Class 209: Special Diet

1. Fat free
2. Salt free
3. Dietary-Diabetic
4. Other than named

Class 210: Other than named- Food

Division C- Handiwork

All classes must have 3" x 5" card explaining procedure.

Class 301: Crochet

1. Afghans
2. Wearable
3. Flat Work
4. Other than named

Class 302: Appliqué

1. Clothing
2. Flatwork
3. Wall hanging
4. Other than named

Class 303: Knitted

1. Afghan
2. Wearable
3. Machine Knitting
4. Other than named

Class 304: Quilts

1. Hand Quilted- all sizes

Class 305: Quilts

1. Home Machine Quilted- all sizes

Class 306: Quilts

1. Combined hand & home machine work- all sizes

Class 307: Quilts

1. Combined hand or machine sewn/professional machine quilting or long arm quilting

Class 308: Comforter or Quilt

1. Tied- all sizes

Class 309: Pillows

1. Original
2. Kit

Class 310: Embroidery

1. Long Stitch
2. Wall Hanging
3. Stitchery (dresser scarves, etc.)
4. Cross Stitch
5. Counted Cross Stitches
6. Chicken Scratching
7. Dimensional Embroidery
8. Ribbon Work
9. Other than named

Class 311: Wall Hangings

1. Quilted (All Hand Quilted)
2. Quilted (Home Machine Made)
3. Quilted (Combination hand & home machine work)
4. Combine hand or machine sewn and quilted by a professional quilter
5. Appliqué Wall Hangings
6. Embroidery/Needle Work Wall Hangings
7. Other than named wall hangings

Class 312: Decorated Clothing

1. Counted Cross Stitch
2. Other application (embroidery, appliqué, etc.)
3. Other than named

Class 313: Sewing

1. Casual
2. Dress
3. Decorated Stitchery
4. Other than named

Class 314: Plastic Canvas Projects

Class 315: Place Setting
Name Theme

Class 316: Foundation or Paper Piecing

1. Clothing
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Quilt
4. Other than named

Class 317: Rugs

Class 318: Needlepoint

1. Framed
2. Flat Work
3. Wall Hanging
4. Other than named

Class 319: Beading

1. Single
2. Set Article
3. Cloth

Class 320: Bags and Totes

Class 321: Other than Named- Handwork

Division D- Flowers

Class 401: Cut Single Flower

Class 402: Arrangements

1. Fresh Cut
2. Artificial or Dried
3. Wild Flowers
4. Other than named

Class 403: Potted Plants

1. Fairy Garden
2. Other than named

Division E- Fruits and Vegetables

Name variety.

Class 501:

1. Vegetable Display (5 specimens)
2. One Large Vegetable
3. Plate of 5 Vegetables
4. Novelty Vegetable (1 only)
5. Fruit Display (5 specimens)
6. One Large Fruit
7. Plate of 5 Fruits
8. Novelty Fruit (1 only)
9. Herbs (potted or cut)

Division F- Agriculture Products

These must be grown by exhibitor.

Class 801: Corn

1. Best 6 ears of previous year
2. Best single ear of previous year
3. Best ½ gallon shelled of previous year
4. Longest ear of previous year
5. Tallest stalk

Class 802: Winter Wheat

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year
2. Bunch of cut wheat

Class 803: Oats

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year

Class 804: Soybeans

1. Best ½ gallon of previous year

Class 805: Novelty Corn

1. Best 6 ears of popcorn in previous year
2. Best 6 ears of Indian corn in previous year

Division G- Care Facility & Handicap

No entry fee and no premium money will be given. Each participant will receive a ribbon. Any type of entry will be accepted. Please no "For Sale" signs.

Open Class Handy Devices Metal or Wood

Rules and Regulations

1. Entry Fee of \$1.00 per entry is due on judging day.

2. Open to residents of Jefferson and adjoining counties.
3. No limit on the number of entries.
4. Entries do not have to be constructed during the year. Exhibit may be new, rebuilt, or restored at home or school (completed by exhibitor).
5. Check-in exhibits by 10 AM on Wednesday, June 24.
6. Exhibitor must be present for judging at 10 AM.
7. Exhibits will be displayed outside and are to be on the fairgrounds until 10 AM the last day of the fair.
8. Each exhibit must have an identification tag attached which includes: owner's name, intended use, safety qualities, and a picture of the project in use.
9. 4-H/FFA division will be judged separately from Adult Open Class Division.
10. The Jefferson County Fair Board will not be responsible for loss or damage to projects.
11. The following criteria will be used for judging: original idea, usefulness, appearance, and safety.
12. There will be a "Most From the Least" award given to the best project from recycles/used materials.
13. Project Examples: hay mover, feed bunk, trailer, animal mover, gadgets, restored machinery.

Open Class Contests

Kid's Cupcake Decorating

- Wednesday, June 24, 1-3 PM in the Cambridge Building

Scavenger Hunt

- Thursday, June 25 at 8 AM until Saturday, June 27 at 3 PM
- Pick up forms in the Cambridge Building.
- Forms must be turned in at the Cambridge Building by 3 PM on Saturday, June 27 for a chance at a prize.

Lego Building

- Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 PM

Candy Cruise (ages 10 and under)

- Saturday, June 27 at 3 PM in the Cambridge Building

Open Class Pie Auction and Quilt Auction will be Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 PM in the Show Arena. Pies will be on display one hour prior to the auction.

Little Miss Contest

Coordinator: Kaitlyn Post (641) 233-8277

1. Event Details- The Jefferson County Little Miss Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be conducted mid-morning on June 24 (location to be determined). Each contestant will

participate in a 10-minute interview. Interview times will be assigned after registration closes.

2. **Registration Requirements-** All contestants must pre-register at the Jefferson County Extension Office, open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (closed Fridays). A \$35 entry fee (sponsors optional), payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board, along with a copy of the contestant's birth certificate, must accompany the entry form. Registration opens May 4, 2026 and closes June 3, 2026. No late entries will be accepted. Participation is limited to the first 12 contestants who submit a completed application, fee, and required documentation.
3. **Judging Criteria-** Interview Judging will be based on demeanor, personality, poise, responses to questions, and overall presentation.
4. **Eligibility: Professional Experience:** Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain), other than amateur contests, is not eligible to participate.
5. **Residency/Participation Requirement-** Contestants must either be enrolled in a Jefferson County 4-H Clover Kids Club, enrolled in a school within Jefferson County, or reside in Jefferson County.
6. **Age Requirements-** Contestants must be female, and at least six (6) years of age and no older than eight (8) years of age as of June 1, 2026.
7. **Backstage and Interview Policy-** Parents, guardians, and chaperones are not permitted in the interview room or backstage areas before or during the contest. Designated staff will assist contestants as needed.
8. **On-Stage Participation-** Each contestant will participate in an on-stage question and remain on stage for the awards presentation.
9. **Title Responsibilities-** The crowned Little Miss must be available to assist with ribbon distribution at designated events during the 2026 Jefferson County Fair.
10. **Attire Requirements-** Contestants should dress in attire appropriate for a "day at the fair". Acceptable attire includes dresses, skirts, jeans, or shorts. This attire will be worn for interviews, the on-stage question, and the awards presentation. Pageant dresses and swimwear are not permitted.
11. **Contest Size-** The contest is limited to a maximum of 12 contestants, with a minimum of 5 contestants required to hold the event.
12. **Previous Titleholders-** Any contestant who has previously held the title of Jefferson County Little Miss is not eligible to compete.
13. **Judging Decisions-** All decisions made by the judges are final. Any disputes or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification.
14. **Photo Release-** By entering the contest, parents/guardians grant permission to the Greater Jefferson County Fair to use photographs of the contestant for promotional purposes.
15. **Right to Modify Rules-** The Jefferson County Fair Board and Fair Coordinators reserve the right to interpret, amend, or modify these rules and regulations at any time as deemed necessary.

Junior Miss Contest

Coordinator: Kaitlyn Post (641) 233-8277 or Cynthia Post (641-) 909-1043

1. Event Details- The Jefferson County Junior Miss Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be conducted mid-morning on June 24 (location to be determined). Each contestant will participate in a 10-minute interview. Interview times will be assigned after registration closes.
2. Registration Requirements- All contestants must pre-register at the Jefferson County Extension Office, open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (closed Fridays). A \$35 entry fee (sponsors optional), payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board, along with a copy of the contestant's birth certificate, must accompany the entry form. Registration opens May 4, 2026 and closes June 3, 2026. No late entries will be accepted. Participation is limited to the first 12 contestants who submit a completed application, fee, and required documentation.
3. Judging Criteria- Interview Judging will be based on demeanor, personality, poise, responses to questions, and overall presentation.
4. Eligibility: Professional Experience: Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain), other than amateur contests, is not eligible to participate.
5. Residency/Participation Requirement- Contestants must either be enrolled in a Jefferson County 4-H Club, enrolled in a school within Jefferson County, or reside in Jefferson County.
6. Age Requirements- Contestants must be female, and at least nine (9) years of age and no older than eleven (11) years of age as of June 1, 2026.
7. Backstage and Interview Policy- Parents, guardians, and chaperones are not permitted in the interview room or backstage areas before or during the contest. Designated staff will assist contestants as needed.
8. On-Stage Participation- Each contestant will participate in an on-stage question and remain on stage for the awards presentation.
9. Title Responsibilities- The crowned Little Miss must be available to assist with ribbon distribution at designated events during the 2026 Jefferson County Fair.
10. Attire Requirements- Contestants should dress in attire appropriate for a "day at the fair". Acceptable attire includes dresses, skirts, jeans, or shorts. This attire will be worn for interviews, the on-stage question, and the awards presentation. Formal/pageant dresses and swimwear are not permitted.
11. Contest Size- The contest is limited to a maximum of 12 contestants, with a minimum of 5 contestants required to hold the event.
12. Previous Titleholders- Any contestant who has previously held the title of Jefferson County Junior Miss is not eligible to compete.
13. Judging Decisions- All decisions made by the judges are final. Any disputes or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification.
14. Photo Release- By entering the contest, parents/guardians grant permission to the Greater Jefferson County Fair to use photographs of the contestant for promotional purposes.
15. Right to Modify Rules- The Jefferson County Fair Board and Fair Coordinators reserve the right to interpret, amend, or modify these rules and regulations at any time as deemed necessary.

Princess Contest

Coordinator: Cynthia Post (641) 919-1043 or Kortney Heald (641) 919-3820

1. Event Details- The Jefferson County Junior Miss Contest will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 7 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Interviews will be conducted mid-morning on June 24 (location to be determined). Each contestant will participate in a 10-minute interview. Interview times will be assigned after registration closes.
2. Registration Requirements- All contestants must pre-register at the Jefferson County Extension Office, open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (closed Fridays). A \$50 entry fee (sponsors optional), payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board, along with a copy of the contestant's birth certificate, must accompany the entry form. Registration opens May 4, 2026 and closes June 3, 2026. No late entries will be accepted. Participation is limited to the first 12 contestants who submit a completed application, fee, and required documentation.
3. Judging Criteria- Interview Judging will be based on demeanor, personality, poise, responses to questions, and overall presentation.
4. Eligibility: Professional Experience: Any contestant who has performed or competed at a professional level (for monetary gain), other than amateur contests, is not eligible to participate.
5. Residency/Participation Requirement- Contestants must either be enrolled in a Jefferson County 4-H Club, enrolled in a school within Jefferson County, or reside in Jefferson County.
6. Age Requirements- Contestants must be female, and at least twelve (12) years of age and no older than fifteen (15) years of age as of June 1, 2026.
7. Backstage and Interview Policy- Parents, guardians, and chaperones are not permitted in the interview room or backstage areas before or during the contest. Designated staff will assist contestants as needed.
8. On-Stage Participation- Each contestant will participate in an on-stage question and remain on stage for the awards presentation.
9. Title Responsibilities- The crowned Little Miss must be available to assist with ribbon distribution at designated events during the 2026 Jefferson County Fair.
10. Attire Requirements- Acceptable attire includes dresses or business casual. This attire will be worn for interviews, the on-stage question, and the awards presentation. Formal/pageant dresses and swimwear are not permitted.
11. Contest Size- The contest is limited to a maximum of 10 contestants, with a minimum of 4 contestants required to hold the event.
12. Previous Titleholders- Any contestant who has previously held the title of Jefferson County Princess is not eligible to compete.
13. Judging Decisions- All decisions made by the judges are final. Any disputes or unsportsmanlike conduct may result in immediate disqualification.
14. Photo Release- By entering the contest, parents/guardians grant permission to the Greater Jefferson County Fair to use photographs of the contestant for promotional purposes.
15. Right to Modify Rules- The Jefferson County Fair Board and Fair Coordinators reserve the right to interpret, amend, or modify these rules and regulations at any time as deemed necessary.

Fair Queen Contest

Coordinator: Cynthia Post (641) 919-1043 postfamily01@gmail.com or Kortney Heald (641) 919-3820 mapaheald@gmail.com

1. The Jefferson County Fair Queen Contest will be held Wednesday, June 24, 7 PM at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The interview process will take place that afternoon with location to be determined. Applications and rules may be found online at jeffersoncofair.com. If you are not able to access this, please contact one of the coordinators listed above.
2. Online application deadline is June 3, 2026. You will need to bring a \$100.00 sponsorship fee made payable to the Jefferson County Fair Board and one personal recommendation, to the Queen Contest Meeting that evening, June 3, 2026 at the fairgrounds, time TBA.
3. You may have up to 2 sponsors.
4. Each contestant must be female, at least 16 years of age, and not more than 21 years of age on August 1, 2026.
5. Contestants must never have been married or have had children.
6. You must reside in Jefferson County or an adjoining county if the majority of your activities are in the county you represent (school, 4-H, church, work, etc.) and must be a member of at least 1 community organization. You do not have to be a member of a 4-H club.
7. No professional models (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) are eligible to compete in the state pageant.
8. Contestants must be available to participate in the 2026 Iowa State Fair Queen Contest, August 11-15, representing the Jefferson County Fair.
16. The Jefferson County Fair Board and Jefferson County Fair Coordinators reserve the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.
17. The 2026 Jefferson County Fair Queen will be awarded the AG Mitchell Scholarship, provided she accepts and completes her duties as the Jefferson County Fair Queen.

Bill Riley Talent Show

Coordinator: Nikki Gilchrist

1. The "Bill Riley State Fair Talent and Sprout Show" will be held in conjunction with the Jefferson County Fair on Thursday, June 25 at 7:00 PM.
2. Divisions: ages 2-12 (Sprouts) and ages 13-21 (Seniors).
3. Complete registration forms should be returned to Nikki Gilchrist prior to June 21.
4. Physical copies of the rules may be picked up at the Jefferson County Extension Office.
5. For rules and registration, go to the "Fair" tab at jeffersoncofair.com.

Dutch Oven Gathering (D.O.G.)

Coordinator: Billy Haynes (641) 455-9559 or Joe Garretson

Held Sunday, June 28 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. 8 AM- Set-up and Meeting; 11 AM- Public Taste and See

This is a non-garnishment Dutch Oven gathering. Do not use any extra garnishes to add foo foo to your baked item (make it “pretty” or cover up mistakes). Judging will strictly be based on the natural appearance of the baked item and taste. There will be two categories- brunch and dessert. You may choose to participate in either or both categories. Participation gifts will be given to all teams that enter. Cash and other prizes will be awarded for Judge’s Choices. One prize for best use of mystery ingredient will be awarded.

1. Team may consist of 1-3 people with at least one adult, if one is under 16.
2. Team shall provide all necessary cooking utensils, charcoal, tables, shade tent, and etc. Trash can and ash container will be provided.
3. There will be no use of electric appliances, camp stoves, etc. to assist in preparing or cooking your food.
4. No preparation is allowed before coming to the D.O.G. All dicing, slicing, chopping, mixing, and etc. must be done on site. This includes marinades and sauces.
5. Because this is a family-oriented event, we ask that competitors do not smoke or consume alcohol during the event. Be respectful in language and actions, please.
6. At least one team member must be in cooking area at all times.
7. Everything prepared must be put out for tasting. Removing burnt or undercooked sections of food will lead to disqualification. The only exception is an abundance of sauce or gravy.
8. All food prepared must be served in the Dutch oven or on the DO lid.
9. Two recipes, listing ingredients used, will be required, so come prepared with them on a recipe card.
10. Each team should remember to use safe food practices in preparing and storing their food.