

2026

Winnebago County

Fair Book

Static and Livestock Exhibit Information



July 15 – 19, 2026

IT IS THE PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSIBILITY TO PROPERLY IDENTIFY ANIMALS BY DEADLINES LISTED IN THIS BOOK AND TO COMPLETE ALL FAIR EXHIBIT ENTRIES, BOTH LIVESTOCK AND STATIC, ONLINE WITH FAIR ENTRY. ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 11:59 PM JUNE 15.

Winnebago County Fair 4-H Objectives

For 4-H Youth:

- To assist 4-H youth in their personal development and character growth in honesty, integrity, responsibility, citizenship, and leadership skills.
- To encourage 4-H youth to learn and apply practical methods of production, management, and/or marketing of their projects.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to measure their progress and skills against accepted standards.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to participate in a wide variety of program opportunities.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H youth to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas, and learn to work cooperatively with others.

For Public:

- To stimulate interest in the variety of projects and experiences 4-H offers.
- To acquaint the public with the Winnebago County 4-H program.
- To provide a showcase for accomplishments of 4-H youth.

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2026 Fairbook Changes

Department	Division	Change	Description
4-H General Rules	ALL	Added physical documents	- Pg. 21: 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit Report Form - Pg. 38: Educational Presentation Report Form - Pg. 40: Working Exhibit Report Form - Pg. 42: Share The Fun Stage Set-Up Form - Pg. 47-49: Junior/Intermediate 4-H Clothing Event Report Form - Pg. 50-53: Senior 4-H Clothing Event Report Form
4-H General Rules	ALL	General Rules	Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery Equipment is allowed if tips are removed.
Static	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Classes	NEW class, Pg. 22: 10255: Farm Model Display An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.
Static	Agriculture and Natural Resources	Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rules	Pg. 23, Rule #1: Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.
Static	Creative Arts	Wording	Pg. 23, Class 10340: The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple overlapped photographs. Must include original photograph(s).
Static	Creative Arts	Visual Arts Special Rules	Pg. 24, Rule #1: Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.
Static	Family and Consumer Science	Wording	Pg. 27, Class 10490: Create a balanced, nutritious meal for a family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended food groups with a budget of \$11 (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four (4) as of November 2025).
Static	Family and Consumer Science	Thrifty Challenge Special Rules	Pg. 27, Rule #5: The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruit, Whole Grains Recommended portion 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.
Static	Family and Consumer Science	Thrifty Challenge Special Rules	Pg. 27, Rule #6: The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches or 20 inches by 30 inches)
Static	Science, Engineering, and Technology	Wording	Pg. 28, 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.
Static	Science, Engineering, and Technology	Wording	Pg. 29, Class 10616: Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger).

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Static	Science, Engineering, and Technology	Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rules	Pg. 29, Rule #2: Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.
Communications	ALL Communication Classes	Rule Change	Pg. 36, Rule #10: If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred.
Communications	Educational Presentations	Rule Change	Pg. 37, Rule #1: A sign will be held up at the 5- and 10-minute marks for Juniors, and the 5-, 10-and 15-minute marks for Intermediate and Seniors. Additionally, signs will be held up with a two- and one-minute warning when presentation is reaching their maximum length. Presenters will verbally be told to "STOP" when they exceed the time limit.
Communications	Educational Presentations	Rule Change	Pg. 37, Rule #2: Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form at the event check-in. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.
Communications	Working Exhibits	Rule Change	Pg. 39, Rule #1: Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, with a 10-minute set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit. *Presenters will be given a verbal warning at the 5-, 10-and 15-minute mark.
Communications	Working Exhibits	Rule Change	Pg. 39, Rule #2: Participants must complete a Working Exhibit report form prior to the event. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.
Communications	Share the Fun	Rule Change	Pg. 41, Rule #5: Participants must complete a Share the Fun stage set-up form prior to the event. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.
Clothing	\$20 Challenge	Rule Change	Pg. 45, Rule #1: This class is <u>not</u> for new clothing, regardless of price.
Livestock	Clover Kids; Rabbits	Classes	NEW class, Pg. 56: 26602: Clover Kids: Rabbit Costume Class
Livestock	Clover Kids; Poultry	Classes	NEW class, Pg. 56: 27602: Clover Kids: Poultry Costume Class
Livestock	Check In/Weigh In: Rabbits	Wording	ALL rabbits checked in at the Goat & Rabbit Barn, all market rabbits must be weighed in at the time of check in.
Livestock	Check In/Weigh In: Poultry	PT Testing	Pg. 57: PT Testing will start at 10:00 AM and check in will start at 12:00 PM.
Livestock	Check In/Weigh In: Poultry	PT Testing	Pg. 57: Families will be given an approximate time for their birds PT Testing. If a family can't make their scheduled time they will move to the end of the schedule. Schedules will be released a week before check-in.
Livestock	ALL	General Rules	Pg. 58: Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says, "No Sale!" All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects. An animal should <u>not</u> enter another counties auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold. Therefore, any animal that has gone through an auction is not eligible to be exhibited at the Winnebago County Fair.

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Livestock	ALL	General Rules	Pg. 58: It is the intent that the exhibitor take responsibility for caring and grooming their own animals. IF an exhibitor needs assistance, it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a family member, another Iowa 4-H/FFA member, or unpaid mentor. No one is permitted to pay someone else to groom/fit their animals.
Livestock	ALL	General Rules	Pg. 58-59: To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in our livestock shows the Winnebago County fairboard reserves the right to disqualify an animal fitted in any unethical manner. ALL exhibitors, their immediate family and any other members involved in unethical fitting will be barred from exhibiting and showing. Additionally, they will forfeit all premiums and awards won in any division. ○ Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development: dyeing or coloring hair; adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. Transparent grooming materials only may be used. ○ Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All exhibitors whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the Winnebago County Fair. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Winnebago County Fair and will forfeit all premiums and awards won in any division.
Livestock	ALL	General Rules	Pg. 59: Exhibits, pens, stalls, and alleyways are to be kept clean by exhibitors and manure deposited in designated areas. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to follow all clean up instructions provided by the species superintendent including the removal of decorations, zip ties, staples, etc. ○ Pens will be checked at the end of the Fair and if not properly cleaned and hosed down, exhibitor premiums for that species will be forfeited.
Livestock	Showmanship	Rules	Pg. 62: Exhibitors must have exhibited an animal in that species in order to be eligible to compete in showmanship. Additionally, an animal may not be brought to the fair just to participate in showmanship.
Livestock	Herdsmanship	Rules	Pg. 63: Signs will be posted in the barns with species specific criteria.
Livestock	ALL	Ribbon Auction	Pg. 63: Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner of if the owner refuses a bid or says, "No Sale!" All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects. An animal should <u>not</u> enter an auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold.

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Beef	Market	Rules	Pg. 65, Rule #4: Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Beef	Breeding	Rules	Pg. 66, Rule #4: Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Dairy	ALL	Rules	Pg. 67, Rule #3: Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Bucket/Bottle Calf	ALL	Rules	Pg. 68, Rule #8: Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Goats	ALL	Superintendent	A new superintendent has been added, Kelsey Bosma
Goats	ALL	Show Time	The show's start time has been changed to 1:30 PM.
Goats	Meat	Rules	Pg. 69, Rule #5: ALL meat goats (breeding and market) must be polled, disbudded/dehorned, or blunt tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the ends).
Goats	Meat	Rules	Pg. 69, Rule #6: Meat Goats should have their coats cleaned and their hooves must be properly cleaned, trimmed, and filed.
Goats	Meat	Classes	Pg. 69: Does have been added to class 23101: Market Wether or Doe 23205: Breeding Doe: 25 months or older
Goats	Meat	Classes	New class numbers and/or wording, Pg. 69: 23201: Breeding Doe: 0-4 Months 23202: Breeding Doe: 5-8 Months 23203: Breeding Doe: 9-12 Months 23204: Breeding Doe: 13-24 Months 23205: Breeding Doe: 25 months or older
Goats	Dairy	Rules	Pg. 70, Rule #5: Dairy Goat Breeds include any recognized breeds by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) and <i>Mini Dairy Goat Association (MDGA)</i> .
Goats	ALL	Classes	NEW class, Pg. 69-70: 23501: Costume Class A fun class open to all goat exhibitors and limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Exhibitors and/or goats are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
Sheep	ALL	Show Time	Pg. 69-70: The show's start time has been changed to 12:30 PM.
Sheep	Market	Rules	Pg. 71, Rule #8: Grooming stands will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Sheep	Breeding	Rules	Pg. 72, Rule #10: Grooming stands will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
Rabbits	ALL	Superintendent	A new superintendent has been added, Dakota Brass
Rabbits	ALL	Show Time	The show's start time has been changed to 3:00 PM.
Rabbits	Market	Check In	Youth must weigh in market class entries at time of check in.
Rabbits	Commercial	Classes	Class 26207: Doe & Litter has been removed.
Rabbits	Homegrown	Classes	Class 26405: Doe & Litter has been removed.
Rabbits	Homegrown	Classes	Pg. 77: New class numbers: 26401: Junior Doe 26402: Intermediate Doe – New Class 26403: Senior Doe 26404: Junior Buck 26405: Intermediate Buck – New Class 26406: Senior Buck

Department	Division	Change	Description
Rabbits	ALL	Classes	NEW class, Pg. 77: 26601: Costume Class A fun class open to all rabbit exhibitors and limited only by your imagination! Exhibitors and/or rabbits are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Class will be judged on originality and manners of the rabbit. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
Poultry	ALL	Superintendent	A new superintendent has been appointed, Dakota Brass
Poultry	ALL	Rules	Pg. 82, Rule #3: Market and Production – limited to two (2) entries. Small Fancy Breeds – limited to 10 total birds with a maximum of four (4) entries per class. Large Fancy Breeds – limited to two (2) total birds with a maximum of one (1) entry per class. Costume class – limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor.
Poultry	Fancy Breeds	Classes	NEW Classes, Pg. 79: Poultry Fancy Breeding Stock Division 27305: Guinea – Female • Individual (1). 27306: Guinea – Male • Individual (1).
Poultry	Small Fance Breeds	Classes	NEW Classes, Pg. 79: Poultry Small Fancy Breeding Stock Division 27401: Bantam – Female • Individual (1). 27402: Bantam – Male • Individual (1). 27403: Quail – Female • Individual (1). 27404: Quail – Male • Individual (1).
Poultry	Large Fancy Breeds	Classes	NEW Classes, Pg. 79: Poultry Large Fancy Breeding Stock Division 27501: Turkey – Female • Individual (1). 27502: Turkey – Male • Individual (1). 27503: Geese – Female • Individual (1). 27504: Geese – Male • Individual (1).
Poultry	ALL	Classes	NEW Class, Pg. 79: 27701: Costume Class • A fun class open to all poultry exhibitors and limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Exhibitors and/or birds are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality.
Pet	ALL	NEW Division and Classes	Pg. 80-81: K-12: Live Animal Pet Show: • 28101: Dogs • 28102: Cats • 28103: Pocket Pets (Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice) • 28104: Other than listed • 28105: Pet Costume
Pet	ALL	NEW Division and Classes	Pg. 81: Clover Kids: Stuffed Animal Pet Show: • 28201: Stuffed Animal Pet • 28202: Stuffed Animal Pet Costume

Reminders & Updates for All Exhibitors

- **Fair Entry registration will be open to Winnebago County from 10:00 am Friday, May 16 through 11:59 pm Sunday, June 15**
 - **A \$25 late fee per exhibitor will be charged for both static entries and livestock entries entered Sunday, June 16 12:00 am – Saturday, June 22 11:59 pm.**
 - **No additional entries will be accepted after 11:59 pm Saturday, June 22.**
- **Clothing Event Judging**
 - Thursday, July 9, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Winnebago County Extension Office.
 - Conference judging times will be sent to participants at a closer date.
 - Clothing event participants will model their items in the style show following the Communications Event on Friday, July 17 at 1:00 pm, where they will receive their ribbons, score sheets, and results.
- **2026 Static Judging Day for the Winnebago County Fair.**
 - Wednesday, July 15 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
 - **All exhibits MUST be checked in by 6:30 pm.**
 - **No exhibits will be accepted after 6:30 pm on Wednesday, July 15.**
- **2026 Horticulture judging for the Winnebago County Fair Thursday, July 16!**
 - Exhibits MUST be checked in by:
 - 9:00 am-10:30 am on Thursday, July 16
 - Judging starts at:
 - 10:30 am on Thursday, July 16
 - **NO exhibits will be accepted after 10:30 am on Thursday, July 16.**
 - OPTIONAL drop-off date: Wednesday, July 15 4:00 pm-7:00 pm
- **4-H Communications Event and Style Show**
 - Friday, July 17
 - Starting at 1:00 pm
 - Style show to follow.
 - Members will model for all clothing event classes; \$20 Clothing Challenge, Fashion Revue and Clothing Selection and Innovation Design to receive their ribbons for these items they were judged on.

Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics



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.

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Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families



Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development 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 spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds. 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 e-cigs, 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.

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Winnebago County Fair General Rules and Regulations for ALL Exhibitors

1. The Winnebago Fair Association and Winnebago County Extension Council will use all diligence to assure the safety of animals and other articles intended for exhibition after the arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to or arising from any animal or article on exhibition and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Winnebago Fair Association and Winnebago County Extension Council against all legal or other proceedings.
2. Night watchmen will be on duty Wednesday through Saturday. No 4-H or FFA exhibitors are allowed overnight on the show grounds.
3. The Winnebago Fair Association (Fair Board) has authority and responsibility over the grounds, facilities, open shows, and entertainment. ISU Extension and Outreach staff are authorized by the 4-H program and the Winnebago County Extension District to determine eligibility of all 4-H members and oversee all 4-H shows in accordance with 4-H rules and regulations. **In the case of an issue, a resolution will involve both agencies.**
4. Questions of eligibility of ALL 4-H exhibits will be referred to the Winnebago County Extension and Outreach. In all cases, their decision will be final.
5. Exhibitor Categories
 - a. Clover Kids – Youth enrolled and participating in 4-H Clover Kids Program – in Kindergarten - 3rd grade.
 - b. Junior Exhibitors – Youth enrolled in 4-H in grades – 4th-6th grade (or that equivalent).
 - c. Intermediate Exhibitors - Youth enrolled in 4-H in grades – 7th-8th grade (or that equivalent).
 - d. Senior Exhibitors – Youth in enrolled in 4-H in grades 9th-12th grade (or that equivalent).
 - e. State Fair Eligible Exhibitors – Youth enrolled in 4-H who have completed 5th-12th grade in 2026. (Exceptions made for Club exhibits, then may include 4th grade members).
6. Exhibits (animal & static) identified as a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as a FFA project and vice versa. This joint agreement was instituted at the state level.
7. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H/FFA members participating in 4-H/FFA projects or programs during the current year. Exhibits can be created by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
8. All Exhibits must remain in place until 6:00 pm Sunday.
 - a. 4-H members and FFA members who cannot adhere to the release schedule should make arrangements for someone else to pick up the exhibit.
 - b. Exhibitors who remove exhibits early will forfeit all premiums.
9. Unauthorized 4-Wheelers, dirt bikes, and off-road recreational vehicles will not be allowed on the fairgrounds.
10. Entry Fees will not be refunded for exhibits that were not brought to the fair.
11. The Winnebago Fair Association (Fair Board) reserves the right to verify information with the Extension Office, in case a question arises, before premiums will be paid.
12. ALL PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 30 DAYS. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of premiums and the check to be voided.
13. Smoking is prohibited in all fair buildings.
14. Possession or consumption of controlled substances of any kind on the fairgrounds will be strictly prohibited. All violators are subject to laws as prescribed in Chapter 124 of the Iowa Code. Alcohol may be permitted only in designated areas.
15. No one on the fair grounds or at the parade will be permitted to throw balloons, etc. containing water or any other material at people, animals, or any other project.
16. No dogs or other pet animals are allowed on the grounds, excluding 4-H project Dogs.

Fair Entry: Online Registration

Winnebago County Fair registration will be completed through the online system called *Fair Entry*. To do this accurately, please follow the instructions below:

1. Go to FairEntry.com
2. Use a username and password to track all of your family's registrations.
 - a. Families/exhibitors should identify ALL 4-H and FFA entries under ONE account. More than one account will not be permitted.
 - b. 4-H families should use the same login information for Fair Entry as their 4-H Online profile in order to have livestock ID information synch to your fair registration.
 - c. FFA families will use the same username and password as last year. If you are new you will need to create a new profile in Fair Entry.
3. Search for the **2026** Winnebago County Fair (Iowa) and "click" on it to accept.
4. From this point, you will be able to select registration options from the menu.
5. After all your selections have been made, for all family members, proceed to finalize your registration selections. Payment will be due at this time.
6. You will receive confirmation of your registration for the Winnebago County Fair following completion of this process.

Fair Entry registration will be open to Winnebago County from May 16 at 10:00 am through June 15 at 11:59 pm.

- **A \$25 late fee per exhibitor will be charged for both static entries and livestock entries entered between June 16 at 12:00 am through June 22 at 11:59 pm.**
 - **No additional entries will be accepted after 11:59 pm June 22.**

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Clover Kids (107)

Clover Kids who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd grade and attended regular Clover Kids meetings may enter no more than 6 exhibits. **The exhibits may be brought to the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday at 4pm and will be judged at 4:30pm.** The exhibits will remain in the building for display through Sunday. Exhibits will be released at 6pm on Sunday to the 4-H Clover Kid.

Clover Kids AWARDS

Members may participate in face-to-face evaluation with a judge. All exhibits will receive a special participation ribbon. No placing or premium will be awarded.

4-H General Rules

This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H departments exhibit class rules and regulations.

1. 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.
2. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
3. 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.
4. If the exhibitor chooses to create a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size.
 - i. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
5. Items NOT allowed to be a part of an exhibit:
 - Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. *Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (Sus species) – per State Law.*
 - Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. *Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below).*
 - i. State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - ii. State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - iii. Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2023\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2023 Iowa Code :: U.S. Codes and Statutes :: U.S. Law :: Justia](#)
 - Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery Equipment is allowed if tips are removed.
6. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. If an exhibitor is using copyrighted materials:
 - 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 for 4-H members.
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVI010401.pdf>

7. A written explanation (see page 19), audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?
- Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design.
- Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H project page at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>

NOTE: Check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography (see page 20), visual art, 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes.

- Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department.
8. Exhibitors selected for the Iowa State Fair who do not wish to participate should let staff know by check-out on Sunday at 6:00 pm the end of the Winnebago County Fair so that an alternate can be given the opportunity.
 9. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number, and exhibitor's name. These are not to be removed before 6:00 pm on Sunday.
 10. **Each 4-H and FFA exhibitor may exhibit an unlimited number of entries, unless otherwise specified.**
 11. **An article should be shown only one year, except where repeat showings are called for by class rules.**
 12. **Exhibitors may conference judge a maximum of 3 exhibits per judge, exhibitors will then be asked to go to the back of the line to show the same judge their next 3 exhibits, if necessary.**
 13. If an exhibitor is unable to be present for conference judging, they are encouraged to complete a write-up answering the three questions in rule 7. Your exhibits will be placed on the judges' tables. The judge will evaluate your exhibits at their convenience. For these exhibits written feedback MAY be provided based on the judge's time availability.
 14. Deserving exhibits in all classes will be rated as blue, red, or white ribbon quality.
 - Super blue ribbons will be given to exhibits entered by 4th graders that the judge(s) feels are outstanding.
 - State Fair exhibits will receive purple ribbons with the alternates receiving lavender.
 - Judges will select an Outstanding Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Home Economics exhibit. A plaque will be given by the Fair Board to recognize these individuals.
 15. **All judges' decisions are final.**
 16. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from bringing items that have special meaning or historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Winnebago County Fair Board and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach will use due diligence to ensure the safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc.

Ribbon Value for Static Exhibits

Blue Ribbon: \$4.00

Red Ribbon: \$3.00

White Ribbon: \$2.00

Class Descriptions

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged to go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list> to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.



Exhibit Goal Sheet

Use this sheet to accompany your fair exhibit on judging day. After fair include this sheet with your project record keeping for project completion recognition.

Project Area: _____ **Class:** ____ **Grade Just Finished:** ____

Name: _____ **Club:** _____

Current Year: ____ **Years enrolled in project including this year:** ____

My goal: **What did you plan to learn or do?**

What I did in achieving my goal (in steps): **What steps did you take to learn or do this? What decisions did you make in accomplishing your goal?**

What I learned: **What were the most important things you learned?**

4-H Photography Exhibit Label

Attach this form to your photograph for class 10320 Photography or 10340 Creative Photography

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4-H Club

Grade	Years in project	Date Photo taken
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Where was photo taken? _____

1. **What did you plan to learn or do? What was your photography goal?**
2. **What did you do? Explain what you did so the judge easily understands it. What steps did you take?**

3. Tell us about your camera. Did you use: ☐digital camera ☐phone/tablet ☐film camera
Brand and model

What lens did you use? _____
(Example: 18-55 mm, zoom, telephoto, wide, front-facing, etc.)

What changes did you make to the original photo to create the final exhibit? List any edits and explain your decisions. (Editing examples: color, exposure, cropping, straightening, size of photo, etc.) Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before any changes were made.

Who selected the matting or mounting? Why?

Who matted or mounted the photo?

4. What were the most important things you learned?
5. What story does this photo tell? How does it make you feel?

Personal Development: Class 10530

4-H Poster Communication Exhibit Report Form

Poster size: minimum of 14" x 20", maximum 15" x 22"; materials may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core; see special rules under Class 10530.

Attach this form to the back of your poster entry.

Name: _____ **County:** _____

Grade (school year 2025-2026): _____

Check Theme Area:

___ 4-H is (open to 4-H'ers interpretation)

___ Join 4-H

___ Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week Theme) www.4-H.org

___ 4-H Spirit (Variation of Iowa State Fair theme) www.iowastatefair.org

___ 4-H for America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250th birthday)

Why did you choose this theme? What was your goal in creating your poster?

What do you want people to think or feel when they see your poster?

What sources of information did you use to prepare your poster?

What were the most important things you learned as you created your poster?

Where else (besides the fair) do you plan to display your poster to share your message?

Please list digital sources used, if any. Images must be original works of art or in the public domain. Be specific and include any links used.

101: Animals

10110: Animal Science

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

10120: Veterinary Science

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

102: Agriculture and Natural Resources

10210: Crop Production and Plant Science

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to Crop Production and Plant Science.

10220: Conservation, Environment and Sustainability

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

10222: Entomology

An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.

10224: Fish and Wildlife

An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, and who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

10226: Forestry

An exhibit, including collections, which shows learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

10230: Horticulture and Plant Science

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

10235: Home Grounds Improvement

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

10240: Outdoor Adventures

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

10250: Safety and Education in Shooting Sports

An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may NOT include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)

10255: Farm Model Display

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

10260: Other Agriculture and Natural Resources

An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in with any of the classes listed above.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rules:

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.

103: Creative Arts

10310: Music

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

10320: Photography

An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, which shows learning about photography, from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year. 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.
2. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ½ inch thick.
3. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board (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 border, color, and size.
 - Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
4. 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.
5. Digitally edited photos should include a copy of the photo before editing.
6. The subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
7. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
8. 4-H photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label (see page 20) to provide required information for photo exhibits.
9. Exhibitors entering 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography show and vice-versa.

10340: Creative Photography

A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple overlapped photographs. Must include original photograph(s).

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.
2. If mounted, photography/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.

4. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label (see page 20) on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.
5. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

10345: Photography Idea/Educational Display

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

10350 Visual Arts Original Art

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

10355: Visual Arts- Design, Process, or Technique Exploration

This exploration class emphasizes process and provides an individual 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 on your goal sheet** (see page 19).

This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must still be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. **See visual arts special rules below.**

10360: Visual Arts – Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics

Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc. **See visual arts special rules below.**

Visual Arts Special Rules, applies to 10350, 10355, 10360:

1. *Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.*
 - *Rationale: Visual Arts exhibits that are not an educational display are items intended for use/display in or at home (or a gallery). They should be a finished product, ready for use/display in the home.*
2. **Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted.** Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
3. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>*
4. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work. Please include it on the goal sheet (see page 19).*
5. *Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.*
6. *Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or*

104: Family and Consumer Sciences

10410: Child Development

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

10420: Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories

A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans. **See clothing and fashion special rules below.**

*Just a reminder, items entered in this class can also be exhibited in the Clothing Event under Fashion Review. Check out page 45 for more information.

10422: Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories

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. **See clothing and fashion special rules below.**

*Just a reminder, items entered in this class can also be exhibited in the Clothing Event under Clothing Selection. Check out page 45 for more information.

10424: Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:

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

10430: Consumer Management

An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and/or consumer rights and responsibilities.

10440: Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product

An exhibit of a prepared or preserved food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.**

10442: Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.

10445: Food & Nutrition – Educational Display

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules:

- 1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portraying a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.*
- 2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.*
- 3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.*
- 4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.*
- 5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.*
- 6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, credit the source of the recipe.*
- 7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the [Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits](#).*
- 8. Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.*
- 9. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*
- 10. 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.*

10450: Health

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

10460: Home Improvement

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

Home Improvement Special Rules:

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

10470: Sewing and Needle Arts – Constructed item

A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

10472: Sewing and Needle Arts – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

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

10480: Other Family and Consumer Science

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

10490 - Thrifty Meal Challenge

Create a balanced, nutritious meal for a family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended food groups with a budget of \$11 (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four (4) as of November 2025).

Thrifty Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each exhibitor may enter one (1) exhibit in this class.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruit, Whole Grains
 - a. Recommended portion 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.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
6. The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches or 20 inches by 30 inches) that includes:
 - a. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - b. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
 - c. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
 - d. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
 - e. The completed [Thrifty meal Challenge](#) Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.

For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.

105: Personal Development

10510: Citizenship and Civic Engagement

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

10520: Communication

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. If the finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

10530: 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit

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

- 4-H is... (Open to 4-H 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:

1. Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
7. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H member may include the 4-H Clover in the poster.

See page 21 for 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit Report Form.

10540: Digital Storytelling

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.

10550: Leadership

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

10560: Self-Determined

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

Personal Development Special Rule:

1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H members stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?
- 2.

106: Science, Engineering, and Technology

10610: Mechanics

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

10612: Automotive

Repaired or restored vehicle.

10613: Automotive: Educational Display

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

10614: Electric

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

10615: Small Engine

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

10616: Tractor:

Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Please bring chocks for the back tires of the tractor.

10617: Tractor: Educational Display

An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

10618: Welding

Constructed items or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

10620: Woodworking

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

10630: Science, Engineering & Technology

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

10632: Aerospace

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

10634: Robotics

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

Science, Engineering and Technology Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork 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 items. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
3. Due to available space, vehicles may be displayed outdoors. If a vehicle is permitted to be displayed indoors, fuel must be drained before the exhibit can be accepted for evaluation and display. No fuel is allowed inside the building.

Gardening: General Rules

General rules include the following classes: Gardening: Indoor & Landscape Designs, Outdoor, Best Garden Display, Flower Bucket, and Fairy Garden.

- **Fair Entry registration will be open to Winnebago County Exhibitors from 10:00 am Thursday, May 16 through 11:59 pm Saturday, June 15.**
 - **A \$25 late fee per exhibitor will be charged for both static entries and livestock entries entered Sunday, June 16 12:00 am – Saturday, June 22 11:59 pm.**
 - **No additional entries will be accepted after 11:59 pm Saturday, June 22.**
- **Entry time is 9:00 am-10:30 am Thursday, July 17th.**
 - **Judging will start at 10:30 am**
- **OPTIONAL drop-off date and time: Wednesday, July 16 from 4:00pm-7:00pm**
- **An exhibitor may enter more than one specimen per class only if they are of different species, and all specimens must be sourced from the exhibitor's own garden.**
- **Classes will be shown on paper plates or in glass bottles furnished by the exhibitor. (Fairboard/Extension is not responsible for broken or damaged items.)**
- **The variety must be listed on the tag, unless otherwise specified.**
 - **If not, ribbon placement will automatically decrease on placing.**
- **Refer to the 4-H 462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" document for preparation instructions.**
- **Purple ribbon(s) will be awarded in each class as determined by the judge.**
- **A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected, if worthy, in classes determined by the judge(s).**
- **On the day of garden entry, if there are more than three (3) species of any other exhibit not listed in the Garden Division, a class will be set up at the discretion of the judge and the Winnebago County Fair.**
- **Exhibits will be released at 6:00 pm on Sunday.**

Gardening: Indoor & Landscape Design

CLASS 11100: Succulent Plant: Single plant. Include card describing name of plant and care given to exhibit.

CLASS 11101: Potted House Plant: Flowering or non-flowering. Include card describing name of plant and care given to exhibit. **Junior exhibitors only.**

CLASS 11102: Simple Dish Garden or Terrarium: Include card describing name of plant and care given to exhibit. **Junior exhibitors only.**

CLASS 11103: Potted House Plant Collection: Three (3) specimens. Give common names and botanical names and care required for each. Identify and label on a 3 x 5 card.

CLASS 11104: Dish Garden or Terrarium: Evaluation based on plant selection, quality, and suitability of container and design. Include card describing name of plants and care given.

CLASS 11105: Potted Plant Propagated from a Leaf or Stem: Identify, label, and outline a procedure used in propagating on a 3 x 5 card.

CLASS 11106: Display Showing Some Aspect of Indoor Gardening: Example: effect of light on plants, effects of fertilizers, different soil mixtures on plant growth, etc.

CLASS 11107: House Plants in Hanging Containers: Container for plant should not be more than 10" in depth. The maximum length of hanger and plant should not exceed 4 feet. Evaluations based on the appropriateness of plant for hanging containers (25%), container (25%), hanger to plant relationship (25%), and plants well established (25%). Plants should be identified by both common and botanical names, as well as light and moisture requirements on a 3 x 5 card.

CLASS 11108: Landscape Design: An educational exhibit showing a member's work done in the area of landscape design. It might include a model of a proposed design, a poster designating principles of selecting plant life for landscape design, or different landscape plants used in Iowa.

Gardening: Outdoor

Flowers:

CLASS 11001: Bachelor Button, 3 stems.

CLASS 11002: Black-eyed Susan, 3 stems.

CLASS 11003: Calendula, 3 stems.

CLASS 11004: Dahlia, 1 bloom with foliage.

CLASS 11005: Dianthus, 3 stems.

CLASS 11006: Dwarf Marigold, 1 spray.

CLASS 11007: Giant Marigold, 3 blooms.

CLASS 11008: Gladiolus, 1 spike, any color.

CLASS 11009: Hollyhock, 1 stem.

CLASS 11010: Hosta, 1 spike with 2-3 flowers.

CLASS 11011: Hosta, 3 leaves ALL from same plant and same size.

Class 11012: Day Lily, 1 stem.

Class 11013: Asiatic Lily, 1 stem.

CLASS 11014: Petunia, 1 spray.

CLASS 11015: Rose, 1 Blossom, (3 sets of leaves) stem long enough to support the head.

CLASS 11016: Shasta Daisy, 3 stems

CLASS 11017: Snap Dragon, 3 stems

CLASS 11018: Zinnia, 3 blooms (same variety, any color)

CLASS 11019: Perennial, unlimited single stem entries-providing they are of different perennials.

CLASS 11020: Any other annuals, unlimited entries-providing they are of different annuals.

CLASS 11021: Small flower bouquet, with cut flowers suitable for table use, ALL flowers must have been grown by the exhibitor.

CLASS 11022: Small flower arrangement with cut flowers suitable for table use. Arrangement must include flowers grown by exhibitor AND purchased flowers.

Vegetables:

CLASS 11023: Beans, snap, 6 specimens.

CLASS 11024: Beans, yellow wax, 6 specimens.

CLASS 11025: Beets, any variety, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11026: Cabbage, round, 1 specimen.

CLASS 11027: Cabbage, red, 1 specimen.

CLASS 11028: Carrots, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11029: Cucumbers, for slicing, 2 specimens.

CLASS 11030: Cucumbers, for pickling, 5 specimens.

CLASS 11031: Eggplant, 1 specimen.

CLASS 11032: Lettuce, 1 plant.

CLASS 11033: Onions, red, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11034: Onions, white, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11035: Onions, yellow, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11036: Onions, green, 5 onions per bunch.

CLASS 11037: Peppers, bell, 2 specimens.

CLASS 11038: Peppers, any hot, 2 specimens.

CLASS 11039: Peppers, any other, 2 specimens.

CLASS 11040: Potatoes, red, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11041: Potatoes, white, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11042: Peas, 6 pods.

CLASS 11043: Radishes, 5 roots in bunch.

CLASS 11044: Spinach, 1 plant.

CLASS 11045: Summer Squash (Zucchini), 2 specimens.

CLASS 11046: Sweet Corn, 2 ears exhibited with husks removed from one side of ear.

CLASS 11047: Tomato, red slicing, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11048: Tomato, cherry type, 6 specimens.

CLASS 11049: Tomato, green, 3 specimens.

CLASS 11050: Any other GARDEN VEGETABLE not listed above, specimens to adequately show quality.

CLASS 11051: Individual HERBS, 1 sprig per bottle.

Fruit:

CLASS 11052: Cantaloupe, any variety, 1 specimen.

CLASS 11053: Cherries, 10-12 per plate.

CLASS 11054: Mulberries, 10-12 per plate.

CLASS 11055: Raspberries, 10-12 per plate

CLASS 11056: Strawberries, 6 per plate

CLASS 11057: Rhubarb, 3 stalks tied together at both ends, leaves trimmed.

CLASS 11058: Any other fruit, specimens to adequately show quality.

108: Best Garden Display

10801: Limited to FIRST YEAR garden members only (all youth in grades 4-12th eligible).

To consist of 5 to 7 different kinds of vegetables, attractively arranged by exhibitor in suitable container of exhibitor's choice. Each display should occupy no more than four (4) square feet of table space (about 2' x 2'). If any materials other than vegetables are used, such as flowers, artificial greens, or similar decorations, these should be only a supplemental part of the display. This class will be judged on artistic appeal, color preparation and balance, distinction, originality, and quality. For the educational benefit of the public, a file card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as the variety.

10802: Second- and Third-Year Junior Gardeners

(Exhibitors who have completed grade 5 and 6). Description same as class 10801.

10803: 2nd Year and Above Intermediate and Senior Gardeners

(Exhibitors who have completed grade 7 - 12). Description Same as class 10801 but consists of 8-10 different kinds of vegetables in display.

10804: Fun with Vegetables

An Unusual Arrangement (not a State Fair class). Examples: Landscape using vegetables, a potato face, a human figure made of different vegetables. This is a fun class.

10805: Scarecrow Contest

Open to all 4-H and FFA members enrolled in any horticulture project such as vegetable gardening, landscape architecture, flower gardening and crop production.

Scarecrows must be free standing, not over 6 ft. tall or under 3 ft. tall. They must be handmade and constructed of materials that withstand the weather. They should be lovable, cunning and humorous (not frightening). Some part of the scarecrow must flex in the wind.

Scarecrows should be brought to the 4-H Garden exhibit area on Thursday from 9:00-11:00 AM. Judging will be based on the following points:

- Creativity: 50 points
- Character: 35 points
- How materials are utilized: 15 points

Scarecrow Contest

Champion Scarecrow: Ribbon

Reserve Scarecrow: Ribbon

10901: Flower Buckets

Fill buckets with flowers (or any live plant) to beautify the Fair Grounds.

Rules and Regulations:

1. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the contest.
2. One bucket per member may be entered.
3. Participants will use a four or a five-gallon bucket as a planter.
4. Must cover up pre-stamped wording on buckets, however, the bucket is part of the overall design and will be judged accordingly.
5. If using a five-gallon bucket, a portion of the bucket must be filled with packing peanuts to keep it from becoming too heavy to carry. Drill holes in the bottom of the bucket for drainage.
6. Any live plant material may be chosen by the participant. Be creative, let your imagination soar! It may be a stalk of corn, a bucket of soybeans, a tomato plant, or flowers . . . you decide!
7. Participants may choose to have a theme for their planter.
8. Other decorative materials may be added.
9. Planters will be brought to the fair Thursday, 9:00-10:30 am to be judged and displayed around the fair grounds. Ribbon and premium will be paid on all buckets entered.
- 10. Participants will water their buckets during the fair.**
11. Participants need not be enrolled in Gardening to exhibit in this class.
12. Buckets will be judged on the above listed items, as well as creativity and quality/usage of plant.
- 13. Not a State Fair class.**
14. Suggested categories:
 - Most Colorful
 - Most Patriotic
 - Best Holiday
 - Best 4-H Theme
 - Other

Premiums for ALL Garden Projects

Blue Ribbon: \$4.00

Red Ribbon: \$3.00

White Ribbon: \$2.00

11201: Fairy Garden

Fairy gardens are miniature landscapes that bring the enchantment of nature into our homes and are designed to look like they belong in a fairy tale.

1. All 4-H members are invited to participate in the contest.
2. One fairy garden per member may be entered.
3. Participants will use an open container or a closed container with care similar to a terrarium.
4. All planters must have a minimum of three (3) plants or more.
 - a. Plants include small different types of plants and succulents.
5. All planters must include an old-fashioned house/fairy house, a tree like plant, and little paths to walk on.
 - a. Planters can also include fairies, gnomes, garden accessories in miniature form, etc., but are not required.
6. Participants may choose to have a theme for their planter.
7. Other decorative materials may be added.
8. Planters will be brought to the fair Thursday 9:00-10:30am to be judged. Ribbon and premium will be awarded on all gardens entered.
9. Participants will water their own fairy garden during the fair.
10. Participants need not be enrolled in Gardening to exhibit in this class.
11. Fairy gardens will be judged on the above listed items, as well as creativity and quality/usage of plants.
12. **Not a State Fair class.**

Premiums for ALL Garden Projects

Blue Ribbon: \$4.00

Red Ribbon: \$3.00

White Ribbon: \$2.00

4-H Communication Event

The Communication Event program provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The events provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.

Communication Events (Educational Presentation, Working Exhibits, Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking) will be judged Friday, July 17 starting at 1:00 pm.

General Rules and Regulations

1. 4-H members who have completed 4th-12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to participate in the Communications Event.
2. Youth who have completed **5th-12th grade only are eligible for the State Fair, excluding Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking (see area for specifics).**
3. Judging will be held, and the judges will choose county representatives to attend the
 - a. Iowa State Fair: **Working Exhibits** participants will be eligible to represent each county, with four presentations. **Educational Presentation** participants will be eligible to represent each county, 6 presentations. **Share the Fun** participants will be eligible to represent each county, 3 presentations. **Extemporaneous Speaker** participants will be eligible to represent each county, 2 presentations. **Communication posters** participants will be eligible to represent each county, 2 presentations.
 - b. Clay County Fair: Working **Exhibit** participants will be eligible to represent each county, one presentation only from any age group. **Educational Presentation** participants will be eligible to represent each county, one presentation only from any age group. **Share the Fun** participants will be eligible to represent each county, two presentations only from any age group.
4. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H member. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the members at the highest-grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class.)
5. 4-H member(s) may participate in **up to two entries per class in both working exhibit and educational presentation each year.**
6. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s).
7. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
8. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
9. 4-H members must always use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
10. Stickers and self-adhesive projects may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred.)
11. 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 the State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/sites/default/files/animal-industry/pdf/2026HealthRequirementsfortheExhibitionofLivestock.pdf> Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
12. **All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.**

Communication Event: Educational Presentations

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

Classes:

11101: Junior: 4th-6th Grades

11102: Intermediate and Senior: 7th-12th Grades

Presentation Rules:

- 1.) Time limit:
 - a. Junior presentations (4th - 6th Grade) must not exceed 15 minutes.
 - b. Intermediate/Senior presentations (7th-12th Grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.
 - c. A sign will be held up at the 5- and 10-minute marks for Juniors, and the 5-, 10-and 15-minute marks for Intermediate and Seniors. Additionally, signs will be held up with a two- and one-minute warning when presentation is reaching their maximum length. Presenters will verbally be told to "STOP" when they exceed the time limit.
- 2.) Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form at the event check-in. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.
- 3.) **The presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s).**
 - a. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited.
 - b. Use of brief quotations or excerpts from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

State Fair:

Up to a total of six (6) presentations may be selected to compete at the Iowa State Fair from each County. To be eligible to participate, youth must have completed 5th Grade during the just completed school year.

Premiums for Educational Presentations

Blue Ribbon: \$6.00

Red Ribbon: \$5.00

White Ribbon: \$4.00

Educational Presentation Report Form

Please bring one copy to the State Fair on the day of your Educational Presentation

County Name: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Name of 4-H Member(s)	Grade Completed	Years in 4-H
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Subject or theme of your presentation: _____

How many times have you given this presentation? _____

What do you want to gain from preparing and giving this presentation?

What do you hope people will learn or do after listening to your presentation?

Educational Presentation Set Up

Name	County Name	Educational Presentation Title
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What equipment will you need?

___ Projector ___ Easel ___ Electricity ~~___ Overhead Camera~~ ___ Headset Mic ___ Handheld Mic

___ Other (Please List) _____

___ I brought my own device that has VGA or HDMI port.

(If you bring a personal device, please bring a flash drive as a backup.)

Does your exhibit need any special accommodations? If so, please list needs below.

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Communication Event: Working Exhibits

Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Classes:

11201: Junior: 4th - 6th Grades

11202: Intermediate and Senior: 7th-12th Grades

Working Exhibit Rules:

- 1.) Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, with a 10-minute set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit.
 - a. Presenters will be given a verbal warning at the 5-, 10-and 15-minute mark.
- 2.) Participants must complete a Working Exhibit report form prior to the event. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.

Premiums for Working Exhibits

Blue Ribbon: \$5.00

Red Ribbon: \$4.00

White Ribbon: \$3.00

Working Exhibit Report Form

Please bring one copy to the State Fair on the day of your Working Exhibit

County Name: _____

Title of Working Exhibit: _____

Name of 4-H Member(s)	Grade Completed	Years in 4-H
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Subject or theme of Working Exhibit: _____

What do you want to gain from preparing and displaying your working exhibit?

What is your target audience age and how will you involve them with your working exhibit?

How have you prepared for audience interaction?

How will you draw in your audience, and what would you like them to learn?

Reminder: Working Exhibit space is a 3'x6' table with a 4'x6' white board behind.

Name

County Name

Working Exhibit Title

Do you have a poster/trifold? **Circle one**

Do you need electricity? **Circle one**

Yes No

Yes No

Does your exhibit need any special accommodations? If so, please list needs below.

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Communication Event: 4-H Share the Fun

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

Classes:

11300: Junior: 4th-6th Grades

11301: Intermediate and Senior: 7th-12th Grades

General Rules and Regulations:

1. The Winnebago County 4-H Share-the-Fun program is held annually and will be on Friday, July 17.
2. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th-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:
 - a. At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th-12th grade in 2026.
 - b. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
3. **Share-the-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.**
4. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. Participants must complete a Share The Fun stage set-up form prior to the event. You can find this form on the next page of the Fairbook.
6. **All participants will receive a participation ribbon.**
7. **Three entries may be selected** from all acts including members who have completed 5th-12th grade to represent Winnebago County at the Iowa State Fair.

Premiums for 4-H Share the Fun

Participation: \$2.00 per act

State Fair Alternates: \$5.00 per act

State Fair Entry: \$9.00 per act

4-H Share-The-Fun Stage Set-Up Form

Participant needs to bring this completed form to the Share-The-Fun check-in at the Iowa State Fair.
Complete this form for each Share-The-Fun entry.

County Name: _____

Name of Act: _____

Type of Act (Circle or Write): Skit | Dance | Instrumental Music | Vocal Music | Spoken Word

Other: _____

Please PRINT all 4-H Participants' Names (name club or group if more than 6)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Share-the-Fun Set Up

What equipment will you need? How many of each item?

___ Mics (up to 5) ___ Table(s) ___ Music Stand(s) ___ Piano ___ Chair(s) ___ Easel(s) ___ Podium

___ Other _____

What audio visual needs do you have? Please check or follow special instructions next to each item needed.

___ CD ___ Aux connection ___ HDMI cable ___ Flash Drive (file name below) ___ Link (write link below)

This is a diagram of our stage. It measures 20'x20'.

Using the symbols below, draw equipment as it should be placed for your performance.

For piano acts, the piano will be placed center stage.

T = Table S = Music Stand P = Piano C = Chair E = Easel D = Podium M = Mic
Audience

REMINDER: Acts are to be no longer than 6 minutes. You will be asked to stop after 6 minutes.

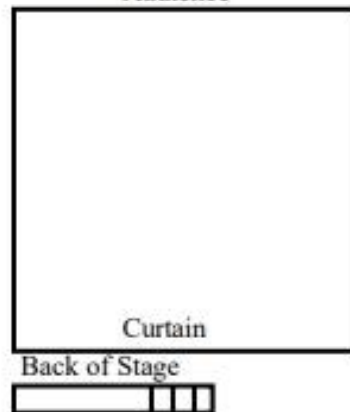
Please no messy props (whipped cream, etc.).

Please make tear down and set up in a timely manner.

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Communication Event: Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

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.

Classes:

11401: Senior: 9th-12th Grade

11402: Intermediate: 7th-8th Grade

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules and Regulations:

1. Participants must be intermediate or senior 4-H members - completed 7th-12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
 - a. Class 11402: Intermediate: Grades 7-8 are county ONLY. This class cannot be advanced.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting to speak.
 - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room.
 - The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.
 - The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted every 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participants may bring their own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H members' own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes' additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name the county they represent and read the selected question.
 - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic
 - b. Knowledge of the subject
 - c. Organization of material
 - d. Power of expression
 - e. Voice

- f. Stage presence
 - g. General effect
 - h. Response to questions
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

Premiums for Extemporaneous Speaking Contest

Blue Ribbon: \$5.00

Red Ribbon: \$4.00

White Ribbon: \$3.00

Clothing Event

July 9, 9:00 am – 3:00 am at the Winnebago County Extension Office

Members will be judged for all clothing event classes on Thursday, July 9; \$20 Clothing Challenge, Fashion Revue and Clothing Selection and class Innovation Design. Conference Judging times will be sent to participants at a closer date.

*Clothing event participants will model their items in the Style Show following the Communications Event on Friday, July 18, where they will receive their ribbons, score sheets, and results.

General Rules and Regulations:

1. **All Clothing Event entries must be completed in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) between May 16 – June 15.**
 - a. **A \$25 late fee per exhibitor will be charged for all entries entered Sunday, June 16 12:00 am – Saturday, June 22 11:59 pm.**
 - b. **No additional entries will be accepted after 11:59 pm Saturday, June 22.**
2. 4-H member(s) may participate in up to two entries per class.
3. Garments exhibited in the following classes may be used as a fair exhibit as long as entry is made accordingly, properly tagged, and CLEAN.
4. Participants must wear garments during conference judging.
5. Participants are required to participate in the Clothing Event Style Show along with the judging of the Communication Events in the Exhibit Hall on Friday, July 19th at 2:30pm.
6. State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will be able to participate in only one entry per year in Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and \$20 Challenge and Innovation Design categories for State.
7. Conference judging will be held, and the judges will choose county representatives to attend the
 - a. Iowa State Fair: **Two Fashion Revue** participants will be eligible to represent each county. **Two \$20 Challenge** participants will be eligible to represent each county. **Two Clothing Selection** participants will be eligible to represent each county. **Two Innovated Design** participants will be eligible to represent each county. Participants advancing **must** be in the 4-H **senior designated level** (grades 9-12).
 - b. Clay County Fair: Clothing **Event** participants will be eligible to represent each county. Participants eligible to advance are 2 juniors and 2 intermediates or seniors for each clothing category.
8. Evaluation is based on
 - The individual's poise, posture, and grooming (nails cleaned or nicely painted, hair brushed/done, etc.).
 - The fit of clothing: color, style, fabric, and appropriate accessories for the outfit, activity, or individual
 - The intended purpose of the outfit, selection, design, construction, fit, and comfort, etc.

121 Fashion Revue

***12101: Junior**

***12102: Intermediate**

***12103: Senior**

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
7. Just a reminder, items entered in this class may also be entered in class 10420 on page 25.

122 Clothing Selection

***12201: Junior**

*** 12202: Intermediate**

***12203: Senior**

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H members goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in judging the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflecting on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant is acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.
6. Just a reminder, items entered in this class may also be entered in class 10422 on page 25.

123 The \$20 Challenge

***12301: Junior**

***12302: Intermediate**

***12303: Senior**

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
1. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not charge sales tax.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
5. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that costs less than \$20.
6. 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.

124 Innovation Design

***12401: Junior**

***12402: Intermediate**

***12403: Senior**

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

Premiums for ALL Clothing Events

Blue Ribbon: \$4.00

Red Ribbon: \$3.00

White Ribbon: \$2.00



4-H Clothing Event Report Form

JUNIOR OR INTERMEDIATE

Name: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ Years in Clothing Project Area: _____

Club: _____

Final report should not exceed two pages.

☐ **CLOTHING SELECTION** ☐ **THE \$20 CHALLENGE** ☐ **FASHION REVUE** ☐ **INNOVATIVE DESIGN**

1. Write a stage commentary indicating exactly what you want to hear announced about yourself and your outfit while modeling on stage. The commentary should be written in the third person and should include your name, county, age, features of the outfit that audience members can see from a distance, important lessons learned in developing or selecting the outfit, and clothing-related and/or educational goals for the future. Be brief and concise; limit of 100 words. Additional helpful hints for writing a stage commentary can be found by reading 4H 2801 Writing a Clothing Event Commentary <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15838>.

2. What goal did you set for the clothing event? Did you achieve your goal?

3. What kind of care does this outfit require?

4. What garment type did you choose (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume)?
Where did you plan to wear this outfit when you decided to purchase or sew it?

5. Describe the accessories you selected and explain why you selected them.

6. What other items in your wardrobe can you wear with this outfit?

7. How many times in a year do you expect to wear this outfit?

8. FOR INTERMEDIATES ONLY: Are the costs and care required for this outfit reasonable?

9. FOR INTERMEDIATES ONLY: Why is the fabric, fit, or construction of this outfit right for this activity or occasion?

10. FOR INTERMEDIATES ONLY: Name one design principle (rhythm, emphasis, proportion, balance, unity) and element (shape/form, color, texture, line) used in your outfit. For more information, see 4H 313 Exploring the Elements and Principles in Clothing <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/262>.

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4-H Clothing Event Report Form

SENIOR

Name: _____

Last Grade Completed: _____ Years in Clothing Project Area: _____

Club: _____

You will need to submit one color photo of yourself, full length, wearing your outfit, with the accessories you will be using. Final report should not exceed six pages.

☐ **CLOTHING SELECTION** ☐ **THE \$20 CHALLENGE** ☐ **FASHION REVUE** ☐ **INNOVATIVE DESIGN**

PROJECT GOAL AND EVALUATION

Please explain your goal/s for the Clothing Event. Did you reach your goal/s? How did you go about reaching your goals?

CONSUMER SKILLS ACQUIRED

Identify two construction features or details of this garment and explain why you think these indicate quality garment workmanship (such as topstitching, welt pocket/s, invisible zipper, etc.).

What is the fiber content of each of the judged items that make up your outfit? What kind of care is required for the garment/outfit?

Have you changed, altered, or enhanced this garment/outfit in any way since choosing, purchasing, or making it? If yes, please explain.

CHOOSING CLOTHING

What category of garment type did you choose (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume)? What occasions, purposes, or activities did you have in mind when you selected or constructed this garment/outfit? Why do you think this garment is appropriate for this occasion or activity?

How do the accessories you have chosen improve the overall appearance or functionality of your garment/outfit?

How does this garment/outfit express your personality or, if a costume, the personality of your character? How is the color, fabric, style, or fit of this garment/outfit a good choice?

Why do you think the fabric is a good choice for the garment design and features?

In what way did the design elements and principles found in this garment/outfit help you to choose this garment/outfit? Participants in grades 9-10 are responsible for identifying a minimum of one design principle (rhythm, emphasis, proportion, balance, unity) and the element(s) (shape/form, color, texture, line) used in the selected principle. Participants in grade 11-12 are responsible for identifying a minimum of two design principles and the elements used in the selected principles. Youth must explain how the elements are used to illustrate the selected principle(s).

KEEPING TRACK OF YOUR COSTS

If you are using accessories you had on hand already, do not include them in your accessory total.

How much did the garments cost in your outfit total? _____

How much did any NEW accessories cost? _____

ADD garment and accessory costs to get **TOTAL OUTFIT COST:** _____

How many times per year do you plan to wear this outfit? _____

Divide the total outfit cost by the number of times
per year to calculate the average cost per wear: _____

Explain why the cost per wearing, care required, and wardrobe addition of this garment/outfit is reasonable in terms of your total clothing budget.

Explain how this outfit and its accessories enhances and expands your wardrobe or meets your need for a specific occasion.

ABOUT YOU

Which of your 4-H experiences have been the most beneficial to you and why?

What are your future education and/or career goals?

Who has been the most influential person in helping you select or sew your outfit? In what ways did this person influence your learning and/or decision making?

CLASS-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Please answer only the set of questions on this page that apply to the class in which your exhibit is entered.

CLOTHING SELECTION AND \$20 CHALLENGE ONLY

Tell the story of how and where you purchased/acquired your outfit.

FASHION REVUE ONLY

Which garment(s) of this outfit did you construct yourself?

What brand of pattern(s) and pattern number(s) did you use?

Did you make any pattern adjustments before you cut your garment(s)? If so, explain.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN ONLY

How did you develop the design concept for this outfit?

What unconventional approaches did you take to create the look or functionality of your outfit?

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2026

Winnebago County Fair

Livestock Exhibit Information



Reminders

- **To be eligible to show, 4-H families are required to identify livestock in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15 AND complete entries for specific classes in Fair Entry by June 15.**
 - **Animal ID Deadline – May 15**
 - This is for all animals except market beef, rabbits, and poultry.
 - ALL Beef, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Swine MUST be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by 4-H Members OR with an ID sheet for all FFA members.
 - Late identifications will NOT be accepted.
 - May 15 is on a Friday for 2026, please do not wait until the last minute to complete your identification. The Winnebago County Extension Office is closed on Friday's.
 - **Rabbit, Poultry, and Pet ID Deadline – June 15**
 - Rabbits, Poultry, and Pets MUST be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by June 15.
 - Late identifications will NOT be accepted.
- **FFA members must submit identification (ID) sheets to the Extension Office by May 15 (June 15 for Rabbits and Poultry) AND completed entries in Fair Entry by June 15.**
- **REMINDER: 4-H & FFA members are not permitted to show under more than one affiliate at the same county level fair.**
 - **Example: John Doe is a 4-H member in a Kossuth County club but is part of the Bison FFA Chapter. John can show at the Kossuth County Fair as a 4-H member and can show at the Winnebago County Fair as an FFA member.**
- **Reminder:** The Winnebago County Extension office MUST have a copy of ALL 4th-12th grade 4-H or FFA members YQCA certificate (showing Beef, Goats, Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep and/or Swine) before approval in Fair Entry. Certificates can be emailed to xwinnebago@iastate.edu, mailed, dropped off at the Winnebago County Extension Office or submitted on Fair Entry. YQCA certificates are due by June 15.
- **Vet check will be from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15.**
 - ALL LIVESTOCK will go through an on-trailer vet inspection point before unloading onto the fairgrounds.
 - ALL DOGS and CATS exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. A copy of this certificate is due at time of registration in Fair Entry. If certificate is not submitted in Fair Entry a copy is due to the Winnebago County Extension Office by Thursday, July 10.
- **ALL livestock MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15 OR by the end of their species check in/weigh in time.**
- Iowa Exhibitor Code of Conduct found on page 11 applies to livestock portion of the fair.
- Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families found on pages 12-13 applies to all parts of the fair including livestock.

Clover Kids

26701: Clover Kids: Rabbit

- Project open to Clover Kids who have completed Kindergarten-3rd grade and attended regular Clover Kids meetings.
- **Show: Saturday, July 25th at 12:30 pm – during the 4-H Rabbit Show**
- Any rabbit breed is allowed.
- Participation ribbon will be awarded.
- No premiums for this class.

26602: Clover Kids: Rabbit Costume Class

- A fun class open to all rabbit exhibitors and limited only by your imagination! Exhibitors and rabbit are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality and manners of the rabbit. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- Participation ribbon will be awarded.

27701: Poultry

- Project open to Clover Kids who have completed Kindergarten-3rd grade and attended regular Clover Kids meetings.
- **Show: Thursday, July 23rd at 10:00 am – during the 4-H Poultry Show**
- Any poultry breed is allowed.
- Participation ribbon will be awarded.
- No premiums for this class.

27602: Clover Kids: Poultry Costume Class

- A fun class open to all rabbit exhibitors and limited only by your imagination! Exhibitors and bird are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality and manners of the bird. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- Participation ribbon will be awarded.

Youth Open Livestock

Youth Open Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, and Goat - Show Friday, July 17th at 5:00 pm.

- **Exhibitors are invited to exhibit their Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, and Goat on Friday, July 17th at 5:00 pm. Registration is optional and can be found on the fair website.**
<https://www.winnebagoiowafair.com/> **Entries will NOT be made on Fair Entry.**
- **Participants in the Youth Open Livestock show will not be able to participate in the Ribbon Auction.**
- This show is sponsored and facilitated by the Winnebago Fair Association.

Clarification

- Youth enrolled in 4-H in grades 4 and up who want to exhibit in the Bucket/Bottle Calf Show for a premium must contact the Extension Office to get official ear tags. ALL 4-H Bucket/Bottle Calves must be tagged and ID in 4-H Online by May 15th. These entries must also be entered into Fairy Entry between May 16 - June 15.

Identification and Weigh-in Requirements for Livestock Exhibits

Competition is open to all 4-H and FFA individual projects listed in the Fair Book.

All 4-H animal entries must follow the uniform Animal Identification Requirements. All 4-H animal entries must be identified in 4-HOnline (4honline.com) by the dates listed below. FFA exhibitor animals must be recorded on the appropriate identification form and turned into the Extension Office by May 15.

Any animal not identified as prescribed or showing evidence of recent ear tagging or notching will not be eligible to show.

- **MARKET BEEF:** Identified by official ear tag and tattoo and weighed by February 1.
- **BREEDING BEEF:** Identify by tattoo and official tag (NOT A HERD TAG) by May 15.
- **BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF:** Projects identified by ear tag by May 15.
- **DAIRY:** Identified by ear tag or pedigree number by May 15.
- **SWINE:** Identified by official ear tag by May 15.
- **MARKET SHEEP:** Identified by official ear tag and weighed by May 15.
- **BREEDING SHEEP:** Identified by official ear tag by May 15.
- **MARKET GOATS:** Identified by official ear tag and weighed by May 15.
- **BREEDING GOATS:** Identified by official ear tag by May 15.
- **DAIRY GOATS:** Identified by tattoo or ear tag by May 15.
- **HORSES:** Identified by name and description by May 15.
- **RABBITS:** Identified by tattoo by June 15.
- **POULTRY:** Identified by June 15.

Check In/Weigh-In Schedule at the Fair

Exhibitors are to be present at the designated weigh-in times:

- Horses: Wednesday, July 15, horses must be on grounds before noon - decorate stalls – Horse Barn.
- Beef: Wednesday, July 15 at 9:00 – 12:00 pm – weighed in the Beef Barn.
- Sheep/Goats: Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 – 11:00 am - weighed in the Swine Barn.
- Swine: Wednesday, July 15 at 11:00 – 12:00 pm in the Swine Barn.
- Rabbits: Wednesday, July 15 11:00 AM – 12:00 pm – ALL rabbits checked in at the Goat & Rabbit Barn, all market rabbits must be weighed in at the time of check in.
- Poultry PT Testing (blood test): Wednesday, July 15 10:00 am – families will be given an approximate time for their birds PT Testing. If a family can't make their scheduled time they will move to the end of the schedule. Schedules will be released a week before check in.
- Poultry: Wednesday, July 15 12:00 pm

Regulations Related to ALL Animal Exhibits

- All livestock must remain on the grounds the entire time of the fair, unless stated to the contrary.
 - Vet check from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15.
 - ALL livestock MUST arrive on grounds and be stalled by 12:00 on Wednesday, July 15 or by the end of their species check-in/weigh-in time, whichever is earlier.
 - All livestock exhibits will be released Sunday, July 19 at 6:00 pm
 - All livestock must be removed from the grounds by 8:00 pm on Sunday, July 19.
 - **Any member who chooses to remove their livestock before 6:00 pm or after 8:00 pm on Sunday will forfeit all premiums.**
- All exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding and necessary equipment for feeding, watering, and exhibiting.
- All exhibitors and exhibits are under the supervision of the show officials (superintendent and/or judges), and their rulings are final.
 - Failure to comply with these rules will result in forfeiture of premiums.
 - Fair officials reserve the right to make changes to these regulations.
 - Written notification of such changes will supersede previous regulations.
- **Any substitute show person must be a current Winnebago County 4-H or FFA member.**
 - **Substitutions will be accepted only with permission of the superintendent.**
- Clover Kid members (Youth in grades K-3rd grade) are not permitted to show or assist in showing large animal exhibits (beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, and goats).
- Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner. If the owner refuses a bid or says, "No Sale!" All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects. An animal should not enter another counties auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold. Therefore, any animal that has gone through an auction is not eligible to be exhibited at the Winnebago County Fair.
- Exhibits will be placed in blue, red, and white ribbon groups, according to the discretion of the judges.
- An animal must have won a blue ribbon in its class to be eligible for championship. Championship ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- Animals need to be brought to the show ring when the class is called to qualify for premium money.
- It is the intent that the exhibitor take responsibility for caring and grooming their own animals. IF an exhibitor needs assistance, it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a family member, another Iowa 4-H/FFA member, or unpaid mentor. No one is permitted to pay someone else to groom/fit their animals.
- To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in our livestock shows the Winnebago County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify an animal fitted in any unethical manner. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Winnebago County Fair and will forfeit all premiums and awards won in any division.
 - Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development: dyeing or coloring hair; adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. Transparent grooming materials only may be used.

- Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e. lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All exhibitors whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the Winnebago County Fair.
- Exhibits, pens, stalls, and alleyways are to be kept clean by exhibitors and manure deposited in designated areas. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to follow all clean up instructions provided by the species superintendent including the removal of decorations, zip ties, staples, etc.
 - **Each exhibitor must clean out his/her stall by 8:00 pm Sunday or have made special arrangements with a fair board member. Clean out must meet the approval of the superintendent of the department. Failure to do so will result in the exhibitor premiums for that species being forfeited.**
- For safety, all exhibitors must wear proper apparel and shoes for protection while in the show ring.
- Horse project members are **required** to wear an ASTM/SEI helmet.
- Note: No T-shirts, other than those provided by the Fair Board, which identify the exhibitor, or their 4-H club or chapter shall be worn in the show ring, this includes during the Ribbon Auction.
- All lead animals must be broken to lead for show.
- All exhibitors shall make sure all fans used to cool livestock are contained and that no blades, cords, or belts are exposed.
- All decisions related to Health Regulations will be referred to the Fair Veterinarian. **Their decision on all health problems will be final.**
- Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA): The Winnebago County Extension office **MUST** have a copy of ALL 4th-12th grade 4-H or FFA members YQCA certificate (showing Beef, Goats, Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep and/or Swine) before approval in Fair Entry. Certificates can be emailed to xwinnebago@iastate.edu, mailed, dropped off at the Winnebago County Extension Office or submitted on Fair Entry. YQCA certificates are due by June 15.

FairEntry Registration Deadline

Fair Entry registration will be open to Winnebago County Fair Exhibitors from 10:00 am Saturday, May 16 - 11:59 pm Monday, June 15.

- **A \$25 late fee per exhibitor will be charged for both static entries and livestock entries entered Tuesday, June 16 12:00 am – Monday, June 22 11:59 pm.**
- **No additional entries will be accepted after Saturday, June 22 at 11:59 pm.**

2026 Health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry, and Birds at County Fairs, 4-H and/or FFA Exhibitions

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

ALL livestock will be vet checked prior to unloading on Wednesday, July 15.

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 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 indicate 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. This tag must include the flock identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5678 is the individual animal number.

All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). The tag or tattoo must include the herd identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5678 is the individual animal number.

Wethers (sheep and goats) 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. **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.**

DOGS AND CATS

All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

The decision of the official fair veterinarian will be final.

For complete health requirements for each species, please refer to: [Animal Admission Health Requirements | Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship \(iowaagriculture.gov\)](#)

Showmanship

For: Swine, Beef, Sheep, Goat, Dairy, Horse, Poultry, and Rabbit. No entry fee or advanced registration required. Refer to each specific rule section for any additional rules on classes.

Showmanship contests will be held as part of the show of each species. The contest will be:

- Open to all exhibitors of livestock.
- Exhibitors must show their own livestock.
 - Exhibitors must have exhibited an animal in that species in order to be eligible to compete in showmanship. Additionally, an animal may not be brought to the fair just to participate in showmanship.
- Scored on the basis of 25% - Fitting of Animal; 75% - Show Ring Performance.
- Exhibitors will show in three age divisions and a first place awarded in each division.
- If a youth wins in one age division and by age are still in that same division the next year, they have the option to not participate in their age specific Showmanship Class OR they can choose to show in the next age division.
 - Example for Juniors and Intermediates
 - 2023 - Sam as a 4th grader won the Junior Sheep Showmanship Class in 2023.
 - 2024 - Sam as a 5th grader, could have chosen not to do Showmanship OR participate in Intermediate Sheep Showmanship class. For 2024, Sam, as a 5th grader, chose to participate in the Intermediate Sheep Showmanship class. Sam received a blue ribbon in Intermediate Sheep Showmanship but was not the winner.
 - 2025 - Sam as a 6th grader will participate in the Intermediate Sheep Showmanship class.
 - Senior Division - Youth in the Senior Age Division who win their showmanship class would not be eligible to participate the next year or take a year off from Showmanship.

Showmanship Classes

Junior Division: Exhibitors who have completed 4th – 6th grade.

Intermediate Division: Exhibitors who have completed 7th - 8th grade.

Senior Division: Exhibitors who have completed 9th grade and above.

Clover Kids: Exhibitors in Poultry and Rabbit that have participated in Clover Kids program.

Trophies and/ or prizes will be given for showmanship for each species listed above (except Clover Kids). Senior exhibitors should set a positive example for intermediate and junior exhibitors, who need to watch and learn from senior exhibitors.

Herdsmanship

- ⇒ Judging will take place on dates and times decided by each superintendent based on the criteria below.
- ⇒ Awards will be presented at the end of the fair by each superintendent.
- ⇒ Signs will be posted in the barns with species specific criteria.

Cleanliness stall/pen and aisle

1. Appropriate bedding provided.
2. Manure removed from pen and deposited in proper place.
3. Animals and/or pens tied/fastened securely.
4. Feed pans and water pans, when present, should be clean.

Organization/Use of space

1. Animals, tack area, supplies neatly kept and/or arranged.
2. All animals are identified with a stall card.

Appearance of Animals

1. Animals clean and groomed appropriately.
2. Animals are in place from 9:00am to 9:00pm except when they are in a show ring or being washed.

Exhibitors

1. Exhibitors are courteous to each other, fair officials and the general public.
2. Animals have access to water and feed.

Ribbon Auction

- The Livestock Ribbon Auction will be held Sunday following the Parade of Champions.
- **All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors may sell one (1) ribbon per exhibitor, per species.**
- The ribbon can be your best ribbon for each species you show and can be a breeding or market animal ribbon.
- Eligible for the Ribbon Auction:
 - Cattle (includes Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, 4-H Bucket/Bottle Calf), Sheep (includes Market or Breeding), Goats (includes Market or Dairy), Horse, Rabbits, Poultry, and Swine.
- Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner if the owner refuses a bid or says, "No Sale!" All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects. An animal should not enter another counties auction ring, if only the ribbon is being sold.
- Exhibitors participating in the Youth Open Livestock Show and the Youth Open Bucket/Bottle Calf Show are NOT eligible for the ribbon auction.
- Exhibitors must have shown their own project animal to be eligible to sell a ribbon.
- The Fair Board will provide a ribbon for the buyer and a thank you note.
- Sale Order 2026: Rabbits, Poultry, Sheep and Goats, Swine, Beef, Horse.
- Youth are to wear appropriate clothing: Fair shirt, jeans, tennis shoes or boots.
- Exhibitors must be present at the ribbon auction, to sell their ribbon, unless permission granted by the Fair Board President.

Swine

Superintendents: Mike Hanson and TJ Hanson

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. ALL Swine must be tagged, ear-notched and identified by an official 4-H or FFA ear tag.
2. 4-H exhibitors must identify their animal in 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into the Extension office by May 15.
3. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15 (www.fairentry.com).**
4. An exhibitor may show a **maximum** of 11 swine:
 - Three individuals-market (i.e. 3 Gilts, 3 Barrows, purebred, or any combination)
 - Two (2) pens of three (individuals can be part of pen of three).
 - Two (2) breeding gilts (can be part of the pen of three).
5. Market hogs are suggested to weigh between 230 pounds and 315 pounds for exhibition. There is no weight limit.
6. Market hogs will be weighed on entry day. Market hogs will be broken down by weight groups for judging. Breeding gilts may be shown in a Breeding class and can be included in a Pen of Three.
7. First and second place exhibits in each weight class will show for Grand and Reserve Champion Market Hog and Pen of Three.
8. A Market Pen of Three will consist of three hogs, which are similar size and weight. Any combination of sex can comprise the pen.
9. It will be required for exhibitors to provide registration papers for purebred hogs at the time of weigh-in. If no papers are provided, they will show as crossbreds.
10. There shall be no coloring agents, powder, or oil used on hogs. Hogs in violation will not be allowed to show.

Vet Check for SWINE is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All SWINE MUST be on grounds by 11:00 am for check-in/weigh-in time.

Weigh-In: Wednesday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Show: Saturday, 9:00 am

SWINE CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Number	Premiums
20101: Commercial Breeding Gilt	\$8.00/\$7.50
20102: Purebred Breeding Gilt	\$8.00/\$7.50
20201: Market Barrow	\$7.00/\$8.00
20202: Market Gilt	\$7.00/\$8.00
20203: Market Pen of Three	\$10.00/\$8.50
20204: Purebred Market Hog	\$8.00/\$7.50

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Market Beef

Superintendent: Jesse Bosma, Landon Josten, Ryan Faught

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. Market Steers and Market Heifers must be weighed and identified by official ear tag and special county ID tattoo by February 1. Weigh-in for Market Heifers, Market Steers, Market Pen or Three, and Second-Year Bottle/Bucket Calf will be the second Saturday of January at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds.
2. 4-H exhibitors will verify information in 4-H Online (4honline.com) by February 1. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by February 1. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15 (www.fairentry.com).**
3. All lead market beef must be dehorned, except bucket/bottle calves. No pumping. No false hair/tails.
4. Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
5. Market Beef is required to have two (2) forms of ID. (Tattoo and official ear tag)
6. Rate-of-Gain information will be computed on all market steers and furnished to the judge. The judge will be instructed to take this information into consideration when placing classes.
7. All individual market beef animals will be exhibited and judged in classes set up on the basis of weight, at the discretion of the superintendents.
8. First and second place per class will return to compete for Grand Champion.
9. A class champion will be named in the Market dairy class. They will not compete for Champion Market Beef.
10. Each of the individuals in the pen of three must be weighed and tagged by February 1 and those weights recorded on 4-H online.
11. The market pen of three will be barn judged and the judge will take into consideration rate-of-gain, cost per pound of gain and the exhibitor's general knowledge about the project. Exhibitors are required to have records on stall cards prior to show. Animals in the market pen may not be shown in individual classes.

An exhibitor may show:

- One Pen of Three.
- A maximum of three lead animals in the Market Beef class.

Vet check for BEEF is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All BEEF MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

Weigh-In: Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Show: Pen of Three Friday at 9:30 am, followed by the rest of the classes starting at 10:00 AM.

MARKET BEEF CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Number	Premiums
21101: Market Steer	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21102: Market Dairy	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21103: Market Pen of Three	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21104: Market Heifer	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21105: Second Year Bucket/Bottle Calf	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21106: Prospect Calf – Born January 1 – May 14 of current year	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Pen of 3 Stall Cards

The following will be exhibited on the stall card and used for judging:

- Starting and finishing weight (pounds)
- Days on feed
- Feed cost per hundredweight (100 pounds or CWT) gain
- Price to break even
- Average daily gain
- Purchase price per hundredweight (100 pounds or CWT)

Breeding Beef

Superintendent: Jesse Bosma, Landon Josten, Ryan Faught

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many stalls an exhibitor will need.
3. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) animals in each class (listed below).
4. Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
5. Animals in Breeding Heifer classes may not be shown in the Market Beef Department.
6. All Heifers will be shown by age.
7. All lead animals must be dehorned.

Vet check for BEEF is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All BEEF MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

Check-In: Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tattoos will be checked.

Show: Market and Breeding individuals Friday at 10:00 am.

BREEDING BEEF CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
21301: Heifer Calf – Born Sept. 1–Dec. 1 of previous year	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21302: Junior Yearling – Born Jan. 1–April 30 of previous year	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21303: Summer Yearling – Born May 1-Aug 31 of previous year	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21304: Senior Yearling/Two-Year-Old - Born before Jan 1 of Prev year- hasn't calved	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21305: Cow/Calf Pair	\$12.00/\$11.00/\$10.00
21306: Prospect Calf - Born Dec 2 previous year - May 14 current year	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Dairy Cattle

Superintendent: Jesse Bosma, Landon Josten, Ryan Faught

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many stalls an exhibitor will need.
3. Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
4. Dairy exhibits may be grade or purebred.
5. Exhibits will compete as a breed (e.g. Holsteins against Holsteins).
6. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be given in each class at the judge's discretion. The champion and reserve in each class will show for Grand Champion Female.
7. Exhibitors are limited to two (2) animals per class.
8. All lead dairy beef must be dehorned.
9. Any class with less than 3 entries may be combined with another class at the discretion of the superintendent.

Vet check for BEEF is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All BEEF MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

Check-In: Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 PM. Ear tags or tattoos will be checked.

Show: Following the Market and Breeding Beef Classes starting at 10 am on Friday.

DAIRY CATTLE CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
22101: Derby Heifer Class	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22102: Winter Calf	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22103: Fall Calf	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22103: Fall Calf	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22104: Junior Yearling	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22105: Senior Yearling	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
22106: Two-Year-Old Cow	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Bucket/Bottle Calf

Superintendent: Jesse Bosma, Landon Josten, Ryan Faught

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. Any dairy or beef calf (steer or heifer), born between February 1 and May 15.
2. Must be in possession of member within two weeks of birth; ear tagged and identified by May 15 in 4-H Online (4honline.com) or on an ID Sheet. All participants may obtain the identification form and ear tags from the Extension office.
3. An exhibitor may identify an unlimited number of bucket/bottle calves.
4. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many stalls an exhibitor will need.
5. Bucket/Bottle Calf projects must be in their stalls by 12:00 pm on Wednesday. Entries will be weighed on the Fair livestock scale on entry day.
6. Project open to 4-H and FFA members of all ages. **Not open to Clover Kids (See Youth Open Livestock Show information on page 56).**
7. The calf must be bucket or bottle fed. No nursing permitted.
8. Cattle grooming chutes will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
9. Calf will be released Sunday at 6:00 pm.
10. Calves will be shown at halter. The calves may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries there are, at the discretion of the superintendent.
11. Exhibitors are responsible for the calf after fair. Project may be brought back to next year's Fair if entered as a Second Year Bucket/Bottle Calf.

Vet check for BEEF is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All BEEF MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

Check-In: Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Ear tags or tattoos will be checked.

Show: Starting the Market and Breeding Individuals Friday at 10:00 am.

BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
21201: Junior (Grades 4-6)	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00
21202: Intermediate & Senior (Grade 7+)	\$10.00/\$9.00/\$8.00

Bucket/Bottle Calf Judging Based On:

- What a member has learned about the care and raising of the calf as well as general health, diseases, and management of the calf.
- The fitting (only washing and brushing, no clipping) and showing of the calf with emphasis on what member has learned.
- Confirmation or quality of the calf will not be considered since selection should not be on that basis.

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Meat Goats

Superintendent: Alexandra Flick, Kelsey Bosma

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. All market goats must be weighed, tagged with official county tags, and the weights listed on the appropriate identification forms by May 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many stalls an exhibitor will need.
3. Each member may exhibit a maximum of two (2) goats in each Meat Goat class.
4. Market Wethers must be castrated male goats born between January 1 and May 1 of current year.
5. ALL meat goats (breeding and market) must be polled, disbudded/dehorned, or blunt tipped (not less than the diameter of a dime at the ends).
6. Meat Goats should have their coats cleaned and their hooves must be properly cleaned, trimmed, and filed.
7. Pygmy Goats may not be entered.
8. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). The tag or tattoo must include the herd identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5678 is the individual animal number.

Vet check for GOAT is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All GOATS MUST be on grounds by 11:00 am for check-in/weigh-in time.

Weigh-In Time: Wednesday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Show: Saturday at 1:30 pm

MEAT GOAT CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
23101: Market Wether or Doe	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23201: Breeding Doe: 0-4 Months	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23202: Breeding Doe: 5-8 Months	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23203: Breeding Doe: 9-12 Months	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23204: Breeding Doe: 13-24 Months	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23205: Breeding Doe: 25 months or older	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00

Costume Classes

23501: Costume Class

- A fun class open to all goat exhibitors and limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Exhibitors and goat are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- No premiums for this class.

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Dairy Goats

Superintendent: Alexandra Flick, Kelsey Bosma

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15.
 - a. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many stalls an exhibitor will need.
3. Each member may exhibit a maximum of two (2) goats in each Dairy Goat class.
4. All Dairy Goats must be disbudded/dehorned or polled.
5. Dairy Goat Breeds include any recognized breeds by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) and Mini Dairy Goat Association (MDGA).
6. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). The tag or tattoo must include the herd identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5678 is the individual animal number.

Vet check for GOATS is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All GOATS MUST be on grounds by 11:00 am for check-in/weigh-in time.

Check-In Time: Wednesday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Show: Saturday at 1:30 pm

DAIRY GOAT CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
23301: Junior Doe Dairy Goat – Females 24 months and under that have never freshened	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23302: Senior Doe Dairy Goat – Any female who has freshened or is 25 months or older	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
23303: Dairy Wether Goat - All Ages	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00

****A special award will be awarded in the Senior Doe class for Best Udder.**

Costume Classes

23501: Costume Class

- A fun class open to all goat exhibitors and limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Exhibitors and goat are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- No premiums for this class.

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Market Sheep

Superintendent: Carly Main and Dylan Voortman

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. All Market Sheep must be weighed, tagged with official county tags, and the weights listed on the appropriate identification forms by May 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.**
3. An exhibitor may show two (2) Market Pens of Three Lambs and six (6) individual Market Lambs.
4. Lambs may be grade or purebred and shall be born after January 1.
5. Market Sheep may not be shown in Breeding Sheep classes, and vice versa.
6. Market Lambs will be shown in classes set up by weight only, at the discretion of the superintendent.
7. It is recommended that lambs be shorn no later than two (2) weeks prior to the Fair.
8. Grooming stands will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
9. Lambs must be docked. Only ewe and wether (castrated) lambs can be entered as Market Lambs.
10. All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. This tag must include the flock identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5678 is the individual animal number.

Vet check for SHEEP is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All SHEEP MUST be on grounds by 11:00 am for check-in/weigh-in time.

Weigh-In Time: Wednesday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Show: Saturday at 12:30 pm.

MARKET SHEEP CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
24101: Market Pen of Three	\$9.00/\$8.50/\$8.00
24102: Market Lamb – White Face, WBI/Speckled & Other	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
24103: Market Lamb – Black Face	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Breeding Sheep

Superintendent: Carly Main and Dylan Voortman

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS: \$5.25

1. All Breeding Sheep must be tagged with official county tags and listed on the appropriate identification forms by May 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many pens an exhibitor will need.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to six (6) breeding ewes.
4. Lambs may be grade or purebred.
5. Lambs must have been born after January 1.
6. Breeding Lambs may not be shown in the Market Lamb division, and vice versa.
7. Purebred ewes will be shown by breed.
8. Grade and crossbred ewes will be shown together.
9. Shearing is optional for breeding lambs but is a recommended practice.
10. Grooming stands will be allowed in an area designated by the department superintendents.
11. Breeding ewes must be docked.
12. The yearling ewe must have been born the previous year, can be grade or purebred and must have been a project of the 4-H or FFA member the previous year.
13. All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. This tag must include the flock identification number AND the individual animal number. Ex. IA1234-5678 – IA1234 is the herd identification number and 5768 is the individual animal number.

Vet check for SHEEP is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All SHEEP MUST be on grounds by 11:00 am for check-in/weigh-in time.

Check-In Time: Wednesday, 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Show: Saturday at 12:30 pm.

BREEDING SHEEP CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
24201: Purebred Ewe Lamb	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
24202: White Face, WBI/Speckled & Other	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
24203: Commercial Ewe Lamb	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00
24204: Yearling Ewe	\$7.00/\$6.50/\$6.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Horse

Superintendent: Tracy Adams

ENTRY FEE: \$2.25 PER HORSE

1. All Horses must be identified by name and description by May 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by May 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by May 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.**
3. A helmet must be worn ALL the time regardless of age when riding a horse on the fairgrounds.
4. No stallions may be entered.
5. Classes will be placed based on general appearance, fitting and showmanship. Exhibitors should wear appropriate clothing to match the breed of their horse (i.e., Western or English). All youth are required to wear ASTM/SEI approved headgear while mounted and riding. Attire rules can be found in the 4H511C Rulebook which will be followed. A book can be found at the Extension office.
6. Appropriate western style apparel, including a solid, plain, front button or snap long sleeved, collared shirt of any color (including white) may be worn. The following is prohibited: personalized logos or embroidery, zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments or bling of any kind including, but not limited to, sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirt must be tucked in. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required. Western boots must be worn (fashion heels are prohibited). In Western halter and showmanship classes, the exhibitor is expected to wear a cowboy hat.
7. English attire: Hunt Seat type helmet must be worn. Exhibitors must wear hunt coats of traditional colors. Breeches must be of traditional colors. Shirts of any color with tie or choker are preferred. Hair must be neat and contained. Exhibitors must wear high English boots or paddock boots. 4-H arm bands must be worn in all classes (provided by the Extension office).
8. Sunday attire: County Fair shirts for exhibitors must be worn or FFA attire.
9. The completed school year will be the base date for grade determination.
 - a. Junior Exhibitor: 4th - 7th graders
 - b. Senior Exhibitor: 8th – 12th graders
10. Not complying to house horses on the Fairgrounds means Fair premiums for that area are forfeited.
11. All stall assignments are final.
12. Entries must be a 4-H or FFA project. 4-Hers can ID a maximum of 5 horses total per 4-H member and of those 5, maximum of 2 can be leased. NO leasing of halter horses. Leased horses must have a completed lease form in 4HOnline.

A “leased” horse is any horse that is not owned by the 4-Her or their immediate family (“immediate family” only includes parents, stepparents, brothers, sisters, or legal guardians and does not include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.).
13. All regulations will be outlined in “A Guide For 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” – 4-H 511 – C
14. Participants are encouraged to have horses vaccinated and wormed regularly. A Coggins Test is also required if horse has been traveling across state lines.
15. It is the intent that the exhibitor takes responsibility for caring for and grooming of their own animal. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn a new skill.
16. Ponies are any equine under 14.1 hands. A horse is any equine 14.1 hands and over, 57 inches. If you have horse breed registration papers, you are allowed to classify the animal as a horse.
17. Any dispute as to age, height, soundness of animals or class determination will be referred to the superintendents and assistants or official veterinarian and their decision will be final.
18. Horses and ponies must be exercised in the horse arena only unless special permission by superintendents.

19. English or Western equipment is allowed in Walk-Trot class.
20. In all barrel and pole classes a five second penalty is applied for each that is knocked over while riding the course. If a barrel or pole is touched by a hand, the rider is disqualified.
21. In flag race class, participants will be disqualified if the flag is used as a whip, or the flag does not remain in the bucket.
22. In the costume class, only the horse and participant may enter the arena.
23. Horse stalls are to be used for horses, not as separate tack rooms and lounges unless approved by the superintendent.
24. Horses in the barn must use bedding. Wood shavings are recommended. Every effort should be made to keep barn, and horses clean and orderly at all times. Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their animals. After the fair, each participant is responsible for cleaning their stalls completely and manure deposited in designated areas. This must be completed immediately after the horses are released. Premium money will be withheld for those exhibitors not complying.
25. **If an exhibitor believes they will participate in a class, they should sign up for it in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com). If the exhibitor makes the decision not to take part in a class already designated, the exhibitor must inform the show committee of at least 2 classes prior to that class.**
26. If designated horse cannot be shown at all, a substitution can be made from a horse already identified as a member's project.

Vet check for HORSES is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All HORSES MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm.

Check-In Time: Wednesday morning before 12:00 PM, bring horses and decorate stalls.

Show: Thursday at 3:00 pm (Classes 25101 - 25604), Sunday at 8:00 am Horse Games.

Stall Decorating

Each Club is encouraged to decorate their stalls as a group—not as individuals. Decorating will be judged on Friday afternoon by an impartial panel. The top Club will be given an award sponsored by the Fair.

HORSE CLASSES & PREMIUMS

Class Numbers	Premiums
25101: Junior Halter Class	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25102: Intermediate Halter Class	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25103: Senior Halter Class	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25201: Walk/Trot Class	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25202: Horsless Horse Walk/Trot	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25203: Pony Western Pleasure (All Ages)	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25204: Junior Western Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25205: Intermediate Western Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25206: Senior Western Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25207: Junior Western Horsemanship	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25208: Intermediate Western Horsemanship	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25209: Senior Western Horsemanship	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25210: English Pleasure—Hunt or Saddle Seat – All Ages	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25211: English Pleasure—Hunt or Saddle Seat – All Ages	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25212: Hunter Hack – All Ages	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25213: Junior Ranch Horse Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25214: Intermediate Ranch Horse Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25215: Senior Ranch Horse Pleasure	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25301: Junior Trail	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25302: Intermediate Trail	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25303: Senior Trail	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25501: Junior Best Groomed	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00

25502: Intermediate Best Groomed	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25503: Senior Best Groomed	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25504: Open Costume	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25601: Junior Showmanship at Halter	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25602: Intermediate Showmanship at Halter	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25603: Senior Showmanship at Halter	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00
25604: Horsless Horse Showmanship at Halter	\$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Horseless Horse Program

Horseless Horse participants must fill out a Horseless Horse ID form.

Purpose: To give 4-H youth, who would not otherwise own or have a horse, experience in the care and showing of a horse.

Goal: The Horseless Horse exhibitor will show the owner's horse at the Winnebago County Fair in showmanship and walk/trot. These classes will be separate from the regular horse show, and the exhibitor will show for blue, red, and white ribbons, with no placing.

Program: The 4-H Horseless Horse exhibitor will attend all horse project meetings, workshops, and clinics, and will work with a specific 4-H horse exhibitor in the care and training process. The 4-H horse exhibitor may not work with more than one Horseless Horse exhibitor. This program will be open to junior, intermediate, and senior members as described in the livestock portion of the Fair Book. The 4-H Horseless Horse exhibitor must abide by all the rules in the Fair Book.

Rabbits

Superintendent: Paris Reimann, Dakota Brass

ENTRY FEE PER CLASS EXHIBIT: \$1.25

1. All Rabbits must be identified and tattooed by June 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by June 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by June 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.**
3. Members are limited to two (2) entries per class of the same breed or six (6) entries per class of three different breeds, and one (1) entry for Meat Pen of Three.
4. A fancy breed class will be developed if four (4) or more rabbits are exhibited of one breed in the same class.
5. Indicate the breed of rabbit in Fair Entry and in the identification process.
6. Crossbred animals will be accepted in the Meat Rabbit divisions.
7. Families are welcome to bring their own locks for their cages.

Vet check for RABBITS is from 7:00 am - 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 15. All RABBITS MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

Arrival Time: Wednesday, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Show: Saturday at 3:00 pm.

RABBIT PREMIUMS (all classes)

Premiums per entry

\$2.00/\$1.50/\$1.00

Commercial Classes

Breeds: Californian, Palomino, Satin, Crossbred, Giant Angora, Checkered Giant, Flemish Giant, Beveren, English Lop, Cinnamon, Standard Chinchilla, American Chinchilla, French Lop, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Champagne, Crème D'Argent.

Commercial (Meat) Rabbit Classes

26101: Single Fryer

- Not over 10 weeks of age at Fair time.
- Minimum weight of three and half (3.5) pounds.
- Maximum weight of five and a half (5.5) pounds.
- The fryer entry CANNOT be pulled from the meat pen.

26102: Roaster

- All rabbits entered must be under 6 months of age at Fair time.
- Minimum weight over five (5) pounds.
- Maximum weight eight (8) pounds.

26103: Stewer

- All rabbits entered must be 6 months of age and over at Fair time.
- The maximum weight over eight (8) pounds.

26104: Meat Pen of Three

- Meat Pen will consist of three (3) rabbits of the same breed and color. Crossbred rabbits will be allowed; but must be of the same cross. Rabbits do not have to be from the same litter.
- The age of all rabbits must be 8-12 weeks at the time of the Fair.
- Each exhibitor may enter one Meat Pen with a maximum weight of 16.5 pounds.

Commercial (Breeding) Rabbit Classes

26201: Junior Doe

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26202: Intermediate Doe

- 6 months-8 months old at Fair time.

26203: Senior Doe

- Over eight (8) months old at Fair time.

26204: Junior Buck

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26205: Intermediate Buck

- 6 months-8 months old at Fair time.

26206: Senior Buck

- Over eight (8) months old at Fair time.

Fancy Classes

Breeds: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf, American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Harlequin, Lilac, English Angora, Havana, Mini Lop, Satin Angora, Mini Satin, Belgian Hare, Himalayan, Mini Rex, Britannia Petite, Blanc DeHotot, Hollan Lop, Dwarf Hotot, Jersey Wooly, Polish, English Spot, Florida White, Tan, Silver Martin, Rhinelander, Lionhead, and Silver.

No Crossbreds in Fancy Classes.

Fancy Rabbit Classes

26301: Junior Doe

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26302: Senior Doe

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26303: Junior Buck

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26304: Senior Buck

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

Homegrown Classes

Additional Class:

- **Animals entered must be raised by the exhibitor.**
- The same rabbit must be entered into one (1) of the three (3) other main divisions (market/commercial/fancy) except for doe & litter.
- Limitation of only two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.

Homegrown Rabbit Classes

26401: Junior Doe

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26402: Intermediate Doe

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26403: Senior Doe

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26404: Junior Buck

- Under six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26405: Intermediate Buck

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

26406: Senior Buck

- Over six (6) months of age at Fair time.

Fur Classes

Additional Class:

- This class strictly judges the condition and fur/wool quality of the animal not the body type.
- The same rabbit must be entered into one (1) of the three (3) other main divisions (market/commercial/fancy) except for doe & litter.
- Limitation of only two (2) entries per class per exhibitor.

Fur Rabbit Classes

26501: Best Colored

- Any solid/broken showable color

26502: Best White Fur

- White fur ONLY

26503: Best Wool

- Colored or White
- Angora breeds, lionheads, fuzzy lops, jersey woolies

Costume Classes

26601: Costume Class

- A fun class open to all rabbit exhibitors and limited only by your imagination! Exhibitors and rabbit are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Class will be judged on originality and manners of the rabbit. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- No premiums for this class.

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Poultry

Superintendent: Dakota Brass

ENTRY FEE PER EXHIBIT: \$1.25

1. All Poultry must be identified by June 15.
 - a. 4-H exhibitors enter information using 4-H Online (4honline.com) by June 15.
 - b. FFA exhibitors record information on the appropriate identification form and turn into Extension office by June 15.
2. **Fair Entry is open between May 16 – June 15.** Designate in Fair Entry (www.fairentry.com) how many pens an exhibitor will need.
3. Number of entries per division:
 - a. Market and Production – limited to two (2) entries.
 - b. Fancy Breeds – limited to 10 total birds with a maximum of four (4) entries per class.
 - c. Small Fancy Breeds – limited to 10 total birds with a maximum of four (4) entries per class.
 - d. Large Fancy Breeds – limited to two (2) total birds with a maximum of one (1) entry per class.
 - e. Costume class – limited to one (1) entry per exhibitor.
4. ALL Poultry needs to be PT tested before entering the poultry barn.
5. Exhibit pens will be provided.
6. Families are welcome to bring their own locks for their cages.

Vet check for POULTRY is from 7:00 am - 12:00 pm on Wednesday, July 15. All POULTRY MUST be on grounds by 12:00 pm for check-in/weigh-in time.

PT Testing: Wednesday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Weigh In/Check In: Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Show: Thursday at 10:00 am

POULTRY PREMIUMS (all classes)

Premiums per entry

\$2.00/\$1.50/\$1.00

Egg Production Division

Production Hens:

- **27101: Production Pen of Three (White Egg Strain)**
 - Born before January 1 of current year.
- **27102: Production Pen of Three (Non-White Egg Strain)**
 - Born before January 1 of current year.

Production Pullets:

- **27103: Production Pen of Three (White Egg Strain)**
 - Born after January 1 of current year.
- **27104: Production Pen of Three (Non-White Egg Strain)**
 - Born after January 1 of current year.

Poultry Market Division

27201: Broilers and Fryers

- Birds under four (4) pounds
- Pen of 3 males or 3 females

27202: Roasters

- Birds over four (4) pounds
- Pen of 3 males or 3 females

27203: Ducks

- Pen of two (2).

Poultry Fancy Breeding Stock Division**27301: Duck - Female**

- Individual (1).

27302: Duck - Male

- Individual (1).

27303: Chicken Large Breeding Stock – Female

- Individual (1).

27304: Chicken Large Breeding Stock – Male

- Individual (1).

27305: Guinea – Female

- Individual (1).

27306: Guinea – Male

- Individual (1).

Poultry Small Fancy Breeding Stock Division**27401: Bantam – Female**

- Individual (1).

27402: Bantam – Male

- Individual (1).

27403: Quail – Female

- Individual (1).

27404: Quail – Male

- Individual (1).

Poultry Large Fancy Breeding Stock Division**27501: Turkey – Female**

- Individual (1).

27502: Turkey – Male

- Individual (1).

27503: Geese – Female

- Individual (1).

27504: Geese – Male

- Individual (1).

Costume Classes**27601: Costume Class**

- A fun class open to all poultry exhibitors and limited to 1 entry per exhibitor. Exhibitors and bird are to be dressed in a costume of your choice. Classes will be judged on originality and manners of the bird. Examples: Baseball player, scarecrow, wizard.
- No premiums for this class.

Ribbon Auction

Please refer to page 63 for ribbon auction information.

Pet Show

NO ENTRY FEE

K-12: Live Animal Pet Show:

1. All General Livestock Rules listed in the fair book apply in this department.
2. For Clover Kids to participate they must be in an organized Winnebago County Clover Kids Club. Youth MUST be enrolled as a Clover Kid in 4-H Online to participate in this project.
3. For 4th-12th graders to participate they must be in an organized Winnebago County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. Youth MUST be enrolled as a 4-H member in 4-H Online or with an FFA Chapter to participate in this project.
4. Live pets should be identified in 4-H Online by June 15 at 11:59pm. Pets also must be entered into Fair Entry by June 15 at 11:59pm with the required questions completed.
5. To be eligible for the pet show, the member may not have exhibited the pet in any other department of the Fair this current year.
6. Exhibitors must wear appropriate attire: No T-shirts, other than those provided by the Fair Board, which identify the exhibitor, or their 4-H club or chapter shall be worn in the show ring. Long pants & hard-soled shoes & no hats.
7. All pets should come on a leash, in a box, a cage or a bowl.
8. All exhibitors must be responsible for their pet.
9. NO WILD ANIMALS. It is illegal under Iowa law to capture or keep any game animal, fur animal or game birds.
10. All birds (Excluding Pigeons) exhibited must have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition & the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. Testing will take place on Wednesday, July 15 at the Winnebago County Fairgrounds for all birds exhibiting at the Winnebago County Fair.
11. Exhibitors are limited to entering two pets in each class.
12. Dogs and cats must have proof of current rabies & distemper vaccination. A copy should be uploaded to Fair Entry at time of entry.
13. Pets include cats, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, fish, turtles, birds, dogs (not 4-H dog obedience training program) & other small pets.
14. Pets will arrive half an hour before checking in and will be released to go home immediately after the show.
15. Pets will be judged on appearance, health & member's knowledge of caring, handling, & feeding their pet.
16. Pet costume classes will be judged based on: Acceptance of costume (The animal walks/moves normally with a costume), Unified Theme (The exhibitor & animal are in costume, the costumes create a unified theme, and the theme is easily identifiable), Construction of Costume (Fits the animal well, animal is safe to wear & move around in costume, and allows the animal & the exhibitor to maintain visual acuity)
17. K-12th grade exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon and NO Premium. All animals exhibited are considered pets & will NOT be allowed to be sold or go through premium auctions.
18. Each exhibitor will be asked questions about their pet over the microphone for the audience to learn about the pet they brought and how they take care of it.

Check In: Thursday, 12:00 pm

Show: Thursday at 12:30 pm

Health Requirements

Current Rabies Certificate or an official certificate of veterinarian inspection with the Rabies certificate number listed and date of vaccination must be turned in with the dog identification form or brought to the show.

PET SHOW CLASSES

Class Numbers

28101: Dogs

28102: Cats

28103: Pocket Pets (Gerbils, Guinea Pigs, Hamsters, Mice)

28104: Other than listed

28105: Pet Costume

Stuffed Animal Pet Show

NO ENTRY FEE

Clover Kids: Stuffed Animal Pet Show:

1. Clover Kid Stuffed Animal Pet Show is for youth in grades K-3rd in an organized Winnebago County Clover Kids Club. Youth MUST be enrolled as a Clover Kid in 4-H Online to participate in this project.
2. Entries must be made into Fair Entry by June 15 at 11:59pm.
3. Each exhibitor will be asked questions about their pet over the microphone for the audience to learn about the pet they brought and how they take care of it.

Check In: Thursday, 1:30 pm

Show: Thursday at 2:00 pm

STUFFED ANIMAL PET SHOW CLASSES

Class Numbers

28201: Stuffed Animal Pet

28202: Stuffed Animal Pet Costume

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

5:00 pm	Little Miss & Mr. Event/Interviews (Shelter House)
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Wednesday, July 15, 2026

7:00 am-12:00 pm	Livestock Exhibits Arrive through Vet Check
7:00 am-12:00 pm	Horse Check-In: bring horses and decorate stalls
9:00 am-12:00 pm	Beef Check-In & Weigh-In (Pen of 3 Barn)
10:00 am-12:00 pm	Poultry PT Testing
10:00 am-11:00 am	Sheep & Goat Check-In & Weigh-In (Swine Barn)
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Swine Check-In & Weigh-In (Swine Barn)
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Rabbit Check-In (Goat & Rabbit Barn)
12:00 pm	Poultry Check-In (Sheep & Poultry Barn)
4:00 pm-7:00 pm	4-H Gardening Exhibit Drop Off (OPTIONAL) (Exhibit Hall)
4:00 pm-7:00 pm	4-H Static Exhibit Judging (Exhibit Hall)
7:00 pm	Little Miss & Mr. Coronation (Shelter House)
Following Little Miss & Mr.	Queen Coronation (Shelter House)

Thursday, July 16, 2026

10:00 am	4-H & FFA Poultry Show (Poultry Barn)
9:00 am-10:30 am	4-H Gardening Exhibits Arrive (Exhibit Hall)
10:30 am	Judging of 4-H Gardening Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)
12:00 pm-12:30 pm	ALL Pet Show Check In
12:30 pm	Pet Show (Show Arena)
Following Pet Show	Stuffed Animal Pet Show (Show Arena)
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Horse Show (Horse Arena)

Friday, July 17, 2026

9:30 am	Pen of Three Beef Judging (Pen of 3 Barn)
10:00 am	4-H & FFA Beef/Dairy/Bucket Bottle Show (Show Arena)
1:00 pm	Communication Events & Style Show (Shelter House)
4:00 pm	Pictures of State Fair Winners (in Exhibit Hall)
5:00 pm	Open youth Bucket Calf/Bottle Lamb Show (Show Arena)

Saturday, July 18, 2026

9:00 am	4-H & FFA Swine Show (Show Arena)
12:30 pm	4-H & FFA Sheep Show (Show Arena)
1:30 pm	4-H & FFA Goat Show (Show Arena)
3:00 pm	4-H & FFA Rabbit Show (Show Arena)

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:00 am	Horse Show – Games (Horse Arena)
1:00 pm	4-H Members meet at Exhibit Hall to walk to parade (Exhibit Hall)
1:30 pm	Fair Parade
3:00 pm	Parade of Champions & Ribbon Auction (Show Arena)
6:00 pm	Release of Exhibits & Livestock (Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barns)