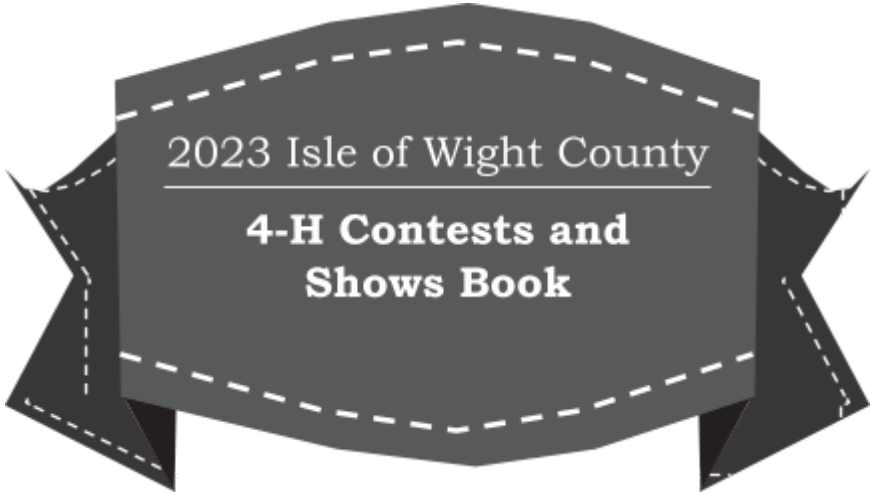




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2023 4-H Registration and Schedule

Friday, June 9, 2023

Entry Deadlines: 4-H Breeding Heifer Show, 4-H Market/Breeding Goat Show, 4-H Feeder Pig/Market Hog Show, 4-H Poultry Show, 4-H Rabbit Show, 4-H Youth and Open Class Ham Contest, 4-H Fine Arts Contest, 4-H Photography Contest, and 4-H Poster Contest. NO late entries will be accepted!

Thursday, September 14, 2023

5:30-8:30 p.m. 4-H Livestock Animal Check In (All animals must be in place by Friday at 9 a.m.): Rabbits, Poultry, Heifers, Market and Breeding Goats, and Feeder/Market Pigs

4-H Rabbits, 4-H Poultry will be on display for the duration of the fair. 4-H Heifers, Market and Breeding Goats, and Market/Feeder Pigs will remain preferably through Sunday at 6 p.m. but are permitted to leave Saturday at 6 p.m.

6:00 p.m.—4-H Youth and Open Ham Show

Friday, September 15, 2023

6:00 p.m.—4-H Rabbit & Poultry Show

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.—Exhibitor Check-In

10:30 a.m.—4-H Feeder Pig/Market Hog Show

1:00 p.m.—4-H Breeding Heifer Show

2:30 p.m.— 4-H Market/Breeding Goat Show

Sunday, September 19, 2023

6:00 pm—Dismissal of all 4-H exhibits (Fine Arts, Photography, Posters, Rabbits, Poultry, and other Livestock)

**For more information, contact
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4-H General Rules

Deadlines

1. All entries must be submitted by June 9, 2023. No late submissions will be accepted. Please register online with FairEntry.

Membership and Conduct

1. All exhibitors must be bona fide 4-H members or, if applicable, FFA/Agriculture members. This includes being in good standing with your local club/chapter and attending at least six club/chapter meetings between **October 2022**, and **August 2023**; and providing a completed 4-H Member Enrollment, 4-H Code of Conduct, and 4-H Health History or FFA membership proof to your local office by **April 1, 2023**. If you are involved in another 4-H locality, proof of good standing will be requested from you and the agent/club leader. 4-H youth are encouraged to complete the YQCA course prior to the Fair. In 2024, this will be mandatory for the Isle of Wight Fair.
2. You must turn 9 by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to show as a 4-Her. Cloverbuds must be 5-8 years of age by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to show.
3. **All 4-H Shows** (Heifer, Market/Breeding Goat, Feeder Pig, Poultry, Rabbit, and Market Hog) are open to all 4-Her's in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton, and Sussex Counties. They must have a completed signed registration form, be in good standing with their respective 4-H program, and abide by all the general and livestock rules.

4-H Youth and Open Class Ham Contest—Open to anyone in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton and Sussex counties with a completed registration form, good standing with their respective 4-H program, and abide by all the general rules.

4-H Fine Arts, Photography and Poster Contest—Open to all 4-H'ers in Isle of Wight with a completed registration form, good standing with the 4-H club, and abide by the general rules.

All shows are open to Isle of Wight FFA/Agriculture students with approval from Agriculture Teacher and/or Farm Manager.

4. Exhibitors and involved parents, volunteers, and adults must abide by the "4-H Code of Conduct." In addition, adults must also abide by the "Standards of Behavior for Virginia 4-H Volunteers."
5. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Direct criticism and interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management or other show officials/4-H staff, other exhibitors before, during, or after the event is prohibited. All judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials/4-H staff shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. No owner, exhibitor, trainer, or any responsible person should conspire with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule may subject such individual to disciplinary action.

Any violation of the Membership and Conduct Rules will result in forfeiture of premiums and awards, disqualification, and probationary status and/or loss of eligibility for future competition at the Isle of Wight Fair.

Attire

1. Attire for the 4-H General Contests is casual but modest.
2. Attire for 4-H livestock exhibitors is a collared shirt with buttons (must be long-sleeved for rabbit and poultry shows) or polo shirts of any color, black or dark blue pants and dress shoes or clean boots.

Fair Responsibilities

1. Any 4-H member from Isle of Wight County who enters an exhibit, whether a General Exhibit or Livestock/Poultry Exhibit, will be required to volunteer in the tent for at least two shifts during the duration of the county fair. Youth 13 and younger must be supervised by a trained 4-H volunteer, preferably a parent.
2. 4-H'ers are expected to be familiar with show requirements, such as the rules found in this booklet regarding their particular show and how they are expected to handle their animals when exhibiting.
3. Youth exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the fair. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines. It is expected that all 4-H'ers exhibiting animals will provide their animals with feed, feed containers and water containers from home and provide it daily to the animals. These will NOT be provided by the Fair or 4-H.
4. Failure to complete any of these responsibilities will result in forfeiture of prize money.

Post-Fair Requirements

1. All participants are expected to complete one record book per exhibit area/species by October 2, 2023. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all prize money. Books will be returned to participants after they have been evaluated.
2. 4-H Youth Ham Contest Participants must turn their record book in the day of the contest or forfeit premium money.

Cloverbuds

1. All 4-H enrolled youth ages 5-8 as of September 30, 2023, are welcome to enter any Livestock/Poultry Contest at the Isle of Wight County Fair with the exception of the 4-H Breeding Heifer Show.
2. Cloverbud events are non-competitive, therefore feedback will be provided to the youth but no prize money will be given.
3. If a Cloverbud wishes to show an animal, they are not required to own the animal, rather it can be borrowed from another 4-H member. It is the responsibility of the Cloverbud family to make arrangements.
4. Cloverbuds may not have sole control of an animal. A regular 4-H member or adult must be in control with the Cloverbud assisting.

Disclaimer

1. Isle of Wight Extension and the Isle of Wight County Fair will not be responsible for loss, damage, or accident to any person, animal, or property. When making an entry, the exhibitor must agree to abide by the rules of the contest and with any final decisions of the show committee.
2. Any exhibitor and/or project leader who is found by the Isle of Wight County 4-H Tent Committee to be violating the above rules, or those that are specific to other Isle of Wight County Fair 4-H Shows and Contests, will forfeit prize money and potentially be banned from participating in any Isle of Wight County Fair 4-H Contest events for life.

Rules applying to all 4-H Livestock, Rabbit, and Poultry Contests

1. You must turn 9 by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to show as a 4-Her. Cloverbuds must be 5-8 years of age by September 30, 2023 to be eligible to show.
2. All animals shown must be owned by and in the possession and care of the youth exhibitor no later than the species' respective entry deadline as specified on the registration. If youth are working with other families or housing animals at another location, please notate that in registration.
3. All entries are subject to on-farm inspections to verify entry information. All

- exhibitors agree to accommodate such inspections.
4. Upon arrival to the Fairgrounds, animals will be checked for visible signs of illness and will be turned away by show officials if there are any signs of illnesses such as warts, pinkeye, ring worm, or any contagious pathogens. **An on-farm health check must be completed 30 days prior to the fair with the 4-H vets office. (more details will be available prior to the fair)**
 5. Identification tags, tattoos, or microchips (with documentation) are mandatory for all species. These identifications will be checked upon entry to the fairgrounds. If any identification does not match a 4-H'er's registration forms, then that animal may be turned away and not eligible to show at the fair. Poultry and rabbit exhibits must match the pictures provided with registration forms.
 6. Youth are only permitted to show one animal in the ring at a time. If a youth must have two animals in a show at one time, it is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to find another 4-H member to show additional animals. If a youth loses hold of their animal more than once in the ring, the animal and youth will be excused from the class.
 7. Youth are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner and adhere to quality assurance guidelines. Exhibitors are required to maintain their respective area(s) in a reasonably clean and orderly condition at all times.
 8. Only appointed ring stewards, species chairpersons, exhibitors, and the Extension Agent are allowed in the show ring. During shows, youth will be allowed to have one adult to help them in the show prep area. We invite all other adults should be in the audience.
 9. The show committee and 4-H staff reserves the right to further divide or combine classes as necessary. Pen assignments will be made by the 4-H staff.
 10. For all species; Use of irritants including alcohols, sprays, and other irritants is prohibited. The use of external or internal tail stimulants is prohibited. The use of muzzles is prohibited. The use of coloring agents is prohibited. The use of adhesives and glues for purpose of fitting hair is allowed, however the addition of twine, hair or any substance to help build legs is prohibited. NO animal will be left unattended while washing or fitting- this includes wash pens and on stands.
 11. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.

Showmanship

1. Showmanship participation is MANDATORY for all exhibitors in all 4-H shows.
2. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in the following categories: Senior (14-18), Junior (9-13), and Novice (first-time showperson younger than 14).

4-H Fine Arts/Photography/Poster Contests

1. All exhibitors are bound by the “General Rules” as well as those below.
2. These categories are open to any 4-H member in Isle of Wight County.
3. All exhibits must be the original work of the 4-H'er created within the last year.
4. Each category will be evaluated separately and further separated by age classes.
5. Every exhibit must come with a clear sealed plastic covering to prevent condensation from damaging the art work/photography. If a plastic covering is not provided, it is not the fault of Isle of Wight Extension or the Isle of Wight County Fair if damage results.
6. Exhibits must have the exhibitor's name, address, age as of September 30, 4-H club and 4-H county listed in a discrete location. For example: on the back of a photo, a tag, etc.
7. Exhibits will be evaluated using the Danish System. A Best in Show will be selected in each age division within the various category classes. An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion in each age division within the various classes will also be chosen.
8. Only the exhibitor's top three placings in each class will qualify for a prize. For example, if a 4-H'er enters three photos (edited) and three photos (not edited), only the three most successful will receive prize money.
9. Items will be on display for the duration of the fair.

Fine Arts Class

1. Project categories include drawings, paintings, and sculptures.
2. Framed and matted exhibits are not to exceed 17 x 20

Photography Class

1. Photo sizes are not to exceed 8 x10, excluding the photo mat.
2. Every photo must be on/in a photo matte.
3. Register in the class corresponding with the camera used to take the photo entered.

Poster Class

1. Posters are not to exceed 22 x 28 (this is a generic poster size).
2. The poster must be titled and make a statement related to that title.

4-H Youth and Open Class Ham Contests

4-H Youth Ham Contest

1. All exhibitors in the 4-H Contest are bound by the “General Rules” as well as those below.
2. Youth ages 5-18 are welcome to exhibit up to TWO hams in the 4-H Ham Contest.
3. All youth enrolled in 4-H in Isle of Wight County are invited to exhibit.
4. All youth ages 5-8 as of September 30 will be entered in a non-competitive category.
5. Youth ages 9-18 as of September 30 are required to complete a record book and submit it to the Agent the day of the contest prior to judging taking place. Without a record book the youth will be entered in the Youth Open Class and will forfeit prize money.
6. The Larry Tate Grand Champion 4-H Youth Ham Award will be given to the top 4-H exhibitor.
7. All exhibits are to be the work of the individual.

Open Class Ham Contest

1. All youth and adults are welcome to exhibit up to TWO hams in the Open Class Ham Contest.
2. No prize money will be awarded to those participating in the Open Class Ham Contest, though the competitors are eligible for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion titles.
3. All exhibits are to be the work of the individual.
4. Good sportsmanship is expected at all times. Direct criticism and interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management or other show officials/4-H staff, other exhibitors before, during, or after the event is prohibited. All judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials/4-H staff shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them. No owner, exhibitor, trainer, or any responsible person should conspire with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule may subject each individual to disciplinary action.

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4-H Rabbit and Poultry Shows

1. All exhibitors are bound by the "General Rules" well as those below.
2. This division is open to 4-H'ers in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton and Sussex counties.
3. It is expected that all 4-H'ers exhibiting animals will provide their animals with feed, feed containers and water containers from home. These will NOT be provided by the Fair or 4-H.
4. Youth exhibiting rabbits and poultry are responsible for the cleanliness of their pens and feeding of their animals for the duration of the fair. As a result, 4-H'ers must be present everyday at the fair to care for their animal(s) or they must make arrangements with other 4-H families to do so. Exhibitors not providing adequate care for their animals will be excused from the 4-H Tent.
5. Any bird that is found to have lice or mites or is otherwise unwell in appearance will not be allowed to be cooped in and must be removed from the fairgrounds.
6. Rabbits and poultry must be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday, September 14, 2023, between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. These species will be on display for the duration of the fair and may not leave until Sunday, September 17, 2023, after all other items have been taken out of the 4-H Tent.
7. All youth must be present to show their animal at show time.
8. When showing these species, youth must wear a long-sleeved shirt. See "Attire" in 4-H Contest Rules.
9. The Danish System will be used when judging. A Best In Show will be determined in each age/breed category within each show. Then, Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion species will be selected.
10. You are required to complete a record book.
11. Youth will only be awarded prize money for their top five placings within each show.
12. The 4-H Staff reserves the right to cancel or modify the poultry show due to the Avian Influenza.

Rabbit Show

1. Entry forms must be submitted on time.
2. If an original entry is substituted with a previously unregistered animal, it will be treated as a late entry and will not be eligible for Champion titles or prize money.
3. Rabbits must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-H'ers direct care.
4. Youth can show 2 entries per category.

Poultry Show

1. Entry forms must be submitted on time.
2. No poultry under the age of 4 months may be exhibited.
3. All poultry must be pullorum tested and banded at cooping or previously tested and banded. If previously tested, a certificate must be presented.
4. If an original entry is substituted with a previously unregistered animal, it will not be eligible for Champion titles or prize money.
5. Poultry must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-H'ers direct care.
6. Youth can show 2 entries per category.

4-H Market and Breeding Goat Show

1. All exhibitors are bound by the “General Rules” as well as those below.
2. This contest is open to any enrolled 4-H youth in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton and Sussex Counties.
3. A market goat may be a nanny or wether and includes purebred and crossbred animals. Market animals must be born after January 1, 2023.
4. Each youth may exhibit four (4) goats with a limit of two (2) per class.
5. All goats will be weighed prior to the show and classes will be divided into light, middle and heavy weight market goats. Classes may be further divided if deemed appropriate by show officials. All goats with a declared weight under 45 pounds will be allowed in a feeder goat class.
6. Goats will be ranked within classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market and Breeding Goats will be selected.
7. ALL goats must comply with federal regulations pertaining to official scrapie identification, which specify that goats should be identified with USDA scrapie tags or microchips prior to exhibition. Scrapie identification tags must be listed on Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
8. Goats must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-Hers care. 4-Hers working with other families or animals housed at another location are expected to care and work with the animals prior to and at the show.

Market Classes

- Market Goat (born after January 1, 2023)

Breeding Classes

(Animals entered as breeding animals may not be entered in market classes)

- Yearling doe (born after January 1, 2022) (has not produced a kid)
- Meat-type doe kid (born after January 1, 2023) (has not produced a kid)
- Meat-type doe in production (has produced one or more kids)

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4-H Breeding Heifer Show

1. All exhibitors are bound by the "General Rules" as well as those below.
2. This contest is open to any enrolled 4-H'ers in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton and Sussex Counties.
3. Any breed of beef heifer is eligible for entry, including purebreds and crossbreds.
4. Heifers must be between seven (7) and twenty (20) months old at the time of the owning and managing on entry deadline.
5. Exhibitors may enter two (2) heifers.
6. Heifer classes will be broken down by age.
7. Heifers will be ranked within classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Heifers will be selected.
8. If an original entry is substituted with an unregistered animal, it will not be eligible for Champion titles or prize money.
9. Heifers must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-H'ers care. 4-Hers working with other families or animals housed at another location are expected to care and work with the animals prior to and at the show.

4-H Feeder Pig Show

1. All exhibitors are bound by the "General Rules" as well as those below.
2. This contest is open to any enrolled 4-H'ers in Isle of Wight and Southampton County.
3. All pigs will be purchased from TAREC or Smithfield Foods (county dependent). 4-H'ers will draw numbers to determine which two pigs they get.
4. Pigs will be identified and weighed on the day pigs are drawn. This is the beginning weight.
10. Pigs must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-H'ers care. 4-Hers working with other families or animals housed at another location are expected to care and work with the animals prior and at the show.
5. All 4-H pigs to be shown must be on feed and separated from all other livestock from the first day of the project, which is when the pigs are taken home.
6. Pigs will be shown by weight classes as determined after the final weigh-in.
7. An award will be given for overall weight gain.

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4-H Market Hog Show

1. All exhibitors are bound by the “General Rules” as well as those below.
2. This show is open to 4-H members in Isle of Wight, Suffolk, Surry, Southampton and Sussex Counties, who are as young as 9 years old but not older than 19 years old as of September 30, 2023.
3. Market hogs will be ranked within classes. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Hog will be selected.
4. In order to have the show, we must have at least two entries (non-family entries) or else the show will be canceled.
5. Market Hogs should be between 220-300 lbs. at the time of weigh in.
6. Market Hogs must be the project animal of the 4-H member and under the 4-Her care. 4-Hers working with other families or animals housed at another location are expected to care and work with the animals prior and at the show.

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