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STORY COUNTY 4-H FAIR ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

<u>Member, District</u>	<u>Position, Term Ending</u>
Derrick Black, Nevada (Northeast District)	President, Director at Large, 2027
Matt Gruhn, Nevada (Northeast District)	Vice President, Director, 2028
Dustin Johns, Collins (Southeast District)	Director, 2027
Jodi Sterle, Roland (Northwest District)	Director, 2028
Joe Steffes, Nevada (Northwest District)	Director, 2029
Scott Smalley, Nevada (Southwest District)	Director, 2027
Nate Voight (Southwest District)	Director, 2029
Bob Jamison, Colo	Director, 2029
Kelly Sheets, Zearing	Director at Large, 2029
Justin Chapman, Ames	Director at Large, 2027
Jessica Krupicka, Nevada	Director at Large, 2028
Karla McCollom, Nevada	Director at Large, 2028
Dustin Helland,	Director at Large, 2029
Dave Moody, Nevada (Appointed)	Treasurer
Amanda Johns, Collins	Fair Operations Manager/Secretary

Northwest District:	Lafayette, Howard, Franklin, and Milford Townships
Northeast District:	Warren, Lincoln, Richland, and Sherman Townships
Southwest District:	Washington, Grant, Palestine, and Union Townships
Southeast District:	Nevada, New Albany, Indian Creek, and Collins Townships
District Director - 3 year term	Director at Large - 3 year term

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Fair/Grounds/Building Committee:	Derrick Black, Bob Jamison
Policy Committee:	Derrick Black, Matt Gruhn
Emergency Response Committee:	Keith Morgan, Matt Grihn, Jo Mortvedt, Bob Jamison
	Amanda Johns, David Runneals
Fair Operations Committee:	Derrick Black, Amanda Johns

FAIR LIAISON

Finance: Treasurer	Dave Moody
Fair Operations Manager	Amanda Johns
Support Team: Board members on an available basis when not at their liaison show	
Set-up/work day	ALL
Clean-up (Sunday)	Matt Gruhn
Fair Queen Contest	Jessica Krupicka
Science and Arts	Bob Jamison
Flower Department	Nate Voight
Family & Consumer Sciences Department	Jessica Krupicka
Beef Department	Dustin Helland
Goat Department	Joe Steffes
Dog Department	Jodi Sterle
Horse Department	Dustin Johns
Rabbit Department	Karla McCollom
Poultry Department	Dustin Johns
Sheep Department	Kelly Sheets
Small Pet Department	Justin Chapman
Swine Department	Scott Smalley
Livestock Judging Contest	Kelly Sheets
Ribbon Sale	Scott Smalley
Spotlight on Story County Youth	Jessica Krupicka
Commercial Exhibits	Amanda Johns
Publicity/Pictures Coordinator	Derrick Black
Ribbon/Banner Coordinator	Amanda Johns
Campgrounds	Jo Mortvedt

FFA ADVISORS

Ballard School
Collins-Maxwell School
Colo-NESCO School
Gilbert Community School
Nevada School
Roland-Story School
Ames High School

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Garrett Meitner
Todd Frohwein
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Kevin Cooper
Katelyn Zimmerman
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Regional Extension Education Director
County 4-H Youth Coordinator
County Youth Outreach Coordinator
Marketing and Office Coordinator
Field Agronomist
Office and Program Coordinator

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The nine Story County Extension Council members are elected at the general election. They are responsible for overseeing the planning and carry out of the Extension program. The Youth Development Committee is appointed by the Extension Council to serve as an overall program development and action committee for all Extension youth programs in Story County.

4-H is an educational program. It is designed to develop living skills and subject matter knowledge in youth. The purpose of the Story County Fair is to provide an exhibit evaluation of projects completed by 4-H members, FFA members, and other youth affiliated with the Story County 4-H Program. This evaluation is designed to reflect the research findings in the various disciplines at Iowa State University. The county fair, therefore, is an educational event conducted to aid youth to develop life skills such as communication, leadership, citizenship and decision-making.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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		Gwen Pross	Maxwell
Michelle Dunblazier	Maxwell	Delann Soenksen	Ames

INSPIRATION COMMITTEE

Derrick Black, Nevada	Matt Gruhn, Nevada
Jodi Sterle, Roland	Kelly Sheets, Nevada
Scott Smalley, Nevada	Jessica Krupicka, Nevada
Amanda Johns, Collins	Pam Kahler, Cambridge
Joe Steffes, Nevada	Dustin Johns, Collins

HISTORY COMMITTEE

Evelyn Beavers	Ames	Shirley Pilgrim	Nevada
Marlys Cooper	Ames	Linda Meyers	Story City
Mary deBaca	Huxley	Bob Nervig	Ankeny
MaryAnn Gardner	Nevada	Joe Toot	Nevada
Ralph Manning	Nevada		

STORY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Maya Hayslett	Ames	Clint Van Hauen	Ames
Bob Jamison	Colo	Mary Wilkins	Colo
Jill Janes	Ames	Emily Smalley	Nevada
Melea Licht	Roland	Erika Osmundson	Gilbert
Cathy Frey	Nevada		

COUNTY 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Madison Beavers	Addison Thomas
Olivia Ness	Colin Humphreys
Addelyn Dirkx	Ted Christian
Grace Janes	Alyssa Moeller
Madelyn Janes	Samantha Geater
Tenley Jones	Danika Wilkins
Ava Kellen	Conner Gaffey
Emery Osmundson	Tucker Hobbs
Lauren Van Hauen	Mara Dixon
Maddox Weigelt	Julia Mortvedt
Gracie Hovick	Carson Wilkins
Amelia Elmore	Gavin Hermanson
Owen Williams	

2026 STORY COUNTY YOUTH FAIR AND PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE

April 1	Must be actively enrolled at https://v2.4honline.com/ to exhibit at fair
May 2 8:00-11:00a	Sheep, Meat Goat and Bottle/Bucket Calf Weigh in @ Story County Fairgrounds
May 15	Livestock Identification Process completed in https://v2.4honline.com/ (Breeding beef, dog, meat goats, dairy goats, horse, sheep, and swine)
May 26 6:00 p.m.	First Time 4-H and Clover Kid Dog Project Meeting, Christy Hall
June 9	Queen Pageant Entry Online Form Due, Queen Application
June 15	Share-the-Fun Entry Form Due, Extension Office (in addition to fair entry)
June 15	County Fair Entries and Fees Due in http://storyia.fairentry.com
June 15	Youth For the Quality Care of Animals certification Due Copy of Certificate on file at Extension Office
July 1	Last Day for County Fair Entry Late Fees (applies June 16-July 1)
July 1	State Fair Entries Due in https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com
July 7 6:30 p.m.	Joint Fairboard and Superintendents Meeting, Christy Hall
July 10	Non-Conference static exhibit drop-off, per appointment Tractor, Small Engine, Large Equipment drop off, Community Building
July 11 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Enter Clover Kid Exhibits, Christy Hall
July 11 1:00pm - 5:00pm	Check-in Photography, Visual Arts, Personal Development, and Agriculture and Natural Resources static exhibits, Christy Hall
July 11 TBA	Queen Contest Judging, Community Building
July 12 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Check-in Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement, Science Engineering and Technology, and Family and Consumer Science static exhibits, Christy Hall
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bake sale, featuring 4-H Food Exhibits, Christy Hall
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Tractor, Small Engine, Large Equipment Judging, Community Building
Monday July 13 8:00am - 4:00pm	Clothing and Communication Event, Nevada High School
July 13 5:30 p.m.	Fair Set-up, Fairgrounds
Tuesday July 14 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Vet Check/Enter Horses, Horse Barn
4:00 p.m.	Horse Exhibitor Meeting
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Enter Poultry, Pullorum Typhoid Testing, Poultry/Rabbit Barn
	Enter Rabbits- East end of the Rabbit/Poultry Barn

5:00-6:00 pm
6:00 p.m.,
TBD.

Enter and Weigh Bottle Calves, Scale behind the Fair Office
Horse Show- Timed Events Show
Rabbit Exhibitor Meeting, South of Rabbit Barn

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Enter and Weigh Beef, Scale behind the Fair Office
Vet Check/Enter **Breeding Swine**, Swine Barn

Wednesday July 15

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.- TBD
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m..
9:00a.m.
9:00 a.m.

Rabbit Hopping Check-in, Dueland Pavilion
Enter Dairy Goats and Meat Goats, Goat Barn
Enter Sheep, East end of the Sheep Barn
Poultry Exhibitor Meeting
The Iowa Carver/ Community Building
Vet Check/Enter **Horses**, Horse Barn
Rabbit Hopping Show, Dueland Pavilion
Rabbit Show, Dueland Pavilion
Horse Show, Horse Arena, Trail, Hunter-Jumper Events,
English Performance
BUILDINGS OPEN – EXHIBITS, Christy Hall & Community Building
Meat Goat Exhibitor Meeting, Dueland Pavilion
4-H Food Stand
Swine Exhibitors Meeting, Dueland Pavilion
Enter **Other Small Pets & Cats**, Dueland Pavilion
Clover Kid Small Pets & Cat Show, Dueland Pavilion
Other Small Pet & Cat Judging, Dueland Pavilion
Beef Exhibitor Meeting
Bottle/Bucket Calf Exhibitor Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

4-H Barbecue, Dueland Pavilion
Foundation Presentation
Queen Coronation, Dueland Pavilion

6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Thursday July 16

7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m.- TBD
8:30 a.m.

Breeding Swine Show, Dueland Pavilion
Showmanship, Purebred Gilt Show, Commercial Gilt Show
Vet Check/Enter **Horses**, Horse Barn
The Iowa Carver/ Community Building
Western Horse Show, Horse Arena
Pony Halter, Horse Halter, Showmanship, Western Performance
Judging **Flower & Vegetable Exhibits**, Community Building Upper level
BUILDINGS OPEN – EXHIBITS, Christy Hall & Community Building
Watermelon Feed- Farm Credit Services of America
Story County Library's Program- Park
Clover Kid Gardener Fest, Community Building
4-H Food Stand
Sheep Exhibitor Meeting, Dueland Pavilion
Boer/Meat Goat Show, Dueland Pavilion
Dairy Goat Exhibitor Meeting & Goat Milk Out for Show Day, Goat Barn

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Release of Breeding Swine
Outdoor Movie Park/Lower Level CB

8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m.

Friday July 17

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.- TBD
9:00 a.m.
9:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.
Time TBA
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.

Vet Check/Enter **Market Swine**, Swine Barn
Dairy Goat Show, Dueland Pavilion
The Iowa Carver/ Community Building
Model Horse Show – Community Building
BUILDINGS OPEN – EXHIBITS, Christy Hall & Community Building
Swine Weigh-In and ultrasonic scans, Swine Barn
Story County Library's Program- Park
4-H Food Stand
Clover Kids Model Horse Show, Community Building
Beef Show, Dueland Pavilion
Breeding Beef, Beef Showmanship, & Market Beef

TBD, Directly after show
4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

Picking of the Grand Champion Market and Breeding Beef
Enter Horses, Veterinary Check in for Horses
Horse Drill Team Performance and Fun Show
Ribbon Sale sign-up deadline

Saturday July 18

7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.
4:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Enter and Weigh Advanced Cattle Feeders, Scale behind the Fair Office
BUILDINGS OPEN – EXHIBITS, Christy Hall & Community Building

Sheep Show, Dueland Pavilion

Clover Kid Bottle Lamb Show, Breeding Classes, Showmanship Classes,
Market Lamb Classes & Sheep Fun Show

Ames Woodworkers Club Exhibit, Community Building

Clover Kid Dog Fun Show, Park Area near Community Building

Clover Kids Show & Tell, Community Building upper level

4-H Working Exhibits, Community Building upper level

Bottle Bucket Calf Interviews- (Grades 4-6) TBD

Share The Fun, Community Building upper level

Presentation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Clothing Style Show, Community Building upper level

Clothing and Communication Awards Presentation, Community Building

4-H Food Stand

Dog Show, Park area near Community Building

Livestock Judging Contest, West End of Bob Williams Arena

Livestock Costume Show, Dueland Pavilion

Bacon Buddies Sign-up

Bacon Buddies

Bottle Bucket Calf Show, Dueland Pavilion

Bingo - Community Building

Sunday July 19

6:30 – 10:00 a.m.
7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm
11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Building

4-H Food Stand (Breakfast provided by Story County Farm Bureau)

Market Swine Show, Dueland Pavilion

Showmanship, Market Barrows and Gilts, Swine Fun Show (Time
TBA.), Barrows and Gilts, Lean Gain on Test Awards

Poultry Show, West of Poultry Barn

BUILDINGS OPEN – EXHIBITS Christy Hall & Community Building

Ames Woodworkers Club Exhibit, Community Building

Tractor Pull Sign up,

Tractor Pull, Tentative

Supreme Showmanship Contestant Meeting, Fair Office

4-H Food Stand

Judging of **Advanced Cattle Feeders**, Scale behind the Fair Office

Judging of **Live Beef Carcass Class**, Dueland Pavilion

Supreme Showman Contest, Dueland Pavilion

Spotlight on Youth, Dueland Pavilion

Ribbon Auction- Dueland Pavilion

9 Year 4-H Member Recognition and Ribbon Auction, Dueland Pavilion

Exhibit Release of Non-Market Animals

Exhibit Release/Check Out of Static Exhibits, Christy Hall & Community Building

Wednesday, July 29

6:30 p.m.

Joint Fairboard and Superintendents Meeting, Christy Hall

SET-UP and TAKE DOWN ASSIGNMENTS

	Monday, July 13 Clean/Set-Up Start Time: 5:30 p.m.		Sunday, July 19 Clean/Tear-Down Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
<u>TASK</u>	<u>CLUB</u>		<u>CLUB</u>
Christy Hall	Club Leaders Only		Club Leaders Only
Bob Williams Arena	Exhibitors		Exhibitors
Goat Barn	Exhibitors		Exhibitors
Swine Barn	Exhibitors		Exhibitors
Sheep Barn	Exhibitors		Exhibitors
Cattle Barn	Exhibitors		Exhibitors
Rabbit/ Poultry	Rabbit Hopping & Exhibitors		Rabbit Hopping & Exhibitors
Horse/Housing Area & Ring	Richland Royals, Washington Happenings, & Exhibitors		Richland Royals, Washington Happenings, & Exhibitors
4-H Food Stand	County 4-H Youth Council		County 4-H Youth Council
Dueland Pavilion	FFA Chapters		FFA Chapters

Exhibit Judging Schedule and Conference Judging

Since exhibitors have the opportunity to be conference judged, it is important to check in 15 minutes prior to your first **scheduled** judging time to maintain the schedule throughout the day. If you arrive for conference judging outside of your selected time, you will be asked to wait until a time slot is available.

Saturday, July 11, 2026 @8am-noon Clover Kid Judging

Saturday, July 11, 2026 @1pm-5pm Static Judging (Photography, Visual Arts, Personal Development, and Agriculture and Natural Resources ONLY)

Sunday, July 12th, 2026 @12pm-4pm Static Judging (Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement, Science, Engineering, and Technology, Family and Consumer Science) ONLY

Location of Exhibit Judging

CHECK-IN: WILL OCCUR IN Christy Hall.

No exhibits will be allowed to check-in after 5:00pm on Saturday and 4:00pm on Sunday.

Christy Hall: ALL exhibits enter through the west facing black doors.

CHECK-OUT: Once all your exhibits have been judged, you will take exhibits not held for further consideration to check-out at Christy Hall.

Location of Exhibits on Display

Community Building: Flowers and Vegetables (upper level), Photography (upper level), Large outdoor exhibits, Tractors, Small Engines, and Large Equipment (North Yard).

Christy Hall: Clover Kids, All Family and Consumer Sciences, Personal Development, Food & Nutrition, Music, Visual Arts, Ag & Natural Resources, Home Improvement, Science, Engineering & Technology.

All exhibits will be released at 2:30 pm on Sunday, July 19, 2026

Livestock Award Photographs

Take your award/trophy picture at the fair display located on the south side of Dueland Pavilion. Then submit your picture to scfair85@gmail.com. Include a caption for your photo. The caption should include your name, club/chapter, and award. Pictures need to be submitted by July 31.

STORY COUNTY YOUTH FAIR SPIRIT AWARD

The Fair Board Members of the Story County Fair Association would like to present an award to recognize a youth who exemplifies the “Spirit” of the Youth Fair. Youth will be nominated by Fair Board Directors, 4-H Leaders, Vocational Agriculture Teachers and peers during the County Fair with a cut-off date to nominate an individual by 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening of the fair.

The award will consist of a **“Spirit of the Fair” 4-H** Award plaque and disc or an FFA Award Pin and a scholarship for \$100.00. Winner of the **“Spirit of the Fair”** Award will be announced at the **SpotLight on Youth** at the closure of the fair on Wednesday evening. There is no limit as to the number of times an individual may win the Award.

Applications for the **“Spirit of the Fair”** Award will be selected by a committee composed of Fair Board Members, 4-H Volunteer Leaders, Vocational Agriculture Instructors, a member of the Extension Staff and youth representatives from 4-H and FFA groups. The President of the Fair Board and a member of the Extension Staff will make selection of the evaluation committee. Award Nomination Form. Award Nomination Forms may be picked up at the fair office.

GUIDELINES OF “SPIRIT OF THE FAIR” AWARD:

Criteria in the selection of the winner of the **“Spirit of the Fair”** Award might include the following or the individual should show evidence of:

- **Leadership:** Shows leadership evidence with peers, younger members; Volunteers for any tasks needing done; Promotes the fair and youth program by word of mouth to media, family, friends, prospective members, etc.
- **Citizenship:** Member shows (by action) the importance of being a good citizen: Courteous to others at all times; helping Others; Friendliness shown to all people; Personal Appearance is neat, well groomed (including proper attire during livestock shows); Honesty shown - above reproach.
- **Involvement:** Attendance at many fair activities and events; Participates in various activities (as an exhibitor or a spectator), served as host/hostess at exhibits, helps with pre-fair clean-up days; and helps keep fairgrounds and buildings clean.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL EXHIBITORS

1. Exhibitors **must be enrolled by April 1, 2026 as a member** of the Story County 4-H Program or an FFA Chapter that participates in the Story County Youth Fair. 4-H/FFA members may make exhibit entries for the 2026 Story County Fair that reflects their identified project areas. An exhibit is one component of a project. Exhibitors are responsible for selecting the appropriate class entry for their exhibits. Class changes will not be allowed after the late entry deadline, July 1.
2. **4-H and FFA YOUTH ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE (3) GRADE GROUPS BASED ON GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER 15 OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.** Juniors must be in grades 4, 5, or 6 as of Sept. 15th. Intermediates must be in grades 7, 8, or 9 as of Sept. 15th. Seniors must be in grades 10, 11, or 12 as of September 15th. The last year of eligibility for 4-H members to exhibit at the Story County Fair is the year of graduation from high school for a SENIOR member. FFA members may exhibit animals at the Story County Fair until they are 21 if they are in good standing with their chapter. They may not show in the showmanship classes.
3. All Story County Fair entries for 4-H and FFA members are due on or before **June 15 in <http://storyia.fairentry.com>**.
4. All youth exhibiting livestock in the Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Swine, Poultry, and Rabbit division are required to be Youth For The Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified by **June 15**. 4-Hers must supply a copy of the certificate to the County Youth Coordinator by **June 15**. **Previous FSQA tests will not be accepted. Without a current YQCA certificate, exhibitors will not be eligible.**
5. To ensure availability of space and participation by as many different 4-H and FFA members as possible at the Story County Fair, it is the policy of the Story County Fair Board, Story County Extension office, and Agricultural Education Department **that the exhibitors who are both 4-H and FFA members cannot enter a 4-H and FFA exhibit in the same division. A division is the sub-categories under the livestock department. (For example: the department would be Beef, the divisions would be Market Beef, Breeding Beef, and Cow-Calf).**
6. **ENTRY FEE: All exhibitors will pay an entry fee at the time of entry. Entry is not complete without payment of the fee. Fee is \$ 2.00 per class entry. All animals and exhibits require a separate entry. There will be an additional bedding fee of \$25.00 per head for all Beef (excludes bottle bucket). Cow/Calf pairs will also pay \$25.00 for bedding. There is a rabbit and poultry bedding fee of \$2.00 per animal and Pullorum Testing fee of \$0.50 per bird. There will be no refunds on entry fees.**
7. Late entries are defined as those Story County Fair entries made after **June 15. Late entries will only be accepted through July 1.** They will be accepted only on a "space available basis" and upon payment of a \$5.00 late charge per exhibit entry plus the regular entry fee (as described in Rule 6 above). **This rule applies to all divisions of the 2026 Story County Fair.**
8. **Alcohol** is not permitted on the fairgrounds. The use of alcohol is not promoted by the Extension Service/4-H Program or the FFA programs. The Story County Fair is an educational event for 4-H and FFA youth. Therefore, all exhibitors and their families are expected to abide by this rule.
9. Tobacco and smoking is not permitted on the Fairgrounds.
10. **Firearms and other weapons:**
In buildings and on all property owned by the Story County Fair Association, the use of or possession of firearms (including air and gas powered pistols and rifles), blow guns, bows and arrows or crossbows, and any other implements designed to discharge missiles in the air is prohibited. The possession of such objects or implements is prohibited unless they are unloaded and adequately cased, or broken down or otherwise packed in such a way as to prevent their use while in the areas owned by the Association.
Exception 1: Authorized Federal, State, County and City law enforcement officers may carry firearms in the performance of their official duties.
Exception 2: 4-H members who are members of the Shooting Sports 4-H Club during supervised training, demonstrations, and competitions.
11. All exhibits are under the control of the department Superintendents. The fair management will use diligence to ensure the safety of all animals or articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage.

12. Veterinary bills incurred from the animal examination at species check-in time and throughout the fair are the responsibility of the exhibitor.
13. The decision of the judge is final in placing exhibits. Livestock judges may choose to award Purple or Champion ribbons based on the judging standards and criteria of the class.
14. Trophies may be awarded with permission of the Fairboard, if a donor is available. A list is provided.
15. **The order of communication, should a question or concern arise, should be Superintendent, Fairboard Liaison for the department, Fairboard/Extension Staff/FFA Advisor. Protests of any nature must be written and submitted with a \$50 deposit during the fair to the Fair Manager from which the complaint arises.** Such protests must state the case plainly. The protests will be reviewed and acted on by the executive committee. If the protest is not sustained, the deposit will be forfeited, and any additional expenses incurred to act on the protest will be paid by the party filing the protest. If the protest is sustained, the deposit will be returned and any additional expenses incurred to act on the protest will be paid by the Story County Fair Association. Protest based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent will not be accepted.
16. Should an infraction occur for a Story County 4-H or FFA member and/or their family members (defined when the infraction consequence is applied) at a 2023 or future state or national event in which the 4-H and/or FFA programs are represented (Iowa State Fair, AKSARBEN, Clay County Fair, American Royal, etc.), then the disciplined consequence incurred from the infraction will be immediately recognized by the Story County Extension Council, 4-H Youth Development Committee, FFA Advisor, and the Story County Fair Board. The disciplined consequence will immediately apply to the next and forthcoming Story County Fairs. The 4-H and FFA programs are beneficial youth programs to be proud of at the local, state, and national levels. The mission of each program is defined the same at every level. Infractions will not be tolerated within either program at any level.
17. All **non-livestock** exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All **non-market** livestock exhibits will be released on Sunday, July 19 at 2:30 p.m. and all **market** livestock exhibits will be released immediately following the Ribbon Sale. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to claim their exhibits.
18. Premiums will be prorated based on unit value and ribbon rating point value. **YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE 2026 RIBBON AUCTION WILL FORFEIT ALL MARKET ANIMAL PREMIUMS. ALL PREMIUM CHECKS MUST BE CASHED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF ISSUE.** Checks cashed after 60 days from the date of check will not be honored.
19. The executive committee must approve all bills before the treasurer can pay them.
20. Dress code for exhibition is a 4-H t-shirt or FFA t-shirt, unless other or additional requirements are set by department Superintendents with Fairboard approval. For specific dress code information, read division and department rules.
21. Removal of diseased animals is immediate by order of the official veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in the exhibitor being penalized on a case-to-case basis as determined by the Fairboard.
22. Fairground quiet hours. 10:00 pm – 5:00 am. The horse arena will be closed to all participants at 10:00 pm with the lights out by 10:30 pm.

CAMPING REGULATIONS:

- a) The designated camping area is the area north of the beef barn and northeast of the Horse Arena.
- b) No camping is permitted anywhere else on the grounds including the livestock and horse barns.
- c) No ATVs, golf carts, or bikes are allowed in the campgrounds without prior fair board approval.
- d) Pets in the campgrounds must be up to date on current vaccinations, leashed or in the camper, and Fairboard must be informed that an animal is present.
- e) Chaperones are required and must be either a leader or a parent. The chaperones MUST stay at the camper overnight. (An 18-year-old person is not acceptable.)
- f) Camping fee is a flat fee of \$150.00 for campers and \$75.00 for tents paid by June 15. There is an additional \$25 late fee after June 15. Checks payable to The Story County Fair Association.
- g) Additional information will be emailed in July. For questions, email jo.mortvedt@gmail.com.
- h) Drawing electricity for camping purposes can only be done through the official campsite, not through barns.

PROTESTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

- a) The Story County Fair Association recognizes the First Amendment of the US Constitution relating to free speech.
- b) If confrontations or protests occur or appear likely to occur, notify the Story County Fair Association Manager and/or President of the Board immediately. Do not take personal or direct action.
- c) Media questions about protests, picketing or issues related to animal care should be addressed by the Fair Operations Manager, the Fair Board President, or their designees.

Rules for protests/demonstrations on property of the Story County Fair Association:

- No individual or group may interrupt the normal activities of the Fair or other events of the Story County Fair Association.
- Handing out literature of any type must be from a rented booth or similar facility.
- A protest/demonstration must be arranged with Management of the Story County Fair Association.
- Amplified methods are not allowed at any protest/demonstration.
- Protesting/demonstrating group or individual shall be responsible for the proper disposal at their expense of any or all debris resulting in their event.
- Protesting/demonstrating group or individual shall be responsible for the actions of all persons involved during their event and shall be held responsible for the actions of all persons.
- Location of a protest/demonstration shall be on the tennis courts on the west side of the fairgrounds.
- A protest/demonstration shall be allowed between 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- The Story County Fair Association shall not be held liable for any actions or activities brought forth by any group or individual participating in a protest/demonstration.
- The Story County Fair Association reserves final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding protesting/demonstrating at any event/activity of the Society.

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR THE QUEEN CONTEST

Superintendent: Abby Maxwell (309-371-7027)
Anna Sheets (319-215-5515)
Caine Wood (712-308-6509)

In order to compete for the Story County Fair Queen pageant and compete for the title of Iowa State Fair Queen 2026, the following rules must be followed:

1. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and cannot have had her 21st birthday as of August 13, the first day of the 2026 Iowa State Fair Queen Pageant.
2. Contestants must be unmarried and must never have been married.
3. Contestants must be a U.S. citizen and must be a member of a Story County worthy organization in her community such as church groups, Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility is not limited to 4-H membership.
4. Professional models are not eligible to compete.
5. Contestants cannot have had a child or be knowingly pregnant at the time of the county fair pageant or the State Fair queen pageant. If the Story County Fair queen is found to be pregnant prior to the Iowa State Fair Queen pageant, she will be ineligible to compete and will be asked to relinquish her title.
6. A previous Story County Fair Queen is not eligible to compete.
7. Deadline for entry will be May 30th, 2026, on an official entry form.
8. Each contestant must be sponsored by a business or a nonprofit community service organization that pays a \$30.00 entry fee to the Story County Fair.
9. The Fair Queen contestants will be judged on the basis of poise, personality, and ability to converse at a competitive contest. The judging is divided into the following four divisions:

DIVISION 1: GROUP INTERVIEW

50 POINTS TOTAL

Ability to converse	20 points
Personality	15 points
Poise	15 points

Attire: Business Professional. Suit or dress worn for the group interview may also be worn in the professional wear category.

DIVISION 2: PROFESSIONAL WEAR/INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEW

40 POINTS TOTAL

Posture and Poise	10 points
Overall Impression	10 points
Confidence in self	10 points
Individual Interview	10 points

Attire: Business Professional. Suit or dress worn for the professional wear category may also be worn in group interview. Suit pieces do not have to be of the same fabric, separates will be allowed. Suit or dress worn for the Interview may also be worn/judged in the Professional Wear category. Props are not allowed.

DIVISION 3: EVENING GOWN/DINNER WITH JUDGES

40 POINTS TOTAL

Stage Presence	15 points
Overall Impression	15 points
Table Etiquette	10 points

Attire: Long Evening Gown. At least one portion of the evening gown's hemline needs to be floor length (touching the floor or contestant's foot). Other portions of the dress may be knee or tea length, depending on the design of the dress. A gown with the skirt split above the knee (more than 2" above the knee cap), a low-cut bodice and/or cut/design inappropriate for the state pageant may be discounted by the judges.

DIVISION 4: FAIR INVOLVEMENT

20 POINTS TOTAL

Attitude	10 points
Involvement	10 points

10. Failure to comply with the following requirements could result in the loss of judging points. Points and score sheets are for judges' assessment only. Final selection is the judges' decision.
11. NO professional hairdressers or makeup artists will be allowed backstage the evening of the pageant. NO parents or relatives will be allowed backstage prior to the pageant.
12. The Story County Fair Pageant Coordinator reserves the right to change the foregoing terms and

conditions at any time as may be deemed expedient.

13. All contestants must attend the Story County Fair July 15 through July 19, 2026 and its events.

*June 6	Orientation Meeting, 9:00 am, Location TBD
*July 11	Judging, Upper Level Community Building (TIME is TBD)
*July 13	Set Up Story County FairGrounds
*July 15	2026 Crowning of Queen 7:30p
*July 15-19	2026 Story County Fair

14. The Queen will spend the period from August 11^h through August 15^h, 2026 at the Iowa State Fair competing for the title of "Miss Iowa State Fair Queen of 2026". The Story County Fair Board will pay the entry fee and the Iowa State Fair will provide a sash and crown to be worn throughout the fair.

15. The winner of the county fair pageant will be asked to appear at various functions during the following year both by the Fair Board and the community. All appearances of the queen in her official capacity must be approved by the county fair pageant coordinator.

16. If any of the terms and conditions listed in these rules is not followed by the contestant, the Story County Fair Pageant Coordinator has the right to disqualify that contestant from the competition.

.Application can be found on the Story County Fair Queen social media pages or by contacting storycofairqueen@gmail.com to receive an application.

Junior Miss Contest

We will be offering a Junior Miss Story County Fair! The Junior Miss Story County contest will be held during the regular scheduled contest and the winner crowned on coronation night. The Junior Miss must be enrolled in a 4-H club in Story County and have just completed 4th -8 th grade.

June 6	Junior Miss Orientation meeting, 9:30am, Location TBD
July 11	Judging, Upper Level, Community Building, Time TBD
July 13	Set up Story County Fairgrounds
July 15	Crowning of our 2026 Story County Fair Royalty 7:30pm
- 2026 Story County Fair- July 15-19	

Application can be found on the Story County Fair Queen social media pages or by contacting storycofairqueen@gmail.com to receive an application.

Little Miss Contest

The Little Miss Story County contest will be held during the regular scheduled contest and the winner will be crowned on coronation night The Little Miss must be a Story County Clover Kid, have just completed K- 3rd grade and be able to participate in the coronation at the Story County Fair.

Information regarding the contest will be sent to parent/guardians via email

July 11	2026 Judging, Upper Level Community Building, Time TBD
July 13	Set up Story County Fairgrounds
July 15	Crowning of our 2026 Story County Fair Royalty 7:30pm
2026 Story County Fair- July 15-19	

Application can be found on the Story County Fair Queen social media pages or by contacting storycofairqueen@gmail.com to receive an application.

ANIMAL SCIENCE DIVISION

General Superintendents: Derrick Black

4-H 202: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/194> FFA 202: https://www.iowaffa.com/CMDocs/IowaFFAAssociation/Iowa%20State%20Fair/2019/FFA202_Approved_3-23-19.pdf

GENERAL RULES FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITS

1. **ALL EXHIBITS MUST HAVE BEEN CARED FOR AND FED BY THE EXHIBITOR FROM MAY 15 ON.** (Members not living at home are ineligible to exhibit).
2. **All Breeding Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Horse, Dog and/or Swine exhibits must be identified in 4hOnline by May 15.** If identification is not correct and current by May 15, that animal is not eligible for exhibition. Market Beef animals must be identified by February 1.
3. **EXHIBITORS WITH BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, MEAT GOAT, DAIRY GOAT, POULTRY, RABBIT (only rabbit hopping is the exception), SHEEP, AND/OR SWINE MUST BE YQCA CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2026. Exhibitors in grades 4 – 6 with bottle bucket calves are also required to be YQCA certified.** Exhibition is not allowed if certification is not current. 4-Hers must submit a copy of their current YQCA certificate to the County Youth Coordinator. **FSQA will no longer be accepted.** The YQCA Face to Face Training will be available through Story County Extension on February 22nd, 2026 from 4:30-6pm at the Hansen Learning Center in Ames. Clover Kids do not complete YQCA training.
4. **EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO USE EITHER SAWDUST OR WOOD CHIPS AS BEDDING FOR ALL LIVESTOCK.**
5. All animal exhibits with the exception of Horses and Ponies, Advanced Cattle Feeder groups, Dogs, and Small Pets must be in place no later than Wednesday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. See appropriate department for entry times of the exceptions.
6. No re-weights are allowed for any animals weighed.
7. **It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility to care for and groom his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills and be done with a family member and/or another 4-H/FFA member.**
8. **No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals is allowed except for horses. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals will be wiped down except horses. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and will not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.**
9. Absolutely no tranquilizing or other drugging of animals will be allowed in any manner. The following are guidelines set out by the Story County Fair Board regarding drugging of animals:
 - a) No drugs or medicines of **any kind** may be administered except by the order of the official Fair Veterinarian.
 - b) All animals are subject to drug testing at the request of the Story County Fair Board.
 - c) All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
 - d) **The use of Clenbuterol and other illegal drugs is prohibited.** Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Story County Fair Board, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the ribbon sale, the exhibitor of said animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, at the discretion of the Story County Fair Board, the Reserve Champion will become the Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced. Should a violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer. All placings in the show will be detained until the investigation is complete. Carcass condemnation at the packing plant due to unethical or illegal practices shall be grounds for disqualification in the on foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
10. 4-H and FFA members must show their own exhibits, except in case of sickness or other justifiable reason. Substitute show person **must** be a Story County 4-H or FFA member. **The appropriate livestock species superintendent must approve the substitution.**
11. The judge may award livestock exhibits with purple, blue, red, and white ribbons. The judge may also select a Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion in each livestock species. The decision of the judge is final.
12. Exhibit premiums are determined with the highest ribbon placing awarded. The highest premium dollars that may be awarded is the dollar amount assigned to a straight purple ribbon. A premium point system is used to calculate premium dollars.

13. Classes may be divided or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent and Judge.
14. **Entry in the Fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.**
15. Stalls, pens, and alleyways must be cleaned, and manure deposited, where instructed by each livestock Superintendent, by no later than 7:30 a.m. each day, unless another time is specified in the species rules. Exhibitors will keep the rear space of the stall clear and clean throughout the day.
16. **All exhibitors will leave pens or stalls clean of all manure at the close of the fair or forfeit premium.**
17. Previous winners of showmanship awards may compete at the next level (i.e., junior winners compete at intermediate level) and can compete multiple times as a senior level exhibitor. Exhibitors must show their own livestock in showmanship classes.
18. Livestock exhibitors **cannot** remove animals from the grounds until Sunday evening (unless there are special circumstances and the fairboard approves), **after the Ribbon Auction for market animals or 2:30 p.m. for non-market animals or your premiums will be forfeited.**
19. Courtesy is expected in the barns, on the grounds, and in the show ring. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. No abuse of animals will be tolerated. (See Herdsmanship rules).
20. A concern has been expressed about exhibitor safety when showing beef animals. The Fair Board suggests the following to minimize risk in showing beef animals.
21. a) Parents use discretion in showing animals that are not properly broken to lead. Help 4-H/FFA exhibitors begin early and supervise this part of the project.
b) When Dueland Pavilion is not in use during the fair, it will be open so that exhibitors may acquaint their animals with their new surroundings.
22. Stall cards cannot be changed. Any changing of stall cards will automatically disqualify the exhibitor from the Story County Fair.
23. Fans should be cleaned and checked before being brought to the fair. Fans found to be faulty upon inspection, will be removed from the grounds. The Fair Board has the final authority in approval of fans. Fans must have a protective covering over the blades, belts and other moving parts.
Fans will be limited as follows:
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| Cattle: | 1 fan per maximum of two animals. No butt fans allowed. |
| Sheep/Goats: | 1 fan per two pens |
| Swine: | 1 fan per pen |
| Rabbits/Poultry: | Regulated by division superintendent |
| Horses: | 1 fan per stall (if needed) - fans should not be mounted on metal grill which surrounds the building, unless the fan is insulated from the grill. |
24. Dress code for showing animals: a white shirt, 4-H shirt, or FFA shirt, long pants, and closed toed shoes.
25. Livestock equipment may be brought to the fairgrounds Tuesday, July 15th from 12:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
26. **Disclaimer: Health Rules for all species are subject to change based on State Veterinarian guidelines. Notice will be given if changes arise.**



2025 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITION

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.

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

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

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

SWINE

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

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

POULTRY AND BIRDS

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

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

DOGS AND CATS

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



FARM DEER

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

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

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

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

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

Jeff Kaisand, D.V.M., State Veterinarian
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

Tuesday, July 14

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Enter & Weigh-in: Bottle Calves** – Fair Office Scale

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Enter & Weigh-in: Market Beef, Breeding Heifers, Cow/Calves**

Fair Office Scale

Wednesday, July 15

2:00 p.m. **All Beef Exhibitor Meeting** - Dueland Pavilion

Friday, July 17

3:00 p.m. **Beef Show** - Dueland Pavilion

Champion Beef Selection- During Show

Saturday, July 18

7:30 a.m. **Enter & Weigh-In Advanced Cattle Feeders-** Fair Office Scale

Saturday, July 18

10:00 a.m. **Bottle-Bucket Interviews** – TBD

6:00 p.m. **Bottle-Bucket Calf Show** – Dueland Pavilion

Sunday, July 19

11:00 a.m. **Advanced Cattle Feeders Judging** – Pens behind the Fair Office

BEEF DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Lauren Hadaway Ashley Keech, Jared Meinhardt

Carcass Evaluation Superintendent: Nick Pudenz

Advanced Feeder Pen Superintendent: Shayn Harrison

**** ANIMAL ID NUMBERS MUST BE DESIGNATED IN <http://storyia.fairentry.com> ****

Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.

1. All Market Beef animals were ear tagged and weighed by January 3rd, 2026. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online by the designated deadlines. Any animal losing tags must be re-tagged with official tags before the fair. No ear tagging will be done at the fair.
2. Entries are open to Market Beef animals that have been identified by February 1st as part of a 2026 Story County Market Beef project. **Each exhibitor can enter up to six (6) Market Beef animals.**
3. Fair entries are due on or before June 15, 2026 Go to <http://storyia.fairentry.com> to make entries.
4. EXHIBITORS WITH A (BREEDING OR MARKET) BEEF ANIMAL MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED by June 15, 2026. A copy of the certificate must be on file with the Story County Extension Office by June 15, 2026 No FSQA certification will be accepted.
5. Upon arrival at the Fairgrounds, exhibitors and ALL beef animals (including Breeding Beef and Cow/Calf exhibits) will check in south of the weigh scales where they will be weighed and/or registration papers checked. At this time veterinary check in will also take place, before any animals are allowed in the barn.
6. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.
7. A bedding fee of \$25 per head must be paid with entry. No refunds. Common bedding will be used in the barns for all beef cattle. No alternative bedding will be allowed on the grounds.
8. Each animal entered must be identified through the 4-H Online program for 4-H members (February 1 for Market Beef and May 15 for Breeding Beef) and FFA members must identify their animals through their FFA Advisor (May 15 for both Market Beef and Breeding Beef).
9. Animals exhibited in the Beef Department must be housed in stalls designated by the Superintendent. All beef animals will be stalled by club groups.
10. Tack areas will be provided depending upon available space and size of county delegation. It shall be the prerogative of the Superintendent to reduce the number of stalls assigned to a club to the number actually required. Exhibitors are encouraged to minimize the use of extension cords as much as possible. Cords used must meet safety standards.

11. **Beef Tie-Outs** are allowed in designated areas. Exhibitors must provide gates around the trailer and bedding (absolutely NO straw). Beef must be tied out between 8 and 9 p.m. and return to the beef barn by 7:30 a.m. each morning. All fitting must be done in the beef barn.
12. Fitters Guards, or similar equipment, will not be allowed in stalls or tie-outs.
13. The exhibitor card must be worn in both the Market and Breeding Divisions.
14. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on beef animals is not condoned by show officials. Beef projects which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All division champions will be wiped with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring for the championship drive.
15. No artificial aides, such as tail heads or tail fins will be permitted. No artificial tails/switches will be permitted.
16. No icing or artificial means of cooling an animal will be allowed in the Pavilion.
17. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition at the County Fair.
18. After a class has been placed in the show ring, officials reserve the right to re-inspect animals for color or sharp practices. If such is found, the animal will be barred from further championship competition and forfeit all premium money.
19. All beef animals must be on a halter at all times. Absolutely no loose beef animals will be allowed.
20. Cable halters will not be allowed in the show ring.
21. For both the Market and Breeding Divisions, should a first place beef animal be disqualified after winning its class, but before its respective division championship; the second and third place animals will move up to first and second in the class and compete for champion in the division. If a second place animal is disqualified, the third place animal will move up. Should a division Market Beef Champion be disqualified after winning its division, but before selection of Grand Champion Market Steer or Market Heifer, the reserve division champion will move up to champion and compete for Grand Champion. In this case, no attempt will be made to replace the division reserve champion. If a division reserve champion animal is disqualified, no shifting upward will occur and no attempt to replace the reserve champion will be made.
22. Produce of Dam Class - Produce of Dam Market Heifers and Steers must be produced from former 4-H and FFA heifers, bred, owned, and shown by the exhibitor at a prior county fair and weighed, tagged, and identified by February 1, 2026. The Produce of Dam Class winner does not qualify for the final drive.
23. There will be one 2nd Year Bottle/Bucket Market Class. Heifers and Steers will show together. You may also choose to show your animal in the regular market classes, but only if the animal was weighed at the December weigh-in. Separate 2nd Yr Breeding Class.
24. Entry in the Fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest and Showmanship. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.
25. Exhibitors are required to wear their designated 4-H or FFA T-shirt, jeans, and closed-toe shoes in the Show Ring.
26. Unruly animals may be excused from the ring at the discretion of the ring superintendent.

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Enter Cattle** - Fair Office Scale

Friday, July 17

3:00 p.m. **Beef Show**, Dueland Pavilion

DIVISION - MARKET STEERS

1. Market steers will be divided into the following divisions:
 - i. CLASS • All Other Breeds • Angus • Charolais • Chianina • Gelbvieh • Horned Hereford • Limousin • Maine-Anjou • Miniature Hereford* • Polled Hereford • Red Angus • Salers • Shorthorn • Shorthorn Plus • Simmental • Crossbreds • Story County Produce • Slick Shear
 - ii. Within each division, classes will be made by show weight. * Miniature Hereford steers are exempt from ADG requirements.
2. Purebred Steer Class – Registered Steers must present the original registration papers at fair check-in time. Steers without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbred division. If less than TWO head of one breed check-in at the fair, all of the breed's steers will be shown in the All Other Breeds Division.
3. Story County Produce Class - The Story County Produce Class is open to all owned or purchased Beef Steers and Market Heifers that were born in Story Country from cows owned by Story County residents. The exhibitor

can own the cow or purchase the steer or heifer from the owner of the cow. The animal shown as Story County Produce cannot be shown in other market beef classes, unless the animal is a Produce of Dam.

4. Slick Shear Class - All Market Beef competing in the slick sheared division must, prior to arrival at weigh-in at the fair, be clipped to no more than 1/4" of hair on any part of the body, except the tail switch, (the tail switch being no more than 10" above the end of the cartilage of the tail) which may be ratted and balled or may be bobbed off. Animals will be checked for hair length at the time of weigh-in at the fair. Animals found in violation of this rule will be automatically moved to the fitted division of this show. Steers and Heifers will be shown in one class if fewer than two animals are in each class.
5. Market steers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish, weight for frame size and gain ability.
6. In the event of formal protest concerning questionable parentage of steers entered in breed divisions, the show reserves the right to secure a blood sample from the animal and its sire and have it tested. Premiums and sale proceeds will be withheld pending the final determination of eligibility.

DIVISION - MARKET HEIFERS

1. Open to all market heifers of any breed which have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site.
2. All breeds and crossbreeds will be shown together.
3. Ribbons awarded in the Market Heifer Division will be purple, blue, red and white. Market heifers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish, weight for frame size and gain ability.

DIVISION - BREEDING HEIFERS

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this division. Also, see general rules for 4-H Beef Cattle Department.
2. All heifers shown in the breed classes will follow the breed classification requirements of the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association.
3. All purebred and commercial heifers must be tattooed. Calfhood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable as the official tattoo. AGAIN FOR 2026: A secondary identification method is required for all breeding beef. This can include one of the following: 1) Registration Number (if registered through a breed association); 2) Calfhood vaccination number; or 3) Official Iowa 4-H ear tag. Both the tattoo and secondary method of identification must be recorded in 4-H Online by May 15
4. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
5. If less than TWO head of one breed check-in at the show, all of that breed's heifers will be shown in the All Other Breed's Division.
6. The youngest class will be shown first with heifers put in order of age as the class starts - with the youngest animal first.
7. Breeding heifers will be divided into divisions:
8. Entries will be placed numerically as well as in ribbon groups.
9. In the event of questionable parentage of purebred registered beef heifers, the show reserves the right to secure a blood sample from the animal and have it tested.
10. Produce of Dam Class - Must be produced from a former 4-H or FFA heifer that was bred, owned and shown in a past Story County Fair by the exhibitor and was enrolled by April 1. The animal must be shown with a halter. Produce of Dam must be at least 1 year of age. The Produce of Dam Class winner does not qualify for the final drive.
11. The Story County Produce Class - This class is open to all breeding heifers owned or purchased and born in Story County from cows owned by Story County residents. Exhibitors must have the herd owner listed at the Extension office by May 15. The breeding heifer shown as Story County Produce is not eligible to show in another breeding class, unless it is a Produce of Dam.

DIVISION - COW CALF

1. Entries in the Cow/Calf department may consist of a cow that was shown as a yearling heifer by the exhibitor and/or an animal purchased as a cow. Cows must be properly identified in the <https://v2.4honline.com/> database by 4-H'ers and FFA members must provide information to the Agricultural Education Instructor and Fair Operations manager by May 15. Calves born after May 15 must be on file with the Extension office prior to the fair.
2. The calf must have been born on or after January 1, 2026 and before the fair.

3. Exhibitors will need to designate if the calf is from a first year calf cow (The calf is the first offspring for the reproductive Dam) or a second year or older calf cow (The calf is the second, third, etc.) at the time of entry.
4. An exhibitor may show no more than two (2) cows with calves.
5. Cows may be shown more than one year.
6. Cows will be shown with the calf at its side in the show ring. Therefore, cows and calves must be broke to lead.
7. Animals (both cow and calf) exhibited in the Cow/Calf Department are not eligible for other beef breeding, produce or market classes, with the exception of the feeder calf class.
8. Classes will be shown by breed. A Supreme Cow/Calf Pen will be chosen during the show. If less than three head of one breed check-in at the show, all of that breed's Cow/Calf pairs will be shown in the All Other Breed's Division.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules

Class

Senior Showmanship
Master Showmanship
Intermediate Showmanship
Junior Showmanship

Saturday, July 18

7:30 a.m. Enter Cattle, Pens behind Fair Office

Sunday, July 19

11:00 a.m. Judging of Advance Cattle Feeders

DIVISION - ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER PEN

Superintendent: Shayn Harrison

GUIDELINES FOR STORY COUNTY ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER PROJECT

1. Members may feed a pen up to two pens of three (3) to five (5) head of cattle, either heifers or steers.
2. Calves are to be started on feed between October 1st and the winter beef weigh-in with records kept as soon as calves are purchased.
3. A beginning price on the project will be the actual purchase price provided the member can produce a sales slip.
4. The Advanced Cattle Feeder project must be started by **the winter beef weigh-in**. They should be at appropriate market weight on the sale date.
5. Advanced Cattle Feeders do not need to be broke to lead. These animals cannot be shown as market beef animals at the County Fair.
6. **One feeder can be entered into the Performance Carcass Class. The whole pen can go to the packer.** You will note your tentative plan to do this when you make your county fair entries. Your final decision will be needed at the fair by 8 pm Saturday. **Any feeder you want eligible for this opportunity must be weighed and identified at the winter beef weigh-in.**
7. Calves are to be fed separate from other cattle on the farm. 4-H Market Beef Project animals may be fed with them **if** space isn't available to keep them separate. Records are important in this project, therefore, it is your advantage to feed feeders separately from your other 4-H market beef animals.
8. These animals will be exhibited at a show during the Story County Fair. These animals will be brought and checked in at the Story County Fair on Saturday at 7:30 am and weighed. This weight will be used as the **sale weight**.

9. All calves enrolled in the project should be exhibited at the show.
10. **Feeders and market beef animals designated for the carcass class will be sold to the same packer (packer to be determined). All other feeder cattle may be marketed with the carcass steers.**
11. At the beginning of the project, complete the Enrollment form and keep it for your records. Keep monthly feed records with the Monthly Record Sheet. The Completion Form should be completed at the end of the project and brought to the fair with all exhibitor records for the project.
12. Interview times will be scheduled with the judge for Sunday morning of fair (interview time will be announced at fair weigh-in).
13. Award evaluation criteria is equally based on three aspects: feed records, cattle, and the interview. The winner will be announced Sunday during Supreme Showmanship.

Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information. Class : Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen

STORY COUNTY BEEF OF MERIT CONTEST

Superintendent: Nick Pudenz

The purpose of the Beef of Merit Show is to provide 4-H Market Beef exhibitors the opportunity to participate in a live show combined with a grid marketing competition where the traits that add value to a beef carcass are evaluated to predict profitability.

WINDOW A - HIGH CUTABILITY			
Window A Carcass Specifications:			
Hot Carcass Weight 650 to 1050 pounds, Quality Grade Select or better, Yield Grade 3 or better *			
Window A premiums and discounts per hundred weight (cwt) used for contest calculations			
	YG1	YG2	YG3
Prime	+\$14	+\$11	+\$8
Average or High Choice	+\$10	+\$7	+\$4
Low Choice	+\$6	+\$3	Market Base Price
Select	-\$4	-\$7	-\$10

WINDOW B - HIGH QUALITY					
Window B Carcass Specifications:					
Hot Carcass Weight 650 to 1050 pounds, Quality Grade Average Choice or better *					
Window B premiums and discounts per hundred weight (cwt) used for contest calculations					
	YG1	YG2	YG3	YG4	YG5
Prime	+\$24	+\$22	+\$20	+\$10	+\$7
Average or High Choice	+\$14	+\$12	+\$10	-\$7	-\$10

* Cattle that do not meet carcass specifications for a given window will not be ranked in the final carcass competition of that window. Since carcass merit is not characterized until animals are harvested, carcass characteristics outside window specifications do not disqualify the animal from participating in Beef of Merit Show and harvest.

Example: A steer that grades Average Choice / Yield Grade 4 would not qualify to be ranked in Window A but would qualify to be ranked in Window B with a \$7/cwt discount. The steer would have already competed in the live show and been harvested. The exhibitor would be paid based on the grid offered by cooperating packers.

1. The final placing will be determined after processing and carcass evaluation. Carcass characteristics and animal performance will be incorporated to calculate carcass value per day on feed
2. All requirements for the Market Beef Show must be met to show in the Beef of Merit Show.
3. Two steers or heifers may be exhibited in the Beef of Merit Show.
4. Cattle entered in Beef of Merit Show must be harvested at the selected cooperating packing plant.
5. Exhibitors' carcasses will be paid the existing market price with appropriate carcass premiums and discounts offered by the cooperating packer. (The Beef of Merit grids above are for the purposes of the contest and do not reflect what exhibitors will be paid.)
6. Exhibitors will pay the transportation fee from the Fairgrounds to the cooperating packer, a carcass data collection fee and if offered, a dark cutter assessment fee. This will be deducted from their payment check.
7. If the carcass qualifies for both windows, the exhibitor will compete in each window for carcass placing as well as premiums. Market base prices will be determined by the cooperating packer prices. The premiums and discounts shown in the above Grid Market for Window A and B will be added to / subtracted from the market base price to determine contest carcass price. Different premiums and discounts may apply for the actual price paid by the cooperating packer.
8. Dark cutters will not be discounted in the contest calculation price, but may be discounted in the actual price paid.
9. Excessive live weights may not be acceptable with packers (i.e. live weights exceeding approximately 1650 pounds). If steers weigh over 1650 please contact Beef of Merit superintendents to discuss the situation.
10. Percent retail product is used to estimate the amount of meat produced from the carcass and is used in the Carcass Value Per Day On Feed equation. Percent retail product is calculated as follows: $(65.69 - (9.931 \times \text{fat thickness}) + (1.2259 \times \text{rib eye area}) - (.013166 \times \text{carcass weight}) - (1.29 \times \% \text{ kidney, pelvic, heart fat}))$
11. Carcass Value Per Day On Feed is calculated as follows: $((\text{Hot carcass weight} - (.55 \times \text{beginning live weight}) \times \text{percent retail product} \times \text{contest carcass price as determined by appropriate grid})) / .64 / \text{days on feed}$.

*NOTE: On behalf of many local donors (to be listed at the day of the show), the Story County Cattlemen's Association (SCCA) will be giving a cash premium to each youth (not per calf) who participates in the Performance Beef Carcass Class. The amount of the premium will be determined at the time of the show according to the level of sponsorship that has been received by the SCCA. Often, this premium is approximately \$50 per youth. In addition, award premiums will be provided to the Champion and Reserve Champion of each division of the Performance Contest.

Class

Beef of Merit Contest

- High Cutability -High Quality

Enter Calves at Fair Office Scale: Tuesday, July 14, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Bottle Bucket Interviews, Community Building, 4, 5, & 6 Grades: , Saturday July 18th, 10:00 a.m.
Bottle Bucket Show at Dueland Pavilion: Saturday July 18th, 6:00 p.m.

DIVISION - BOTTLE BUCKET CALF

Superintendents: Brian Dunblazier, Lauren Hadaway

Refer to the General Rules and Health Rules for additional information. Exhibitors must be 4-H or Clover Kid members enrolled in <https://v2.4honline.com/> by April 1. The Bottle Bucket Calf Class is for youth in grades K-6.

Grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 will follow these guidelines:

1. Calves must be born between February 1 and April 30, 2026
2. Calf may be a beef or dairy breed.
3. Calf must be in the exhibitor's possession within two weeks of birth.
4. Two calves may be tagged; however, only **one** can be bought and shown at the fair. Calves will be tagged by the Story County Superintendents May 2nd at the Story County Fairgrounds 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The calves do not have to be castrated.
5. **Calves must stay tied in Bob Williams Arena overnight unless approved by Superintendent**
6. Exhibitors submit entries through <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by **June 15**
7. Prior to calves being housed at the County Fair, they must pass approval of the attending County Fair Veterinarian at check-in Tuesday, July 14, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
8. The Story County Cattlemen's Association will provide special recognition for each exhibitor: Ribbon, Halter, and Bucket.
9. Exhibiting experiences will be conducted by age appropriate levels. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Graders; 3rd + 4th -6th Graders. Specific age appropriate experiences are listed below under each designated grade level. **Grades of youth are as of 9/15/25.**

EXHIBITORS IN GRADES 4, 5 & 6:

1. Only youth enrolled in the Community 4-H Clubs in Grades 4, 5, & 6 may participate in this competitive class. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Bottle Bucket project by May 15.
2. Participation in the Bottle Bucket Calf program **is limited to youth who are not enrolled** in another beef project (example: Market Beef, Breeding Beef, 2nd Year Bottle Bucket, etc.).
3. The show experience will be judged with placings of Purple, Blue, Red, and White. The judge may select a Class Champion and Reserve Champion.
4. Premiums will be paid on the Purple, Blue, Red and White placings.
5. Exhibitors in Grades 4, 5 & 6 are required to prepare a folder on their exhibit. The following information should be included in the folder:
 - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
 - b. Grooming and Cleanliness
 - c. General health, management and knowledge of this area.
 - d. Complete records showing feed records, etc.
6. Exhibitors in this class will be interviewed on Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Community Building Information included in the folder will be shared during the interview. **The exhibitor will be asked to sign up for an interview time.** Following the interview, the folder will be put on display in the Fair Office.
7. 4-H members exhibiting in the Bottle Bucket Class for Grades 4, 5 and 6 are to wear 4-H t-shirts, jeans, and closed-toed shoes in the show ring.
8. **EXHIBITORS IN GRADES 4, 5, & 6 MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED by June 15. A copy of the certificate must be on file with the Story County Extension Office by June 15. No FSQA certification will be accepted.**

Class :Bottle Bucket Calf – Grades 4, 5, & 6

EXHIBITORS IN GRADES 3rd, 2nd, 1st, & Kindergarten:

1. Any Clover Kid youth who has completed Grades 3, 2, 1, or Kindergarten by County Fair may exhibit in this class.
2. The purpose of this age appropriate class is to give the 4-H'er an opportunity to lead the calf in the show ring at halter. Exhibitors in the 3rd grade class may lead the calves themselves (unless assistance is needed by a parent or another adult). Exhibitors in the Kindergarten, 1st, or 2nd grade class may lead the calves into the show ring with the assistance of a parent or adult.
3. Participation ribbons will be given for this class. No premiums will be paid.
4. Exhibitors are to wear a 4-H Clover Kid t-shirt, jeans, and closed-toed shoes in the show ring.

Class

Bottle Bucket Calf – Grade 3

Bottle Bucket Calf – Grade 2
Bottle Bucket Calf – Grade 1
Bottle Bucket Calf –Kindergarten

Saturday, July 18

9:00 a.m. **Clover Kid Dog Show** – Park near the Community Building

Saturday, July 18

12:00 p.m. **Dog Show** – Park near the Community Building

DOG DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Erin Topp

Judges: TBD

First time 4-H and Clover Kid participants meet May 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in Christy Hall. 4-H Dog Obedience Class begins June 2, 2026 on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m. until fair. This is a great opportunity to meet with 4-H volunteers who will help you and your dog prepare and practice for the county fair dog show.

Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.

1. Only dogs identified in <https://v2.4honline.com/> database by May 15, may exhibit at the County Fair.

Only dogs enrolled in the Story County 4-H Dog Project are eligible to be shown by 4-H/FFA members.

2. All dogs must be on leash. Dogs must not be taken near other livestock or into exhibit buildings on the fairgrounds.

3. Dogs will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought and returned home on show day.

4. Dogs must have a current rabies and distemper vaccination. Dogs must be old enough to receive vaccines to be exhibited.

5. An Exhibitor may win showmanship one time only in each of the three grade divisions.

6. Participation in showmanship is required. If you are to be exhibiting in a showmanship and an obedience class (including rally) at the same time, the showmanship class has precedence. Let the ring steward in your obedience/rally ring know where you are. Exhibitors are responsible for checking with both ring stewards.

7. To win a purple ribbon in obedience classes, a dog must score 190-200 points. The maximum points that can be earned are 200. To win a blue ribbon in Novice, a dog must score 170-189 points.

8. To win a purple ribbon in a showmanship class, a dog must score 90-100 points. The maximum points that can be earned is 100. To win a blue ribbon in a showmanship class, a dog must score 70-89 points.

9. To win a purple ribbon in rally classes, a dog must score 90-100 points. The maximum points that can be earned are 100. To win a blue ribbon in rally classes, a dog must score 70-89 points.

11. Classes are listed in order for a novice to advance. Dogs and handlers advance in class. Once a dog **and** handler have advanced in class, they cannot enter a less advanced class.

12. No coloring or painting of dogs. If this rule is not followed, it may result in disqualification of the exhibit.

13. Aggressive behavior exhibited by an animal will result in disqualification of the corresponding show. Any bitch in season or nursing may not be shown

14. Description of classes:

Beginners Novice A

1st year for both exhibitor and dog. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title. Dogs may wear head halters in the ring.

Heel	ON leash 40 pts
Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Sit for Examination	ON leash 40 pts
Recall (No finish)	ON leash 40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop leash 40 pts

Preferred Beginners Novice A

2+ year exhibitor/1st year dog OR 1st year exhibitor/2+year dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Dogs may wear head halters in the ring.

Heel	ON leash 40 pts
Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Sit for Examination	ON leash 40 pts
Recall (No finish)	ON leash 40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop leash 40 pts

Beginners Novice B

2nd year exhibitor/2nd year dog. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

Heel	ON leash 40 pts
Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Sit for Examination	ON leash 40 pts
Recall (No finish)	OFF leash 40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop leash 40 pts

Preferred Beginners Novice B

3+ year exhibitor/2nd year dog OR 2nd year exhibitor/3+ year dog. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

Heel	ON leash 40 pts
Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Sit for Examination	ON leash 40 pts
Recall (No finish)	OFF leash 40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop leash 40 pts

Novice A

3rd year exhibitor/3rd year dog. Dog must not have earned any leg towards any CD obedience title. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

Heel & Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Stand for examination	OFF leash 30 pts
Heel Free	OFF leash 40 pts
Recall with finish	OFF leash 30 pts
Long Sit (1 min)	Drop leash 30 pts
Long Down (3 min)	Drop leash 30 pts

Preferred Novice A

4+ year exhibitor/3rd year dog OR 3rd year exhibitor/4+ year dog. Dog must not have earned any leg towards any CD obedience title. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

Heel & Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Stand for examination	OFF leash 30 pts
Heel Free	OFF leash 40 pts
Recall with finish	OFF leash 30 pts
Long Sit (1 min)	Drop leash 30 pts
Long Down (3 min)	Drop leash 30 pts

Novice B

4+ year exhibitor/4+ year dog. Dog must not have earned any leg towards an CD obedience title. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

Heel & Figure 8	ON leash 40 pts
Stand for examination	OFF leash 30 pts
Heel Free	OFF leash 40 pts
Recall with finish	OFF leash 30 pts
Long Sit (1 min)	Drop leash 30 pts
Long Down (3 min)	Drop leash 30 pts

Rally Novice

For dogs and handlers in second year and third year. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in Beginners Novice A or Preferred Beginners Novice A. Dogs must exhibit in at least one obedience class at the fair to be eligible to exhibit in Rally. Winner of this class is not eligible for Highest or Reserve Highest Scoring Dog in show. Dogs may not wear head halters in the ring.

DIVISION - DOG

Class

Beginners Novice A
Preferred Beginners Novice A
Beginners Novice B
Preferred Beginners Novice B
Novice A
Preferred Novice A
Novice B
Rally Novice
Rally Advanced

DOG SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules on page 74.

Dogs may not wear head halters in any showmanship class ring unless approved by the Superintendent.

Class

Senior Showmanship (Grades 10, 11, and 12)
Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7, 8, and 9)
Junior Showmanship (Grades 4, 5, and 6)

MASTER SHOWMANSHIP

To be held after the regular showmanship classes. A Master Showman will be selected as part of the Dog Showmanship Contest. The master showman will be selected during a showmanship class made up of previous winners of that day. It will also include those who have won in previous years and are not yet able to move up to the next level; as well as previous Senior Showmanship winners who are still involved in the 4-H dog project.

Class

Master Showmanship

Clover Kid Dog

1. Youth enrolled as Clover Kid members by April 1 in <https://v2.4honline.com/> are eligible to participate.
2. Clover Kids must identify their dog in <https://v2.4honline.com/> by May 15.
3. Clover Kids must make county fair Clover Kid dog class entry in <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
4. Clover Kids participate in the weekly dog classes to prepare for county fair.
5. Review general rules, general animal rules, and dog rules.

Wednesday, July 15

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Enter Dairy/Specialty Goats – Goat Barn**Thursday, July 15**

6:00 p.m.

Exhibitor's Meeting & Dairy Goat Milk Out – Goat Barn**Friday, July 17**

8:00 a.m.

Dairy/Specialty Goat Show - Dueland Pavilion**Bottle Goat Show- Immediately after Dairy Goat Show**

DAIRY/SPECIALTY GOAT DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Jessie Ross (greenashfarm@gmail.com)

Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.

1. Entries are open to Dairy goats, Pygmy, and Angora/Cashmere goats and all other specialty goats that have been enrolled as Story County Goat projects by May 15. **They must be identified with a tattoo or tag in the [https://v2.4honline.com/ database](https://v2.4honline.com/database) by 4-H'ers as a dairy goat and FFA members must provide information to the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15.**
2. **EXHIBITORS WITH A GOAT EXHIBIT MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED by June 15, 2026. A copy of the certificate must be on file with the Story County Extension Office by June 15, 2026. No FSQA will be accepted.**
3. Each exhibitor may show 2 entries in each class but no more than 6 animals in the goat show.
4. **Dairy goats must be milked out by 6:00 p.m. the night before the show. The Goat Superintendent will supervise the pre-show milk out. The exhibitor must present their goats to the superintendent at this time or be ineligible for the show.**
5. Dairy Does must be dehorned and must be shown with a collar or chain.
 - a. Dairy Wether goats do not need to be dehorned.
 - b. Other Specialty Goats do not need to be dehorned.
 - c. Angora/Cashmere goats do not need to be dehorned.
6. Goats shown in the Pygmy and Angora/Cashmere do not have to be dehorned and may be shown on a leash.
7. Junior Doe is a doe under 24 months of age that is not in milk and has never freshened. Senior Doe is a doe in milk or is over the age of 2. Senior does need to be in milk to qualify for champion milker.
8. Dairy Wether Class:
 - a. Dairy Wether goats must be castrated male goats born between January 1 and through May 15, 2026.
 - b. Pygmy goats may not be entered in the meat goat department.
 - c. Dairy wethers are 100% dairy, percentage wether has a dairy mother.
9. Milking Group Classes: (Identify 1 goat per class in FairEntry.com in June)
 - a. Mother-Daughter – Doe and her daughter; Daughter may be a kid or a milker.
 - b. Exhibitors Trio – 3 does owned by the exhibitor – at least one of the animals must have been bred by the exhibitor (family or farm) – goats may be any age.
 - c. Get of Sire – 3 does any age from the same sire; sire does not have to be owned by the exhibitor.
10. Due to limited pen space a goat must show at the fair to be able to come to the fair. If a goat is not entered to show they will not be allowed to be penned. Once all pens are assigned if additional space is available the superintendent may allow a goat not being shown to be penned. Examples would be an offspring of a doe being shown and not weaned yet or a single goat that would be left home alone.
11. No sexually intact males can come to the fair. A buck must be surgically castrated or visually banded before coming to the show. If banding it is recommended they must be banded July 1st or before.

12. It is expected that pens will be cleaned by 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. each day of exhibition. Poor herdsmanship may disqualify an exhibitor from showing. If an exhibitor is warned twice, then the superintendents have the right to disqualify the exhibitor and require the exhibitor to take their goat's home immediately. Exhibitors will lose any premium money awarded after the fair.
13. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals is allowed except for horses. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals will be wiped down except horses. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.
14. Dairy Goat show dress code is white pants and a 4-H or FFA shirt or a plain white shirt. The dress code for individuals showing specialty goats is long pants and a 4-H or FFA shirt. If showing both specialty and dairy goats, white pants and a 4-H or FFA shirt is required. Closed toe shoes only. Ribbons, Rosettes, and Banner will be awarded. Each division will choose a Champion and Reserve Champion animal, with the exception of the Milking Group Classes. These animals will be brought back into the show ring for the selection of the Supreme Champion Goat/Best in Show.

DIVISION - OTHER SPECIALTY GOATS **(Pigmy, Fainting, Kiko, Angora, Cashmere)**

Class

Pigmy – combined ages
Fainter/Kiko's – under 1 year
Fainter/Kiko's – over 1 year
Angora/Cashmere (wether & doe) – Junior Class under 2 years
Angora/Cashmere (wether & doe) – Senior Class over 2 years

DIVISION - PACK GOAT

Class

Combined Ages (wethers) (Over 1 Year)

DIVISION - DAIRY WETHER

Class

Dairy Wether (Under 4 Months)
Percentage Wether (Under 4 Months)

Class

Dairy Wether (4 Months to 1 Year)
Percentage Wether (4 Months to 1 Year)

DIVISION - JUNIOR DOES

Class

1. Does born April 1st to May 15th
2. Does born February 1st to March 31st
3. Does born January 31st to under 1 year old
4. Does 1 year and under 2 years never freshened

DIVISION - SENIOR DOES

Class

Under 2 years in Milk
2 Years and Under 3 Years
3 Years and Under 5 Years

Class

5 Years and Over
Dry Doe (Over 2 years not eligible for champion milker)

DIVISION - MILKING GROUP CLASSES

Class

Mother-Daughter,
Exhibitors Trio
Get of Sire

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules

Class

Senior Showmanship
Intermediate Showmanship
Junior Showmanship
Master Showmanship

CLOVER KID BOTTLE GOAT

Rules:

1. Any exhibitor, with written consent, in grades K-3 as of September 15 & enrolled as a Clover Kid in Story County by April 1, 2026
2. County fair entry must be made in <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
3. Any orphan or newborn goat, doe or wether, born between January 1-May 1 of current project year, and in possession of the showing participant within 2 weeks of birth.
4. **Goats must have a tag or tattoo for verification, (farm tags qualify) If you need a tag please attend the Goat Weigh-in on Saturday, May 3 from 11 am-12pm on the Story County Fairgrounds** where they will be tagged and recorded on an Iowa 4-H Goat Verification Form. **All females must have a Scrapie tag in the ear & written on the 4-H identification form (example IA1234-5678) & males must be castrated/show signs of castration at the May weigh-in.** Order scrapie tags at **1-866-USDA-TAG(873-2824)**
<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>
5. An exhibitor may identify up to three animals, but only exhibit one at the county fair. It is recommended for the welfare of the goats that, ideally, they be raised in groups of 2-3 head. This allows goats the opportunity to interact with each other in a more natural production environment.
6. An animal ID'd as a bottle goat can only be shown in the bottle class
7. A project record for personal use may be kept throughout the project showing the exhibitor feeding, caring for, and working with the animal. A project record is available at the Extension office.
8. All exhibitors must wear a Clover Kid or 4-H Club t-shirt while in the show ring.
9. All goats are to be broke to lead and shown with a collar, chain, halter, or collars with short leads.
10. The Bottle Goat class is to be fun for the exhibitor as well as a learning experience. The exhibitor will be asked to attempt the following showmanship tasks:
 - i. Will be asked to set the goat
 - ii. Will be asked to move the goat about the ring
 - iii. Keep goats between themselves and the judge
11. All exhibitors will receive a ribbon for their efforts and participation.
12. Goats will be released Sunday, July 19 at 3:30 pm.
13. **Bottle goats will not go through the Ribbon Auction.**

The same rules required of “Boer/Meat Goats” exhibited at Story County Fair will be required to be followed for exhibitors of bottle/newborn goats, which include:

- A. Goats must be clipped before arriving Wednesday morning with the dairy and boer/meat goats. Bottle goats should be fitted to the same rules as the “Boer/Meat Goats”.
- B. A veterinarian, just like all livestock to be shown at the county fair, will check the goats. All goats must be free of any contagious or infectious conditions.
- C. All does to be exhibited must have the official Scrapie Flock ID tags from the state. **(1-866-873-2724)**
Wethers do not need the official Flock ID tag.

Class

Bottle Goats – Grades K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

Enter: Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., Meat Goat Barn
Exhibitor Meeting, Wednesday, July 15 12:00 p.m. Meat Goat Barn
Show: Thursday, July 16, 1:00 p.m.- Dueland Pavilion

BOER/MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Tyler Strathe and Natasha Gardner

Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.

1. Entries are open to Boer/Meat goats that have been enrolled as 2026 Story County Goat projects by May 15.
2. Up to 10 Boer/Meat goat kids per exhibitor may be identified, weighed, and tagged on May 3. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online by the designated deadlines.
3. **All females must have a Scrapie tag in the ear & written on the 4-H identification form (example IA1234-5678) & males must be castrated/show signs of castration at weigh-in on May 3.**
4. **EXHIBITORS WITH A BOER/MEAT GOAT EXHIBIT MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2026. A copy of the certificate must be on file with the Story County Extension Office by June 15, 2026. NO FSQA WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
5. Boer/meat goats do not need to be dehorned. Disbudding/dehorning is optional.
6. Goat kids must still have both their deciduous incisors (milk teeth) at fair check-in.
7. Minimum fair check-in weight for market goats is 50 pounds. There is no maximum weight.
8. **Exhibitors may show up to 4 animals in the meat goat class and up to 6 breeding does across the Junior and Senior Breeding doe divisions with no more than 2 does allowed to be shown per class after being split by weight.** Maximum of 10 head may be brought to the fair.
9. Must be broke to lead and shown with a collar, chain, halter, or collars with short leads.
10. Fitting of breeding classes is left up to the exhibitor.
11. Market meat goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less at the time of arrival on the fairgrounds. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only. **Market goats may be fit from the knee or hock down if desired by the exhibitor.**
12. Market meat goats can be wethers or does. Market meat goats are ineligible for breeding classes. They are eligible for the ribbon auction. **Any Market goats that do not make the minimum 50lb weight will show in a prospect class but WILL NOT be eligible to sell in the Ribbon Auction.**
13. **BEDDING AND FEED.** Shavings are preferred to be used in pens. Carpeting is not allowed as bedding. Rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath. You may bring your own bedding or there will be bedding available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Bring your own feed and water buckets.
14. Fitting will be allowed. Only the exhibitor, an immediate family member (limited to parent/legal guardian, brother, sister, or step-sibling), or current Iowa 4-H or FFA member are allowed to assist in fitting animals.
15. Unethical fitting is not allowed. This includes 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, leg hair and heels/soles
16. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents.
17. Injection, drenching or application of any substance per rectum is prohibited. Further, the application of any substance to or near the tail or anus is prohibited. Animals showing any signs of being unethically fitted will be disqualified and exhibitors may face further repercussion.

18. Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. NO MUZZLES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED! Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials
19. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice. If there are health concerns involved regarding dehydration, the Fair Veterinarian should be contacted.
20. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the entire Meat Goat Show.
21. Goats will be judged according to meat goat characteristics.
22. All Does will be shown in Over/Under 1 year of age division classes. Broken by weight.
23. It is expected that pens will be cleaned each day of exhibition. Poor herdsmanship may disqualify an exhibitor from showing. If an exhibitor is warned twice, then the superintendents have the right to disqualify the exhibitor and require the exhibitor to take their goats' home immediately. Exhibitors will lose any premium money awarded after the fair.
24. Ribbons, Rosettes, and Trophies will be awarded. There will be a Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat, a Yearling Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat, a Senior Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Meat Goat, a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Meat Goat, a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat chosen during the show.

DIVISION - BREEDING BOER GOAT

Junior Meat Goat Doe

Under 1 year of age as of May 15th

*Classes within each division will be broken according to weight

Senior Meat Goat Doe

Over 1 year of age as on May 15th

*Classes within each division will be broken according to weight

DIVISION – MARKET MEAT GOAT

Fair classes will be determined by weights at fair check-in.

Class

Market Meat Goat

SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules.

Supreme showman participation possible with adequate numbers. To be determined at fair.

Class

Senior Showmanship
Master Showmanship
Intermediate Showmanship
Junior Showmanship

HORSE

Superintendents: Christa Hartsook and Raegan Wagner

Barn Superintendents: Rebecca Hovick

Tuesday, July 14

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Veterinary Check & Check-in for horses that are to be stalled

4:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Timed Events

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Veterinary Check-in

9:00 a.m.

English Show Begins

Western Trail

Thursday, July 16

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Veterinary Check-in

8:30 a.m.

Western Horse Show

Friday, July 17

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Drill Team Practice

9:00 a.m.

Model Horse Show – Community Building

1:00 p.m.

Clover Kid Model Horse Show- Community Building

4:00- 5:00 p.m.

Enter Horses- Vet Check in

5:00 p.m.

Drill Team Performance & Fun Show

Sunday, July 19

2:30 p.m.

Release of Animals

6:00 p.m.

Barn Clean up

ELIGIBILITY

1. General rules for all exhibitors, general rules for animal exhibits, and health requirements listed in the front of this book apply to this department. This guide may be downloaded from the following website: <https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/4-h/4-h/4-h-horsesequine/4h511.html>
2. The official guide for this show is titled, "Rules and Regulations for Equine Events ". <https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/4-h/4-h/4-h-horsesequine/4h511.html>
3. Additional rules follow:
 - a. Entries are open to 4-H and FFA members who are enrolled in the Horse and Pony project by May 15 of the current year.
 - b. **All owned or leased horses and ponies eligible for exhibit must have been properly identified in the [https://v2.4honline.com/ database \(4-H'er\)](https://v2.4honline.com/database) or on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and with the Fair Operations Manager (FFA members) by May 15 of the current year.** Each exhibitor must identify the horse(s) being exhibited. The horse(s) identified will be exhibited by the listed exhibitor only.
 - c. A maximum of two horses can be leased. **A copied lease agreement must be on file at the Extension office by May 15.** If a family has more exhibitors than owned horses, then more than one 4-H'er can identify the same horse. **In this situation, an exhibitor can identify only one horse.** A maximum of five horses per member may be identified. A total maximum of five horses may be shown at the fair. Refer to 4H202 for more details on ownership and identification requirements. This guide may be downloaded from the following website: <https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/4-h/4-h/4-h-horsesequine/4h511.html>
 - d. All horses and ponies identified for (conformation) halter classes must be owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with a family member. Horse and ponies identified for skill classes (showmanship, driving, etc.) may be owned or leased. Exhibitors are expected to provide 75% or more of the management of the identified horse(s), or 50% in dually owned horses. Any professional training or training by a person other than the 4-H'er must be done prior to May 15 of the current year.

- e. Mares with foals must be identified by May 15 of the current year. **The foal may be added to after birth by contacting the Extension office.** Sex, markings and color are needed for identification.
 - f. Male foals born after January 1 of the current year can be shown. Yearling and older stallions are ineligible, and cannot be shown.
 - g. While the fair is in progress, horses must stay in the area defined by the superintendents. They are not to be taken north of the horse barn, ridden among fairgoers, on the cement walking trail south of the horse arena, or ridden around town.
 - h. **Good sportsmanship and conduct of exhibitors are essential for the well-being of exhibitors and the audience. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy may cause the exhibitor to be dismissed from further competition. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Exhibitors must keep their animals under control at all times.**
 - i. **Only exhibitors listed with an identified horse may ride or work the horse until the judged horse event(s) have been completed.** Violation will disqualify the horse from further competition.
4. **All stalled horses must remain in their assigned stall for the duration of the fair unless previously approved by the fair board. No animals may be left in or tied to trailers overnight.**

ENTRIES--STALLS--CHECK IN

5. To fill out your entries, go to <http://storyia.fairentry.com> and follow instructions carefully. **You have to enter specific classes. The late registration is outlined in general rules for all exhibitors.**
6. **In the appropriate place on the website, designate the total number of horses you entered and total number of stalls you would use if enough stalls are available.** The Superintendents will assign stalls. You have the option of bringing your horse(s) the day of the show and working from your trailer.
7. **Only those animals that are identified in the <https://v2.4honline.com/> database are eligible to be stalled and shown at the county fair.** Exception to this rule would be for animals that are brought in for educational programs and have the approval from the superintendents.
8. Individuals are not allowed to stay overnight in the barns. **Any member using a stall must keep the horse there for the full five days of the fair** except for show time, drill team practice, and exercising in the arena. Stall priority will be given to drill team members. **ONLY 1 HORSE PER STALL EXCEPT A MARE WITH THIS YEAR'S FOAL.** If anyone wants to stall just part of the fair, it will have to be discussed with the superintendents; and, if the stall can be filled by another member's horse, it will be worked out.
9. ****YOU MAY WORK FROM YOUR TRAILER AND THEN TAKE YOUR HORSE HOME AFTER THE SHOW. Horses may not be penned or tied to the trailer overnight. *****
10. Horses must be fed and stalls cleaned by 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning aisles, barns and grounds. Exhibitors must clean stalls and must receive a release from a superintendent before leaving the grounds at release time, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. **Leaving without a release will result in a \$25.00 stall cleaning charge and no stall will be issued the next year.**
11. **VETERINARY CHECK IN** procedure for all horses is as follows: Find the veterinary check-in area near the horse ring and take your horse there immediately after unloading for the health check. The health clearance slip and horse should then proceed to the check in desk where ID papers will be checked, exhibitor numbers issued and class lists checked. (No previous health certificate is required). A health certificate issued by a licensed vet and dated 30 days before the fair starts issued in the horse's name may be used in lieu of the vet check at the fair. Exhibitors who desire not to stall their horses must work from a trailer. They must enter and check-in their horse during the designated check-in time the first day that it is shown.

CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

12. **Height** division for horses and ponies will be as follows (based on mature height: horse - 14-2 hands and over.) Pony included heights less than 58 inches. Miniatures include heights 38 inches and less. (See Rules and Regulations for Equine Events)
13. ****IF YOU SIGN UP FOR PONY CLASSES, YOUR PONY MAY BE MEASURED. ****
14. **Horse's Age** is used to divide halter classes. A horse's age is based on January 1, not the actual birth date. Horses increase in age one year each January 1st. Use January 1 as the date when determining the horse's age.
15. **THE IDENTIFIED HORSE MUST BE SHOWN BY THE NAMED EXHIBITOR.** This is a requirement for all classes including showmanship. The one exception is that if an exhibitor has two entries in one halter class, he or she could have another 4-H or FFA exhibitor show one entry. The maximum number of entries a member can make in a class is two. The exhibitor can enter in as many different classes as he/she is eligible for.
16. **CLOTHING/ATTIRE: Boots, jeans and an ASTM/SEI Helmet must be worn at all riding and driving times. All Class Dress Requirement** is a long sleeve white or colored (no bling) dress shirt or blouse (tie optional). A 4-H armband is required. Chaps cannot be worn in any class. **Western classes require that ASTM/SEI helmets and boots must be worn,** spurs are optional. Navy dark blue denim riding style jeans may be worn. Stone washed jeans are not allowed. **English classes require that ASTM/SEI helmets and boots must be worn.** English pants, a long sleeve white or light colored long sleeve shirt and a 4-H armband are required. In addition, an English bridle and saddle are mandatory. English Hunt coats are optional.

Equipment requirements for each class will be as stated in "4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Events in Iowa". Legal bits and chin straps are set out in "4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Events in Iowa".

17. **First Year Horse Project Members ONLY:** You have the option of competing in EITHER the first year classes denoted with ^^ OR to compete in any of the other performance classes. You cannot compete in both.

AWARDS

18. Performance Classes: In each class, the judge will select those entries deserving purple, blue, red, and white awards and place them in groups accordingly. Champions will receive an award
19. Halter Champions: First and second place winners in the halter classes will return to the show ring after the scheduled halter classes, where the judge will determine the "Champion" horse or pony in each of the following classes: English halter, Western pony halter, and Western horse halter.

STATE FAIR

20. All classes of the Iowa State Fair 4-H Horse Show are open to any 4-H'er who has completed the 5th grade by the summer of 2026. **Entries are made by July 1 in <https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com>.**

Tuesday, July 15	
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Veterinary Check & Check-in for horses that are to be stalled
4:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Meeting
6:00 pm	Timed Event Show

WESTERN TIMED EVENTS

Class

Barrels – Senior
 Barrels – Intermediate
 Barrels – Junior
 ^^Barrels – First Year
 Flags – Senior
 Flags – Intermediate
 Flags – Junior
 ^^Flags – First Year
 Jumping Figure 8 – Senior

Class

Jumping Figure 8 – Intermediate
 Jumping Figure 8 – Junior
 ^^ Jumping Figure 8 – First Year
 Poles – Senior
 Poles – Intermediate
 Poles – Junior
 ^^Poles – First Year
 Keyhole – Senior
 Keyhole – Intermediate
 Keyhole – Junior, ^^Keyhole – First Year

DIVISION - ENGLISH PERFORMANCE

If a class has less than three entries, that class may be worked with another like class.

Class

English Walk Trot – Senior
 English Walk Trot – Intermediate _
 English Walk Trot – Junior
 ^^English Walk Trot – 1st Year Member
 English Pony Pleasure (combined ages)
 English Horse Pleasure – Senior
 English Horse Pleasure – Intermediate

Class

English Horse Pleasure – Junior
 ^^ English Horse Pleasure – 1st Year Member
 Hunt Seat Equitation – Senior
 Hunt Seat Equitation – Intermediate
 Hunt Seat Equitation – Junior
 ^^ Hunt Seat Equitation – 1st Year Member

HUNTER-JUMPER EVENTS

NEW JUMPING REQUIREMENT: A signed certificate by an approved instructor/private instruction or approval by the horse superintendents is required to participate in the jumping classes. You must be at least a 2nd year member in the project to jump in the following classes:

Warm up: Each participant will have one pattern practice.

The Hunter Hack classes will be judged on the flat with jumps (not to exceed 2'3").

NOTE: Parents of participants are responsible for setting up jumps. Patterns for Cross poles and Hunter Hack are included in the fair book.

Class

Cross poles – Combined ages (No 1st year)

Hunter Hack (Height 2'3") – Combined ages (No 1st year)

Open Hunter Jumping (max 24")

In Hand Hunter – Minis Only

DIVISION - TRAIL

Note: Trail patterns will include obstacles such as a bridge, gate, side pass, mailbox, back through, and others as described in the Rules to Light Horse Shows.

Class

Trail – Senior

Trail – Intermediate

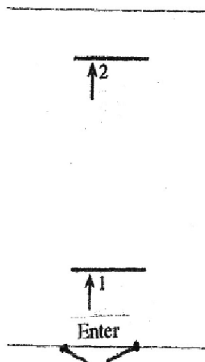
Trail – Junior

Class

^^First year trail

In Hand Trail – Minis Only

Hunter Hack Pattern

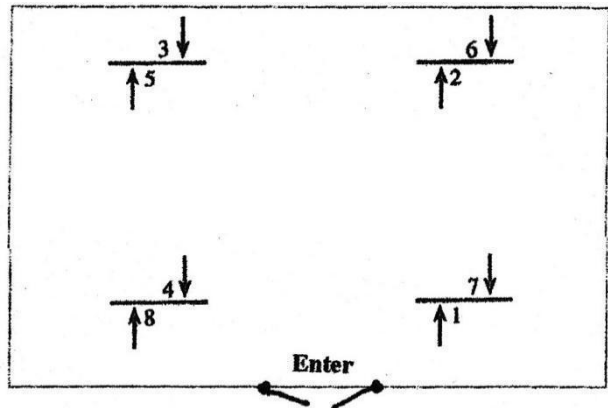


Enter through gate. Ride courtesy circle at end inside gate. Proceed over jumps.

Horses will then be shown at a walk, trot, and canter in both direction on the rail of the ring.

At the discretion of the judge, contestants may be asked to hand gallop, pull up or back and stand quietly following the last fence.

Crosspoles Pattern



Enter through gate. Ride courtesy circle at end inside gate. Proceed over jumps 1-8 in numbered order. Following jump number 8. Complete a courtesy circle in center of jumps. Bring horse to a walk and exit through gate.

Thursday, July 17

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m.

Vet Check

Western Horse Show

DIVISION - WESTERN HORSE SHOW

PONY HALTER

Class

3 and Under Mares & Geldings

4 through 8 Mares & Geldings

9 and over Mares & Geldings

HORSE HALTER

Class

3 and Under Mares & Geldings

4 to 8 Year Mares

4 to 8 Year Geldings

9 and over Mares

Class

9 and over Geldings

Miniature Horse – all ages

Long Ears – all ages (Donkeys and Mules)

Draft Horses – all ages

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules

Class

Senior Showmanship

Master Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Class

Junior Showmanship

^^First Year Showmanship

Six or seven volunteers are needed who are willing to let their horse be used in the Supreme Showman contest for Sunday noon. Horses should be shown in leather show halters and lead ropes without chains.

WESTERN PERFORMANCE

(If a group class has less than three entries, that class may be worked with another like class, with consideration given to grade.) Classes may be split if too large.

Class

Bareback Equitation Senior

Bareback Equitation Intermediate

Bareback Equitation Junior**

**English or Western Tack/Attire for Bareback Equitation

Tandem Bareback (Combined ages – (No 1st year)

LUNCH BREAK

Walk Trot – Senior

Walk Trot - Intermediate

Walk Trot - Junior

^^ Walk Trot - (First Year Members Only)

Western Pony Pleasure – (Combined ages)

Western Horse Pleasure Senior

Class

Western Horse Pleasure Intermediate

Western Horse Pleasure Junior

^^ Western Pleasure - (First Year Members Only)

Ranch Horse Pleasure*** Senior

Ranch Horse Pleasure*** Intermediate

Ranch Horse Pleasure*** Junior

Guided Ranch Riding*** Senior

Guided Ranch Riding*** Intermediate

Guided Ranch Riding*** Junior

Western Horsemanship - Intermediate

Western Horsemanship - Junior

^^ Western Horsemanship - (First Year Members Only)

“For rules that apply to Guided Ranch Riding, see the Addendum to the 4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa.”

HORSE FUN SHOW

Friday, July 18

Vet Check: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Show: 5:00 p.m.

1. All horses must have a vet certificate on file.
2. Classes to be approved by horse superintendents.
3. One fee charged per exhibitor to show in all classes.

DRILL TEAM

Open to all 4-H'ers in the Horse project.

Show: Friday, July 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Show Committee: Brenda Gessner & Danielle Britcher

1. Horses must be ID'd and Vet Checked.
2. Practices held during the County Fair.
3. Horses perform to music and follow a pattern written by Senior 4-H Members.
Performance, Friday, 5:00 p.m.

MODEL HORSE SHOW

Show: Friday, July 18, 9:00 a.m. – Community Building

Clover Kids Show: Friday, July 18, 1:00pm.- Community Building

Show Committee: Amanda Honnold

****Registration for Novice, First Year, & Clover Kids 8:00 a.m.**

****Show for Novice, First Year, & Clover Kids 9:00 a.m.**

****Registration for 2nd Year and Up: 12:00 p.m.**

****Show for 2nd Year and Up: 1:00 p.m.**

*You may show as many models as you wish in these classes. There will be subdivisions under each class at the show (i.e., English Pleasure, Arabian Halter, etc.)

Class

Halter

Pleasure

Performance Games

Performance Trail

Other (i.e. Best Loved, Collectible, etc.)

Tuesday, July 16

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Enter Poultry**

Sunday, July 19 Poultry Show –

8:00 a.m. Poultry Barn, **Clover Kid Show will
take place before the 4-H Show**

POULTRY

Superintendents: Nathan Rickerl Kyla Struthers

Pullorum-Typhoid Testers: Kyla Struthers

All entries must be tested for Pullorum Typhoid at the fair. Exhibitors will pay \$0.50 testing cost per bird (when entry is made on or before June 15).

Refer to General Rules and Health Requirements for additional information.

1. **EXHIBITORS WITH ANY POULTRY ANIMAL MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2026. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON THE FILE WITH THE STORY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15, 2026. NO FOOD SAFETY AND QUALITY ASSURANCE (FSQA) CERTIFICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

2. Information Regarding Poultry Entries

2.1 Exhibitors may show the following number of entries in each class:

2.1.1 Only ONE entry per class can be made in each of the following classes:

- o Production Pullets pen of 3 birds - white egg layers
- o Production Pullets pen of 3 birds - brown egg layers
- o Production Hens pen of 3 birds - white egg layers
- o Production Hens pen of 3 birds – brown egg layers
- o Pen of 3 Broilers, 4 lbs. or less
- o Pen of 3 Roasters, more than 4 lbs.
- o Market Turkey
- o Breeding Turkey
- o Goose

2.1.2 TWO entries can be made in each of the following classes. **Birds entered in the same class must be different breeds.**

- o Guineas, Pheasants, Quail, and Peafowl
- o Pigeons
- o Doves
- o Ducks

2.1.3 THREE entries can be made in each of the following classes. **Birds entered in the same class must be different breeds.**

- o Clean Legged Bantams
- o Feathered Legged Bantams
- o Standard Breed Chickens

2.1.4 Eggs- Non Class Competition

2.2 Additional Class Information

2.2.1 **Birds must be purchased prior to May 1 and under the care of the exhibitor after purchase.**

The only exception to this rule is for Market Broilers/Roaster classes (see 2.2.4)

2.2.2 Birds not normally considered as poultry are to be shown in the Small Pet Division.

2.2.3 Production Poultry classes (Production Pullets and Production Hens) are for poultry raised to produce eggs. -Judging is based on uniformity between the 3 hens or pullets, maturity (age considered), and development. Pens must contain birds of the same breed, sex, and age.

2.2.3.1 Production Pullets: hatched after December 31st

2.2.3.2 Production Hens: hatched before January 1st

2.2.4 Pen of 3 Market Broiler/Roaster classes are for meat production birds under eight weeks old

(May 1 purchase rule does not apply to broilers and roasters). Entries will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include health, feathering, conformation, (breast, back, legs, and thighs), fleshing and fat covering.

The pen must consist of birds of the same breed, sex and age.

2.2.5 Market Turkey classes will be judged on the same standards as are the Market Broilers/Roasters.

2.2.6 Breeding Turkey classes will be judged according to the American Poultry Association Standards of Perfection.

2.2.7 Ornamentals: Pigeons, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, and Pea Fowl will be judged on health, vigor, conformation, maturity (age considered) and development.

2.2.8 Waterfowl Class will be judged according to the American Poultry Association Standards of Perfection.

3. Checking-in and Caring of Animals During Fair

3.1 Poultry exhibits are to be entered and tested beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14 on the west side of the Poultry/Rabbit barn and must be in place by **8:00 p.m.**

3.2 No birds shall be allowed entry into the barns after 8:00 p.m. unless the Department Superintendents have

been notified of the unforeseen circumstances and approved of the late entry.

3.3 No substitutions may be made of any poultry exhibit after poultry have been entered except by permission

of the Department Superintendents.

3.4 Each exhibitor is responsible for properly entering and placing birds in pens that have been assigned by the Department Superintendents. **Birds are not to be placed in pens until the Poultry Superintendents have approved them. Bedding will be provided at a cost of \$02.00 per animal to be paid with entry fees.**

3.5 Large/unusual exhibits, such as peacocks, may need a special pen furnished by the exhibitor and approved by the superintendents prior to the day of check-in.

3.6 Exhibitors are responsible for feeding and watering their own birds.

3.6.1 **Feed and water cups for use within the cages will be provided by the Fairboard to ensure display uniformity.**

3.6.2 **Water should be checked several times during each day. Poor herdsman (feeding, watering, & cleaning pens) may disqualify an exhibitor from showing. If an exhibitor is warned twice about caring for their bird(s), then the superintendents have the right to disqualify the exhibitor and require the exhibitor to take their bird(s) home immediately. Exhibitors will lose any premium money awarded after the fair.** Rules of the Herdsman Department apply to all Poultry exhibitors.

3.7 All supplies used for caring for birds during the fair must be stored in boxes under cage stands. Boxes must be no taller than 11 inches and no wider than 24 inches. Rubbermaid Roughneck 10 gallon (23.9 X 15.9 X 8.7 inches) is an example.

4. Poultry Show and Awards Information

4.1 Ribbons, Rosettes, and Trophies will be awarded.

4.2 Champions/Reserve Champions will be chosen from the following divisions:

4.2.1 Production Pullets; Production Hens; Market Broilers/Roasters; Market Turkeys; Waterfowl; Bantam Breed, Standard Breeds; Breeding Turkeys; Pigeons and Doves; and Guineas, Pheasants, Quail, and Peafowl

4.3 A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be chosen from the following divisions:

4.3.1 Production Pens, Market Pens, Breeding Stock and Ornamentals. Show Champion and Reserve Show Champion will be selected from the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions listed above.

5. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals is allowed except for horses. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals will be wiped down. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.

PRODUCTION PENS

Production Pullets (hatched after December 31)

Production Pen of 3 Pullets (White Egg Layers)

Production Pen of 3 Pullets (Brown Tinted Egg Layers)

Production Hens (hatched before January 1)

Production Pen of 3 Hens (White Egg Layers)
Production Pen of 3 Hens (Brown Egg Layer)

MARKET PENS**Market Broilers and Roasters**

Pen of 3 Broilers, 4 lbs. or less
Pen of 3 Roasters, more than 4 lbs.

Market Turkeys

Pen of 1 Turkey

BREEDING STOCK**Waterfowl**

Pen of 1 Duck
Pen of 1 Goose

Bantam Breeds

Pen of 1 Clean Leg Bantam Breed Bird
Pen of 1 Feathered Leg Bantam Breed Bird

Standard Breeds

Pen of 1 Standard Breed Chicken

Breeding Turkeys

Pen of 1 Turkey

ORNAMENTALS**Pigeons and Doves**

Pen of 1 Pigeon
Pen of 1 Dove

Guineas, Pheasants, Quail and Peafowl

Pen of 1 Bird
Eggs- Non Class Competition

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules

Class

Senior Showmanship
Intermediate Showmanship
Junior Showmanship

CLOVER KID POULTRY

1. __Clover Kids must be enrolled in <https://v2.4honline.com/> by April 1.
2. __You may participate with one standard breed chicken or bantam.
3. __The bird will not be identified in 4-H Online, but a county fair entry must be made at <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
4. Clover kid exhibits will be tested and checked into the fair on Tuesday, July 15 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The chicken will be Pullorum tested.
5. The bird will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day.
6. Clover Kids will exhibit their bird at the beginning of the poultry show on Sunday, July 20th.
7. __Review general rules, general animal rules, and poultry rules.

Tuesday, July 14

5:00-8:00 pm.. Enter Rabbits

Wednesday, July 15

9:00a Rabbit Show – Pavilion, Clover Kid Show will take place before the show

RABBIT

Superintendent: Tim Shanks, Travis Knight

Rabbit Showmanship Judge:

Other rules and regulations may be found in the General Rules and Regulations section.

1. **EXHIBITORS WITH ANY RABBIT EXHIBIT MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2026. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE STORY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15, 2026. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS RABBIT HOPPING. NO FSQA WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
2. Only purebred rabbits may be shown in individual classes. Mixed breed rabbits or purebred rabbits may be shown in production (meat) pens and single production (fryer) classes.
3. All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. The tattoo must be on the fair entry form with the proper Class Number. The tattoo will be used for animal identification at the fair NOT the coop number as in the past.
4. Individual rabbits will be divided into two major classes; six class rabbits and four class rabbits. A description of each class follows:

FOUR CLASS RABBITS are divided into each breed and then four classes as follows:

Senior Bucks, Senior Does

Junior Bucks, Junior Does

SENIOR: A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit over the age of six months or one that has exceeded the maximum weight for a junior of its breed if applicable.

JUNIOR: A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit under the age of six months and under the maximum weight limit for a junior of its breed if applicable.

FOUR CLASS RABBITS ARE AS FOLLOWS: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Angora, English Spot, French Angora, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lion head, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta and other ARBA newly recognized breeds.

***Only ARBA recognized colors are to be shown. The recognized color for each breed can be found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection-Standard Bred Rabbits and Cavies or on the American Rabbit Breeders Association website.

FOUR CLASS RABBITS ARE THOSE BREEDS HAVING AN IDEAL SENIOR WEIGHT OF NINE (9) POUNDS OR LESS.

SIX CLASS RABBITS are divided into each breed and then six classes as follows:

Senior Bucks, Senior Does,

Intermediate Bucks, Intermediate Does

Junior Bucks, Junior Does

SENIOR: A senior rabbit is defined as a rabbit over the age of 8 months, or having exceeded the minimum Intermediate breed weight.

INTERMEDIATE: An intermediate rabbit is defined as a rabbit between the ages of 6 to 8 months or over the weight limit for junior rabbits.

JUNIOR: A junior rabbit is defined as a rabbit less than six months of age and not over the weight limit for the juniors of that breed.

SIX CLASS BREEDS ARE AS FOLLOWS: American, American Chinchilla, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox and other ABRA newly recognized breeds.

***Only ARBA recognized colors are to be shown. The recognized color for each breed can be found in the ARBA Standard of Perfection-Standard Bred Rabbits and Cavies or on the American Rabbit Breeder Association website.

SIX CLASS RABBITS ARE THOSE BREEDS HAVING AN IDEAL SENIOR WEIGHT OF 9 LBS OR MORE.

PRODUCTION PENS are shown as a pen of three. Each rabbit should weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds and cannot be over 10 weeks of age on the day of the show. The judge will look at the uniformity of those three rabbits (i.e. size of animal).

4. Rabbits will be housed in the Poultry/Rabbit barn.
5. Rabbit exhibits must come from a properly enrolled rabbit project. The exhibitor must be a 4-H or FFA member by May 15 of the current year and enrolled in the project by June 15. The exhibit is meant to be a sampling of an exhibitor's rabbit herd. Therefore, **exhibitors will be limited to a total of 15 rabbits.**
6. Rabbits shown must agree to include **(permanent tattoo in the left ear)** information with the entry made in <http://storyia.fairentry.com> due June 15.
7. Rabbits may be entered beginning at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15 and must be in place by 8:00 p.m.
8. Each exhibitor is responsible for properly entering and placing rabbits in pens. Rabbit pens will be assigned. **Bedding will be provided at a cost of \$2.00 per animal to be paid with entry fees.** All rabbits have to be checked in before they are put into their assigned cages.
9. A rabbit showing evidence of the following conditions, at any time during the fair, will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds:
 - Snuffels - thick white or yellow discharge from the nose
 - Runny Eyes
 - Ear Mites
 - Diarrhea
 - Abscesses
 - Coccidiosis
 - Other health problems that could endanger any other animal
10. Pens, ground below the pen, and alleyways must be cleaned and manure deposited, where instructed by the superintendent, by no later than 7:30 a.m. each day. Exhibitors are expected to feed, care for animals and clean their pens during the fair. Water should be available at all times. Exhibitor's pens must pass inspection before checking out. Poor herdsmanship could disqualify an exhibitor from the show and loss of premium money. One important responsibility in caring for rabbits is providing adequate ventilation on hot days. A small fan is permissible, but needs to be used only when temperatures are abnormally warm. Fans must be covered with wire mesh as a safety measure. In addition, exhibitors will need to bring necessary equipment to maintain good herdsmanship. Stiff brooms and shovels are necessary equipment.

1. Each rabbit entered in the production (meat) pen and single production (fryer) class **MUST** weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds at the fair to meet the correct quality standard of judging. Production rabbit entries are ineligible to be entered in other rabbit classes. Production (meat) pen rabbits will be weighed upon entry at the fair, for eligibility in the production classes.

2. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on rabbits. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification from, the show and Ribbon Auction (if eligible) along with, loss of premium for that animal.

3. Ribbons, Rosettes, and Banners will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded on the quality of exhibits. Therefore, no class, even those with one or two entries, will automatically receive any of the ribbons offered. The result of this is that though unlikely some classes may not contain rabbits of sufficient quality to merit a champion or reserve champion award.

4. Champions/Reserve Champions will be chosen from the following divisions: Production Pen – Single, Production Pen – Mixed Breed Pen of Three, Production Pen – Purebred Pen of Three.
5. Champion (Best of Breed)/Reserve Champion (Best of Opposite Sex) will be chosen from each four class and six class breed show at the fair.
6. We will also choose a Grand Champion/Reserve Champion Production (meat) Pen, Best of Show/Reserve (Opposite) Best of Show Six Class Rabbit, Best of Show/Reserve (Opposite) Best of Show Four Class Rabbit, and a Grand Champion (Best of Breed) /Reserve Grand Champion (Best of Opposite Sex) Best of Show Rabbit.
7. Rabbits are not to be shown in more than one class unless the exhibitor chooses to participate in Showmanship.
8. “For Sale” rabbits and cavies may be identified on the cages but animals must remain until the official release time.
9. Rabbits cannot be spayed or neutered
10. Rabbits should be at least 12 weeks old by fair time, except single fryers and meat pens.
11. No glass containers or light plastic cups are to be used for feed or water dishes.
12. Rabbits will stay in the building until checked-out by the Superintendent.
13. Please do not hang ribbons on the cage

DIVISION – (PRODUCTION) MEAT PEN - SINGLE PRODUCTION

Class

Single Fryer

DIVISION – (PRODUCTION) PEN – PEN OF 3

Class

Mixed Breed Pen of Three

Purebred (Production) Pen of Three

DIVISION – SIX CLASS RABBITS

Breeds - American, American Chinchilla, American Sable, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian,

Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox,

Standard Chinchilla and other ARBA newly recognized breeds.

DIVISION – FOUR CLASS RABBITS

Breeds - American Fuzzy Lop, Argente Brun, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Angora, English Spot, French Angora, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, , Tan, Thrianta and other ARBA newly recognized breeds.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules.

Class

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

CLOVER KID RABBIT

1. Clover Kids must be enrolled in <https://v2.4honline.com/> by April 1.
2. Clover Kids may participate with one purebred rabbit in the Clover Kid rabbit show.
3. The rabbits do not need to be identified in 4HOnline, but a county fair entry must be made at <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
4. Clover Kids will check in their rabbit Tuesday, July 14 from 5-8 pm.
5. The rabbit will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day of the fair.
6. Clover Kids will show his/her rabbit at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15 in the Dueland Pavilion.
7. Clovers kids will take their rabbit home on Sunday, July 19 at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday, July 15	
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Enter Rabbits - Dueland Pavilion
Wednesday, July 15	
8:00 a.m.	Rabbit Hopping Show - Dueland Pavilion

RABBIT HOPPING

Superintendent: Tim Shanks

Refer to general rules and health rules for additional information.

Rabbit Hopping

1. Rabbit does not need to be pedigreed. The rabbit can be a purebred, or a mixed breed. An altered (spayed or neutered) rabbit can participate.
2. All rabbits should be at least 5 months of age to compete.
3. Sick rabbits will not be allowed to compete or practice. Rabbits will be checked at each meeting/show.
4. All rabbit breeds are welcome but larger breeds or woolie breeds are not recommended for the safety of the rabbit. These breeds would only be able to participate in the easy beginner course.
5. Pregnant or nursing does are not allowed to compete.
6. Handlers are responsible for the training of their rabbit.
7. Any mistreatment of a rabbit will not be tolerated.
8. All rabbits must use the "H" style harness with clips or buckles that has a D ring on the back. You will also need a 6' leash.
9. The rabbit and handler are considered a team. You may not hand your rabbit over to anyone else during a competition run to compete in another event.
10. The rabbit must never be left unattended in the competition area.
11. The rabbit hopping rabbits will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought and returned home on the show day (unless the rabbit is also being shown as a four class or six class rabbit).
12. These rabbits must come from a properly enrolled rabbit project.
13. Rabbit hopping entries are due the same date as other fair entries.
14. A specific rabbit can only be entered in one level for each event.
15. YQCA certification is not required for Rabbit Hopping. All other rabbit classes require YQCA certification.
16. Ribbons and Rosettes will be awarded. First place winners in each class will receive a Trophy.

DIVISION – RABBIT HOPPING STRAIGHT LINE COURSE

Class

Easy Level

Intermediate – Easy Level

Intermediate - Medium Level

Difficult Level

DIVISION – RABBIT HOPPING CROOKED COURSE

Class

Easy Level

Intermediate – Easy Level

Intermediate - Medium Level

Difficult Level

DIVISION -RABBIT HOPPING TEAM RELAY RACE

(Must have 3 handlers and rabbits to be a team and every handler must have their own rabbit.)

Class

Easy Level

Intermediate – Easy Level

Intermediate - Medium Level

Difficult Level

DIVISION – RABBIT HOPPING HIGH JUMP

Class

High Jump

DIVISION – RABBIT HOPPING LONG JUMP

Class

Long Jump

RABBIT HOPPING SHOWMANSHIP

Class

Senior Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

Wednesday, July 15 7:00 – 10:00 a.m. Enter Sheep – Sheep Barn

Thursday, July 16
11:00 a.m.

Exhibitor Meeting - Dueland Pavilion

Saturday, July 18
8:00 a.m.

Sheep Show – Dueland Pavilion Clover Kid Show will start the 4-H Show

****A MAXIMUM OF 15 MARKET LAMBS AND 10 COMMERCIAL EWES MAY BE WEIGHED AT THE MAY WEIGH-IN.**

SHEEP

Superintendents: Jo Mortvedt, Joel Niemeyer, Rick Sheldahl, Gary Van Loon, Jack McKinney, Theresa Humphreys, Heath Oaks

NOTE: In compliance with USDA National Scrapie Education Initiative which includes the required Individual Animal Identification Tags of all intact animals used for breeding purposes, or animals being exhibited, or animals over 18 months of age moving into slaughter channels. Wethers are exempt from the tagging requirement.

All exhibited sheep (except for Wethers) must be tagged according to regulations of the USDA National Scrapie Education Initiative. All females must have a Scrapie tag in the ear & written on the 4-H identification form (example IA1234-5678) at the May weigh-in.

ANY ANIMAL FALLING UNDER THE TAGGING REQUIREMENT THAT IS NOT TAGGED WILL BE SENT HOME AT THE CHECK-IN SITE ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.

General Rules:

1. All animals must be in the possession of the exhibitor and being cared for by the exhibitor as of May 15, 2026. Refer to General Rules and Health Rules for additional information.
2. **SHEEP EXHIBITORS MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15, 2026. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE STORY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15, 2026. NO FSQA WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
3. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animal hair is allowed. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals may be wiped down. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.
4. All blankets and tubes must be removed prior to entering the veterinarian check lines weigh-in lines and leg wraps.
5. Clipping stands are encouraged to remain level or close to level. Excessive elevation that causes animal discomfort will result in the stands being removed from the barn.
6. **Entry in the fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.**

Regarding Prolapses

Sheep with a rectal prolapse will be released from the fair and may not remain in the barn or be shown. A slight amount of rectal tissue that protrudes when the lamb is laying down, but then retracts without assistance upon standing, will not be considered a prolapse for this purpose. The prolapse may be corrected at the owner's request, but the animal will still be released from the fair. Animals that have undergone previous prolapse repair, that is evident by straining or by visible sutures, will also be released. This will be at the discretion of the Story County Fair Veterinarian.

REQUIREMENTS IN SHEARING and LENGTH OF WOOL

All lambs must arrive slick shorn, clipped, and show ready (minimum touch-up may be done prior to show).

Veterinarians and/or superintendents at check-in reserve the right to request additional shearing if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately. Exception to this rule will be those breed animals where the judging criteria is based on the condition of the wool as a judging standard as declared by the breed association, but must be washed before arrival.

DIVISION – PUREBRED EWES

1. Spring ewe lambs are to be born on or after January 1, 2026.
2. Fall ewe lambs are to be born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

3. Yearling ewes are to be born between January 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025.
4. **ALL PUREBRED EWES MUST BE TAGGED WITH AN OFFICIAL 4-H TAG DURING THE MAY WEIGH-IN.** 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/> by the designated deadlines. FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager. Birthdate and registration number (if available) must be provided at the weigh-in. When required, association registry tags must be in the ears of sheep before arrival at the Fairgrounds.
5. Registration papers **must be** presented to the Department Superintendent at **check-in** for all purebred ewes. If registration is pending, the exhibitor must show proof (copy of application) that registration has been applied for.
6. An exhibitor may show a maximum of six (6) purebred ewes, with no more than two (2) individuals per class.
7. Purebred ewes will be shown by breed. There is no limit to the number of breeds 4-H'er may exhibit as long as rule #6 is followed.
8. Awarding of Champion Ribbons/Trophies will be given at the discretion of the judge. Some classes may not have animals that qualify for a class championship.
9. **All purebred ewes must be washed within 30 days of the Fair. (Wool Breeds only all other to be slick shorn)**

Class

Purebred Ewes

DIVISION – COMMERCIAL EWES

The purpose of this class is to encourage 4-H'ers to establish superior crossbred ewe flocks, taking advantage of the hybrid vigor inherent in crossbred ewes.

1. Spring ewe lambs are to be born on or after January 1, 2026.
2. Fall ewe lambs are to be born between September 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.
3. Yearling ewes are to be born between January 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025.
4. **All commercial ewes (yearlings too) must be weighed and tagged with an official 4-H ear tag in the animal's ear at the county lamb weigh-in prior to May 15, 2026. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/> by the designated deadlines. FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15. A maximum of 10 Commercial Ewes may be weighed in.**
5. A commercial ewe is a breeding female not registered.
6. Lambs shown in commercial ewe classes may not be shown in market classes.
7. Commercial ewes will be shown in three (3) classes: black face, white face, and speckled face. A speckled face commercial ewe must exhibit pronounced speckling (at least 30%) on a large portion of the face.
8. An exhibitor may show a maximum of six (6) commercial ewes with no more than two (2) individuals per class.*For example: You could enter (2) Black face ewes, (2) White face ewes, and (2) Speckled face ewes.
9. **Commercial ewe lambs must be weighed in on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.** Classes will be broken down by weights.
10. All Commercial Ewe Lambs will be weighed **prior** to stalling.
11. Awarding of Champion Ribbons/Trophies will be given at the discretion of the judge. Some classes may not have animals that qualify for a class championship.
12. **Ewes must be slick shown over the entire body before arrival at the county fair (minimum touch-up may be done prior to show).**
13. **Exhibitor must declare at Fair Sheep Check-in Wednesday, July 15 which ewe lambs will be exhibited as commercial ewes.**

Speckled Face Fall Ewe
Speckled Face Spring Ewe

Class

Speckled Face Yearling Ewe
Black Faced Yearling Ewe
Black Faced Fall Ewe
Black Faced Spring Ewe

Class

White Face Yearling Ewe
White Face Fall Ewe
White Face Spring Ewe

DIVISION – MARKET LAMBS

1. All market wethers and market ewes are tagged with an official 4-H ear tag **in the animal's ear** at weigh-in prior to May 15. **All male lambs must be banded or show evidence of being castrated at Spring Weigh-In (May 3).** A maximum of 15 Market Lambs may be weighed in. 4-H families are responsible for

entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/> by the designated deadlines. FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15.

2. **Market wethers and market ewes must weigh at least 85 pounds to be eligible for the show. Those animals under 85 pounds will be considered feeder lambs and will be exhibited as such.**
3. Market wethers and market ewes must show lambs teeth and show no evidence of testicles at fair weigh-in.
4. Market wethers and market ewes are to be slick shorn over the entire body before arrival at the County Fair (**minimum touch-up may be done prior to show**).
5. Market wethers and market ewes will be divided into classes (ranging approx. 10-15 lambs per class) according to weight at the Fair. Each exhibitor may bring to the fair and show up to **6** market animals (combination Market Wethers and Market Ewes).
6. There will be a rate of gain contest. To be eligible, lambs must be weighed in at the Story County Fair weigh in on May 3rd
7. All market wethers and market ewe exhibitors are asked to nominate 1 lamb to be entered in the rate of gain per day contest, which is based on pounds of gain between Spring weigh-in and County fair weigh-in. To be eligible for placing, rate of gain lambs must be shown in a market wether class or market ewe class.
8. Ribbons, rosettes, and trophies will be awarded.
9. Market wethers and market ewes will be shown in three (3) classes: black face, white face, and speckled face. A speckled face market lamb must exhibit pronounced speckling (at least 30%) on a large portion of the face. If there is less than 5 in white face or speckled face then will be combine for White Breed Influence
10. The Story County Produce Class is open to all owned or purchased ewes and market lambs that were born in Story County from ewes owned by Story County residents and/or born to ewes owned by Story County 4-H or FFA member raised animals. The exhibitor can own the ewe or purchase the wether or ewe from the Story County owner of the ewe. The animal shown as Story County Produce cannot be shown in other market lamb classes. Cash, trophies and ribbons will be awarded. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Story County Produced Market Lamb animal is eligible to show for overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion.
11. Lambs will be divided into classes by Face Color and weight at the County Fair.
12. Deadline to declare Market Ewe is 2:00 pm on Thursday, July 16, 2026.

Class

White Face Market Ewe
Speckled Face Market Ewe
Black Face Market Ewe

White Face Market Wether
Speckled Face Market Wether
Black Face Market Wether
Story County Produce

Class

DIVISION – ADVANCED FEEDER LAMBS

1. The Advanced Feeder Lambs project may consist of three to ten (3-10) lambs. Each member is limited to one (1) pen of Advanced Feeder Lambs.
2. Feeders may be fed in partnership with other 4-H or FFA members.
3. Lambs must be born after January 1, 2026. Project begins May 2, 2026 (at weigh-in).
4. All lambs in this project must be fed separately from other project animals and other livestock on the farm.
5. All lambs must be weighed in and ear tagged at the May 2 Weigh-In. **4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/> by the designated deadlines.** FFA will need to have this information on file with the Agricultural Education Instructor and the Fair Operations Manager by May 15. Animals identified as Advanced Feeder Lambs may not be shown in any other classes (Market, Commercial or Purebred).
6. Exhibitors will be judged on project records, interviews, average daily gain, feed efficiency, cost of gain, and knowledge of the project.
7. Advanced Feeder Lambs must be weighed-in on Wednesday, July 15 from 7:00 - 10:00 a.m.
8. At the beginning of the project (May 2), members will receive a packet with eligibility and record keeping forms. Feed records may be sent to the Extension Office at the end of each month. These feed records will be used in the final evaluation of the exhibit. Forms can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>
9. **Advanced Feeder Lambs must be washed and shorn 2-3 weeks before the county fair.**

Class

Advanced Feeder Lambs

SHOWMANSHIP

The following is a suggested dress code for all exhibitors: white shirt or official 4-H/FFA T-shirt and "blue jeans" (no shorts).

Exhibitors must be present at the time of fitting and preparing their animal for the show. Promptness in the show ring is expected. Following the "last call" notice, the gates to the show ring will be closed.

Exhibitors will refrain from the following during the shows:

-Lambs must be exhibited with all 4 feet on the ground. No elevated piles of sawdust or placing of lamb's feet on the exhibitor's boots will be allowed.

-No "slapping" of lambs

The ring-monitoring superintendent will provide a warning to any violator of the above rules. If the violation continues, the exhibitor will be excused from the show-ring, forfeiting any placings and premiums for the rest of the day.

There will be no drenching (by use of drench gun or syringe) of any lamb or ewe, unless administered by a veterinarian. Any exhibitor caught drenching their animal will be sent home by the Superintendents and premiums in this department will not be paid.

Class Please refer to Showmanship Rules

Senior Showmanship

Master Showmanship

Intermediate Showmanship

Junior Showmanship

HERDSMANSHIP

1. Wood shavings will be the only bedding allowed – carpeting is not allowed. Rubber mats may be used in conjunction with the wood shavings.
2. Exhibitors are to keep all pens clean (including tack area).
3. Exhibitors are expected to have feed/water available to animals by 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day of the fair.
4. No "muzzles" allowed.
5. Lambs should not be left unattended in trimming stands.
6. Each exhibitor will be responsible for taking down their own assigned pen(s) prior to leaving the fairgrounds.

LAMB SHOW FUN CLASS

This class is to generate interest in pre-4-H'ers for showing sheep.

An adult or older 4-H member must accompany participants.

CLOVER KID BOTTLE LAMB

1. Any exhibitor, with written consent, in grades Kindergarten-3 as of September 15, 2025 and enrolled as a Clover Kid in Story County by April 1.
2. County fair entry must be made at <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by June 15.
3. Any orphan or newborn lamb, ewe or wether, lambled between January 1-May 1 of current project year, and in possession of the showing participant within 2 weeks of birth.
4. All Clover Kid Bottle lamb(s) must be brought to sheep weigh-in on Saturday, May 2 on the Story County Fairgrounds where they will be tagged and recorded on an Iowa 4-H Sheep Verification Form. **All females must have a Scrapie tag in the ear & written on the 4-H identification form (example IA1234-5678) & males must be castrated/show signs of castration at the May weigh-in.** Order scrapie tags at **1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824)**
<http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>
5. An exhibitor may identify up to three animals, but can only exhibit one at the county fair. It is recommended, for the welfare of the lambs, that, ideally, they be raised in groups of 2-3 head. This allows lambs the opportunity to interact with each other in a more natural production environment.
6. An animal ID'ed as a bottle lamb can only be shown in the bottle class.

7. All lambs are to be halter broke and shown with halter.

8. The Bottle Lamb class is to be fun for the exhibitor as well as a learning experience. The exhibitor will be asked to attempt the following:

- A) Showmanship
Will be asked to move the lamb about the ring
Keep lambs between themselves and the judge
- B) Project Book kept throughout project and shown at exhibitor interview
Record keeping outline provided by Extension Office at the May weigh-in
Basic questions on the exhibitor's lamb project – caring, feeding, leading, etc.
Exhibitor will share their project book in an interview after the sheep exhibitor meeting Sunday

9. **Lambs must be slick shorn (refer to REQUIREMENTS IN SHEARING and LENGTH OF WOOL in the general rules for Sheep for exceptions) before arriving Friday Evening** with the market lambs and commercial ewes. Ewes must arrive with a scrapie tag.

10. The identified and entered lamb(s) will be checked by a veterinarian and checked in by superintendent on Wednesday, July 15 to be eligible for participation in the Bottle Lamb Show on Saturday, July 18, just like all livestock to be shown at the county fair. All lambs must be free of any contagious or infectious conditions.

11. All ewes to be exhibited must have the official Scrapie Flock ID tags from the state. **(1-866-873-2724)** Wethers do not need the official Flock ID tag.

12. **Lamb Show will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 18.** All exhibitors must wear a Clover Kid or 4-H Club t-shirt while in the show ring. All exhibitors will receive a ribbon for their efforts and participation.

13. Lambs will be released Sunday, July 19 at 3:30 pm.

14. Exhibitors will receive a participation ribbon in judging.

Class : Bottle Lamb- Grades Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Wednesday, July 15

1:00 p.m. **Enter Small Pets and Cat – Dueland Pavilion**
1:30 p.m. **Clover Kid Small Pet and Cat Show – Dueland Pavilion**
2:00 p.m. **4-H/FFA Small Pet and Cat Show – Dueland Pavilion**

SMALL PETS

Superintendent: Kindra Smith

Note: Refer to the General Rules and Animal Science rules that apply to the Small Pets Division.

1. The Small Pets Department Exhibit is an outgrowth of the Small Pets Project. Exhibitors must be enrolled as 4-H or FFA members by April 1 of the current year. The exhibitor must be enrolled in the Small Pet/Cat Project by June 15 of the current year.
2. A maximum total of 3 pet exhibits may be shown.
3. The cat classes are designed for domesticated cats and kittens. Kittens must be at least four months old as of the County Fair show. Cats must have a current rabies vaccination certificate that must be brought to the Fair with the animal. The rabies certificate for cats vaccinated the first time is good for one year. The second year's vaccination is good for 3 years. However, cats should be taken to a veterinarian every year. Distemper and other vaccinations are required annually. Bring the certificates that show the latest vaccinations for both rabies and distemper. Pregnant cats or cats that are nursing kittens are not to be shown. Cat's claws are to be clipped. Declawing is not a requirement.
4. The "other small pet" classes include animals such as fish, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, snakes, mice, rats, chinchillas and some birds. No poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, peafowl or quail are shown here. They are shown in the poultry division. Rabbits and dogs cannot be shown in this division. Turtles may not be shown in any fair class. Law restricts them because they are disease carriers.
5. **Pot Belly Pigs are considered a Swine Animal Exhibit.** They cannot be entered as a Small Pet live exhibit. **An exhibitor may display a folder in the Animal Science class on their Pot Belly Pig (see rule 6 and 8).**
6. A folder that explains the care of the Small Pet may be (not required) entered as a separate Animal Science Exhibit. You would enter your folder under the Animal Science Class. **Note: Any small pet related exhibit entered and displayed in the exhibit hall cannot be taken out of the building. The exhibits are on display for the entire fair and will be released with all exhibits at 3:30 pm on Sunday. Therefore, NO FOLDERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SMALL PET-CAT SHOW ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15.**
7. Exhibiting excitable small animals can be hazardous to the animal, unless care is given to have adequate water, ventilation, and food available while the animal is at the fair. The exhibitor is responsible for providing these items along with any special equipment needed. **Please bring own cage/carrier.**
8. Judging is based on the condition of the animal (health, cleanliness, disposition, grooming, and safety); costs (feeding, veterinary, and equipment); management (housing and environment, feeding and watering, disease prevention); exhibitor's general knowledge and learning. Cats are required to be clean and knot free. Cats and Small Pets – No parasites.
9. **Each exhibitor must bring the completed Small Pet Information Form to the judging experience on Wednesday, July 15. A photocopy or generated copy of the Small Pet Information Form is acceptable.** This form will include the following information:
 - What is your goal in the project?
 - Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
 - Daily Care of My Animal
 - Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
 - How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?
10. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
11. No coloring or painting is allowed. If this rule is not followed, it can result in disqualification of the exhibit.

DIVISION - CATS

Class

Cat

DIVISION - OTHER SMALL PETS

Class: Birds, Fish, Gerbils, Guinea Pigs

Class: Hamsters Other Small Pet Reptiles

Tuesday, July 14 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Vet Check/Enter Breeding Swine , Swine Barn
Wednesday, July 15 11:00 a.m.	Swine Exhibitors Meeting , Dueland Pavilion
Thursday, July 16 7:30 a.m. TBD Thursday Evening TBD	Breeding Gilt Show , Dueland Pavilion Swine Fun Show Release of Breeding Gilts & Barn Cleaning , Swine Barn
Friday, July 17 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Vet Check/Enter Market & Swine , Swine Barn Bacon Buddies , Dueland Pavilion
Sunday, July 19 7:30 a.m. TBA-After Market Classes	Market Swine Show – Dueland Pavilion Swine Fun Show – Dueland Pavilion

SWINE

Superintendents: Kelly Sheets, Jodi Sterle and Wade Kahler

NOTE: ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) CERTIFIED BY JUNE 15 OR YOUR ENTRY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BRING PIGS TO THE FAIR. NO FSQA WILL BE ACCEPTED. A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE STORY COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY JUNE 15, 2026.

General Swine Rules

1. Exhibitor eligibility requirements are found in General Rules.
2. All swine must be ear notched according to the Universal Swine Ear Notching System.
3. All swine must present a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and meet the health requirements as listed in the front of this book. Health certificates must be issued within 7 days of the fair. Note that health certificate requirements are subject to change per the State of Iowa Veterinarian.
4. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must be checked before unloading. Unloading times will be Tuesday 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday morning (7:00 – 9:00 a.m.).
5. Entry in the fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.
6. The judge and show officials will have the authorization to disqualify any pigs that are severely unsound or exhibit any of the following abnormalities: pigs with serious injury, evidence of stress susceptibility, other defects or abnormalities and structurally unsound pigs. Any barrow displaying boar characteristics will be disqualified from the live show and the carcass contest.
7. Exhibitors may show a maximum of 8 pigs in the Swine Division. You may bring up to 4 Purebred/Commercial Gilts (entered on Tuesday from 6:00 – 9:00 pm and released on Thursday evening). You may also bring up to 4 Market Hogs (entered on Friday from 7:00 – 9:00 am and released on Sunday after the Ribbon Sale).
8. NO PIGS WILL BE SOLD TO A PACKER AT THE FAIR. Exhibitors will be responsible for taking swine home and marketing their own project after the fair.

9. No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animal hair is allowed except for horses. All first and second place animals will be wiped down. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and not participating in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.
10. Ribbons, banners and awards will be given.
11. Exhibitors must completely remove bedding to the designated location at the end of each show.

Herdsmanship

1. Exhibitors are expected to have feed/water available to animals by 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. throughout the fair.
2. Only wood chips will be allowed for bedding.
3. No "Bulk" feeders or large water tanks will be allowed. It is recommended that feed pans be in pens only at feeding time.

DIVISION – PUREBRED BREEDING GILTS

1. All breeding gilts entered in the purebred classes must be identified as purebred pigs in 4-H Online by May 15, 2026. All gilts shown in purebred breeding classes must be registered in the Herdbook of their respective breed association. Pedigrees will be required for all purebred breeding swine. The original registration paper must be presented at check-in time. No faxes or copies will be allowed. The registration paper must be in the 4-Her's name or show a logical family relationship. (For example, Jon Smith can have pigs registered under Smith Farms, but not under SMJ Farms or Cedar Valley Farms). Litter registrations from the respective breed association will be accepted. Information in 4-H Online MUST match the registration paper.
2. Purebred gilts will be shown by age. Gilts must be farrowed on or after December 1 of the previous year (Birthdate). Breeding gilt classes will be broken according to farrowing dates, with class size as equal as possible. A minimum of four gilts per breed must be entered for the gilts to be shown in their registered breed. When there are fewer than 3 gilts entered in a breed, they will show as "Other Breeds". There must be four animals to constitute a breed class.
3. Exhibitors are responsible for taking their gilts home after the fair.

*****Additions to the Story County Fair 2026**

Story County PeeWee Gilt Show

1. Open to any Story County Resident younger than 4H age or Clover Kid within a Story County Club.
2. Pigs will need to be owned and entered by the exhibitor by the Story County Fair entry deadlines. June 1st-15th and late entry through June 30th. deadline.
3. Each exhibitor allowed ONE gilt at the Story County Fair Breeding Gilt Show
4. Classes will not be broken unless numbers exceed 8 gilts.
5. Champion PeeWee Gilt and Reserve Champion PeeWee Gilt Banners will be awarded to exhibitors. Sponsored by Vegas Show Pigs.
6. PeeWee Gilt show will go immediately after the conclusion of the showmanship classes.
7. All 4H and FFA swine show rules will apply.

Class

Purebred Breeding Gilt – Berkshire
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Chester White
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Duroc
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Hampshire
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Landrace

Class

Purebred Breeding Gilt – Poland China
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Spotted
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Yorkshire
 Purebred Breeding Gilt – Other Breeds

DIVISION – COMMERCIAL GILTS

1. Commercial gilts do not have to be weighed at the April weigh in, but must be identified and tagged. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online by the designated deadlines. All information must be verified in 4-H Online or the FFA Animal Identification Sheet by May 15, 2026.
2. They must be identified in 4-H online by May 15, 2026.
3. Commercial gilts will be shown by weight; there will be no upper or lower weight limit.
4. Commercial gilts are not eligible to sell to the packer. Exhibitors are responsible for taking their gilts home after the fair.

Class

Commercial Gilts

DIVISION – MARKET HOGS

1. Market barrows and gilts do not have to be weighed at the April weigh in, but must be identified and tagged. 4-H families are responsible for entering animal identification information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4-H Online by the designated deadlines. All information must be verified in 4-H Online or the FFA Animal Identification Sheet by May 15, 2026..
2. Market classes will be split by fair weight.
3. **NO PIGS WILL BE SOLD TO A PACKER AT THE FAIR.** Exhibitors will be responsible for taking swine home and marketing their own project after the fair.
4. There must be three head of animals to constitute a breed class.
5. Weights of market hogs will be declared* Weight cards for commercial gilts- Due Wed. @ 3:00pm Weight cards for market hogs- due Sat. @3:00pm. Animals must weigh +/- 15 lbs from declared weight at show weigh backs will be at the discretion of the judge or superintendents.

Additions to the Story County Fair 2026

Purebred Market Hog Production Class

1. Open to all Story County 4H and FFA exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors must enter their name, number of pigs and \$100 per pig they wish to take by April 10 th , 2026.
3. Lottery drawing, pig picking and weigh-in will occur at noon on Saturday April 18 th at the Story County Fairgrounds.
4. Exhibitors will be expected to keep a record book with expenses and turn them in when they arrive with their pig at the fair.
5. A rate of gain will be captured from weigh-in day to the day they come in at the county fair.
6. That rate of gain will be visible on the exhibitors' sleeve in the live show ring.
7. Purple, blue, red or white awards can be awarded to the exhibitor.
8. A champion and reserve champion will be awarded in the live show, as well as recognition for the most exceptional record keeping.
9. All pigs in the production class will be pedigreed purebred market hogs and eligible to show in the purebred market hog class as well.

Additions to the Story County Fair 2026

Story County PeeWee Barrow Show

1. Open to any Story County Resident younger than 4H age or Clover Kid within a Story County Club.
2. Pigs will need to be owned and entered by the Story County Fairentry deadlines.June 1st-15th and late entry through June 30th.deadline.
3. Each exhibitor allowed ONE pig at the Story County Fair Market Hog Show.
4. May not be the same gilt from the Breeding Show.
5. Classes will not be broken unless numbers exceed 8 pigs.
6. Champion PeeWee Market Hog and Reserve Champion PeeWee Market Hog Banners will be awarded to exhibitors. Sponsored by Vegas Show Pigs.
7. PeeWee Market show will go immediately after the conclusion of the showmanship classes.
8. All 4H and FFA swine show rules will apply.

Class

Purebred Market Barrow – Berkshire
Purebred Market Barrow – Chester White
Purebred Market Barrow – Duroc
Purebred Market Barrow – Hampshire

Purebred Market Barrow – Landrace
Purebred Market Barrow – Poland China

Class

Purebred Market Barrow – Spotted
Purebred Market Barrow – Yorkshire
Purebred Market Barrow – Other Breeds
Crossbred Market Gilt
Crossbred Market Barrow

SWINE SHOW FUN CLASS

This class is to generate interest in youth for showing swine. Participants should be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders by September 15, 2025 and accompanied by an adult or an experienced exhibitor over the age of 16. There will be a Fun Show at the conclusion of both the breeding and market show.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Please refer to Showmanship Rules.

Class

Senior Showmanship
Intermediate Showmanship
Junior Showmanship
Master Showmanship

1. There will be showmanship classes in both the breeding and market shows, however, the Master Showman will be chosen during the Breeding Show.

Contest: Saturday, July 18, 2:00 p.m. -- Dueland Pavilion

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

Superintendents: Kelly Sheets

1. Three to four 4-H or FFA youth (both boys and girls) may compete on each team. Teams may be composed of any 4-H or FFA members from Story County. You do **not** have to be from the same club or chapter. 4-H team members may come from another adjoining county, but only if a judging program is not established in the adjoining county.
2. Each team must consist of 3-4 members, with the top three scores counting towards the team total. The following divisions will be offered at the contest:
 - Senior 4-H (grades 9-12)
 - Junior 4-H (grades 4-8)
3. Individual 4-H or FFA members may enter the individual contest. Team members are automatically entered as individuals.
4. Individuals, who wish to judge, but are not a member of a team may judge in the individual judging category.
5. Each contest must consist of at least 6 classes with at least 2 classes from each species (beef, sheep, swine). These classes can consist of any mix of breeding and market classes. More classes may be added and is at the discretion of the superintendent.
6. **Entry in the fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.**
7. The contest will be held in Dueland Pavilion as listed in the schedule of events. No advance entry is required.
8. Adults may enter the individual adult judging contest. Below are youth exhibitor premiums to be awarded:

Junior Judging Team	\$50, \$25, \$15
Senior Judging Team	\$50, \$25, \$15
Champion Junior Individual Livestock Judge	Banner, \$25, \$15, \$10
Champion Senior Individual Livestock Judge	Banner, \$25, \$15, \$10

SHOWMANSHIP DEPARTMENT

1. Showmanship is open to any youth that showed an animal in a particular show. Previous winners of showmanship awards may compete at the next level (i.e junior winners compete at intermediate level) and can compete multiple times as a master showman.
2. Exhibitors must show **their own** exhibit in showmanship classes.
3. Classes are divided Junior, Intermediate and Senior as follows:
Juniors must be in grades 4, 5, and 6 as of Sept. 15. Intermediate must be in grades 7, 8, or 9 as of September 15. Seniors must be in grades 10, 11 and 12 as of September 15. The exception: if a junior level exhibitor won and is now competing at the intermediate level or if an intermediate level exhibitor won and is now competing at the senior level.
4. Department superintendents may combine age divisions if small numbers in classes warrant it. Whenever possible, three divisions of showmanship should be offered. **Senior Showmanship Classes shall choose a 1st place winner and a 2nd place winner.**
5. A Master Showman will be selected as part of the Showmanship Contest in the following animal species: Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy Goat, Horse, Sheep and Swine. The selected youth will participate in the Supreme Showmanship Contest to be held Wednesday afternoon during the fair in the pavilion.

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Superintendent: Dave Moody

1. The Supreme Showman will be chosen in a Round Robin Showmanship contest. The species to be included in this contest will be: Beef, Boer Goat, Dairy Goat, Horse, Sheep and Swine.
2. The Champion Senior Showman in each species will compete against any previous senior showmanship winners in that species. The individual chosen as Master Showman will advance to the Supreme Showmanship Contest. There will be 1 contestant from each species.
3. If there are no current year or previous senior champions who qualify in a given species, that species will not compete in the Supreme Showmanship Contest for that year.
4. There will be approximately 10 minutes to show each species. All of the six contestants will show one species at a time. At the end of the 10 minutes another species will be brought into the ring.
5. The Department Superintendents for each species will be responsible for providing six animals for the Supreme Showmanship Contest. No animals connected with a Master Showman will be used in the Contest. The Department Superintendents will be responsible for getting the animals to the show area and returning the animals to the barn at the completion of the contest.
6. The Supreme Showman will be selected on the basis of total points scored. Contestants will be ranked 1 – 6 for each species. Ties will be broken by a questionnaire taken before the contest.
7. A Master Showman may win Supreme Showman only once.
8. You may be the Master Showman in a species more than once as long as you haven't won the Supreme Showman title.
9. Master Showman will be asked to lead halter animals while in the ring. Participants should be ready to follow the Judge's instruction.
10. There is a dress code for this contest. The dress code will consist of blue jeans and a T-shirt that will be supplied to the contestant. No hats are to be worn. All accessories will be supplied by the superintendent, i.e. scotch combs, show sticks, etc.
11. If a person is chosen in more than one species, they must choose the species they wish to represent in the contest.
12. You must have a project at the fair to show in the Master Showman Contest for each species.
13. Sponsors: ISU - \$1000 Scholarship, Phenotypic Acres – Belt Buckle and Monetary Award, Dave & Alice Moody - Shirts

Monday, July 13, 2026

8 am - 4 pm **Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, and \$20 Challenge**, Nevada High School

8 am - 4 pm **Communication Contest - educational presentations, extemporaneous speaking**, Nevada High School

Sunday, June 15, 2026

11:59 p.m. **Share the Fun online registration/entry due** – <http://storyia.fairentry.com/>

Sunday, June 15, 2026

11:59 pm **Registration due** – Story County Extension Office

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10:00 a.m. **Working Exhibits – Community Building**

11:00 a.m. **Share the Fun - Community Building**

11:30 a.m. **Presentations, Extemporaneous Speaking, Clothing Style Show**

1:00 p.m. **Clothing and Communications Awards Presentation - Community Building**

COMMUNICATION CONTEST AND CLOTHING CONTEST

The Communications Division provides opportunities for youth to develop their personal communication skills. Not all Communication Contests are held at the county fair due to space requirements and scheduling conflicts. However, posters will be displayed and participants are invited to give their presentation during the county fair. Share-the-Fun and working exhibits are the communication contests held during the fair.

In keeping with the “family values” of this youth fair, exhibits should not contain the following: nudity, promotion of illegal drugs, weapons, alcohol or cigarettes. Any exhibits that contain the above will be disqualified by that department superintendent.

If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2025 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows, and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

Educational Presentation

1. Give a talk or speech with illustrations or posters that communicates knowledge, information or a process about a particular subject.
2. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience.
3. Junior level 4-H'ers (grades 4-6) with presentations have a maximum time length of 15 minutes.
4. Intermediate and senior level 4-H'ers (grades 7-12) with presentations have a maximum length of 20 minutes.
5. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair). Internet connections will not be available.
6. If unable to give your presentation at the communication contest, the presentation may be video-taped and submitted for non-conference judging, but it will not be eligible for state fair selection.
7. Up to 6 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.
8. A presentation report form must be submitted with the entry form.

Class

Junior Educational Presentation

Intermediate/Senior Presentation

Working Exhibit

1. The intent is to teach a process, transmit knowledge and develop skills.
2. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience.
3. Use of sanitary and safe procedures and methods is always important, particularly if food samples are available to the audience.
4. All processes used should be safe for involvement by audiences of all ages.
5. All working exhibits will be scheduled to be in progress for 20 minutes. Entries selected to represent Story County at the Iowa State Fair will have different time lengths scheduled at the Iowa State Fair. Set-up must be done by exhibitor only (like state fair).
6. Your presence at the contest is required to enter this class.
7. Up to 4 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.
8. Stickers are not allowed to be handed out in the 4-H Exhibits Building at the Iowa State Fair.

Class

Junior Working Exhibit

4-H Posters

1. Only one poster per 4-H'er. Conference judging time for posters will be scheduled
2. Choose one of the following poster themes:
 - a. 4-H is . . .
 - b. Join 4-H
 - c. Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Wheel Theme)
 - d. 4-H Spirit (variation of 2026 Iowa State Fair Theme)
 - e. 4-H for America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250th birthday)
3. The Poster Exhibit Entry Form should be attached to the back of the poster. This form is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>
4. All posters must be designed on or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board – size minimum of 14 inches x 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches x 22 inches.
5. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
6. 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.
7. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional and materials used to make the poster cannot extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
8. The poster may include the 4-H emblem/clover. Do not print on or cover the emblem; however, because it is a copyright logo. Posters cannot incorporate copyright materials or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
9. Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge to be entered at the Iowa State Fair.

Extemporaneous Speaking

This contest is designed to encourage the development of communication life-skill by enhancing the ability to think, organize, speak, and answer questions readily before an audience.

1. **This contest is open to 4-H'ers in grades 4-12, but only 4-H'ers in grades 9 – 12 are eligible for advancement to the Iowa State Fair.**
2. At the beginning of the assigned 30 minute preparation time in the preparation room, the contestant will draw three 4-H topics and select one to prepare a speech on. The contestant may not leave the preparation room when the 30 minute preparation time begins, until it is time to give his/her speech in the audience room.
3. The 4-H'er will have the rest of the 30 minutes in the preparation room to prepare a speech 4 minutes (minimum) to 6 minutes (maximum) in length without help from other 4-H'ers or adults.
4. Plain note cards and some 4-H reference materials will be available in the preparation room for the contestant's use. The contestant may also bring their own printed reference materials (books, magazines, web pieces, etc) but no written notes or outlines. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used for the speech.
5. In the audience room, a person timing the speech will show cue cards for each minute (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). The contestant will be asked to stop at six minutes. Questions may follow.
6. Props, posters, or visuals of any sort are not allowed in the audience room.
7. Evaluation criteria includes: content related to topic, knowledge of the subject, organization of material, power of expression, voice, stage presence, general effect, and response to questions.
8. Up to 2 entries may be selected by the judge for exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.

Clover Kids

Clover Kid Poster

1. Make a poster on any topic related to Clover Kids.
2. Posters should be 14" x 22" (1/2 sheet of poster board) in size.
3. The poster may include the 4-H emblem/clover. Do not print on or cover the emblem; however, because it is a copyright logo. Posters cannot incorporate copyright materials or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.

3rd Grade Educational Presentation or Working Exhibit

1. Give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration.
2. Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid.
3. You may bring props and do the presentation or demonstration with one friend who is also a Clover Kid.

FASHION REVUE

Participation in this division includes the judge's evaluation while modeling the outfit. DO NOT enter the Fashion Revue unless you plan to **attend the judge's evaluation on July 13th, 2026.** Each exhibitor may only enter one exhibit.

1. The outfit modeled by the member in the fashion revue must be a garment MADE (constructed, knitted or crocheted) by the club member during the current program year. A garment or outfit consisting of one to three pieces such as party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats are acceptable as Fashion Revue entries. Undergarments and accessories may be made or selected by the member. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
2. The exhibitor models his/her own outfit for the judge.
3. The exhibitor may exhibit a garment in the Clothing and Fashion Class at the Story County Fair and model the same garment in Fashion Revue Event.
4. 4-H'ers who have completed grades 9 or above are eligible for State Fair. If selected to advance to the state fair through Fashion Revue event, then the exhibitor cannot have the same clothing article in Clothing and Fashion Class selected for exhibition at the state fair.
5. This entry is due by **June 15, 2026 to the extension office**
6. Exhibitors will complete the event form, available on the Story County Extension website and bring to the judge's evaluation. **A picture of the exhibitor in his/her outfit is to be included.** If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
7. Report form responses may be typed or handwritten if preferred by the participant.

Class

Junior Fashion Revue
Intermediate Fashion Revue
Senior Fashion Revue

CLOTHING SELECTION

Participation in this division includes the judge's evaluation while modeling the outfit. DO NOT enter Clothing Selection unless you plan to **attend the judge's evaluation on July 13th, 2026.** Each exhibitor may only enter one exhibit.

1. If the 4-H'er is enrolled in the Clothing Project, the Clothing Selection outfit may also be exhibited in the Clothing and Fashion Class at the Story County Fair.
2. 4-H'ers who have completed grades 9 or above are eligible for State Fair. If selected to advance to the state fair through the clothing selection event, then the exhibitor cannot have the same clothing article in the Clothing and Fashion Class selected for exhibition at the state fair.
3. This event gives the exhibitor an opportunity to practice consumer skills in choosing an outfit for:
 - a. Casual use: Clothes for school or work.
 - b. Sports or functional use: Clothes that might be chosen for a particular sport, for a special environmental condition, or because of a limiting physical condition.
 - c. Special Occasion (Dressy) Clothes: Clothing for special events (graduation, prom, wedding, etc.).
 - d. Clothing is chosen to allow personal expression with some thought of future use.A written explanation on the entry form about the decisions made is an important part of the event.
4. This entry is due by **June 15, 2026 to the extension office**
5. Exhibitors will complete the event form, available on the Story County Extension website and bring to the judge's evaluation. **A picture of the exhibitor in his/her outfit is to be included.** If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
6. Report form responses may be typed or handwritten if preferred by the participant.

Class

Junior Clothing Selection
Intermediate Clothing Selection
Senior Clothing Selection

THE \$20 CHALLENGE

Participation in this division includes the judge's evaluation while modeling the outfit. DO NOT enter the \$20 Challenge unless you plan to **attend the judge's evaluation on July 13th, 2026.** Each exhibitor may only enter 1 exhibit.

1. The outfits entered must be chosen and purchased by the participant. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type). **Items purchased from a sale rack at any retail store are not allowed.** Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'er belong in Clothing Selection.) **Gifts of clothing, either new or used, are not eligible.** An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Cost of the outfit must be \$20 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments. The outfit must be selected and modeled by the exhibitor.
2. Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling is not included in the total calculations.
3. If the 4-H'er is enrolled in the Clothing Project, the \$20 Challenge outfit may also be exhibited in the Clothing and Fashion Class at the Story County Fair.
4. 4-H'ers who have completed grades 9 or above are eligible for State Fair. If selected to advance to the state fair through the \$20 Challenge Event, then the exhibitor cannot have the same clothing article in the Clothing and Fashion Class selected for exhibition at the state fair.
5. This event gives the exhibitor an opportunity to practice consumer skills in choosing an outfit for:
 - (a) Casual use: Clothes for school or work.
 - (b) Sports or functional use: Clothes that might be chosen for a particular sport, for a special environmental condition, or because of a limiting physical condition.
 - (c) Special Occasion (Dressy) Clothes: Clothing for special events (graduation, prom, wedding, etc.).
 - (d) Clothing is chosen to allow personal expression with some thought of future use.A written explanation on the entry form about the decisions made is an important part of the event.
6. This entry is due by **June 15, 2026 to the extension office**
7. Exhibitors will complete the event form, available on the Story County Extension website and bring to the judge's evaluation. **A picture of the exhibitor in his/her outfit is to be included. Receipts are required.** If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
8. Report form responses may be typed or handwritten if preferred by the participant.

Class

Junior \$20 Challenge

Intermediate \$20 Challenge

Senior \$20 Challenge

Innovative Design

Participation in this division includes the judge's evaluation while modeling the outfit. DO NOT enter Innovative Design unless you plan to **attend the judge's evaluation on July 13th, 2026.** Each exhibitor may only enter 1 exhibit.

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.
6. If the 4-H'er is enrolled in the Clothing Project, the Innovation Design outfit may also be exhibited in the Clothing and Fashion Class at the Story County Fair.
7. 4-H'ers who have completed grades 9 or above are eligible for State Fair. If selected to advance to the state fair through the Innovation Design Event, then the exhibitor cannot have the same clothing article in the Clothing and Fashion Class selected for exhibition at the state fair.
8. This entry is due by **June 15, 2026 to the extension office**
9. Exhibitors will complete the event form, available on the Story County Extension website and bring to the judge's evaluation. **A picture of the exhibitor in his/her outfit is to be included.** If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.

10. Report form responses may be typed or handwritten if preferred by the participant.

Class

Junior Innovation Design

Intermediate Innovation Design

Senior Innovation Design

CLOVER KID CLOTHING AND STYLE SHOW

Clover Kids may participate in either the Clothing Selection or the \$20 Challenge. Clover Kids will follow the same rules as the 4-H classes with the exception of entry fee. Participants will receive a participation ribbon. This entry is due by **June 15, 2026 to the extension office** .

SHARE-THE-FUN

1. Share-the-Fun provides an opportunity for 4-H members to share their talent while performing before an audience and judge. Entries may be individual, small groups, or large groups. Examples might include playing a piano, singing a song, performing a skit, storytelling, a dance performance, etc.
2. Each club may have as many entries (large group, small groups, individual) as they wish, however, individual members may perform in only two entries total.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Acts must not exceed 6 minutes in length.
5. Share-the-Fun entries through <http://storyia.fairentry.com> are due by June 15. An entry fee of \$2.00 per person per entry must accompany the Share-the-Fun Entry. Each person in a group pays \$2.00 for the group entry.
7. Each act is required to complete and submit one Share-the-Fun Form to the Extension Office June 15 by 4:30 p.m.
8. Clover Kids can participate in the county fair and receive a participation ribbon, but are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
9. All participants will receive blue, red, or white ribbons at the county fair. Three entries and three alternates may be selected for the 4-H exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.
10. **State Fair Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12 grade (or that equivalent) in 2025-2026. 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 through 12th grade in 2025-2026.**
 - b. **Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.**

Sunday, June 15	Entries are due in http://storyia.fairentry.com
Saturday, July 11 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Clover Kid Exhibit Check-in - Christy Hall
Saturday, July 11 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Check-in exhibit judging (Photography, Visual Arts, Personal Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources) - Christy Hall
Sunday, July 12 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Check-in exhibit judging (Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement, Science Engineering and Technology, Family and Consumer Science) - Christy Hall
Thursday, July 16 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Enter/Judge Flower, Fruit, & Vegetable exhibits Community Building upper level
Sunday, July 20 3:30 p.m.	Exhibits Released - Christy Hall & Community Building upper level

Judges may want to further review an exhibit after the initial conference judging experience so an orange dot may be placed on an exhibit tag. If an exhibit from a 4-H'er (in grades 5-12) receives an orange dot, then the exhibit is being considered for: blue, purple, alternate state fair, or State Fair. 4th grade exhibits can also receive an orange dot and be considered for: blue, purple, Top Award. The highest placing ribbon for FFA is purple.

Static General Exhibit Rules

- Exhibitors are limited to 10 entries per class. Each exhibit should show different learning.
- Exhibitors are responsible for submitting their fair entries in <http://storyia.fairentry.com> by **June 15** and checking exhibits in on the appropriate day. ***Notes:** You must enter a class for each exhibit you plan to bring (i.e. 10 photographs would require 10 entries in FairEntry.com) **Your exhibit goal determines which class to enter your exhibit!** Remember what classes you entered (write them down, or print off). When you check in your exhibit, the class name on the entry tag must match the class name entered by June 15! If it does not, the exhibit may be disqualified, not evaluated, and sent home with you.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to participate in conference judging of their exhibits on judging day. A judging conference is an educational tool designed to help exhibitors improve their skills and gain understanding in the project. Only exhibitors are allowed at the Conference Table with the judge during the judging time. Exception to accommodate a special need. Non-conference judged exhibits receive written judge's comments. Judging criteria remains the same for exhibits that are judged during conference and non-conference.
- As entries are made and at check-in, families may request accommodation for a special need to make the conference judging experience rewarding.
- Exhibit entry tags will be available for pickup in the office and/or at check-in for each exhibitor.** Attach the entry tag securely to the exhibit..
- An eligible 4-H member may have up to a combined total of 4 exhibits selected for State Fair 4-H exhibition with a limit of 2 exhibits per division. The communication contest event has a separate State Fair selection process.
- In keeping with the "family values" of this youth fair, exhibits should not contain the following: nudity, promotion of illegal drugs, weapons, alcohol or cigarettes. Any exhibits that contain the above will be disqualified by that department superintendent.
- Endangered and threatened 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)
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)
- If an exhibit includes a pair of items (2 earrings, 2 shoes, etc.), then the exhibit must be displayed with only 1 item from the pair.
- Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-Hers.)
- School assignments may become exhibits if a 4-H goal has been determined. What do you want to learn about the experience/project that is beyond the required assignment? Example: A class assignment is to write an essay about the environment; 4-H goal – I want to inform people about the value of wind energy in Story County by March 1.

12. If an exhibit is **larger than 6'x6'x6'**, please email xstory@iastate.edu so that staff can determine available space. Please include a photo of the exhibit. This size limitation does NOT apply to tractors.

Static General Exhibit Rules to qualify for State Fair

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent.) in 2025-2026 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
 2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
 3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. See also "Iowa State Fair 4-H Rules and Regulations".
 4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
 5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
 6. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods may be disqualified and will not put on public display.
 7. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size.
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
 - **Be sure to check divisions for any other requirements**
 8. Endangered and threatened 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) - p State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasion 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.
 9. **Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)**
County note: Exhibits without copyright information (if needed) at time of judging will not be considered for a higher ribbon placing. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)
 10. The 4-H member's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Rubrics are located at <https://iastate.app.box.com/s/fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjgrn>
 11. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - 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?
- NOTE:** Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, photography, home improvement, visual art classes, 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes.
12. All judges' decisions are final.
 13. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, exhibitor's name, class number, and class name. All exhibit pieces need to be connected with string. **This is required before checking an exhibit in.**
 14. Any engine needs to be drained of fuel and run dry before displaying

How to attach the exhibit tag and connect all exhibit pieces

*Exhibit entry tags will be sent to you via mail.

- Exhibit tags – think about the best place to attach. Is it to the exhibit or to the exhibit write-up?

- Exhibit tags must be displayed in the upper right hand corner of the photo or to the right of photo (tape string to the back side)
- **The photo label form must be attached to the back of the photo. The photo label can be folded behind the photo, but be sure it can be unfolded during the conference. Removable tape is helpful.**

Also, **each exhibit piece must be attached or connected with a string.** This helps ensure that the write-up and the exhibit piece(s) are together. This makes the process to check-in, display, and check-out exhibits more efficient for families and volunteers. **All items must be attached before checking the exhibit in.**

How to tell about your exhibit through a write-up or recording:

Answering these three questions is required before checking in an exhibit for the county fair conference judging experience. Answering the three questions for a judge may be done through a write-up or an audio or video recording. The write-up or recording will be shared with the judge.

1. What was your exhibit goal(s)? (What did you plan to learn or do?)
2. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
3. What were the most important things you learned?

The write-up might be on a notecard, paper in a page protector, or even in a binder. Optional: may include pictures, resource list, etc. Or it could be done through an audio or video recording. **Please communicate with 4-H staff if a recording will be provided to ensure the video is available for the judging conference.**

Your exhibit may require you to obtain copyright permission to display. If required, please include the copyright permission information in your write-up.

After the fair – you may add your exhibit write-up or video to your county 4-H project record form as a support piece for your county 4-H project award application.

Elements & Principles of Design in Visual Art, Clothing, and Home Improvement

Written Elements and Principles of Design are required for these classes and are to be included in your exhibit write-up. Judges will want to know how exhibitors incorporated a couple of these into an exhibit within the write-up or recording. While the information can be shared with the judge verbally at the county fair, that opportunity is not available at Iowa State Fair.

County note: Some classes require an understanding of one or more elements and principles of design in an exhibit. Less experienced exhibitors should be prepared to write explanations for two (2) Elements and two (2) Principles of Design. Experienced members should be prepared to write explanations for three to five (3 to 5) Elements and three to five (3 to 5) Principles of Design. Knowledge of the project area will expand with experience.

Available Elements and Principles of Design resources include:

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/464> (elements and principles)

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12945> (Home Decor)

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/262> (Clothing)

Elements of Design

Color

Name the colors (hue.)

Are the colors bright or dull (intensity)?

Are the colors light or dark (value)?

How do the colors make you feel?

Why do the colors look good together?

Line

Describe the lines curved, straight, thick thin, bold fine, horizontal, vertical, dotted, zigzag, etc.

Do the lines lead your eye? Explain

Do the lines show direction or outline an object or divide a space? Explain

Do the lines create a mood? Explain

Texture

Describe the texture: smooth, slick, shiny, rough, raised, bumpy, fuzzy, soft, hard, grainy, etc.

Can you feel the texture or is it just visual?

Shape/Form

Shapes are 2-dimensional. Are the shapes geometric or realistic or irregular?

If your design has 3-dimensions it has form; describe the form(s).

Space

Space is the amount of room you have.

Describe the negative space (background)?

Describe the positive space the design

Principles of Design

Balance

Are both sides of the design the same (symmetrical)?

If they are not the same, they are asymmetrical, but do they feel balanced? Why?

Emphasis

What is the first thing you see? Why?

Unity

Why do parts of the design belong together?

Rhythm

What makes your eye move around the design? (Repeating, gradually bigger, alternating, etc.)

Proportion

How does the design fill the space?

How do parts of the design relate to each other?

Static Exhibits Clover Kids

To participate, Clover Kids must:

be an enrolled member by April 1, 2026

Third graders will attach a write-up to each exhibit answering the following questions:

What was your exhibit goal(s)? (What did you want to learn or do?)

What steps did you take to learn or do this?

What were the most important things you learned?

Clover Kid Show & Tell – Pick your favorite exhibit displayed in the hall and tell about it to other Clover Kids and their families on Saturday, July 19 at 9:30 am in the Community Building.

\$25.00 Quester 2026 PRESERVATION & RESTORATION AWARD

Sponsored: Nevada Questers

The goal of the Quester Preservation/Restoration Awards is to recognize 4-H members who demonstrate the importance of preserving or restoring items for their enjoyment and for future generations. There is not a specific class for this award. The award winner will follow the 4-H guidelines for fair projects and will document the project with a written summary including pictures of the process. A \$25.00 cash award, certificate of recognition and a special recognition ribbon will be presented.

THE QUESTERS is an international organization dedicated to preservation and restoration of our heritage.

Criteria for the award:

1. Quality of workmanship.
2. Quality of the written description and photos

DIVISION - MUSIC

Class

Music – An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history.

DIVISION - PHOTOGRAPHY

Superintendent: Delann Soenske

Photography Rules – County:

1. **All photographs must be shot by the exhibitor.** Developing, mounting, matting, and editing or scripting may be done by the exhibitor or with the help of others. A firm backing will help display your photo safely.
2. **There is a limit of 10 entries per exhibitor.**
3. All state rules for photography will be followed..
4. The "4-H Photography Exhibit" label is found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>
5. **DO attach the 4-H photography exhibit label to the back of photo. Fold behind the photo if needed, but be sure it can be unfolded for the judging conference. Removable tape is helpful**
6. Captions are optional. If used, they should be short.

Photography Special Rules - State:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 5"x7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11"x14". Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11"x24" in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of the finished project must not exceed ½ " thick.
4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders (window mat or flat mount directly on board). Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally.
 - a. **4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color and size.**
 - b. **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
5. 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.
6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
7. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
8. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
9. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
10. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

Class

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

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

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. *Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.*
2. *If mounted, the photograph/image must be mounted on a foam core no smaller than 5" in length or larger than 14" in length.*
3. *Photograph/image can be digitally created.*
4. *Exhibits must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.*
5. *Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*
6. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*

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"x48".

DIVISION - VISUAL ARTS

Superintendents: Renae and Stewart Damman

The Visual Arts project does two things for exhibitors. First, it helps them discover their creativity. It also helps them learn and practice skills about how to make pieces of art. Because discovering one's creativity is such an important part of this project, certain exhibits that do not allow creative expression are not shown in this area.

Class

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.

Visual Arts -Design , Process, or Technique Exploration — This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design.

This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit **must be included**. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged or have copyright permission obtained. See visual arts special rule #5 & 6.

Visual Arts - Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics — Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc

Visual Arts 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. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
3. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Superintendent: Brad Lester

Live animals may not be shown in any of these classes. They are shown in animal classes described in the Animal Science section of this book.

Class

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

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

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

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

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

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 the 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.

Forestry – An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

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 flowers are exhibited in the classes identified in the Horticulture section).**

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.

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

Safety and Education 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; archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

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.

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

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Superintendents: Chris Colvin, Helen Colvin

Class

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.

Automotive - Repaired or restored vehicle

Automotive: Educational Display - An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems

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

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.

Tractor - Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger).

Tractor: Educational Display - An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

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

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

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 & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS) or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.

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

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

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule (State): 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.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent:

Personal Development Special Rule:

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

Class

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

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.

Digital Storytelling - An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.

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

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

Personal Development Special Rule:

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

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES**Superintendent:****Class**

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

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

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.

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.

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

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. *Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.*
3. *Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.*
4. *The 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, Fruits, Whole Grains.*
 - a. *Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.*
 - b. *If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.*
6. *The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches x 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.*

For more information about this special challenge, please go to

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.

FOOD AND NUTRITION**Superintendent:** Melinda Thach

Food Sale: **Perishable food exhibits will be sold** at the bake sale on judging day, Sunday, July 12. A small section of the food exhibit will be packaged with tags and ribbons for display. The larger portion will be sold.

Proceeds from the sale will go into the Story County 4-H Fund to support Story County 4-H programs. Food items considered for the state fair will be held for further consideration.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules – County & State

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food products 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, including the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits. Labels are found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>
8. Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a resealable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 - a. Cookies cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. - four (4) to six (6) items
 - b. Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. - one (1) whole product
10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

Class

Food and Nutrition: Prepared Product - An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See Food and Nutrition Specials Rules 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.**

Food and 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 and Nutrition Specials Rules 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.

Food and 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 & service, safety practices, or food preservation. See Food & Nutrition Special Rules 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 meal planning must include a menu.

Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Reference Guide (2026)

Food and nutrition exhibits involve fun and engaging food science and nutrition experiments.

Exhibits should be prepared with food safety in mind. Using unsafe ingredients or recipes could lead to a range of consequences, including foodborne illnesses. Plan ahead for a successful fair experience. Use these guidelines to help you select an acceptable product for exhibit, find an approved recipe source, and identify the appropriate preparation method.



Preserved Foods - Keys to Success

1 - Approved Recipe Source

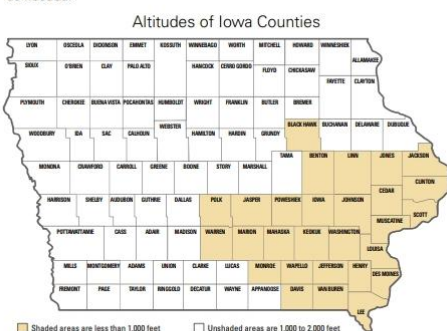
Home food preservation methods have changed over time. As a result, recipes from family, old cookbooks, or the internet might not be safe to use or exhibit. Home preserved food exhibits must follow current preservation guidelines and use an approved, tested recipe and method.

ISU Extension and Outreach recognizes the following as current, tested recipe sources:

1. [National Center for Home Food Preservation](http://nchfp.uga.edu), nchfp.uga.edu
2. [USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning](http://go.iastate.edu/KWTRVZ) (2015), go.iastate.edu/KWTRVZ
3. [So Easy to Preserve 8th Edition](http://setp.uga.edu), setp.uga.edu
4. Ball Blue Book, Guide to Preserving, 37th and 38th edition
5. Ball Complete Book of Home Preserving, copyright 2020 and 2015
6. Commercial canning seasoning and pectin packages; packet directions must be followed with no changes.

3 - Processing Time

Always consider the altitude of the processing location and adjust as needed.



2 - Equipment

Equipment for canning includes water bath and pressure canners. With an approved recipe and method, exhibits may be processed with alternative equipment.

- Water bath alternative: atmospheric steam canner
- Stove-top pressure canner alternative: PRESTO Precise® Digital Pressure Canner

Equipment resources include:

1. [Preserving Food Using Boiling Water Canners](http://go.iastate.edu/EXEHJW), go.iastate.edu/EXEHJW
2. [Pressure Can It Right](http://go.iastate.edu/ZW3WIR), go.iastate.edu/ZW3WIR
3. [Steam Can It Right](http://go.iastate.edu/VVFGZQ), go.iastate.edu/VVFGZQ

Ask the Experts

Contact **AnswerLine** at Iowa State University with any questions. Tell them you are calling in reference to a 4-H exhibit.

Calls are answered Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–noon, 1–4 p.m.

Call:
800-262-3804 (Iowa area codes)
515-296-5883 (non-Iowa area codes)
800-735-2942 for hearing impaired

Email: answer@iastate.edu

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Preserved Foods

Home preserved food must be prepared using current, tested recipes.
Only food processed after August 1 of the previous calendar year is acceptable as a fair exhibit.

	ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	UNACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	METHOD NOTES
JAMS JELLIES SWEET SPREADS	• Fruit jams and jelly • Pepper jelly • Tomato jam • Fruit butter • Conserves • Preserves • Marmalades	• Recipes made with Jell-O® • Recipes that require freezer/refrigeration • Jars sealed with paraffin or inverted • Recipes containing dandelion or flowers of any kind	• Freezer/refrigerator/Jell-O® jams or jellies may only be exhibited as a written project. • Must be water bath canned.
PRESERVED FRUITS	• Whole or cut fruits		• May be packed in sugar syrup, water or fruit juice. • Must be water bath or atmospheric steam canned.
LOW ACID VEGETABLES	• Beans • Carrots • Corn • Soups • Vegetable with meat	• Hand-placed/fancy packed vegetables that produce a tight vertical pack, unless stated by the recipe	• If recipe calls for a peeled vegetable, it must be peeled. • Must be pressure canned.
PICKLES AND RELISHES	• Cucumber • Beets • Asparagus • Carrots	• Hand-placed/fancy packed vegetables that produce a tight vertical pack, unless stated by the recipe • Alum not advised	• Food grade calcium chloride may be used for crispness per product directions. • Must be water bath or atmospheric steam canned.
SALSA	• Canned mild salsa • Canned hot salsa • Canned fruit salsa	• Fresh salsa • Pico de gallo • Created or homemade recipe • Recipe containing corn and/or black beans	• Must be water bath or atmospheric steam canned.
TOMATO PRODUCTS	• Tomatoes • Tomato juice • Tomato sauce • Ketchup • Spaghetti sauce • BBQ sauce	• Fresh BBQ sauce	• All tomato products must be acidified with bottled lemon juice or citric acid per National Center for Home Food Preservation recommendations and included in the recipe. • May be water bath, atmospheric steam, or pressured canned, as directed by tested recipe.
MEATS OR POULTRY	• Canned beef, chicken, pork, and venison	• Jerky	• Either raw pack or hot pack are acceptable. • Must be pressure canned.
HONEY	• Liquid	• Honeycomb	• Preferred packaging: classic honey jar or pint jar. • Density/moisture content must be measured by a refractometer and included in written information.
DRIED FOODS	• Fruits • Vegetables	• Meats, including jerky	• Must be completely dry (brittle texture). • Must be stored in an airtight food grade container. • Fruit leather must be brought in a plastic bag as part of a display but is not for tasting.
FREEZE DRIED FOODS	• Fruits • Vegetables • Candy		• Freeze dried food exhibits should follow the best practices in Let's Preserve: Freeze-Drying page, extension.psu.edu/lets-preserve-freeze-drying. Reference accordingly.

	ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	UNACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	METHOD NOTES
FLAVORED OILS/ VINEGARS	None	- Homemade salad dressings - Flavored vinegars with fruit peels in the product - Vinegar or oils with added herbs or garlic	
MAPLE SYRUP	Maple syrup		- Maple syrup exhibits must follow the instructions as outlined by Oregon State, go.iastate.edu/DBQA4L. - Include minimum temperature reached or "Brix as measured by refractometer or hydrometer in the written information. - Include syrup temperature at time of jarring and time of inversion in written information.

Baked Goods and Confections



Fair exhibits must be non-perishable/non-TCS (time/temperature control for safety) foods.

Perishable foods are unacceptable fair exhibits because they require time/temperature control (TCS) for safety. TCS foods are those that need to be served hot or require refrigeration. Examples include dips, fried foods, homemade noodles, salads, smoothies, etc.

Perishable items that cannot be safely brought to the fair may be exhibited as a written exhibit. Include photos, explanation of steps, and evaluation of the product in the write up.

Other examples of unacceptable items are foods containing alcohol and foods made or served in metal cans, canning jars, or in containers that are not food grade.

	ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	UNACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	METHOD NOTES
PIES	- Double crusted fruit pie - Single crust fruit pie - Dutch apple pie - Galette or similar	- Custard, meringue, pecan, pumpkin pie - Unbaked fruit pies - Crisps/crumbles/cobblers - Pies containing egg in the filling	Fruit fillings must be fully baked.
PASTRIES	- Croissants - Danishes, Kolaches - Strudels, Turnovers	Cream or custard filled	Fruit fillings must be fully cooked prior to baking.
CANDIES	- Fudge, Taffy - Candied lemon	- Candies that require refrigeration - Cream cheese mints	Texture must be dry enough that it does not require refrigeration.
YEAST BREADS	- White, Wheat, Rye - Pretzels, Rolls - Breads with finely grated cheese that is fully incorporated (not visually detectable) - Sourdough bread (starter can be commercial or homemade using only flour and water)	- Breads containing meat, salsa, vegetables, potatoes, beans, fresh herbs, or layers of cheese inside or on top of the product - Dried herbs incorporated into bread - Friendship bread, sourdough starters using milk - Caramel rolls made with milk or cream in caramel sauce	- No potato water or flakes. - Sprinkling of dried herbs on top is acceptable. - Finely diced or chopped fruits (blueberries may be whole), candied or dried fruits may be incorporated into dough. - Fruit fillings must be fully cooked prior to baking.
COOKIES AND BARS	- Drop, rolled, pressed, or refrigerator - Black bean brownies (commercially processed beans) - Brownies, Scotcheroos - No-bake cookies that do not contain flour or milk	- Lemon bars - Edible cookie dough - Cookies/bars containing flowers/edible flowers - Cookies/bars with a layer of caramel or a filling containing dairy - Cookies/bars requiring refrigeration for storage	- All doughs containing flour and eggs MUST be baked. - Topping or drizzles made from melted candy chips that harden when set are acceptable.

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	ACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	UNACCEPTABLE EXAMPLES	METHOD NOTES
CEREAL GRAINS	- Baked granola - Cereal - Crackers (containing no herbs) - Trail mixes	Energy bites	- Must be baked. - Must be dry and in an airtight food grade container.
QUICK BREADS	- Coffee cakes - Muffins - Biscuits, rolled or drop - Scones - Banana, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, and Zucchini breads	- Quick breads containing meat, salsa, vegetables, beans, fresh or dried herbs, or chunks (small or large) of cheese - Reduced sugar or sugar substitute recipes	- Present exhibit unfrosted unless frosting is part of the goal. See frosting guidelines below. - No visible chunks of cheese; shredded is acceptable. - Finely shredded/grated zucchini/carrots; pumpkin puree; finely diced rhubarb are acceptable. - Finely diced or chopped fruits (blueberries may be whole), candied or dried fruits may be incorporated into batter.
CAKES	- Foam, Sponge, Angel food - Cupcakes - Carrot - Pound - Shortened	- Cake layered, filled, topped, or garnished with fresh fruit or other products requiring refrigeration - Cake with fruit (whole/pieces/chunks) incorporated into cake batter - Cake containing flowers/edible flowers - Pineapple upside down cake	- Present exhibits unfrosted unless frosting is part of the goal. See frosting guidelines below. - Decorator frosting may be used when decorating skills are part of the goal. Exhibit will not be tasted.
FROSTING AND GLAZES	- Commercially canned frostings - Sprinkle of powdered sugar - Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe (below) - Glazes made with powdered sugar and water ONLY	- Any homemade frosting other than the Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe (below) - Glazes made with any ingredients other than powdered sugar and water - Ganache 7-minute frosting - Fresh fruit, juice, or zest	- Present exhibits unfrosted unless frosting is part of the goal. Frosting must meet frosting guidelines. - Decorator frosting may be used when decorating skills are part of the goal. Exhibit will not be tasted.

There is ONE approved homemade frosting recipe for use in Iowa 4-H fair food product exhibits.

If homemade frosting is used in an edible exhibit, the tested vanilla buttercream recipe below must be used and referenced in the write up. Any change or addition of ingredients or food colorings will result in disqualification.

Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 cup unsalted butter, slightly softened
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 Tablespoons pasteurized dairy milk (skim, 2%, or whole)

Instructions

- Beat the butter, salt, and vanilla together until fully combined on medium speed.
- Reduce speed and add the powdered sugar and milk. Add the milk a teaspoon at a time to achieve the right consistency for the way you want to use the frosting. DO NOT use more than 2 tablespoons of milk.
- Slowly increase the speed of the mixer and beat until the frosting is light and fluffy.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Superintendents: Christa Hartsook

Art elements and principles of design are the foundation of design whether putting together fabrics for clothing and quilts, selecting furnishings for a room, or creating a drawing. Design elements are line, shape, form, color, and texture. Design principles are balance, proportion, rhythm, emphasis, and unity. Information on elements and principles of design for home improvement can be found at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/4h492-pdf>

Home Improvement Special Rules - County and State:

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 on 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).

Class

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.

CLOTHING
Superintendent:

Art elements and principles of design are the foundation of design whether putting together fabrics for clothing and quilts, selecting furnishings for a room, or creating a drawing. Design elements are line, shape, form, color, and texture. Design principles are balance, proportion, rhythm, emphasis, and unity. Information on elements and principles of design for clothing can be found at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/262> Exhibits in these classes may require information about application of design elements and art principles.

Please note:

Purchased or sewn outfits modeled in the Clothing Event Program can also be entered into the following fair class. This would be a separate entry from the clothing event opportunities. If you are chosen as a state representative to Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection or \$15 Challenge Program, your outfit cannot be selected for exhibition in other state fair classes.

Class

Sewing and Needle Arts - 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. Exhibits in this class should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

Sewing and Needle Arts: Other Ideas/Education Exhibits - Any other education 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. Exhibits in this class should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

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. Exhibits should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

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. Exhibits **must** include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

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. Exhibits **must** include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

Location of Displayed Exhibits

Community Building

Large Outdoor Exhibits, Tractors, Small Engines, and Large Equipment (North yard).
Upper Level: Flowers and Vegetables, Photography

Christy Hall:

Clover Kids, Food & Nutrition, Music, Clothing, Visual Art, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Family & Consumer Science, Home Improvement, Personal Development, Science, Technology & Engineering, and State Fair Exhibits

June 15

Entries are due in <http://storyia.fairentry.com>

Container Plant Goal Cards should be brought to fair check-in July 18.

Thursday, July 16

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Judging Flower Garden and Ornamental Exhibits** – Community Building upper level

8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m. **Judging Home Garden and Vegetable Crop Exhibits** – Community Building upper level

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

*****Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with General Exhibit Rules & department rules*****

If wanting to be eligible for Iowa State Fair 4-H selection, enter the Horticulture classes under Ag & Natural Resources.

DIVISION – HOME GARDEN AND VEGETABLE CROP

Superintendents: Sue Upchurch

1. **Entries are to be set up by the exhibitor.** Exhibitors are encouraged to be present during judging. All entries must be a product of this year's project and must have been produced by the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of twelve (12) garden samples **and** twelve (12) herb garden samples in Garden Class. Only one entry per variety or cultivar allowed.
3. In addition to the twelve garden samples and twelve herb samples, an exhibitor may have a total five (5) additional exhibits from any of the following classes: Educational Garden Idea, Garden Display, Commercial Garden, and Container Grown Garden.
4. Classes will be divided into grade categories as follows: Junior –4th, 5th & 6th; Intermediates – 7th, 8th, & 9th; and Seniors – 10th, 11th & 12th. All grades are based on grade enrolled during 4-H program year.
5. Judging of the produce exhibits at the Story County Fair will not be conference judged. However, written comments may be attached to displays so the exhibitor has an additional educational experience.
6. The Borton Award, sponsored by Art and Donna Borton Family, will be given to the best garden samples exhibited by a junior, intermediate, and senior. Checks mailed after the fair.

Class

Garden Display - A display of vegetables as a result of work done in 4-H. Evaluation of the Garden Display is based on the quality of the produce and the overall effect of the display including theme, art work and display box.

- Include a minimum of five (5) or more different varieties of fresh vegetables prepared for exhibit by a single member according to guidelines given in "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/394> Variety means subdivision of a species. To avoid problems, an exhibitor should try not to enter two different varieties which "look the same". Displays must have a theme and be displayed in a display box with appropriate artwork.
- Tag varieties of vegetables. If a tag is not appropriate, make a list of varieties in the display.
- Include an exhibit write-up answering the reason for the exhibit, what was done, and what was learned.

Garden Sample - Evaluation of the garden sample is based on the quality of produce exhibited. The judge will consider variety, size, condition, insect damage, disease injury, uniformity, proper preparation and proper number for each class.

- An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 12 different varieties of vegetables and 12 different varieties of herbs. (Example: If you intend to enter 6 garden samples, then enter (or list) the Garden Sample class **six (6) times**.) Variety means subdivision of a species. So, it can be interpreted to mean tomatoes and potatoes, but also can mean different types of the same thing such as Beef Master and Better Boy Tomatoes. To avoid problems, an exhibitor should try not to enter two different varieties which "look the same".
- Prepare and display vegetables according to "**Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit**", **but note exceptions that follow**. (The pamphlet is available at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/394>) Identify variety or cultivar on the entry tag..
- Herbs may be shown as garden samples. Each variety of herb counts as one garden sample.
 - o **Herbs** - **Exhibit 5 sprigs per bottle**. A sprig has one main stem and top.
 - o **Dill** – need not have mature seed to use the leaves for seasoning.
 - o **Rhubarb** - specimens may **not** be entered. Rhubarb should not be harvested after mid-June so plant can replenish its food supply.
 - o **Catmint (catnip)** - specimens may **not** be entered.

Commercial Garden – Judging will be based on basic gardening skills and selection of produce (something that has a ready market such as pumpkins, sweet corn, tomatoes, etc.).

- This category is open to all ages.
- As this class is a commercial venture, exhibitor's folder must have a cost/profit report of supporting documentation of cost and projected revenue.
- There is no minimum or maximum size of the plot.
- Size of plot and selection of produce must be such that the exhibitor will gain experience in marketing the harvest.

Container Grown Garden

The goal is to show what can be grown in a container garden. **See ISU Extension Publication PM 870B.**

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/4179>

Many vegetables and herbs can be grown successfully in containers.

- One or more plants may be in a container.
- The vegetables and herbs exhibited do not need to be at harvest stage.

Requirements for an exhibit in this class are:

- Maximum size container allowed is 6 gallon. Dimension should equal 18"x24"x8".
- Exhibit must have folder listing variety names, why you planted a container garden, a short paragraph on cultivation including soil mixture used, fertilization, watering habits, staking, thinning, date vegetables and/or herbs were planted.

Containers will be judged on:

- Quality of plants: 40%
- Educational Value to Exhibitor: 25%
- Educational Value of the Folder to Others: 25%
- Appearance of the Container 10%

Educational Garden Idea - An exhibit which shows and explains one idea learned from participating in gardening.

Evaluation of the educational garden idea class is based on accuracy of information, educational value of the display, and quality of produce, if used.

- Include an index card with the exhibit explaining the reason for the exhibit, what was done and what was learned.
- Actual specimen of garden produce may or may not be included. Exhibit may be displayed in a self-contained unit or on a poster.
- The unit should fit in a space 15 inches deep, 24 inches long, and 18 inches high.

DIVISION - FRUIT

1. Display to consist of fresh fruit exhibit, picture and plan of project. Plan of project should include a description of the purpose of the project; what was done; what was learned; a listing of variety of fruit; date, amount and type of fertilizer, pesticide; date of harvest if relevant, and amount of harvest. List approximate age of the tree or shrub.
2. Judge will consider progress of project work considering the age of the exhibitor and the original goals established in the project, neatness and clarity of display.
3. Dried fruit is not allowed. Such exhibits are shown in the home economics food preservation classes.

Classes

Berries - Example: Strawberries, raspberries, blueberries. Enter a minimum of 10 for each entry.

Fruit - Example: Apples, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, etc. Enter a minimum of 3 for each entry like pears, peaches, plums. Smaller fruits like cherries or grapes – minimum of 10. Very large fruit like melons, only one need be entered.

Educational Exhibit - An exhibit which shows and explains one idea learned from participating in the fruit project work. Include reason for exhibit, what was done, what was learned.

Commercial Garden - This category is open to all ages. As this class is a commercial venture, exhibitor's folder must have a cost/profit report of supporting documentation of cost and projected revenue. There is no minimum or maximum size of the plot. Judging will be based on basic gardening skills and selection of produce (something that has a ready market). Size of plot and selection of produce must be such that the exhibitor will gain experience in marketing their harvest.

FLOWER GARDENING AND ORNAMENTALS

Exhibits will be divided into two subdivisions - floriculture and design arrangement. During judging, grade, and the number of years in the project will be taken into consideration as well as the quality of your exhibits.

1. Floriculture consists of the following departments: Annuals, Perennials, Bulbs and Container Grown Plants. **Exhibitors may enter a total of 12 floriculture Specimen exhibits. This can be a combination of any and all specimens grown in their garden (cannot be from a family garden). In addition, exhibitors may exhibit an additional 5 exhibits from the following classes: Design Arrangement, My Garden in a Jar, Container Grown Plant, Animals at the Fair, and Recycled.**
2. All floriculture exhibits must be grown by the exhibitor. Any size garden is acceptable, container, planter box, window box or other garden. Container grown plants must be started **at least 2 months** prior to the Fair.
3. Floriculture exhibits should be exhibited in a clear glass bottle. Remove foliage that would be in the water.
4. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of **12 floriculture exhibits (annuals, perennials, bulbs, corms & tubers).** Enter the class number for each variety in <http://storyia.fairentry.com>. (Example, if you want to enter 3 floriculture specimens, then enter the floriculture specimen three times.) Only one entry per variety allowed.
5. Exhibitor needs to include an exhibit tag affixed to a clear glass bottle identifying the exhibitor and the flower and variety. Names of variety, uniformity in size, as well as cultural perfection and cleanliness of bloom and leaves increase value in judging.
6. Story County Master Gardener Association will award the best flower container at junior, intermediate, and senior level with cash prizes of \$15, \$15, and \$25, respectively. Checks mailed after the fair.
7. The Borton Award, sponsored by Art and Donna Borton Family, will be given to the best flower samples exhibited by a junior, intermediate, and senior. Checks are mailed after the fair.

Tip: Be sure to make a copy of the names and varieties of your specimens so you will know what to write on your entry tags on fair day.

EXHIBITING TERMS

Bloom-one (1) flower atop a long stem

Spray-A single main stem with side branches. Blooms should be in 3 stages of maturity—tight bud, partially opening flower(s), and fully open flower(s)

Spike-one (1) flowering stem with the 3 stages of maturity—fully open at bottom, partially open in the middle, tight bud at the top

Stem-A flower stalk that includes flowers and foliage

When the schedule calls for a spray, be sure not to exhibit a branch. That is one of the common errors in flower shows.

Class

Floriculture Specimen - Quality and Condition – 75% AND properly displayed and labeled – 25%

"Examples of Annuals"	"Examples of Perennials"	"Examples of Bulbs, Corms, or Tubers"
Alyssum – 3 stems	Aster - 1 stem	Canna - 1 spike
Asters - 1 stem	Chrysanthemum - Cushion 1 spray	Dahlia - Medium 4-8" or Large +8" - 1 bloom Needs foliage
Bachelor Buttons – 3 stems	Coreopsis – 3 stems	Dahlia - Small - under 4" - 3 stems 1 bloom per stem Needs foliage
Celosia – Crested or Plume – 1 stem	Coneflower – 1 stem	Gladiolus - 1 spike
	Daisy – 1 stem	Lily – 1 stem
Coleus - spray	Delphinium - 1 spike	Tuberous Begonia (to be floated in shallow dish)
Cosmos - 3 stems	Dianthus – 1-3 stems	
Dusty Miller – 1 stem	Hosta – 1 flower stem	
Impatiens - spray	Ornamental grasses – 3 leaves	Examples of Foliage 3 stems or leaves required
Marigold- Tall-1 stem. Dwarf-1 spray	Phlox - 1 stem	Coral Bells
Ornamental grasses – 3 leaves	Roses - Hybrid Tea - 1 bloom	Grasses
Pansy - 3 blooms	Roses - Floribunda & Miniature- 1 spray	Ivy
Petunias - Spray	Yarrow – 1 stem	Vinca Vine
Snapdragon - 1 stem	Viola – 3 stems	Asparagus Fern
Salvia - 3 stems, 1 variety	Ornamental grasses – 3 leaves	
Sunflower - 1 stem		
Verbenas - 1 stem		
Vinca – 1 stem		
Zinnia- Medium 2"- 4" or Giant +4" 1 bloom		
Zinnia - Small - 3 stems, 1 bloom Per stem		

Design Arrangement:

- Exhibitors may have **one exhibit in each theme** as a part of five additional possible 5 exhibits.
- All Flowers used in the design must be grown by the exhibitor. Greenery may come from trees, shrubs, and garden plants but may not be purchased.
- No artificial flowers or foliage are permitted.
- No colorant is to be used in or on fresh plant material.
- Backgrounds and bases may be used in all design classes if desired. Accessories are permitted, but emphasis is on the plant material.
- Each part of the exhibit should be marked in an inconspicuous place with the exhibitor's name, address and class name.
- Design arrangement exhibits will be judged on design (35%), color (20%), distinction (15%), originality (15%), and condition (15%).

Class**Design Arrangement**

- Design Your Own – An arrangement of your own choosing. An index card with title or theme and the design element (such as horizontal, triangular, etc.) must be included.
- Patriot theme – incorporate red, white, and blue into your exhibit. No index card needed.

My Garden in a Jar – Limit of One Exhibit – No goal card needed.

- A collection of flowers from exhibitors garden put in a clear, glass jar (i.e. mayonnaise or canning jar). Exhibit will be judged on color, texture and condition of flowers. No design element needed in this exhibit. Need to include at least 3 different specimens.

Container Grown Plant

- Requires a goal card or folder (bring to fair check-in July 18 for each exhibit, explaining when planted or how obtained, fertilizer, water habits, etc. List costs involved. Examples may include, but not limited to:
 - House plant
 - Flowering plant
 - Foliage - grown from foliage
 - Dish garden - 3 or more plants - accessories permitted
 - Cactus - 1 plant
 - Terrarium - small, Max dimensions 10" x 10". Minimum of 3 plants, may contain accessories.
 - Terrarium - large, Min dimensions 10" x 10". Minimum of 3 plants, may contain accessories.
 - Miniature garden – Fun things to add include: rocks, furniture, water feature and figures.

Animals at the Fair –

- Limit of 1 entry. Test your creativity. Find any animal shaped planter and plant any indoor or outdoor plants in it. You can use as many plants as you like. Same requirements as Container Grown Plant

Recycled –

- Use any recycled object as a container for a potted indoor or outdoor exhibit. You can use as many plants as you like. Same requirements as Container Grown Plant

Poster –

- Create a poster on perennials or annuals. It can be about any aspect. Any size poster is acceptable.

NOTE: Following Conference Judging of all Floriculture Exhibits, the judge will declare a Best of Show Exhibit.

Clover Kids Division - Grades K-3

Superintendent:

Goal: To support life skill development by providing opportunities to participate in age appropriate, non-competitive, learning activities.

Youth must complete these steps to participate in the Story County Fair:

1. Youth must be in Kindergarten through Third grade during program year
2. Youth must be enrolled as a Clover Kid in a Story County Clover Kid Club by April 1
3. Submit Clover Kid fair entries at <http://storyia.fairentry.com> from June 1-15. Late fee June 16-July 1..

COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST AND FASHION SHOW

Due date for communication (presentation/poster) and clothing event: June 15, paper entry form. **Forms are available at** <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/story/county-fair>

(Note: this change is prior than years before please be attentive to when due dates an exhibition dates are)

Communication Contest and Fashion Show for Clover Kids:
Monday, July 13 Nevada High School

Clover Kid K – 3rd Poster –

1. Create a poster on any topic relating to Clover Kids.
2. Posters should be 14" X 22" in size. (This is ½ sheet of poster board).
3. You may include a clover emblem on your poster. Please bring your poster to the event. You will have an opportunity to talk about your poster.

Clover Kid 3rd Grade Presentation – to support life skill development.

1. Give a 2-5 minute presentation or demonstration.
2. Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid
3. You may bring props along for your presentation and present with one Clover Kid friend.
4. Working exhibits will be implemented during the county fair and will require entry in June.

Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, Fashion Revue

Clover Kids will make an entry and bring a commentary to the event July 13. Participants meet with a volunteer and receive a participation ribbon during awards. The entry form is due by **June 15** to Story County Extension.

FAIR ACTIVITIES

Share The Fun – July 18 at 11 am. Perform a skit, song, dance, or other ideas for an audience. Participate individually or as part of a group. Paper entries are due by **June 15** to the Extension Office and online entries are due by **June 15**. **Both a paper entry and an online entry is required.**

Display Exhibit – Saturday, July 11 from 8:00am – 12:00 p.m. Talk with a volunteer in Christy Hall about 1-4 exhibits you made (birdhouse, art, etc.) All exhibits receive a participation ribbon and will be kept on display until Sunday, July 19 at 3:30 pm. **If you plan to bring four items, then you need to make four static exhibit entries.** Perishable items will be frozen until fair exhibits are open to the public.

Third graders will attach a write-up to each exhibit answering the following questions:

- What was your exhibit goal(s)? (What did you want to learn or do?)
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?

Great Gardener Fest – July 16 at 11:00 am Bring a potted plant to the Community Building and visit with a volunteer. A fair entry is required to participate.

Clover Kid Show & Tell – July 18 at 11:30 am Pick your favorite exhibit from Christy Hall or the Community Building and tell about it to other Clover Kids and their families in the Community Building upper level. A fair entry is required to participate in this event.

Model Horse Show – July 17 at 1 pm. Exhibit your model horse(s) in the Community Building. Clover Kids check-in is at 12:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 1:00 p.m. Class names include: Halter, Pleasure, Performance Games, Performance Trail, Other (ie. Best Loved, Collectible, etc.) You may show as many models as you wish in these classes. There will be subdivisions under each class at the show (ie. English Pleasure, Arabian Halter, etc.) **You will need to make one Model Horse entry to participate, but you may participate in as many classes as you would like.**

Costume Show - July 18 at 3:30 pm. Participate in the Livestock Costume show with your bucket bottle animal, dog, rabbit, or poultry exhibit in Dueland Pavilion.

Additional Animal Notes:

- Clover Kid animals are not eligible for the ribbon auction.
- Clover Kids are not required to complete YQCA
- The Story County Fair Association offers additional animal fun shows offered during the fair. For fun shows, animals are provided and youth are assisted by 4-H and/or FFA exhibitors. The fun shows are not 4-H Clover Kid program activities. These include a dairy goat fun show, a sheep fun show and a swine fun show.
- **Scrapie** is a disease of the central nervous system in sheep and goats. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/LHSheepScrapie.pdf> The National Scrapie Eradication Program provides free ear tags to sheep and goat producers. Call **1-866-USDA-TAG (866-873-2824)** to be connected to your USDA Veterinary Office and request a premises identification number and Flock ID be assigned to your flock. <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information>

Livestock Classes:

Cats/Pets - July 16 at 12:30pm - County fair entry must be made in order to exhibit the cat and/or pet at the county fair. These are not identified in 4-HOnline. Exhibitors must bring a current cat vaccination certificate to the show. No turtles or animals eligible for other classes. Cats/Pets do not stay at the fair. They are taken home after the show is held at noon on Wednesday, July 16 in Dueland Pavilion.

Rabbit Hopping - July 15 at 8 am – Participate in weekly summer practices on Sundays (required) to prepare your rabbit(s) for the county fair event. Rabbits can be mixed breeds and must be older than five months. Rabbits are not identified in 4-HOnline, but the county fair entry must be made. You will take your rabbit home after the show is held at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 16 in Dueland Pavilion. Exception is if the rabbit will be exhibited in the rabbit show.

Rabbit - July 15 at 1:30 pm – Participate with one purebred rabbit in the Clover Kid rabbit show. It will not be identified in 4HOnline, but the county fair entry must be made. The rabbit will be checked on Tuesday, July 16 from 5 pm – 8 pm. Clover Kid rabbits will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day. The rabbit will be exhibited at 1:30 pm on Thursday, July 17 in the Dueland Pavilion and released on Sunday, July 21 at 3:30 pm.

Bottle Calf - July 18 at 6 pm May identify up to two calves at the weigh-in (May 2nd) but only one may be exhibited at the county fair. County fair entry must also be made by June 15. The calf will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day. Calves will be checked into the fair Tuesday, July 15 from 5:00 pm – 6:00pm., exhibited at 6:00 pm on Thursday, July 18 in Dueland Pavilion then released at 3:30 pm on Sunday, July 19. See the **BEEF** Division for more details.

Dog – July 18 at 9 am. – Participate in weekly dog classes on Tuesdays (required) beginning June 2nd to prepare and exhibit your dog at the fair. An informational meeting will be held for new participants on May 26 at 6:00 pm in Christy Hall. **Dogs must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15** in addition to the county fair entry. Dogs do not stay at the fair. You will take your dog home after the Clover Kid dog show held in the park on the fairgrounds.

Bottle Lamb – July 18 at 8 am. May identify up to three sheep at the (May 2) sheep weigh-in, but can only exhibit one at the county fair. Lambs must be born from January 1 to May 1. At the May weigh-in, female lambs must arrive with a scrapie tag in their ear. County fair entry must also be made. The lamb must arrive at the county fair check-in 7:00 -10:00 am July 15 show ready (slick shorn). The lamb will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day. Exhibitor meeting will be Thursday, July 16 at 11:00 am. Bottle lambs will be exhibited in Dueland Pavilion Saturday, July 18 at 8:00 am. Classes may be divided by grade. A clover kid packet will be given to you at the weigh in. The packet should be completed and brought to the fair on July 18. See the **SHEEP** Division for more details. Order scrapie tags at **1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824)**

Bottle Goat - July 1 at 1 pm (at the beginning of the END of the DAIRY Goat Show) May identify up to three goats in 4-H Online, but can only exhibit one at the county fair. Goats must be born from January 1 to May 1. **At the May weigh-in, female goats must arrive with a scrapie tag in their ear.** County fair entry must also be made by June 15. The goat will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day. The goat must arrive at the county fair check-in Wednesday, July 15 from 7:00 am – 10:00 am show ready. Bottle goats will be exhibited Thursday, July 16 at the beginning of the Boer Goat Show in Dueland Pavilion. Class may be divided by grade depending upon participation. **A clover kid packet will be given to you at the weigh in as a way to track your project (feeding, caring, etc.)** It is for your records and does not need to be brought to the show. See **DAIRY GOAT** Division for more details. Order scrapie tags at **1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824)**

Poultry - July 19 at 8 am – Participate with one standard breed chicken or bantam. It will not be identified in 4-HOnline, but the county fair entry must be made. The exhibit will be tested and checked into the fair on Tuesday, July 14 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 pm, exhibited Sunday, July 19 at the beginning of the poultry show, then released at 3:30 pm. The bird will stay at the fair and you must care for it throughout each day. See **Poultry** Division for more details.

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