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Floyd County Fair

July 15-19



4-H and FFA Fair Book

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Poultry	Alison Frerichs
Rabbit	Brock Bahlmann
Sheep	Galen Greenzweig
Swine	Alex Montagne Devon Murray

## Schedule

### Friday, June 19

11:59 pm All Fair Entries in FairEntry  
YQCA Certification

### Tuesday, July 7

5:30-7:30 pm Pullorum Testing for Poultry

### Thursday, July 9

6:00 pm Share the Fun / Educational Presentations  
Extemporaneous Speaking

### Monday, July 13

Agronomy Judging

### Tuesday, July 14

Static judging in the Youth Enrichment Center (YEC)

#### Static Entry Club Schedule

10:00 am Riverton Lucky Clovers  
10:30 am Charles City Angels  
11:00 am Floyd County Marksmen &  
Floyd Farmers  
11:30 am Nora Springs Rolling Stones  
12:00 pm Lunch Break  
12:30 pm W. St. Charles Feeders  
1:00 pm Ulster Future Leaders  
1:30 pm Llost Llamas  
2:00 pm Union Busy Bees

12:00 pm Agronomy Comments  
3:00 pm Tall Corn Contest Judging  
6:30 pm Little Miss & Mister Contest/Tall  
Corn Results/4-H Hall of Fame

### Wednesday, July 15

7:00 am Barns Open  
7:00 am Dog Show  
**7:00 am – 5:00 pm Swine & Bucket/Bottle Calf  
Check In – at fair office**  
7:00 am – 5:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Open  
8:00 am – 10:00 am Horse Check In  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open to Public  
12:00 pm Pet Show  
2:00 pm Horse Show  
5:00 pm Poultry Market Broiler Show  
**6:00 – 7:00 pm Sheep & Meat Goat  
Weigh / Check In**  
**7:00 pm Market Beef, Breeding, &  
Dairy Weigh / Check In**

### Thursday, July 16

7:00 am – 5:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Open  
**7:30 – 10:00 am Poultry Chek In**  
**8:00 am Swine Weigh In**  
8:00 am Sheep & Meat Goat Show  
**8:00 am – 10:00 am Rabbit Check In**  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open to Public  
1:00 pm Beef of Merit Show  
4:00 pm Rabbit Show

### Friday, July 17

7:00 am – 5:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Open  
8:00 am Beef Show  
Bucket/Bottle Show  
(to follow Beef Show)  
Prospect/Feeder Show  
(to follow Bucket/Bottle Show)  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open to Public  
1:30 pm Timed Horse Events  
4:00 pm Bacon Buddies

### Saturday, July 18

7:00 am – 5:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Open  
8:00 am Swine Show  
Pee Wee Show  
(to follow Swine Show)  
9:00 am – 9:00 pm Exhibit Hall Open to Public  
11:00 am & 12:00 pm Working Exhibits – Little  
Hands on the Farm  
1:00 pm Livestock Costume Contest  
3:00 Poultry Show

### Sunday, July 19

8:00 am – 1:00 pm 4-H Food Stand Open  
8:00 am Beef Auction Weigh In  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm Release of Exhibit Hall  
9:00 am Release of Non-Auction  
Livestock  
3:00 pm Livestock Auction

### **Exhibitor meeting attendance required**

#### **Must attend one to show livestock**

Meetings will be held:

Wednesday, July 15 @ 12 pm and 6 pm

Thursday, July 16 @ 12 pm

**\*\*Schedule subject to change\*\***

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## IOWA EXHIBITOR YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

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

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.

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

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## **FFA GOOD CONDUCT POLICY AND CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

### **GOOD CONDUCT POLICY**

**All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.** FFA members who wish to have the privilege of participating in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair must conduct themselves in accordance with the Good Conduct Policy. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs by any FFA member, regardless of age, on the Iowa State Fairgrounds (barns, exhibiting facilities, dormitories, campgrounds, etc.) will result in the following:

- A. If the violation occurs before or during exhibiting, the member is ineligible to participate in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair and must remove his/ her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
- B. If the violation occurs after exhibiting, the member forfeits his/her premium money, prize money, trophies/banners and/or sale of champions money, and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
- C. The violation will be reported to the exhibitor's school for further action under the school district's good conduct policy.
- D. A meeting of the member, parent, and advisor with FFA and Iowa State Fair officials will be held to determine future member eligibility.

### **CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS**

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

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- C. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
- D. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
- E. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.
- F. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the Fair, only an official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
- G. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against me, my parent(s) and/or guardian by the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
- H. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
- I. I will follow all livestock health requirements for the Iowa State Fair, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
- J. By my entering an animal in this Fair, I am giving consent to the Management of the Iowa State Fair to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal(s) either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on me, my parent(s) and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
- K. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this Fair I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the Management of the Iowa State Fair for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Fair without recourse against the Iowa State Fair.
- L. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
- M. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

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

## **National Code of Show Ring Ethics**

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics”, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards, and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animals health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animals entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.
5. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state, and provincial statutes, regulations, and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was

taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian, or on the order of a vet.

6. Any surgical procedure of injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
7. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
8. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair, and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
9. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
10. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
11. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this code of show ring ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including fairs and expositions and any other special notices to members.
12. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action, which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

## General Rules

1. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the fairgrounds, with the exception of the licensed beverage area as governed by the Fair Society. Allowable areas will be designated with signage present. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the licensed beverage area only. Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages outside of the licensed beverage area will have beverages confiscated and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.
2. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages allowed in the youth areas of the fairgrounds and no alcohol may be consumed during any competition, shows, or other judging involving youth. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the family from all activities and competitions of the Fair, forfeiture of all premiums, awards, and other prizes earned by the family, and the filing of criminal charges on the offending persons.
3. Fairgrounds close at 11:30 pm. Only fair board authorized personnel on the grounds after 11:30 pm.
4. All premiums for non-livestock and non-auction livestock projects will be forfeited if a project leaves the fairgrounds prior to 9 am the last day of the fair.

## General Eligibility Guidelines:

**4-H and Clover Kid members:** Enrollments must be submitted in [4-HOnline](#) by May 15. Livestock Verification (ID) must be completed by May 15. FairEntry is due by June 19. YQCA certification for 4-H members only is due by June 19.

**FFA Members:** Must be an enrolled/active FFA member for the current academic year. Post graduate FFA members are eligible to show at the Floyd County Fair until the 4<sup>th</sup> Floyd County Fair following their high school graduation but are not eligible for the auction. FairEntry and YQCA certifications are due by June 19.

To show exhibits at the Floyd County Fair, all Clover Kid, 4-H, and FFA members must enroll their entries into the FairEntry online system at <http://floydcounty.fairentry.com>. FairEntry will be open to receive entries from May 16 through June 19 at 11:59 pm. All entries must be completed in FairEntry by Friday, June 19 or the member cannot show their exhibit. **There will be no exceptions for late entries.**

If you need assistance, contact the Floyd County Extension Office.

Office hours are Monday – Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm / Friday: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

## Livestock

1. BARNs CLOSE at 11:00 pm. No youth allowed in barns after 11:00 pm without an adult present.
2. Attire: Clothing must be neat and clean (NOT TORN OR FRAYED). Exhibitors are required to wear a 4-H/FFA county or club shirt. No Royalty attire will be allowed when showing animals. NO HATS ALLOWED. Exhibitors must wear closed-toed shoes and long pants when exhibiting. ID number to be pinned to the back of the shirt while showing.
3. All livestock must be shown by a current Floyd County Clover Kid, 4-H, or FFA exhibitor.

4. All 4-H members must attend at least two 4-H club meetings of the current 4-H enrollment year (starting in September) or meet the expectations set by the club if expectations are more than two club meetings to be eligible to show at the Floyd County Fair.
5. All animals must comply with health regulations of the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Industry, Des Moines.
6. THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIANS WILL BE FINAL. Any evidence of contagious or infectious disease as determined by an official fair veterinarian will be eliminated from the show.
7. Clover Kids who have completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade will be allowed to show bucket/bottle calves, sheep, meat goats, rabbits, poultry, and pets with the help of their parent/guardian only. They will follow all rules of that particular species show including eligibility requirements. In keeping compliant with state rules, the youth will not be competing and will receive a participation ribbon only and no premiums.
8. There are no exhibitor entry fees or pen fees.
9. Animals changing ownership after being identified as a project are ineligible to be exhibited.
10. No livestock reweighing will be allowed at weigh-ins for any species.
11. After animals are weighed or checked in animals must remain on the fairgrounds and be shown regardless of not meeting qualifications.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for making sure their animals have adequate feed and water at all times. Failure to comply and the exhibitor will not be allowed to sell their animals in the auction.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their pens, alleyways, and animals clean. Failure to comply and the exhibitor will not be allowed to sell their animals in the auction. Swine must use bagged woodchips or wood shavings in their pens.
14. Generators are to be kept outside of all livestock barns.
15. Swine, Sheep, and Broiler exhibitors: Siblings can identify market hogs, market lambs, and broilers as a partnership. 4-H and FFA members may not nominate, enter, nor show the same animals even though the animals may be owned in a sibling partnership.
16. Each exhibitor is responsible for the feeding and care of livestock exhibited. The fair management and junior livestock show department will use diligence to ensure the safety of animals entered for exhibition, after their arrival but under no circumstances will they be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage. It is the responsibility of the Clover Kid/4-H/FFA members to secure any cages, pens, or stalls that they feel need to be secured by a lock.

### **Rule Changes for Livestock Species**

1. Proposed changes for the livestock species should be submitted in writing or in person at a Fair Board meeting.
2. The Fair Board will make proposed rule changes for auction and general livestock rules. Herdsmanship and showmanship rules will be discussed by the entire group.
3. All proposed rules will then be made available to the Floyd County 4-H, FFA Chapters, and Fair Board for review. In early December a committee consisting of these entities will meet to finalize and approve all rule changes.
4. Livestock superintendents need to be in place by the November Fair Board meeting. If a superintendent is resigning from their position, please submit your resignation by September 1.

## **Herdsmanship**

### **Herdsmanship Goals**

1. Ensure all animals have a high level of care during the fair.
2. Enable the public to observe the animals in an inviting atmosphere.
3. Encourage club/member pride in exhibits.
4. Promote club/chapter teamwork and friendship.

The individual exhibitor is responsible for Herdsmanship. If a member is not able to check animals frequently during the day, the member must make arrangements with other club members, family, or club leader to do so.

### **Judging Rules**

- Species to be judged will be beef, bucket/bottle calves, dairy, horse, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine.
- Judging will take place at least once a day between 9 am and 6 pm. Exhibitors should have animal chores done by 9 am every day of the fair.
- On the show day of a particular species, there will be no judging one hour before or one hour after the show of the particular species.
- Judging results will be posted each day in the respective barns.
- Prize money will be awarded to the top two clubs/chapters with the highest number of points in each species. The top club/chapter in each species will receive \$50 and second place will receive \$25. Awards will be given to winning clubs at the annual 4-H Awards Night. FFA Chapters will receive their awards at the advisor's discretion.

### **Herdsmanship will be based on:**

- Cleanliness of animals
- Feed and equipment neatly arranged  
    Show boxes, grooming chutes, stall cards, etc.
- Proper feeding and watering  
    Feed pans in pen/cage and in front of animal only at feeding time, water available
- Alley, pens, stalls, cages neat and clean  
    Manure hauled and put in the proper place, alley swept and cleaned from manure
- Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors  
    Willingness to talk to visitors and answer questions

### **Additional Information**

- 4-H clubs and FFA chapters are encouraged to have signs posted to identify themselves.
- Tools and equipment should be stored safely and out of the way of the public. (forks, rakes, etc. pointing down)
- If it is necessary to keep food and water in front of animals (hogs and sheep), containers should be fastened down.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to pick up trash, cups, cans, etc., not just in their exhibit area, but throughout the fairgrounds.

## Showmanship

1. Showmanship classes will be held in the areas of beef, dairy cattle/goats, dog, horse, meat goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.
2. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are eligible to participate. One 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place designation for showmanship will be made for the junior, intermediate, senior, and supreme age levels per species.
3. In shows where there are less than two exhibitors in an age division all exhibitors will move accordingly. (ex. 7<sup>th</sup> graders move to Juniors and 8<sup>th</sup> graders move to Seniors)
4. Recognition is given to exhibitors who do the best job of fitting and showing their animals and who make a neat appearance while showing. The knowledge of the project experience will also be evaluated.
5. The exhibitor must be showing his/her own animals.
6. An individual exhibitor cannot win first (in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior divisions) 2 years in succession. If an exhibitor wins their age division, they may compete in the next older division the following year. Once an exhibitor has won the senior division the following years they will be entered into the Supreme division.
7. Exhibitors will be judged on showmanship while showing animals in the specific livestock classes.
8. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place showmen in each division will be selected from the best showmen in the class of that division.
9. Showmanship is split into four divisions:
  - Junior: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Intermediates: 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Seniors: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Supreme: post graduate FFA members, winners of junior, intermediate, and senior, and previous senior showmanship winners

Placing will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Banner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Banner

### To Exhibit Livestock and Horticulture at the Iowa State Fair 4-H Show

1. All livestock must be weighed in on the official weigh-in dates specified for State Fair exhibits.
2. All livestock must be identified in [4-HOnline](#) by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. All livestock and horticulture State Fair entries must be submitted in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock and Horticulture [FairEntry](#) by July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm.

**What's in a Ribbon?**

Competition for premiums in 4-H and FFA classes is limited to youth enrolled in the Floyd County 4-H and FFA organizations. Youth must be in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Youth in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades do not receive a competition ribbon or premium but will receive a green ribbon of participation.

<b>Exhibit Hall</b> (excludes Agronomy and Horticulture)		<b>Livestock, Agronomy, and Horticulture</b>	
Grand Champion	Banner	Grand Champion	Banner
Reserve Champion	Banner	Reserve Champion	Banner
State Fair Exhibit	Purple Ribbon	First Premium	Purple and/or Blue Ribbon
Considered for State Fair	Green Ribbon	Second Premium	Red Ribbon
Special Merit (4th grade)	Green Ribbon		
First Premium	Blue Ribbon		
Second Premium	Red Ribbon		

Premium awards are made, and premium cash drawn only upon evidence contained in the judges' award books. Premium stickers or ribbons attached to exhibits will not be accepted as evidence that articles are entitled to premium payments.

**Floyd County Fair Society Discipline and Protest**

**Discipline:**

Violation of any Fair Book Rules, and the Show Ring Code of Ethics, of the Fair, shall result in disciplinary action by a committee, acting for and appointed by the Board. Said committee shall consist of a 4-H Committee Member, a Superintendent of the area of protest, a Superintendent of an area not in protest, an FFA Instructor, an Extension Staff Member, an Extension Council Member, and a non-voting Fair Board Member. A Discipline Committee member cannot serve if they have a family member involved in the discipline.

The Floyd County Fair Society reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the fair.

**Protest:**

1. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a non-refundable deposit of \$200.00 in the livestock department and \$20.00 in all other departments. A current Floyd County Fair exhibitor or an exhibitor's immediate family member can only make protests. The protest needs to be submitted by the Protestor in person to the Fair Board Secretary.
2. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Fair Board Secretary within 24 hours after the cause of the protest.
3. The Board will consider no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent.
4. The person(s), exhibitor, or agent of the same, who the protest decision is rendered against shall pay all costs incurred in resolving the protest, including fees paid to persons hired by the Board to test, investigate and evaluate the animal or article that has been protested.

## Livestock Auction Guidelines

### **Market Arrangement for Livestock**

Animal Insurance: Due to stress factors and combat between strange animals at shows and in transit, it is recommended that owners get needed insurance.

**Any species selected for the North Iowa Showdown will not be eligible to be sold in the auction.**

### Beef

- Water and feed is to be withheld from beef from 10 pm Saturday night until after auction weigh-in at 8 am Sunday morning. If violated, you will lose eligibility for that animal to be sold in the auction.
- For the safety of all those involved, exhibitors selling beef in the auction are **required** to be at the Sunday weigh-in at 8 am or designate a person to re-weigh cattle for auction weights. Failure to be present/designate will forfeit your spot in the auction.
- All market beef and dairy steer animals will be sold at auction on Sunday or taken home. Cattle sale order will be decided at random.
  - All Beef must weigh at least 1,100 pounds to sell in the auction. There is no maximum weight for cattle.

### Sheep/Meat Goats

- All sheep/meat goats will be sold at auction or taken home. Sheep/meat goats sale order will be decided at random.
- **All sheep must be 110 pounds to sell at auction.**
- **All meat goats must be 50 pounds to sell at auction.**

### Swine

- Exhibitors will have the option to sell up to two swine at auction, sell animals to the alternative buyer, or take their animals home after the fair. Exhibitors may choose any two swine that they bring to the fair to be put into the auction, market or carcass.
- Animals condemned for drug residue are the responsibility of the exhibitor and will be required to reimburse the buyer.
- As decided by the Fair Board, swine will be auctioned at a price per pound bid. Total pounds sold back to the alternative buyer will be divided into the check received from the alternative buyer to establish a “new” price per pound. Buyers will be compensated, and checks dispersed to the auction buyers based on this formula. (All questions will be handled by the Fair Board regarding the division of auction money.) Except for hogs going to lockers.
- Each exhibitor must designate at fair animal check-in which 2 swine will be sold in the live auction.
- No swine are allowed to leave the Fairgrounds without a swine superintendent present during the removal of said swine. If making changes to which pigs are being sold after the show you must contact the superintendents and the Fair Office within **two hours of show completion.**

### **Auction Sale Procedure**

- Each participant in the auction will get only 2 sales per species, per exhibitor.
- It is suggested that sheep be led into the auction ring on a halter.
- The seller must announce “NO SALE” before animals leave the sale ring.
- Resale will be allowed for the first two sales in each species and must be announced by the seller before the animals leave the sale ring. The animals will be resold at the end of the auction. If the first sale is completed, the second sale will not have the resale option.
- **Superintendents reserve the right to pull animals from the auction if sick or unfit for sale including cleanliness of pens and aisles.**
- If an animal is misrepresented (sick) when sold in the auction ring, the buyer can reject it if the veterinarian confirms the poor health of the animal.
- Water and feed are to be withheld from beef from 10 pm Saturday night until after auction weigh-in at 8 am Sunday morning.
- The Fair Board, Floyd County Extension, and commodity groups are not responsible for tanked animals.
- Youth are not responsible or liable for livestock after the sale. Out of courtesy and appreciation to the buyer, before leaving the fairgrounds Sunday night, please feed and water the livestock that will be staying at the fairgrounds.
- All livestock sellers except for outgoing seniors will be charged a 5% auction administrative fee. This fee is used at the discretion of the Fair Board to make improvements in the livestock area including but not limited to building improvements, livestock supplies, cages/pens, Herdsmanship awards, etc.
- **All auction youth are to dress in a neat and professional manner. Show apparel including animals in show-ready form. No hats, shorts, tank tops, or dirty/torn clothes will be allowed.**
- All auction participants are encouraged to send thank you notes to the buyers of their projects.
- Post graduate FFA members (19-21) are not eligible to participate in the auction.

### **Order of Sale Beef, Broilers, Swine, Meat Goats, Sheep**

(Horses, Dairy, Poultry, and Rabbits will not be sold at auction.)

## Beef

**Superintendent:** Marissa Frascht

**Official Beef Weigh-In:** December 6

**4-H Market Beef ID Deadline:** February 1 by 11:59 pm in 4-HOnline

**Breeding Beef ID Deadline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm in 4-HOnline

**County Origin Form:** Due May 15 to the Floyd County Extension Office or Beef Superintendent

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 15 by 6 pm

\*\*All beef must be on the fairgrounds and in their stalls by 6 pm. If not stalled by 6 pm will not be eligible to be shown.

**Fair Market Beef Weigh In:** July 15 at 7 pm

**Beef Show:** July 17 at 8 am

**Beef of Merit:** July 16 at 1 pm

**Auction Weigh-In:** July 19 at 8 am

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

\*\* Non auction cattle may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Beef Department General Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department.
- Only 4-H/FFA identifying tags will be allowed. **No breeding tags.**
- All beef animals exhibited at the fair must clearly be dehorned. Regrowth or scurs are deemed a safety hazard and will be disqualified. Unruly animals will not be judged and will be disqualified. These safety issues will be addressed by the beef superintendent.
- Any animal that becomes wild or uncontrollable causing a safety concern during the show may be declared ineligible by the beef superintendent.
- A maximum of 10 head for market may be weighed in for fair. 3 head may be used for halter animals.
- Painting, dyeing, and use of color agents on beef animals is not condoned. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed either by a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place class winners will be towed.
- No artificial aides such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted.
- No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed.
- It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a **family member and/or another Floyd County Fair exhibitor ONLY**. Any animal fitted not in accordance to these rules is subject to disqualification.

- Only **Floyd County Fair exhibitors and family members** will be allowed to fit and groom beef animals. Any animal fitted in an unethical manner may be disqualified. Anyone requesting an exception to this rule must have a letter submitted to the superintendent at least one week prior to fair.
- For beef only overhead fans located in the front half of stalling area will be allowed. No air duct apparatuses will be permitted. The use of butt fans is prohibited in the barn.
- Grooming chutes will be allowed only inside the barn during the show and auction. **GENERATORS ARE TO BE KEPT OUTSIDE OF BARN.**
- All weigh-in paperwork needs to be turned into the Extension Office before February 1 if weighed at another county weigh-in.
- In both market and breeding classes, champion and reserve will be selected as well as up to the top 5. **ONLY** purple/blue ribbon animals will be eligible to compete in the Top 5 Selection in both market and breeding champion drives. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> calves in each class will automatically come back for the champion drive (if they received a purple/blue ribbon). It is up to the judge's discretion in 3<sup>rd</sup> place purple/blue calves will be allowed to come back for Top 5 Selection.
- Specialty breeds: Mini Herefords, Lowlines and Dexters will be measured by shoulder height at the fair weigh-in process. Mini Hereford and Lowline steers must be less than 48" and heifers must be less than 46" to show in these classes. Dexter steers must be less than 44" and heifers must be less than 42" to show in these classes. They do not need to meet a rate of gain.
- Active 4-H/FFA members are allowed to compete in the Cow/Calf on Farm contest, even if they are not exhibiting/bringing any beef to the fair. (They are still considered an exhibitor at the fair.)

## **Breeding Beef**

### **Breeding Miniatures**

#### **Breeding Beef Heifer**

- Date of birth required for ID.

#### **Cow/Calf at Fair**

- Beef breeding entries cannot be entered in market class of sale.
- Purebred or grade heifers may be shown.
- All breeds are entered in any one class.
- Breeding Beef Heifer will be shown on halter in the show ring.
- Cow/Calf at fair will be shown on halter in the show ring.
- Animals entered in Breeding Heifer and Cow/Calf at fair will be considered for Grand Champion Breeding Beef Project.
- Exhibitors in 12<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to exhibit their entire project on show day to demonstrate the herd development and growth that is possible in the breeding beef

project. These exhibitors will be expected to keep one cow/calf pair on the fairgrounds during fair and may keep the entire herd (space permitting) with prior approval of the beef superintendents. Premiums in Cow/Calf on farm will be paid based on 1 entry regardless of the number of animals involved.

- Breeding beef judging at fair is totally on the animals, not project knowledge.
- Calf shown in the cow/calf pair at fair can be eligible to also show in the Prospect/Feeder calf class.

### **Cow/Calf on Farm**

**Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Junior** (4-6 grade)

- On-farm judging will be through conference judging with half the points based on project knowledge and half on animal quality.
- All cow/calf animals in the exhibitor's project herd will be judged on the farm. Beef heifer calves and yearlings (halter animals) may be included at exhibitor option.
- Exhibitors who have only beef heifer calves and/or yearlings have the option of participating in on-farm judging.
- On-farm exhibitors will be recognized during the breeding beef show at fair.

### **Market Beef**

- Placement will be on individual merit by meat animal standards - confirmation quality, finish, breed, type and rate of gain.
- A maximum of 3 beef may be shown by an exhibitor as individual.
- All market animals are automatically entered in the rate of gain contest.
- Market Cattle will be weighed and unloaded Wednesday night. Judging classes/groups will be determined by weights.
- Market Beef, Dairy Steer, and Beef Heifer will be considered for Grand Champion Market Beef Overall.

### **Market Miniatures**

#### **Market Beef Heifer**

**Market Dairy Steer** (must weigh-in and identify at Beef Weigh-In)

#### **Market Beef Steer**

### Beef Rate of Gain

- Steers will qualify for the purple/blue award only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of 2.3 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date (December) to the Floyd County Fair weigh date (July).
- Market Heifers and Dairy Steers will qualify for the purple/blue award only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of 2.1 pounds or more from the beginning weigh date (December) to the Floyd County Fair weigh date (July).
- Market animals NOT achieving the minimum rate of gain standards will be automatically awarded a red ribbon. This means they will be put at the bottom of their market classes and are NOT eligible to compete in the final drive for **both** Market Top 5 and County Origin Top 5.

### County Origin Contest

Market beef and breeding beef project animals may compete in the County Origin Contest if they meet the following:

- Member submitted the county origin form filled out and signed by the breeder to the Floyd County Extension Office or to the Beef Superintendent by **May 15** of the current year. Failure to turn in the form makes the animal ineligible to compete in the county origin market and breeding classes.
- All county origin calves will be put into classes based on weight for market, and birthdate for breeding. This will be its own class so all calves are allowed to compete. Red ribbon calves in market and breeding will not be eligible to compete in the Top 5 Selection of county origin.

### Beef Showmanship

**Beef Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Beef Showmanship – Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Beef Showmanship – Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Beef Showmanship – Junior** (4-6 grade)

### Beef of Merit

- This is only available for steers, not heifers.
- Placement will be on individual carcass weight, fat thickness, rib eye area, quality grade, yield grade, and rate of gain.
- A maximum of 3 beef may be shown in the beef of merit division per individual exhibitor.
- The Beef of Merit show is an extra show added to give opportunities outside of the main show that takes place on the Friday of the county fair.
- The top two from each class will be considered for grand and reserve performance beef.

## Bucket/Bottle Calves Prospect/Feeder Calves

**Superintendent:** Bruce Koebrick

**Identified in 4-H Online:** May 15 by 11:59 pm (includes Clover Kids)

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (includes Clover Kids)

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 15

**Bucket/Bottle Show:** July 17, following the beef show

**Prospect/Feeder:** July 17, following the bucket/bottle show

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

\*\* Calves may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Prospect and Bucket/Bottle Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department except Clover Kids.
- No horns will be allowed
- Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA members must verify and identify the calf by May 15.
- It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a **family member and/or another Floyd County Fair exhibitor ONLY**. Any animal fitted not in accordance to these rules is subject to disqualification.
- All bucket/bottle and prospect/feeder calves are required to have an 840 identification ear tag. Tags are available at the Floyd County Extension Office for purchase.

### **Bucket/Bottle Calf Department Rules**

- This class is open to Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA exhibitors.
- Class is open to any bull, heifer, or steer calf born between February 1 – May 15, 2026.
- Calf must be bucket or bottle-fed. No nursing.
- Calves will be shown at halter. Only 1 calf may be shown per exhibitor.
- Judging will be based on what the member has learned about care and raising, grooming, cleanliness, and general health of the calf.
- Kindergarten - 3rd grade Clover Kids will not be judged in competition. They may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.
- All calves can be entered in market or breeding classes next year.

### **Beef Bucket/Bottle Calf**

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Senior** (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Junior** (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Clover Kids** (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### **Dairy Bucket/Bottle Calf**

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Senior** (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Junior** (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Bucket/Bottle Calf – Clover Kids** (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### **Prospect/Feeder Calf Department Rules**

- This class is open to 4-H and FFA exhibitors.
- A maximum of 4 head (2 female and 2 male) may be entered per exhibitor.
- Classes are open to heifer or steer calves born between August 1, 2025 – May 15, 2026.
- All prospects/feeders will be judged on quality, room for growth, and overall appearance.
- Prospects/Feeders has two division opportunities, heifers and steers. A grand and reserve will be chosen for each division.
- If a dairy animal is brought in the prospect division, it will show in its own class but go in for grand and reserve prospect/feeder of its rightful division (heifer or steer).
- Prospects/Feeders are not eligible to go through the auction

### **Prospect/Feeder Heifer**

### **Prospect/Feeder Bull/Steer**

## Dairy Cattle

**Superintendent:** (Open position)

**Identified in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 15

**Dairy Show:** TBD

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

### **Dairy Cattle Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department.
- An exhibitor can show a total of 6 head (heifers and cows). Unruly animals will not be permitted to show.
- Purebred and grade heifers will be shown together.
- Limited to one purchased heifer per class. Any heifer is considered purchased except daughters of present or former 4-H/FFA heifers enrolled as a project.
- All animals in this division will be considered for Grand Champion Dairy Cattle Project.
- Cows in milk may be removed from fairgrounds after showing, **with permission from the superintendent.**
- Birth or age requirements for classes as follows:
  - Heifer Calf-September 2025 - April 2, 2026
  - Heifer Yearling -September 2024 - September 2025
  - Heifer 2 Year Old -September 2023 - September 2024
  - Dairy Cow - Before September 2022

### Dairy Cattle

**Heifer Calf**

**Heifer Yearling**

**Heifer 2 Year**

**Dairy Cow**

**Returning Bucket/Bottle Calf**

- The animal must have been shown as a bucket/bottle project the previous year.

### Dairy Cattle Showmanship

**Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Junior** (4-6 grade)

## Dairy Goats

**Superintendent:** (Open position)

**Identified in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-in:** July 15

**Dairy Show:** TBD

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

### **Dairy Goat Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department.
- Exhibitors may enter only 1 dairy goat per class.
- Animals in each class will be considered for Grand Champion.
- All Dairy Goats must be female.

### **Dairy Goat**

**Mature Dairy Goat in Milk**

**Mature Dairy Goat not in Milk**

**Immature Dairy Goat**

### **Dairy Goat Showmanship**

**Dairy Goat Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Dairy Goat Showmanship – Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Dairy Goat Showmanship – Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Dairy Goat Showmanship – Junior** (4-6 grade)

## Dog

**Superintendent:** Abby Assink and Isabelle Vance

**Identified in 4HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Check-In:** July 15 at 6:30 am

**Dog Show:** July 15 at 7 am

### **Dog Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- All dogs must have current vaccination records including rabies and distemper-parvo.
- Vaccination records must be uploaded into 4-HOnline and presented at check-in the day of the show.
- Limit 2 dogs per exhibitor per class.
- Exhibitor must attend 3 dog training sessions with the dog(s) to be eligible to show at the fair.
- Dogs will not be housed at the fairgrounds, need only be on the fairgrounds during the dog show.
- Dogs cannot be entered in both the Pet Show and Dog Show.
- Dogs will be health inspected by the Superintendent at check-in on the day of the Dog Show.
- Dogs must be on leash and collar while at the fair and not enter any other livestock building or playground areas.
- Females in season cannot be shown.
- Exhibitor must handle their dog without outside assistance.
- Non-show dogs except for assistant dogs will not be allowed in or around the show arena during the Dog Show.
- Dog exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up after their dog(s) while at the fairgrounds.
- All dogs must be entered in an obedience class in order to be shown in any rally, showmanship, and/or agility class.

### **DOG OBEDIENCE**

#### **Intro Obedience**

1<sup>st</sup> year for both exhibitor and dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Heel, Figure 8, Sit for Examination, Recall, Long Sit for 1 Minute, Long Down for 1 Minute - Each 40 pts.

#### **Beginner Novice**

2<sup>nd</sup> year for both exhibitor and dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title. Heel, Figure 8, Sit for Examination, Sit/Stay - Handler walks ring drop all on leash - each 40 pts., Recall no finish off leash - 40 pts.

### **Novice A**

Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any legs towards any CD obedience title. Heel on leash & Figure 8 40 pts, Stand for Examination 30 pts, Heel free off leash 40 pts, Recall with Finish off leash 40pts, Sit Stay get your leash 30 pts, Group Exercises Sit & Down Stay 30 pts.

### **Novice B**

Exhibitor/dog team may not enter this class until the exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dog may not have earned a third leg towards any CD title. Heel on leash and Figure 8 40 pts, Stand for Examination 30 pts, Heel free off leash 40 pts, Recall with Finish off leash 40 pts, Sit stay get your leash 30 pts, Group Exercises Sit and Down Stay 30 pts

### **Graduate Novice A**

FOR DOGS THAT ARE NOT QUITE READY FOR DUMBBELL WORK, Heel free and figure 8 off leash 40 pts. Moving Drop on recall 40 pts, Moving stand on recall 30 pts, Recall over Broad Jump 30 pts, Recall over High Jump 30 pts, Stay get your leash (sit or down) 30 pts

### **Graduate Novice B**

This class is for exhibitor/dog team that is just beginning dumbbell work. Exhibitors must provide their own dumbbell for this class. Dogs must not have earned any legs towards any CDX titles. Heel free and Figure 8 40 pts, Drop on recall 40 pts, Dumbbell Recall 30 pts, Dumbbell Recall over High Jump 30 pts, Recall over Broad Jump 30 pts, Stay get your leash (sit, down) 30 pts

## **HANDLING/SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

This is based on the grade the exhibitor just completed. Scoring is based on handling ability, grooming of the dog, appearance of the handler, and oral questions.

**Handling/Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members)

**Handling/Showmanship – Senior** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Handling/Showmanship – Intermediate** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Handling/Showmanship – Junior** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## **DOG RALLY**

### **Junior Rally (4-6 graders)**

The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with the dog at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. Unlimited communication is encouraged, and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged on a leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will be given a course ahead of time to practice.

### **Intermediate Rally (7-8 graders)**

The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with the dog at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign. Unlimited communication is encouraged, and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged on a leash and all dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will be given a course ahead of time to practice.

### **Senior Rally (9-12 graders)**

The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with the dog at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign unlimited communication is encouraged and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged on leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will practice all signs that will be judged but will not get a course until the day of the show.

### **Supreme Rally (Off leash or post graduate FFA members)**

The dog and handler team will move continuously through a rally course of 10 to 20 signs with the dog at the handler's side. At each numbered sign they will perform the indicated exercise then move to the next sign unlimited communication is encouraged and the handler can talk to the dog and give multiple commands and signals. All exercises are judged off leash. All dogs must enter and leave the ring on a leash. The leash must be 6 ft long. Handlers will practice all signs that will be judged but will not get a course until the day of the show.

## **DOG AGILITY**

### **Pre-Novice Agility**

For dogs and exhibitors in their first or second year of dog training. Dogs will follow course on leash. Time standard will be based on two minutes. Penalties will be assessed for any time over.

**Novice Agility**

For exhibitors in their third year or greater. Dogs will follow a course on leash. Time standard will be based on 1 minute 30 seconds and penalties will be assessed for any time over.

**Open Agility**

For exhibitors in their third year or greater. Dogs will follow a course off leash. Time standard will be based on 1 minute. Penalties will be assessed for any time over.

## Pet Show

**Superintendent:** Abby Assink and Isabelle Vance

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (including Clover Kids)

**Check-In:** July 15 at 11:30 am

**Pet Show:** July 15 at 12 pm

### **Pet Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- Each exhibitor is limited to a maximum of 2 entries.
- Exhibitors must provide restraints, cages, or containers for entry.
- Entries will not be housed on the fairgrounds and will be brought for the show and then taken home.
- Pet show exhibits cannot be shown as an exhibit in another project area.
- All dogs and cats exhibited must present evidence of a current rabies vaccination certificate. Certificates must be submitted in FairEntry or provided to the Floyd County Extension Office by June 19.
- Exhibitors must prepare a folder to accompany the pet which includes: breed of pet or name of species; age or birth date; characteristics or habits of the pet; care of the pet such as special diets, needs, etc.; exhibitor's name, age, and number of years with the pet; and any experiences the exhibitor has had with the pet which was a learning experience. Pictures of the pet in action may be included but are not required.
- Kindergarten - 3rd grade Clover Kids will not be judged in competition. They may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.

**Birds**

**Pet Cats**

**Pet Dogs**

**Amphibians, Reptiles, and Fish**

**Pet Rabbits**

**Hamsters**

**Other Pets**

## Horse

**Superintendent:** Shannon Schrader

**Identified in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Check-In:** July 15 from 8-10 am

**Horse Show:** July 15 at 2 pm

**Timed Horse Events:** July 17 at 1:30 pm

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

### **Horse Department Rules**

Exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with the General Rules as directed and in the [4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in the Iowa](#) handbook.

### **Exhibitor / Identification Requirements**

- Classification: Junior Members: 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, Intermediate Members: 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders, Senior Members: 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, Supreme Members: post graduate FFA members (grade completed as of May of the current year)
- Exhibitors with more than one entry in a halter class must have the other horse(s) exhibited by another 4-H/FFA exhibitor.
- A horse exhibited in the Ranch Horse Pleasure class may not show in the Western Pleasure class.
- A total of 5 animals may be identified and a maximum of 2 horses can be leased. Leased animals must have the [lease form](#) completed. 4-H members must upload the form to [4-HOnline](#) by May 15. FFA members must turn in the form to the Floyd County Extension Office by May 15. Leased animals can only be shown in riding classes. Horse in halter or conformation classes must be owned by the 4-H/FFA member.
- The horse's name, sex, height, age, breed, and color markings (include a sketch or photo) are all required for identification. If a family includes more 4-H members than horses, more than one 4-H member may identify a horse; however, in this situation, a 4-H member cannot identify more than one horse. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot be identified or exhibited as an FFA project.
- The height of the horse or pony (in inches) is to be given in 4HOnline by May 15. Ponies are any equine under 14.1 hands. A horse is any equine over 14.1 hands (57 inches).
- Male weanlings may be shown, but yearlings and other stallions are ineligible for 4-H shows.
- A colt or filly foaled after June 1 is eligible for show during the current year only if it is the foal of a regularly identified 4-H project mare and is shown in a mare and foal class.
- All horses will be required to stay for the duration of the fair with the exception of mares with colts and yearling horses. Anyone requesting early release must have a letter submitted to the superintendent at least one week prior to the fair.

## Exhibitor Appearance

- Clothing must be neat and clean (NOT TORN OR FRAYED).
- Exhibitors should wear attire appropriate to match the breed of their horse (i.e., Western or English).
  - In Western halter and showmanship classes, the exhibitor is expected to wear a cowboy hat and boots.
  - In Western pleasure and timed events, the exhibitor is required to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets and boots.
  - Western Attire:
    - White or solid colored long-sleeve shirts or blouses with buttons, zippers, or snaps and a collar (tuxedo shirts allowed) are required. A necktie, kerchief, or bolo tie are permitted but not required.
    - Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required.
    - Shirts must be tucked in.
  - English Attire:
    - ASTM/SEI approved helmet.
    - Breeches are to be of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, gray, black, or brown. Maroon and red are improper colors.
    - Shirts of any color with a tie or choker are preferred.
    - Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid).
    - Exhibitors must wear high English boots or paddock boots of black or brown color.
    - Horse must be outfitted with proper English tack.
  - Sleeveless shirts or blouses, turtleneck sweaters, sweaters, vests, shorts, etc. are not permitted.
  - No glitter, bling, or ribbons on horses during competition.

## General Horse Show Rules

- **All horses must always be under control with dismissal at the discretion of the superintendent. Examples of not being under control are as follows:**
  - Runaway horse
  - Bucking
  - Rearing
  - Kicking / biting other horses
  - Show managers or judges reserve the right to refuse an exhibitor entry into any class or event or excuse an exhibitor from any class if they deem the horse unsafe for exhibitors or other exhibitors' animals.
- All horses must remain in the horse arena area and south and west of driveways during all workouts and fair. Riding horses is not allowed in barns and the remainder of the fairgrounds.

- In all mounted classes, exhibitors shall enter the arena mounted at a walk. Exhibitors in timed classes shall dismount before leaving the ring.
- Horses can only be led up to the gate by an immediate family member.
- Ribbons will be awarded for all classes.
- High Point Judged will be calculated using all class results from Day 1 based on the exhibitor.
- High Point Games will be calculated using all class results from Day 2 based on the exhibitors and horse ridden.
- Awards will be presented following the horse show.
- All horse exhibitors must attend at least 2 Floyd County scheduled horse workouts in order to participate in the Horse Show. No Exceptions! Workouts are run by the superintendents.
- No alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds, with the exception of the licensed beverage area as governed by the Fair Society. Allowable areas will be designated with signage present. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the licensed beverage area only. Any persons found to have in possession, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages outside of the licensed beverage area will have beverages confiscated and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the youth areas of the fairgrounds and no alcohol may be consumed during any competition, shows, or other judging involving youth. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the family from all activities and competitions of the Fair, forfeiture of all premiums, awards, and other prizes earned by the family, and the filing of criminal charges on the offending persons.

**Helmet Policy:**

All 4-H and FFA members will be required to wear a ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted, riding, and driving. Every Time, Every Ride.

**Day 1: Wednesday, July 15 at 2 pm**

**Horse Show Classes**

**Halter:**

Weanling Halter  
Yearling Halter  
2 & 3 Year Old Halter  
57 Inch and Under Halter  
4-10 Year Old Halter  
11 Year Old & Older Halter  
Mule Halter  
Supreme Showmanship at Halter  
Senior Showmanship at Halter  
Intermediate Showmanship at Halter  
Junior Showmanship at Halter

**Riding:**

Senior/Supreme Walk-Trot  
Intermediate Walk-Trot  
Junior Walk-Trot  
Senior/Supreme Western Pleasure  
Intermediate Western Pleasure  
Junior Western Pleasure  
Senior/Supreme Ranch Pleasure  
Intermediate Ranch Pleasure  
Junior Ranch Pleasure  
Supreme Horsemanship Equitation  
Senior Horsemanship Equitation  
Intermediate Horsemanship Equitation  
Junior Horsemanship Equitation  
Jr., Int., Sr., & Supreme English Walk Trot  
Jr., Int., Sr., & Supreme English Pleasure  
Jr., Int., Sr., & Supreme English Equitation  
Senior/Supreme Reining  
Intermediate Reining  
Junior Reining  
Trail (Junior, Intermediate, Senior, & Supreme)

\*The classes listed above can be referenced in the [4-H Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa](#) handbook (available for free download).

**Day 2: Friday, July 17 at 1:30 pm**

**Timed Events:**

Senior/Supreme Barrels	Senior/Supreme Pole Bending
Intermediate Barrels	Intermediate Pole Bending
Junior Barrels	Junior Pole Bending
Senior/Supreme Flag Race	Senior/Supreme Keyhole
Intermediate Flag Race	Intermediate Keyhole
Junior Flag Race	Junior Keyhole
Senior/Supreme Jump Figure 8	Senior/Supreme Stake Race
Intermediate Jump Figure 8	Intermediate Stake Race
Junior Jump Figure 8	Junior Stake Race

# Camping / Horse Trailer Agreement

Mail to: Floyd County Fair Society  
PO Box 301  
Charles City, Iowa 50468

Responsible Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Total due for fair week \$125 plus an additional \$25 refundable deposit

## Fair Week Dates for camping Monday through Sunday night July 13-19, 2026

### 24 Electrical Spots - Does not include water or sewer

- \$25 Refundable Deposit Required
- Deposit will be mailed back to address on contract if all policies are followed
- \$125 for the Fair Week
- Camping contract and full payment are due BEFORE staying

### Non-Electrical Spots or Horse Exhibitors

- \$25 Refundable Deposit Due with no additional fees required for camping
- Deposit will be mailed back to address on contract if all policies are followed
- Camping contract and Deposit are due BEFORE staying

Electrical spots are on a first available basis

Refundable Deposit Required

No Water or Sewer Hookups Available

No Campfires

No Alcoholic Beverages

No Glass Bottles

No Youth under 18 years of age will be allowed to Camp without Parent

If you have problems, call the Fair Office 641-228-1300

Please follow the rules or you will be asked to leave without a refund

## Meat Goats

**Superintendent:** Dan Schmitt

**Identified in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm (including Clover Kids)

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (including Clover Kids)

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Weigh-In & Check-In:** July 15

**Sheep & Meat Goat Show:** July 16 at 8 am

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am unless in livestock auction

\*\* Non auction meat goats may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Market Meat Goat Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department except Clover Kids.
- NO Pygmy Goats may be shown. Animals must be born after January 1 of the current year to be eligible to be shown.
- Each exhibitor may identify 6 animals. All market animals must be tagged and identified by May 15. Floyd County Extension and Iowa FFA will have tags and taggers available.
- Each exhibitor may exhibit up to 3 breeding goats and up to 3 market goats.
- It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a **family member and/or another Floyd County Fair exhibitor ONLY**. Any animal fitted not in accordance to these rules is subject to disqualification.
- All market wethers and market does must be uniformly clipped with 3/8 inch length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail.
- The show is open to any breed or crossbred wether or doe.
- Wethers or does must have all milk teeth in normal position at check-in.
- Exhibitors will be required to have all horns tipped blunt (blunt enough not to be a safety hazard).
- NO painting, powdering, and/or artificial coloring is allowed. Clipping of the tail is optional.
- Wether and doe goats must be at least 50 pounds to sell at auction. (50-80 pounds ideal market weight). Goats lighter than 50 pounds will still be shown in the show but are not eligible for the livestock auction.
- All goats must have a Scrappie Tag.
- Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters, collars, and collars with a short lead in the show ring.
- Wether, buckling, or doe goats must be free of any sign of disease and external parasites, or they will be disqualified.

- Classes will be determined by the weight of animals at the time of weigh-in at the fair.
- Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Clover Kids will not be judged in competition. They may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.

### **Breeding Goats**

Exhibitors may bring a max of 3 goats in the breeding division with up to 2 in one class.

#### **Buckling**

#### **Replacement Doe Kid**

- Born after January 1 or current year.
- Animals entered are eligible for a progeny class in the future.

#### **Breeding Progeny**

- The progeny class includes a doe and her kid(s). The mother must have been exhibited at our fair in a previous year.

#### **Mature Does**

- Does must be over 1 year of age to show
- Goats shown in this class are not eligible for the Showdown but will be eligible to be in contention for Grand and Reserve Champion.

#### **Fall Born Doe**

- Birthdate of September 1, 2025 – January 1, 2026
- Goats shown in this class are not eligible for the Showdown but will be eligible to be in contention for Grand and Reserve Champion.

### **Clover Kids Goat**

This class is for Clover Kid members who have completed kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This class will not be judged in competition.

### **Market Meat Goats**

#### **Market Meat Goat**

### **Meat Goat Showmanship**

**Meat Goat Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Meat Goat Showmanship – Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Meat Goat Showmanship – Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Meat Goat Showmanship – Junior** (4-6 grade)

## Poultry

**Superintendent:** Alison Frerichs

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (including Clover Kids)

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 16 from 7:30 – 10 am

**Poultry Show:** July 18 at 3 pm

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

### **Poultry Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- Cages will be set up in groups by club/chapter. Exhibitors must place their exhibits within the cages identified for their club/chapter. Check in will be on July 16 from 7:30-10 am. All exhibitors must check in their animals during this time.
- Exhibitors are required to clean their pens out after the fair. Guidance and help will be offered by superintendent Alison Frerichs for proper pen cleaning from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday, July 19. Exhibitors have until 6 pm on Sunday, July 19 to fully clean their pens for inspection to occur at 7 pm.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department except Clover Kids.
- Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of 2 entries per class.
- When selecting classes use the American Standard of Perfection breed guidelines. Guidelines can be found at <https://amerpoultryassn.com/accepted-breeds-varieties/>. For additional assistance contact Alison Frerichs at 641-330-2829.
- Exhibitor is required to show proof of pullorum-typhoid (PT) testing for all birds except market boilers regardless of age. Pullorum-typhoid (PT) testing will be offered on July 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the fairgrounds.
- Clover Kids (kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will not be judged in competition. They may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.

### **Clover Kid Poultry**

This class is for Clover Kid members who have completed kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This class will not be judged in competition.

**Bantam Female**

**Bantam Male**

**Bantam Breeding Pair**

**Standard Female**

**Standard Male**

**Standard Breeding Pair**

**Crossbred Female****Crossbred Male****Crossbred Breeding Pair**

Crossbred is determined by whether or not the bird is currently accepted as a breed by The American Poultry Association's book – The American Standard of Perfection. Books are available for purchase online. Final judgment on bird classes will be up to the discretion of the superintendent. Any birds that belong in the crossbred class but are entered in other classes will automatically receive a red ribbon because they cannot be judged fairly against purebred birds. During check-in, birds will be allowed to switch purebred and crossbred classes.

**Pen of 2 Laying Hens (do not need to be Purebred)**

Birds in the laying hen class may be a crossbred or hybrid. Most modern laying birds are not purebred so this class should represent that. This class is not limited to crossbreds. This class includes pullets.

**Ornamental Fowl Female****Ornamental Fowl Male****Ornamental Fowl Breeding Pair**

These classes include but are not limited to call ducks, pigeons, and doves.

**Large Fowl Female****Large Fowl Male****Large Fowl Breeding Pair**

This class includes but is not limited to turkeys, geese, all ducks not considered "call ducks", peacocks, etc.

**Poultry Showmanship**

**Poultry Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Poultry Showmanship – Senior** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Poultry Showmanship – Intermediate** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Poultry Showmanship – Junior** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Poultry Market Broilers

**Superintendent:** Alison Frerichs

**Broiler Order:** Due to the Floyd County Extension Office by April 2

**Broiler Pick Up:** May 26 from 4-6 pm at the Floyd County Extension Office

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Broiler Check-in:** July 15 at 4:45 pm

**Broiler Show:** July 15 at 5 pm

### Clover Kids Broilers

Clover Kids will show one bird as a single bird exhibit.

### Exhibited Bird Classes

**Single Market Bird**

**Market Pen of 2**

### Weighted Bird Class Only

**Market Pen on 3**

- Birds in this class will only be weighed and not judged based on appearance. Birds must not be wet or excessively dirty.
- The top two weights will receive grand and reserve champion in the class.
  - The Grand and Reserve Champion winning birds will be sold in the Livestock Auction on Sunday, July 19.
  - Winners are responsible to deliver and pick up birds to and from the designated processing facility during the designated appointment time. If arrangements cannot be made, they must contact the superintendent.

## Rabbits

**Superintendent:** Brock Bahlmann

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (including Clover Kids)

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 16 from 8 – 10 am

**Rabbit Show:** July 16 at 4 pm

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

### **Rabbit Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department except Clover Kids.
- All rabbits must be permanently and legibly earmarked in the left ear. Tattoos can only contain letters and numbers.
- Rabbits must be weighed and checked in at Fair.
- No more than 1 rabbit shown in the Pen of 3 can be shown in the single class.
- Each rabbit must be shown in a proper age class as listed in the “Standard of Perfection” (remember some breeds don’t have Intermediate classes).
- Kindergarten - 3rd grade Clover Kids will not be judged in competition. Youth may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.

### **Clover Kid Rabbit**

This class is for Clover Kid members who have completed kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This class will not be judged in competition.

### **Purebred Rabbits**

#### **Breed – Mini Rex**

Senior Buck  
Senior Doe  
Intermediate Buck  
Intermediate Doe  
Junior Buck  
Junior Doe

#### **Breed – Mini Lop**

Senior Buck  
Senior Doe  
Intermediate Buck  
Intermediate Doe  
Junior Buck  
Junior Doe

### **Breed – Other**

Senior Buck  
Senior Doe  
Intermediate Buck  
Intermediate Doe  
Junior Buck  
Junior Doe

### **Market Rabbits**

#### **Single Fryer Rabbit**

Rabbits must not be over 10 weeks in age and must weigh a minimum of 3.5 pounds and a maximum of 5.5 pounds.

#### **Roasters**

Must be under 6 months of age. Minimum weight over 5.5 pounds and maximum weight 9 pounds.

#### **Stewers**

Must be over 6 months of age. Minimum weight of 8 pounds.

#### **Pen of 3 Fryer Rabbits**

Rabbits must not be over 10 weeks in age and must weigh a minimum of 3.5 pounds and a maximum of 5.5 pounds. Meat pens shall consist of three (3) rabbits all of the same breed and variety. Broken group meat pens must also be of the same variety.

### **Crossbred Rabbits**

Includes bucks and does.

### **Rabbit Showmanship**

**Rabbit Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Rabbit Showmanship – Senior** (9-12 grade)

**Rabbit Showmanship – Intermediate** (7-8 grade)

**Rabbit Showmanship – Junior** (4-6 grade)

## Sheep

**Superintendent:** Galen Greenzweig

**Identified in 4-H Online:** May 15 by 11:59 pm (including Clover Kids)

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> (including Clover Kids)

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Weigh-In & Check-In:** July 15

**Sheep & Meat Goat Show:** July 16 at 8 am

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

\*\* Non auction sheep may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Sheep Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department except Clover Kids.
- All sheep must be tagged and identified by May 15. Floyd County Extension and Iowa FFA will have tags and taggers available.
- A maximum of 10 market lambs may be tagged.
- All Market Lambs must be slick-shorn prior to weigh-in at fair.
- Exhibitors may enter 1-4 entries in the Market Lamb class.
- **Exhibitors are limited to one lamb weighing less than 110 lbs.**
- Market Lambs must be castrated and docked.
- All Market Lambs must have a Scrapie Tag.
- Classes may be divided by breed or weight as deemed necessary by the superintendents.
- All market sheep exhibited must have been lambed after January 1 of the current year.
- **Only animals in Market Lambs will be eligible for sale at the auction. Lambs weighing less than 110 lbs. are not eligible for sale at the auction.**
- It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by a **family member and/or another Floyd County Fair exhibitor ONLY**. Any animal fitted not in accordance to these rules is subject to disqualification.
- Only exhibitors and family members will be allowed to fit and groom lambs. Any animal fitted in an unethical manner may be disqualified. Anyone requesting an exception to this rule must have a letter submitted to the superintendents at least one week prior to fair.
- No cable halters allowed during the show.
- Kindergarten - 3rd grade Clover Kids will not be judged in competition. They may show with a parent/guardian and receive a green participation ribbon.

### **Breeding Sheep**

#### **Breeding Ram Lamb**

### **Breeding Replacement Ewe Lamb**

- An exhibitor may make 1-2 entries in Breeding Replacement Ewe Lamb
- Animals entered in Breeding Replacement Ewe Lamb will be considered for the Grand Champion breeding sheep project.

### **Breeding Progeny**

- The progeny class includes a ewe and her lamb(s). The mother must have been exhibited in the replacement ewe class at our fair in a previous year.
- Animals shown in Breeding Progeny will be placed and receive ribbons.
- Animals entered in Breeding Progeny will be considered for the Grand Champion breeding sheep project.
- Lambs shown in this class can also be shown in other sheep divisions.

### **Clover Kids Lamb**

This class is for Clover Kid members who have completed kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. This class will not be judged in competition.

### **Market Sheep**

#### **Market Lamb (min. weight 110 lbs.)**

(less than 110lbs, limited to 1 entry, can't be sold at auction)

### **Sheep Showmanship**

**Sheep Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Sheep Showmanship – Senior**

**Sheep Showmanship – Intermediate**

**Sheep Showmanship – Junior**

### **Club/Chapter Group of 3 Sheep**

- A club may have only one entry in each class. Recognition to be given to the clubs doing the best job of choosing and showing their group of 3 animals.
- The 3 animals need not be of one breed. Each animal in the “group” is to be owned by a different member of the club.
- The club/chapter leader and officer choose the animals for the “group”.
- Four club members bring their animals into the ring; the owner with each animal and another member to marshal them in and act as herdsman and showman.
- Group of 3 is to be judged at the end of each division. Minimum of 3 groups to hold the competition.
- Judging Criteria: Personal Appearance-20%, Showmanship-30%, Sportsmanship-20%, Animal Uniformity-30% (weight and finish more than breed)

## Swine

**Superintendents:** Alex Montagne and Devon Murray

**Identified in 4-HOnline:** May 15 by 11:59 pm

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**YQCA Deadline:** June 19

**Check-In:** July 15 from 7 am – 6 pm

**Weigh-In:** July 16 at 8 am

**Swine Show:** July 18 at 8 am

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

\*\* Non auction swine may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Swine Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- YQCA is required by June 19 for all classes in this department.
- Exhibitors may ID up to 40 pigs. 4-H members must identify in 4-HOnline by May 15. FFA members must identify by submitting the identification form to the FFA advisor or the Floyd County Extension Office.
- All swine need to be born on or after December 1, 2025, in order to show at the fair.
- All market, carcass, purebred, and commercial gilts must be tagged and identified by May 15. Floyd County Extension and Iowa FFA will have tags and taggers available.
- All swine are subject to a random urine test at the Floyd County Fair.
- **Swine superintendents reserve the right to refuse pigs to the show ring and auction due to the pig being unfit to show and sell including cleanliness of pens and aisles.**
- Champion & Reserve Champion from the Market Gilt, Market Barrow & Market Purebred classes will compete for the top 5 market pigs at the Floyd County Fair.
- Purebred Swine shown in the market purebred class must bring pedigree papers for each purebred pig at the Floyd County Fair weigh in.
- We will have a market purebred class for each breed that has 3 or more animals registered at the Floyd County Fair. We will have an additional class of All Other Breeds (AOB) for all other breeds that have 2 or less animals.
- A maximum of 8 pigs may be shown at the fair per individual.
- Exhibitors may bring 2 crossbred market pigs of any sex, 2 market purebreds of any sex, 2 carcass pigs of any sex, and 2 commercial gilts to the Floyd County Fair.
- All classes at the Floyd County Fair will be split by fair entry weight. If an exhibitor has two animals in one class due to the fair entry weight, the exhibitor has the option to move one animal up into the next weight class if there is a heavier weight class above them.
- Any animal identified can be exhibited in either the market, carcass or commercial gilt classes.
- Each exhibitor should have a Premise ID number. To register for a Premise ID, submit the Identification Number Application found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-disease-traceability>.
- Exhibitors must use bagged woodchips or wood shavings in their pens at fair.

- Exhibitors are not allowed to use any waterers at fair that will create a mess in the pen or alley. Open troughs, barrels, rubber or tin devices are examples of waterers not allowed
- Each exhibitor is responsible for:
  1. Knowing their stall number
  2. Pigs getting to and from the show arena
  3. Keeping their pens and aisle clean
- Any exhibitor that does not comply with the General Rules or the Swine rules will be prohibited from showing and selling their animals at the Floyd County Fair

### **Carcass Pigs**

**Carcass Barrow**

**Carcass Gilt**

### **Commercial Gilts**

**Commercial Gilt**

### **Market Pigs**

**Market Purebred**

**Market Barrow**

**Market Gilt**

### **Swine Showmanship**

**Swine Showmanship – Supreme** (post graduate FFA members, plus winners from the senior, intermediate, and junior divisions)

**Swine Showmanship – Senior** (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Swine Showmanship – Intermediate** (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Swine Showmanship – Junior** (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Livestock Costume Class Contest

**Superintendents:** Dan Schmitt

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Costume Contest:** July 18 at 1 pm

### Costume Class

- Open to all Clover Kids, 4-H members, FFA members, and Pee Wee Swine Open Show exhibitors in kindergarten –12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Exhibitors may show in the areas of beef, bucket/bottle, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine. Exhibitors are limited to one entry per species.
- There are no limitations for the cost of the costume and/or detail of the costume.
- The exhibitor and animal should both be dressed up and coordinating with each other.
- A winner/top of class will be selected for each species. At the end of the show, each animal placed in the top of their class will be eligible for an overall winner. During the overall selection, animals will not reenter the arena for the safety of the animals.

### **Costume Classes**

**Horse**

**Poultry**

**Rabbit**

**Beef and Bucket/Bottle Calves**

**Sheep**

**Goats**

**Pig**

## Pee Wee Swine Open Show

**Sponsored by:** Floyd County Fair

**Superintendent:** Megan Rottinghaus [mdbonzer@gmail.com](mailto:mdbonzer@gmail.com)

**ID Tags obtained by:** May 15

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Check-In:** July 15 from 7 am to 6 pm

**Weigh-In:** July 16 at 8 am (do not need to be present)

**Pee Wee Swine Show:** July 18, following the Swine Show, check in at 10 am

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am unless animals are going on the truck to the alternate buyer

\*\* Pee Wee Swine may leave Saturday night following the conclusion of the grandstand event with superintendent approval.

### **Pee Wee Swine Department Rules**

- Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.
- Exhibitors must be between 3 years old and completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade to compete in the Pee Wee Swine Open Show.
- Exhibitors must register their animals in FairEntry <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com> between May 16 and June 19 at 11:59 pm. If the exhibitor is a Clover Kid sign in with your 4-H/Online information. If the exhibitor participated in the past, sign in with the information from the past. If the exhibitor is new to showing at the Floyd County Fair sign up by creating a new profile in FairEntry.
- Up to 2 pigs may be shown in the Pee Wee Swine Open Show.
- Animals cannot be shown in the 4-H and FFA Swine Show or be part of a sibling's current 4-H/FFA project.
- All Pee Wee Swine must have an EID tag. Tags will be available for purchase through the Floyd County Extension Office. Taggers will be available for checkout. If you need assistance tagging your pig(s) contact the superintendents.
- All swine are subject to a random urine test at the Floyd County Fair.
- **Pee Wee Swine superintendents reserve the right to refuse pigs to the show ring due to the pig being unfit to show including cleanliness of pens and aisles.**
- Classes will be split by fair entry weight. If an exhibitor has two animals in one class due to the fair entry weight, the exhibitor has the option to move one animal up into the next weight class if there is a heavier weight class above them.
- Each exhibitor should have a Premise ID number. To register for a Premise ID, submit the Identification Number Application found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-disease-traceability>.
- Exhibitors must use bagged woodchips or wood shavings in their pens at fair.
- Exhibitors are not allowed to use any waterers at fair that will create a mess in the pen or alley. Open troughs, barrels, rubber or tin devices are examples of waterers not allowed.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for:
  1. Knowing their stall number
  2. Pigs getting to and from the show arena

### 3. Keeping their pens and aisle clean

- Pee Wee Swine are not eligible to be sold at the livestock auction but can be sold at market value and put on the truck to the alternative buyer.

## Static Exhibits

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Judging:** July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm (see judging schedule on page 3)

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the general rules and general eligibility guidelines.

### General Rules for the Exhibit Hall

1. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair General Exhibit Rules for the exhibit to be eligible for Iowa State Fair participation.  
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/state-fair-4-h-static-exhibits-handbook>
2. It is required that a Clover Kid, 4-H Club, Floyd County 4-H, or FFA Chapter shirt be worn during judging. No Royalty attire will be allowed when exhibiting projects. You are representing Floyd County 4-H and FFA and in doing so, dress appropriately at all times.
3. All 4-H members must attend at least two 4-H club meetings of the current 4-H enrollment year (starting in September) or meet the expectations set by the club if expectations are more than two club meetings to be eligible to show at the Floyd County Fair.
4. Exhibits not registered in FairEntry prior to the fair entry deadline will not be judged or displayed at the fair.
5. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-H members are encouraged to use project guides, manuals, hot sheets, and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project hot sheets include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part, or all learning involved in the respective project or program.
  - 4-H Project Area Guides - <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266>
  - Exhibit Tip Sheets - <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
6. 4-H members who have completed 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade (or the equivalent) and FFA members enrolled in the current year may exhibit at the Floyd County Fair. 4-H members in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to advance or exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Clover Kids (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) will be allowed to take non-livestock exhibits to the Floyd County Fair. Their exhibits may be displayed in the “Clover Kid Booth” or with a club they have been attending. In keeping with compliance with state rules the youth will not be competing and will receive a participation ribbon and no premiums.
7. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H/FFA member’s participation in 4-H/FFA projects or programs during the current 4-H/FFA year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.

8. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods may be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
9. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size.
  - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
10. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) – per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to 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](#)
11. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
12. 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 Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information.)
13. The 4-H/FFA 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. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Evaluations are located at: <https://iastate.app.box.com/s/fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqm>
14. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each 4-H 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?
15. School projects may be exhibited if the exhibitor has applied rule 14.

16. Any 4-H project without a goal card will be dropped one ribbon color.
17. Check for special rules and additional requirements to exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual arts, 4-H poster communication, and personal development classes.
18. Judges have 7-10 minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. All judge's decisions are final.
19. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled (the entry tag is not a label), including the name of the club/chapter and the exhibitor's name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks, and photographs and in an inconspicuous place on other items. An entry tag should be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location.
20. Due to security, exhibitors are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Floyd County Fair and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc.
21. All exhibit activities and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and during the evaluation process. (This includes static exhibits and activities revolving around the communications program.)

#### **4-H State Fair Exhibits**

1. To exhibit at state fair, 4-H members must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and not have graduated from high school before this year.
2. All exhibit hall projects will be eligible for state fair exhibit except Challenge Classes, Agronomy, Horticulture, Tall Corn Contest, and Recycled Art Contest.
3. The State Fair will not accept exhibits that do not meet the size rules.
4. "Considered for State Fair" ribbons will be awarded to outstanding exhibits. Purple "State Fair" ribbons will be awarded to those advancing to State Fair.
5. A minimum of two exhibits must be allocated to each of the major exhibit departments (at county level) to go to State Fair.
6. Exhibitors must have participated in the project or program from which the exhibit is an outgrowth.
7. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish a goal(s) determined by the member or group during the current 4-H year.
8. All entries must be made in the name of the county and certified by an extension staff member.

### What's in a Ribbon?

Competition for premiums in 4-H and FFA classes is limited to youth enrolled in the Floyd County 4-H and FFA organizations. Youth must be in grades 4th-12th. Youth in K-3rd grades do not receive a competition ribbon or premium but will receive a green ribbon of participation.

<b>Exhibit Hall</b>		<b>Livestock, Agronomy, and Horticulture</b>	
(excludes Agronomy and Horticulture)		Grand Champion	Banner
Grand Champion	Banner	Reserve Champion	Banner
Reserve Champion	Banner	First Premium	Purple and/or Blue Ribbon
State Fair Exhibit	Purple Ribbon	Second Premium	Red Ribbon
Considered for State Fair	Green Ribbon		
Special Merit (4th grade)	Green Ribbon		
First Premium	Blue Ribbon		
Second Premium	Red Ribbon		

Premium awards are made, and premium cash drawn only upon evidence contained in the judges' award books. Premium stickers or ribbons attached to exhibits will not be accepted as evidence that articles are entitled to premium payments.

## Agronomy

**Superintendent:** Mason Meyer

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Judging:** July 13

**Presentation of Awards:** July 14 at Noon in YEC

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

Exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the General Rules.

- An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops.
- Limit of 1 entry each (per 4-H and FFA) in corn, hay, oats, and soybeans.
- Grand and reserve champion awards will be made in each crop production category: corn, hay, oats, and soybeans. Each category is a totally separate contest with points tabulated within that category only. No points or preference will be given to multiple category entries by an exhibitor.
- All entries will be judged in the field prior to the fair:
  - Weed Control – 10%,
  - Population – 15%,
  - Fertility Program – 15%,
  - Insect Control – 10%,
  - Appearance and Plant Vigor – 10%,
  - Answering Questions – 20%,
  - Records and Project Knowledge – 20%
- Each agronomy exhibitor will be mailed a scorecard and a project information sheet after entry is made. The exhibitor should have the project information sheet filled out prior to field judging and present it to the judge.
- Awards and premiums will be determined by the field judging.
- The exhibitor will prepare a display of 1 peck of oats, 2 or more stalks of corn, 4 or more soybean plants, or 1/3 bale of hay. 4-H corn or soybean displays are to be planted in a green 5-gallon pail and FFA in a blue 5-gallon pail.

### **4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Exhibitor**

**Corn**

**Soybeans**

**Oats**

**Hay**

### **Supreme Exhibitor** (post graduate FFA member)

**Corn**

**Soybeans**

**Oats**

**Hay**

## Animals / Agriculture and Natural Resources

No limit on the number of entries in Agriculture and Natural Resources.

### **Agriculture and Natural Resource Special Rule:**

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

### **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 and pony, llamas, 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 the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.

### **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 (for example 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 date and location of harvest, or who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

**Forestry**

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, herbs, and flowers are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Show.)

**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 in Shooting Sports**

An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment 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 & Natural Resources**

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

## Horticulture Show

- Each exhibitor may have only 1 entry in each class with a limit of 6 total entries. The exhibitor will not need to specify which individual vegetables will be exhibited when submitting entries in FairEntry, just enter that many entries.
- Misc. Vegetables may exhibit 6 different varieties with a limit of 6 total entries. An exhibitor may have 1 entry in the vegetable container division. Flowers should not be added to the collection of vegetables.
- Vegetables are to be displayed on heavy paper, plastic, or Styrofoam plates of suitable size. There is to be no cover on the vegetables.
- Exhibitors are allowed 1 entry in each of the Floriculture classes. Exhibitors should refer to “Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit” <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/400> for exhibiting guidelines and evaluation criteria for these classes. Floriculture exhibitors need to provide their own containers. Covered pop/water bottles work well. Fancy vases and pots are discouraged.
- The exhibitor is to bring their entries to the judge’s table for judging.
- When preparing produce for display, strict attention should be paid to “Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit” <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394> to properly exhibit your produce.
- Exhibitors MUST label their exhibits indicating the kind and variety (i.e. Kind: Tomato, Slicing Variety: Better Boy). 3x5 index cards are recommended.

### **Miscellaneous Vegetables**

- Beans, snap (6 specimens)**
- Beans, yellow wax (6 specimens)**
- Beets (3 specimens)**
- Cabbage (1 head)**
- Chard, Swiss (3 leaves)**
- Carrots (3 specimens)**
- Cucumbers, for slicing (3 specimens)**
- Cucumbers, dill, 3-5 inches (3 specimens)**
- Cucumbers, for pickling (6 specimens)**
- Eggplant (1 specimen)**
- Garlic (3 bulbs)**
- Kohlrabi (3 specimens)**
- Melon, cantaloupe, watermelon/honeydew (1 specimen)**
- Orka (3 specimens)**
- Onions (dried or green) (3 specimens)**
- Peppers (3 specimens)**
- Potatoes (3 specimens)**
- Pumpkin, pie type (1 specimen)**

- Squash, summer (3 specimens)**
- Squash, winter (1 specimen)**
- Sweet Corn (3 ears exhibited with no husks)**
- Sweet Potatoes or Yams (3 specimens)**
- Tomatoes, slicing or processing (3 specimens)**
- Tomatoes, cherry, grape, or pear (6 specimens)**
- Turnips (3 specimens)**
- Any other kind of vegetable (3 specimens)**

### **Individual Herbs (3 sprigs in a bottle of water)**

#### **Collection of 4 Herb Species**

A collection of 4 herb species to be displayed in separate bottles. Specimens should include 3 sprigs with stems of adequate length for each species. Collection must include species information on index cards.

#### **Floriculture (Flower Specimen)**

- Floriculture** (1 spike from cut flower)
- Floriculture** (1 spray from cut flower)
- Floriculture** (1 round from cut flower)

#### **Flower Arrangement/Basket**

An arrangement of flowers grown in the exhibitor's garden. Judging will be based on the specimen, the arrangement, and the container. Include a card with the name of the flowers and the specific varieties.

#### **Potted Plant (foliage/flowering houseplant)**

A plant which has been potted and cared for by the exhibitor. The member must label the exhibit as to what type of plant it is. Include a card with information about the plant, how to care for it, size it will grow to be, etc.

#### **Other Floriculture**

Any exhibit which is an outgrowth of flower gardening and ornamentals, home gardening, small fruit crop, vegetable crop, home grounds improvement, etc. The exhibit should include a written statement about ideas learned. Topic should focus on specific concept such as cultivar selection, plant nutrition, insect, weed, or disease control, harvesting, preservations, marketing, or career opportunities.

## **On Site Garden**

Judging occurs prior to fair. Gardens are judged on maintenance and care, plant spacing, insect and weed control, design and arrangement, plant selection, etc. Categories: home gardening, commercial gardening, flower/ornamental, and landscaping. A folder will be prepared based on the items mentioned above and will be displayed during the fair.

## **Vegetable Container Display**

- Display must include at least 5 but no more than 7 different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden.
- For this class, herbs will count as vegetable crops.
- More than 1 variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than 4 items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, 1 large red slicing, 1 cherry tomato, 1 yellow tomato, and 1 processing tomato would constitute as 1 vegetable-tomato.
- The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container and specimens may not overflow onto the table.
- The display will be reduced 1 placing if it contains more than 4 vegetables of any 1 kind (more than 4 beans).
- The vegetables should be prepared for exhibit as instructed in [4H462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit"](#). Any decorative basket, box, or container, not larger than 1/2 bushel in size, can be used.
- The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement. A variety card MUST accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.

## **Salsa Tray**

The tray/plate must include vegetable specimens grown by the exhibitor to make salsa. The exhibit must contain 2 specimens each of tomatoes, peppers, and onions. In addition, it must contain two specimens each of two other vegetables that are included in the salsa recipe. A copy of the recipe card must be included in the tray/plate. A variety card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.

## **First Year Exhibitor's Class**

Plate of mixed vegetables. Plate is to consist of 1 tomato, 1 onion, 1 pepper, and 1 each of 2 other vegetables of the exhibitor's choice. A variety card must accompany the exhibit with each crop clearly labeled as to the variety.

## Creative Arts

Exhibitors may have a maximum of 10 Entries in the Creative Arts Division.

### **Music**

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

### **Photography**

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

#### **Photography Special Rules:**

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
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.
  - **4-H/FFA members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.**
  - **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
5. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. 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/FFA setting.
8. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.
9. 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.

### **Creative Photography**

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

#### **Creative Photography Special Rules:**

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.
2. If mounted, the photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
4. Exhibit must have the most current [Photo Exhibit Label](#) 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.
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 inches by 48 inches.

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

## Family and Consumer Science

Superintendent: Barb McGregor

Exhibitors may have a maximum of 12 entries in the Family Consumer Sciences division.

Helpful Resources:

- Copyright Guidelines: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/statefair/SFDocuments/SF1UseofCopyrightVIO10401.pdf>
- Exploring the Elements and Principles: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/464>
- Exploring the Elements and Principles in Clothing: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/262>
- Exploring the Elements and Principles in Home Décor: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/12945>

### **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.

### **Clothing & 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.

### **Clothing & 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.

### **Clothing & Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

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

### **Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:**

1. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another county or state fair exhibit.

2. Exhibits in Clothing & Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories and Clothing & Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in Clothing & Fashion—Other Ideas/Education Exhibits should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

### **Consumer Management**

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

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

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

### **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 and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning and service must include a menu.

### **Food and Nutrition Special Rules:**

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.

3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, 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](#).
8. Preserved foods exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.  
Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
  - Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
  - Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product
10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

### **Food Challenge Class**

1. The purpose of this contest is to use only the following recipe to make, bake, and present your best. This entry cannot advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All members are eligible to enter. The member does not have to be enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project.
3. Member may enter one (1) entry only.
4. Prepared food should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place in a re-closable bag with an entry tag fastened outside the bag.

### **White Bread**

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 package dry yeast
- 1 cup hot water (110 degrees)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons melter butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups flour

#### **Directions:**

1. Dissolve the yeast in the hot water in a large bowl.
2. Stir in the sugar, butter, and salt.
3. Add 2 cups of the flour 1 cup at a time, mixing well after each addition. Mix in the remaining 1 cup flour with hands. Knead the dough for about 5 minutes.
4. Shape into a loaf. Place in a greased 5x9 inch loaf pan. Let rise, covered with a damp cloth, in a warm place for 30 to 45 minutes or until doubled in bulk.
5. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes or until brown. Remove to a wire rack to cool.

Recipe from: Iowa A Taste of Home: More Favorite Recipes from 4-H Families and Friends

## **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.

## **Home Improvement**

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

### **Home Improvement Special Rules:**

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

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

### **Sewing and Needle Arts—Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc. Exhibits should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

## **Other Family and Consumer Science**

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family and 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 recommended food groups with a budget of \$11 (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four as of November 2025).

### Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. One (1) exhibit in this class may advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibits may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense of 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 Tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½-1 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 x 30 inches) that includes the following:
  - 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>.

## Personal Development

No limit on the number of entries in Personal Development with the exception of 4-H Poster Communications

### **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?

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

### **4-H Poster Communication Exhibit**

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

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

### **Poster Communication Special Rules:**

1. Only one (1) poster per 4-H member. Individual participation only. Any currently enrolled 4-H member who has completed 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, may create a poster. Only currently enrolled 4-H members who have completed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade will be eligible for the Iowa State Fair. Limit of two posters can advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.

5. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Each poster **must** have the completed [Poster Exhibit Entry Form](#) attached to the back.
7. Poster **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

### **Digital Storytelling**

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

### **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.

## Science, Engineering, and Technology

No limit on the number of entries in Science, Engineering, and Technology.

### **Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rules:**

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.

### **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 of 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**

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

**Science, Engineering, & Technology**

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

**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) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

## Awardrobe Clothing Event

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Judging:** July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm, YEC building

**Fashion Show / Presentation of Awards:** July 14 at 6:30 pm, YEC building

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with only one entry in each class per year.
2. Junior and Intermediate 4-H members may participate at the Floyd County Fair but may not advance to the Iowa State Fair. Participants must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9-12 the same year as the event).
3. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another county or state fair exhibit.
4. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created, and accessories to the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
5. Participants should submit only the materials requested for each class (report form and photo – for ALL classes - plus a receipt for \$20 challenge). If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered.
6. Participant report forms must be brought the day of conference judging.

### **Fashion Revue**

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

### **Clothing Selection**

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops, or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or

friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.

5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

### **The \$20 Challenge**

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not charge sales tax.
5. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.

### **Innovative Design**

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, accessible fashion, sustainable/upcycled 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.

## Communication Event

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Educational Presentations / Extemporaneous Speaking:** July 9 at 6:00 pm, YEC building

**Share the Fun:** July 9 at 6:00 pm, YEC building

**Working Exhibits:** July 18 at 11 am & 12 pm, Red Barn/Little Hands on the Farm building

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

### **General Communication Event Program Rules**

1. 4-H members who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. A 4-H member may participate in only one presentation, one working exhibit, two Share the Fun acts, and one extemporaneous speaking per year at the Floyd County Fair.
5. Participants in the 4-H Communication Program are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation. (i.e., beekeeping outfit while doing a presentation or working exhibit on bee raising)
6. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, including HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>.
7. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.
8. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed.
9. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

## Educational Presentations

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

**Junior Presenter (4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Intermediate/Senior Presenter (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Clover Kid Presenter (Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**

### **Educational Presentation Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior Presentations (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and Clover Kid Presentations (K-3<sup>rd</sup>) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.
2. **Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s).** Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
3. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.
4. 4-H members may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Floyd County Fair and Iowa State Fair

## Working Exhibits

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

**Working Exhibit – 4-H Member (4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**Working Exhibit – Clover Kid (Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**

### **Working Exhibit Rules**

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period.
2. All methods used should be safe for involvement by audiences of all ages.
3. Due to the nature of the exhibit, many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so any step can be discussed. No set format should be used. Questions that might be asked to entice participants are: Have you seen...? Would you like to know how to...? May I show you how to...?
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.
5. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Floyd County Fair and Iowa State Fair.

## Share the Fun

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

**Share the Fun Presenter (4th – 12th grade)**

**Share the Fun Presenter – Clover Kid (Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade)**

### **Share-The-Fun Rules**

1. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
2. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
3. To be eligible to participate in the Share the Fun program at the Iowa State Fair, 4-H members must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2026. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
  - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
  - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
4. 4-H members may participate in a maximum of two Share-the-Fun performances per year at the Floyd County Fair.

## Extemporaneous Speaking

Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

**Single Presenter**

### **Extemporaneous Speaking Rules**

1. Junior and Intermediate 4-H members may participate at the Floyd County Fair but may not advance to the Iowa State Fair. To be eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair participants must be senior 4-H members who have completed grades 9-12 (or that equivalent) in 2026.
2. 4-H members may participate in one Extemporaneous Speaking per year at the Floyd County Fair and Iowa State Fair. Individual participation only.
3. Program format:
  - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
    - The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The selected topic will not be available to the other participants. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.

- b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant will be admitted every 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
  - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
    - Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the 30 minutes of preparation.
    - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
    - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
  - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
  - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
  - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
  - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, club, and read the selected question.
  - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
    - a. Content related to topic
    - b. Knowledge of the subject
    - c. Organization of material
    - d. Power of expression
    - e. Voice
    - f. Stage presence
    - g. General effect
    - h. Response to questions
  5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included after the presentation.

## Challenge Classes

### Tall Corn Contest

**Sign Up Deadline:** April 16 through the Floyd County Extension Office

**Bucket Pick Up:** Starting April 22 at the Floyd County Extension Office

**Bring to Fair:** July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm – North side of Youth Enrichment Center (YEC)

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

An event open to all Floyd County Clover Kids, 4-H, and FFA members with the goal of growing the tallest corn stalk in a 5-gallon bucket.

#### **Tall Corn Contest Special Rules:**

1. Participants must register with the Floyd County Extension Office by April 16<sup>th</sup>. A limited number of buckets are available.
2. Seeds and buckets will be available for pick-up beginning on April 22.
3. The planting date will be determined by the exhibitor. Seeds may be treated, so please wear the provided gloves when planting seed(s). Please note there are 2-3 seeds provided in each envelope. It is up to each individual on the number of seeds chosen to plant in the bucket, but **ONLY** the tallest corn in the supplied sponsored bucket will be judged.
4. The corn seed provided **MUST** be planted **IN THE** supplied bucket provided by the Tall Corn Contest sponsor, and **no** decorating will be allowed. Holes drilled in the bottom of the bucket for drainage purposes are allowed. Corn is not to be transplanted.
5. All additives (ex. fertilizer) are allowed.
6. Participants will drop off their 5-gallon Tall Corn sponsored bucket with their corn on the north side of the Youth Enrichment Center (YEC) on the Floyd County Fairground on July 14 between 10 am – 2 pm.
7. Tall corn contest exhibits will not be judged as a static exhibit and do not require a write-up.
8. The Tall Corn contest winners will not receive premiums.
9. There will be an overall winner for the “Tallest Corn” along with winners in the following categories – Clover Kids and 4-H/FFA members. Winners will be announced at the program on Tuesday, July 14, starting at 6:30 pm.

#### **Tall Corn Sponsors**

2026: JAG Sales

2027: Golden Harvest, Seeds Plus, and Johnson Seeds

2028: Wyffel Hybrids

2029: CropWise Consulting, LLC.

2030: Pioneer-Murray Seeds

2031: AgVantage FS – Charles City

## Recycled Art Contest

**FairEntry Deadline:** June 19 by 11:59 pm <https://floydcounty.fairentry.com>

**Bring to Fair:** July 14 from 10 am – 2 pm – Youth Enrichment Center (YEC)

**Release Time:** July 19 at 9 am

The Floyd County Fair Recycled Art Contest is for fun and the thrill of competing with other recycled outdoor enthusiasts. Let your creativity flow while doing good for the earth! We all know that you're supposed to reduce, reuse, and recycle, but for artists, reuse and recycle often have totally different meanings than they do for the rest of us.

Recycled art is creative work that's made from discarded materials that once had another purpose. This includes anything from old plastic toys, and vehicle tires to scraps of cloth and building supplies. Artists who make recycled art take those materials and make them into something new.

### **Recycled Art Contest Guidelines:**

1. The contest is open to all Clover Kid, 4-H, and FFA members. Entries in the contest will not receive ribbons or premiums and will not be considered for state fair. A goal card is not required for the recycled yard art contest.
  - Optional: 4-H members can choose to enroll this project also as a static exhibit. All static rules must be applied including a goal card. The member's goal should reflect the static class selected. One class option could be Home Grounds Improvement under Ag and Natural Resources. FFA members can also take this project as a static exhibit.
2. Static exhibits will be judged during their club time slot. All other entries competing in just the contest must deliver their project to the Floyd County Youth Enrichment Center on Tuesday, July 14 no later than 4 pm.
3. Entries must be made of a majority (50% of more) of recycled or previously used materials. Entries made with glass will not be accepted. The entry must be lightweight enough to be moved for display purposes.
4. To be eligible for the Recycled Art Contest, participants must register for the Recycled Art Contest class under Challenge Classes in FairEntry. Entries are due in FairEntry by Friday, June 19 at 11:59 pm.

### **Judging:**

1. Fair visitors will vote on their choice during the fair. Only one vote will be allowed per person.
2. An award basket will be given to each of the following divisions:
  - Best Clover Kids entry (kindergarten – 3rd grade)
  - Best 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade entry
  - Second Best 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade entry
3. Voting will take place through 9 pm on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced at 11 am at the Little Hands on the Farm/Red Barn on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, before working exhibits.