



4-H & FFA FAIR BOOK



July 15-19, 2026

Muscatine County Fair

WEST LIBERTY, IOWA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

2026 TICKET PRICES

Purchase fair passes, daily show tickets, and arm bands through the Muscatine County Fair Office [online](#) or contact them at 319-627-2414.

Fun Passes: Gate & Grandstand shows for all 5 days

Adults.....	\$55.00 (\$65.00 after June 1st)
Child (5-11).....	\$20.00 (\$25.00 after June 1st)
Superintendents & 4-H/FFA leaders	\$35.00
4-H & FFA Members	\$20.00
Concert Track Upgrade	
(only with fun pass purchase).....	\$10.00

Daily Gate:

Adults - \$10.00 ❖ Child (5-11) - \$5.00 ❖ Under 5 Free

Promotions:

- *Wednesday, July 15* Kid's Day 1
Youth under 16 yrs. of age admitted free at outside gate until 5 pm
- *Thursday, July 16* Kid's Day 2
Youth under 16 yrs. of age admitted free at outside gate until 5 pm
- *Friday, July 17* Senior Citizen's Day
62 yrs. of age & older admitted free at outside gate until 5 pm

Daily Shows:

Please visit the Muscatine County Fair Website for a complete listing. <http://www.muscatinecountyfair.com/schedule.html>

Sam's Amusement– Arm Band Promos

Arm bands are \$25 before June 1st; \$30 after June 1st

- Wednesday, July 15 - 1:00-6:00 pm
- Thursday, July 16 - 1:00-6:00 pm
- Friday, July 17 - 5:00-10:00 pm
- Saturday, July 18- 1:00-6:00 pm
- Sunday, July 19- 5:00-10:00 pm

Amusement Ride Hours

NOTE: Times are subject to change

Wed., Thurs., Sat. - 1:00 pm - Midnight
Fri. - 5:00 pm - Midnight
Sun. - 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE!!

The South Livestock Entry Gate will be locked at midnight each night and will reopen at 6:00 am. Entry to grounds between 12:00-6:00 am will be through the Main Gate. The West Exit Gate will also be closed at midnight and will reopen at 10:00 am.

4-H & FFA SCHEDULE

Monday, July 6

1:00 pm Communications & Clothing Event Judging, Muscatine County Extension Office

Friday, July 10

9 am-Noon Decorate club booths
6 –8:00 pm Decorate club booths

Sunday, July 12

2:00 pm Muscatine County Fair Parade, West Liberty

Monday, July 13

9 am-2 pm Static Exhibit Judging (Divisions A-F)
6:00 pm Premier Exhibitor Contest

Tuesday, July 14

4-6:00 pm Bucket Calf Exhibitor Check-In
5:00 pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Check-In
4-H/FFA Meat Goats on fairgrounds
4-H/FFA Production Lambs on fairgrounds
5:30 pm Weigh-In 4-H/FFA Meat Goat & Production Lamb
7:00 pm Weigh-In: 4-H/FFA Swine
8:00 pm All 4-H/FFA Swine on fairgrounds

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Dog Show
8-9:00 am Bucket Calf Exhibitor Check-In
8-10:00 am Weigh-in: 4-H/FFA Beef
10:00 am 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show
30 Minutes AFTER Dairy Goat Show
4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show

Thursday, July 16

8:30 am 4-H/FFA Swine Show
8:30 am 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show Check-In
9:00 am 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show
10:00 am 4-H/FFA Sheep on Fairgrounds
4:30 pm Exhibitor meeting for Ribbon Auction
5:30 pm Sheep Weigh-In (Immediately following Ribbon Auction meeting)
5:30 pm Bucket of Junk Check-In
6:00 pm Bucket of Junk Judging

Friday, July 17

9:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef Show
9-11:00 am Bucket Calf Exhibitor Interviews
8:00 am 4-H/FFA Poultry Check-In
9:00am Market Bird Check-In
Directly Following Market Bird Check-In
Broiler Derby Interviews
1-2:00 pm Bucket Calf Exhibitor Interviews
2:00 pm 4-H/FFA Poultry Show
3:00 pm 4-H/FFA Bucket Calf Show
4:00 pm 4-H/FFA Pet Show Check-In
4:30 pm 4-H/FFA Pet Show

Saturday, July 18

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Sheep Show
11:00 am Working Exhibits begin
1:30 pm Ribbon Auction

Sunday, July 19

7:00 am Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock
7:30-8:00 am Horse Check in
8:30am 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show
1:00 pm Clothing & Communications Presentations
4:00 -5pm Release of static exhibits from 4-H building

**ENTRY INFORMATION
ADVANCE ENTRY SCHEDULE**

County Fair livestock entries are to be made from **May 16-June 16**, excluding pets. Late livestock entries will be assessed a \$25 late fee per entry until July 1st. **After July 1st NO LIVESTOCK ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Ribbon Auction and Premier Exhibitor entries are to be made in FairEntry when entering livestock exhibits.

Pet entries are to be made **May 16-July 1.**

Awardrobe Clothing Event & Communications exhibit entries are to be made from **May 16-July 1.**

Static exhibit entries are **REQUIRED** to be pre-entered in FairEntry prior to **Thursday, July 9.**

All 4-H and FFA exhibit entries are to be made through the online program, FairEntry. To make entries, login to <https://muscatine.fairentry.com>

- 4-H'ers click on the green button that says "Sign in with 4hOnline"
- FFA members should contact their FFA advisor(s) to enter exhibits or create or use previous FairEntry login information, under "FairEntry Exhibitor."
- If you will be making entries in both 4-H and FFA, login to FairEntry with your 4hOnline information, complete your 4-H entries, then make your FFA entries and select your FFA chapter from the list of clubs. Your 4-H animals will be added from the animal ID's you entered into 4hOnline by May 15th.

Please make payments to the **Muscatine County Fair.**

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS IN DEPARTMENTS AA-KK MUST BE PRE-ENTERED.

THERE IS A \$25.00 LATE CHARGE PER ENTRY FOR LIVESTOCK ENTRIES MADE AFTER JUNE 16TH TO JULY 1ST.

LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION NOMINATION

All 4-H & FFA beef, bucket calf, dairy, dairy & meat goats, swine, sheep, horse, and dog livestock projects **MUST** be properly identified and nominated with appropriate identification by May 15, 2026.

4-H'ers must identify and nominate their animals through 4hOnline and be completed by 11:59 pm on May 15, 2026.

FFA members must identify and nominate their animals with approved FFA nomination form from their FFA advisor. FFA ID's must be in the Muscatine Extension Office by 5:00 pm on May 15, 2026.

The same animal(s) cannot be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member, except in horse, pony, and dog project areas. Horse, pony, and dog project animals can be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member provided the members are all 4-H/FFA members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister, or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA. Siblings sharing an animal must belong to the same club/chapter. Exhibitors with animals part of an FFA partnership agreement must follow identification and nomination guidelines in [FFA 202](#).

Animals identified as a 4-H project cannot also be identified as a FFA project.

LIVESTOCK ENTRY FEES

Beef	\$10 per head
Bucket Calf	\$5 per head
Swine	\$5 per head
Sheep	\$5 per head
Dairy Goat	\$5 per head
Meat Goat.....	\$5 per head
Dogs	\$2 per dog
Horses	\$10 per head
Rabbits	\$2 per head
Poultry	\$2 per head
Pet	\$2 per pet

STATIC EXHIBITS JUDGING SCHEDULE

Static (non-livestock) 4-H/FFA exhibits are judged on Monday, July 13, 2026, according to the following club schedule:

- 9-10** Sweetland 4-H, Sunshine Clover Kids, Lake 4-H
- 10-11** Wilton Hustlers, Little Hustlers, Goshen Gladiators
- 11-12** Stampeding Clovers, Stampeding Clover Kids, Clover Cats
- NOON** Lunch
- 1-2** Wapsie 4-H, Unidos, West Liberty Latino Americanos, Liberty Clover Kids

4-H BUILDING HOSTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 15	Thursday, July 16
9:00-11:45 West Liberty Americanos	9:00-11:45 Wapsie 4-H
11:45-2:30 Unidos	11:45-2:30 Sweetland
2:30-5:15 Goshen Gladiators	2:30-5:15 Sweetland
5:15-8:00 Sunshine Clover Kids	5:15-8:00 Goshen Gladiators
Friday, July 17	Saturday, July 18
9:00-11:45 Little Hustlers	9:00-11:45 Lake 4-H
11:45-2:30 Wilton Hustlers	11:45-2:30 Liberty Clover Kids
2:30-5:15 Stampeding Clovers	2:30-5:15
5:15-8:00 Stampeding Clovers	5:15-8:00 County Council

EXHIBIT PREMIUM CASH AWARDS

View each department section for premium awards amounts.

All premium award money must be picked up from the Muscatine County Extension office by December 31, 2026. All premium money that is not picked up by December 31, 2026, will be returned to the Muscatine County Fair.

4-H & FFA RULES AND GUIDELINES

4-H and FFA membership is open to all youth without regard to race, color or national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with these rules and guidelines.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Entries limited to enrolled Muscatine County 4-H & Muscatine, Wilton & West Liberty FFA members in good standing.
 - 4-H community club members are in grades 4-12 (or equivalent) as of September 15, previous year.
 - FFA membership eligibility ceases November 30th following the fourth National FFA Convention after a student graduates from high school or at 23 years of age, whichever comes first. In the horse division, FFA members can only show the first summer after graduation.

Youth are divided into three grade categories.

- a. Junior - 4th - 6th grades
- b. Intermediate - 7th - 8th grades
- c. Seniors - 9th grade and up

Some Departments may use a different breakdown of grades for competition purposes.

2. The Department Superintendents, ISU Extension & Outreach Staff, FFA Advisors, and/or the Fair Board shall make final interpretation of rules and regulations as they apply to all youth divisions.
3. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors staying in the campgrounds must purchase a 4-H/FFA Fair season ticket.
4. Drinking of alcoholic beverages or use of illegal substances in the barns, in, near or around the 4-H and FFA area is strictly prohibited. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Fair Board, ISU Extension & Outreach staff and/or the appropriate FFA Advisor.

GENERAL RULES

5. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H or FFA member's participation in 4-H or FFA projects or programs during the current program year.
6. All exhibits, activities, and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and included in the evaluation process. This includes both static exhibits in departments A-F and communications and clothing event and communications exhibits in departments G & H.
7. All judges' decisions are final.
8. **All premium money must be picked up from the Muscatine County Extension Office by December 31, 2026. Premium money will not be mailed. All premium money not picked up by December 31, 2026, will be returned to the Muscatine County Fair.**

EXHIBITOR ATTIRE

5. While exhibiting livestock or participating in other 4-H/FFA sponsored activities, 4-H and FFA exhibitors are required to wear:
 - A white shirt, blouse, or T-shirt and 4-H logo or FFA patch, 4-H t-shirt from the Extension Office, FFA Chapter t-shirt, or Muscatine County Fair exhibitor t-shirt.
 - Work pants for exhibiting livestock when there is no specific dress requirements stated in a division.
 - No hats, caps, open shoes, or sandals will be allowed.

- Clothing items and/or accessories must not contain images that represent alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, or other inappropriate content.

6. Clothing Event and Communications apparel should be appropriate to the activity.

DEPARTMENTS AA-KK- Livestock

7. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) – By July 1, all 4-H and FFA members who plan to exhibit beef, bucket calves, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry, and/or rabbits (not pet rabbits) must have completed YQCA training and received certification. For details on completing this certification, contact the Extension office or an FFA Advisor.
8. All livestock shown at the Muscatine County Fair MUST meet the health requirements of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Current health requirements can be found on page 9.
9. A 4-H or FFA member may not show the same exhibit(s) and/or animal(s) in the 4-H/FFA shows at the Muscatine County Fair if the exhibit (s) and/or animal(s) have been in competition in a 4-H/FFA show at another county fair (excluding open classes).
10. All 4-H and FFA beef, bucket calf, dairy, dairy & meat goats, swine, sheep, horse, and dog livestock projects MUST be properly identified with appropriate identification and on file in the Muscatine Extension Office by May 15, 2026. 4-H'ers must identify their animals through 4hOnline. 4-H ID's that are entered in 4hOnline must be completed by 11:59 pm on May 15. FFA members must identify and nominate their animals with approved FFA nomination form from their FFA advisor. FFA ID's must be in the Muscatine Extension Office by 5:00 pm on May 15, 2026.

NOTE: The same animal(s) cannot be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member, except in horse, pony, and dog project areas. Horse, pony, and dog project animals can be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member provided the members are all 4-H/FFA members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister, or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA. Siblings sharing an animal must belong to the same club/chapter. Exhibitors with animals part of an FFA partnership agreement must follow identification and nomination guidelines in [FFA 202](#).

Animals identified as a 4-H project cannot also be identified as a FFA project.

11. All livestock must be identified with ear notch, ear tag, or tattoo number according to species requirements. (See rules in each livestock department.)
12. This show is an educational event. It is designed to train youth to properly fit and exhibit their animals without aide. It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member takes responsibility of caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills.
13. The earliest time animals may begin to arrive on the fairgrounds is **4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13th, 2026**. See rules in each livestock department for latest time animals may arrive.
14. When an exhibitor needs an assistant to help show because the exhibitor has more than one animal showing at the same time,

the assistant MUST receive permission from the Department Superintendent(s) and notify the 4-H Livestock Office. The assistant must be a member of a Muscatine County 4-H or FFA program but need not carry the same project or belong to the same club or chapter. In case of illness or other emergency, the exhibitor must be excused by the Superintendent and notify the 4-H Livestock Office prior to the show, or the animal will be ineligible to exhibit.

15. No 4-H/FFA exhibitor will be allowed in the 4-H/FFA Livestock barns during the hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. Violators will be dealt with accordingly.
16. All livestock MUST be kept in the proper place (barn, show ring, tie out). No animals are allowed in commercial displays or other areas used for specific purposes.
17. All livestock exhibitors may pick up stall cards and exhibitor number in the 4-H Livestock Fair Office after livestock health requirements are met.
18. If there is no competition in a class, then ribbon premium only will be awarded and no class placing premiums will be awarded. Competition is determined by the number of exhibitors, not by the number of animals in a class.
19. Any exhibitor eligible to receive a special award from any livestock breed association is responsible for notifying the Extension Office or FFA Advisor of such eligibility.

MUSCATINE COUNTY FAIR BOARD RULES AND GUIDELINES

INTERPRETATION, AMENDMENT, & VIOLATIONS

1. The Muscatine County Fair Management reserves 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 incident to the Fair.
2. The Fair Management reserves the right to amend or add to these rules, as it, in its judgment, may deem advisable.
3. Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the governing board may order.
4. The Fair Management reserves the right to make any corrections or changes in ANY premium list.

STATIC ENTRIES AND EXHIBITS

5. Exhibits must have entry cards on all articles entered, as articles without cards are not eligible for premium.
6. Entry fees (if any) are to be paid at the time of entering to the Muscatine County Fair Office.
7. All entries in a livestock department must be made in the bonafide owner's name.
8. All livestock and static exhibits must be on the grounds according to the schedule printed in the rules for the respective departments and divisions.
9. Exhibitors must keep their stalls open and livestock uncovered and visible from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during each day of exhibition.
10. All exhibits, including livestock, must be kept in the proper place. All entries must remain in place until specified release time or premium money will be forfeited.
11. Only ISU Extension & Outreach Staff, Fair Board members, Department Superintendents, and other approved personnel are permitted to examine entry information. Any other person doing so shall forfeit the right enter therein.
12. The Muscatine County Fair expressly reserves the right to reject any or all entries in any department.
13. The Fair will take every possible precaution for the safekeeping of all livestock and articles on exhibition after their arrival and arrangement but will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
14. Fair Management allows Superintendents the right to put entries into the correct division or class if they have been entered in the wrong division or class.

RELEASE OF EXHIBITS

15. No livestock shall be removed from the grounds until 7:00 a.m. Sunday, July 19. All livestock exhibits must remain in place until posted release time in fair book or released by the fair veterinarian or the superintendent of that department, with approval from fair board and 4-H staff. Any violations will result in premiums being forfeited and not being eligible to show the next year in that project area.

16. All other departments (static exhibits) will be released at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, and should be claimed no later than 5:00 p.m. that day.

LIVESTOCK

17. No animal can be entered or exhibited as purebred unless the animal has been registered with their respective breed association and exhibitors produce certificates of registry at request of the superintendent in charge, any time during the Fair. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name, immediate family member's name, show a logical familial relationship, or, in the case of an FFA Farm Partnership, in the name of the FFA Chapter.
18. All livestock entries at the Muscatine County Fair must meet the health requirements of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
19. Livestock barns must be kept clean and all aisles, stalls and pens shall be cleaned before 8:00 a.m. daily with trash and refuse to be disposed of as the Superintendent may direct. Space over which fair visitors must walk in viewing livestock must always be kept clean.
20. All fans and other electrical equipment used in the livestock barns must meet with the requirements of the Muscatine County Fair electrical safety code and stand inspection by their agents.
21. Smoking and the use of intoxicating beverages or drugs in the barns or exhibit areas will not be tolerated. Exhibitors shall be responsible for the behavior of their acquaintances and associated individuals.

STALL AND PEN FEES

22. All applications for stalls and pens should be sent directly to the Fair Office at the time entries are made. Stall or pen assignments will be made by the department superintendent. Stalls and pens will not be reserved unless entries are accompanied by the required fees. Please send your payment to the Muscatine County Fair. You must sign up for your stall in FairEntry!
23. Amounts of entry fees, stall rent, and deadline dates for filing entries are listed on the respective pages of each department.

PREMIUMS

24. An article MUST be meritorious to draw a premium and shall be entitled to first premium ONLY IF MERITORIOUS. An exhibitor may receive multiple placing premiums (e.g. 1st and 3rd placing premiums), but the Fair WILL NOT pay placing premiums where there is no competition. Competition is determined between exhibitors, not animals.
25. The Fair Management reserves the right to withhold premium money from any exhibitor who does not abide by the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Fair.

SUPERINTENDENTS

26. Superintendents shall have full charge of their department with the approval of ISU Extension & Outreach Staff and Fair Board. They will allocate such spaces as he/she deems advisable and make such charges for same as he sees necessary. Each Superintendent must confine himself to the space and species assigned.

JUDGING

27. The Fair will, so far as possible, secure experts to award the premiums in all departments and all judges will be selected by the executive committee. No appeal from the decision of the judges will be considered by the Fair Board, except in the cases of fraud and protest.
28. During judging, no person will be admitted in the ring or on the stand except exhibitors of livestock then on exhibition and approved personnel.
29. If any false statement is made in respect to an article or animal, or any exhibitor interferes in any way with the committee in the awards by drawing attention to the particular points or otherwise, unless by the request of the committee, such articles or animals shall be ruled out and will not be eligible for premium.

PROTESTS

30. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$100 in the livestock department and \$50 in all other departments, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained. Such protests must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Fair Manager within 12 hours after cause of protest. No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that a judge is or judges are incompetent will be considered by the Board. Judges' decisions will be final.

PUBLIC SAFETY

31. The Fair will furnish the best possible police protection for autos and other vehicles but will not be responsible for theft or other damages.
32. Each exhibitor or concessionaire will be solely responsible for any consequential or other loss, injury or damage done to or occasioned by, or arising from any animal or article exhibited by him and shall indemnify the Muscatine County Fair against all legal proceedings in regard thereto.
33. In no case will the Muscatine County Fair be responsible, in any way, for any loss, damage or injury of any character to any person, property or article while same is on the Fairgrounds or at any time or place be liable for or make any payment for damage, loss, or injury.
34. The Muscatine County Fair will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of strikes, riots, lockouts, acts of God, etc. Exhibitors or animals, machinery in motion, and other exhibits liable to occasional accidents, injury or damage to persons coming in contact with them, shall guard their exhibits and protect the public from coming in contact therewith, and every such exhibitor shall indemnify the Muscatine County Fair from and against all claims and demands, costs, charges and expenses which in may incur, suffer, or be put to, by reason of any exhibit not properly guarded or the public not being properly guarded there from. Any entry, exhibit, or concession shall be deemed an acceptance of these rules.

ADVERTISING

35. No person will be permitted to distribute any printed or advertising matter in buildings or any part of the grounds, except an exhibitor from his own booth or building occupied by his exhibit.
36. No begging or soliciting is permitted on the grounds.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITION

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

- A. All animals, poultry and birds intended for exhibition within the State of Iowa will be considered under quarantine and not eligible for showing until the owner or agent presents a CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION, stating the animals, poultry or birds are apparently free from symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases as determined on clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days (14 days for sheep and 7 days for swine) prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.
- B. Please Note (Veterinarian and Exhibitor): The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must include the name of the owner or exhibitor and 911 address of the site the animal(s) reside, the name and 911 address of the exhibition, and shall only be used for one exhibition.
- C. INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATES OF VETERINARY INSPECTION WILL NOT BE REQUIRED in certain classes if the division superintendent has made prior arrangements with the official fair veterinarian to have all animals and/or birds inspected on arrival and prior to exhibition.

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

All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4-H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

SECTION 2 - ALL CATTLE

All cattle intended for exhibition shall have individual official identification and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists official identification. Examples of acceptable official identification include but may not be limited to; a USDA approved alphanumeric tag, Brucellosis (calhhood) vaccination tag, purebred registry tattoo (if Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is accompanied with registration papers that shows purebred registry tattoo), or USDA approved RFID or 840 series tag. This is not the same as the definition below under market beef.

TUBERCULOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):

Cattle originating from an accredited-free state or zone may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists official individual identification (see above). Cattle from a herd or area under quarantine for tuberculosis may not be exhibited. Cattle from a state or zone which

is not an accredited-free state or zone must meet the following requirements:

1. An individual animal test conducted within 60 days of the exhibition, or
2. Originate from a tuberculosis accredited-free herd, with the accredited herd number and date of last test listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

BRUCELLOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):

- A. Native Iowa cattle originating from a herd not under quarantine can be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing official individual identification.
- B. Cattle originating outside the state must meet one of the following requirements:
 1. Originate from Brucellosis Class "Free" states when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and showing individual official identification, or
 2. Officially vaccinated under 24 months (beef), 20 months (dairy) when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing official calhhood vaccination and individual official identification, or
 3. Animals of any age originating from a herd not under quarantine when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing a report of a negative brucellosis test conducted within 30 days prior to opening date of exhibition and individual official identification, or
 4. Originate from a certified brucellosis free herd, accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identity, herd number, and date of last test, or
 5. Calves under 6 months of age when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identification.

NOTES:

1. All brucellosis tests must have been confirmed by a State-Federal Laboratory.
2. All nurse cows that accompany calves to be exhibited must meet above health requirements.
3. All cattle and bison originating from states not officially classified as brucellosis or tuberculosis free must obtain a pre-entry permit from the Iowa State Veterinarian's Office. (515-281-5547)
4. Official individual identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection is required for all cattle and bison of any age coming in from out of state used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.
5. Trichomoniasis testing is not required for rodeo or exhibition bulls temporarily in the state that leave after the event. Effective February 12, 2014, bulls intended for sale must have a negative trichomoniasis test within 30 days prior to importation and no subsequent sexual exposure. The test results must be noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The testing requirement does not apply to virgin bulls under 24 months of age and needs to be noted on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection the bull(s) is a "virgin" or not sexually exposed to any female cattle.

SECTION 3 - MARKET BEEF CATTLE (All cattle other than BREEDING CATTLE)

Steers and beef-type heifers exhibited in market classes must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, showing individual official identification for each animal and originate from a herd not under quarantine. NOTE: Official identification tags must have US shield to be official ID tag.

Examples of acceptable official identification are; a USDA approved alphanumeric tag, Brucellosis (caltfoot) vaccination tag, purebred registry tattoo, or USDA approved RFID or 840 series tag. 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are also official ID.

SECTION 4 - SWINE

All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification and be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection shall indicate that a licensed and accredited veterinarian has inspected the swine and that the swine appear free from symptoms of any infectious or communicable disease. An initial inspection shall have occurred within seven days prior to the date of entry into the exhibition site. All swine shall be inspected again upon arrival at the exhibition site and before the swine are unloaded or leave a designated and isolated inspection area. Biosecurity and sanitary practices shall be implemented for all inspections. All identification is to be recorded on the pseudorabies test chart and the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes. Registration ear notches for registered swine are not considered official ID. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are official identification tags.

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

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

BRUCELLOSIS (Iowa is Class Free):

1. Native Iowa Swine--No brucellosis test required for exhibition purposes.
2. Swine from Out of State--All breeding swine six months of age and older must either:
 1. Originate from a Brucellosis Class "Free" state; or
 2. Originate from a brucellosis validated herd with herd certification number and date of last test listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection; or

3. Have a negative brucellosis test conducted within 60 days prior to show and confirmed by a state-federal laboratory.

AUJESZKY'S DISEASE (PSEUDORABIES) - ALL SWINE (Iowa is Stage V)

1. Native Iowa swine--No pseudorabies testing requirements prior to the exhibition will be necessary for native Iowa swine.
2. Swine originating outside Iowa--All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show, regardless of the status of the herd, and that lists the individual official identification. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

SECTION 5 - SHEEP

1. All animals must be individually identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for sheep will require clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.
2. All sexually intact sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or another official Scrapie tag, and this tag number must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection. For Scrapie Flock of Origin tags, the tag number listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must include the flock identification number and the individual animal number-Ex. IA1234-5678. (IA1234 is the Scrapie Flock identification number and 5678 is the individual number.) For other official Scrapie tags, the complete tag numbers (for serial tags for example: IAAC5818) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification, and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.
4. **Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, draining abscesses, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the show.**

SECTION 6 - GOATS

1. All animals must be individually identified on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and originate from herds or areas not under quarantine. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection for goats will require clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to date of entry to exhibition grounds.
2. All sexually intact goats must be identified with:
 - a. An individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag, or
 - b. another official Scrapie tag, or
 - c. An official Scrapie tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG).
 - d. For each sexually intact goat, the complete Scrapie identification number must be written on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection as follows:
 - i. For Scrapie Flock of Origin tags, the tag number listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must include the flock identification number and the individual animal number-Ex. IA1234-5678. (IA1234 is

- the Scrapie Flock identification number and 5678 is the individual number.)
- ii. For other official Scrapie tags, the complete tag numbers (for serial tags for example: IAAC5818) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
 - iii. For tattoos, the complete tattoo number (both the Scrapie herd tattoo prefix and individual number) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
 - iv. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must also include a statement certifying the herd's participation in the Scrapie program.

If you use tattoos instead of Scrapie tags:

- ***Complete numbers from both ears (or complete tail or flank numbers) must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.***
 - ***Herd tattoo prefix must be registered with USDA by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).***
 - ***A statement must be included on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection indicating that the herd participates in the Scrapie program, and listing the official tattoo registered to the herd.***
3. Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification, and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.
 4. **Any evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm, draining abscesses, foot rot, sore mouth, or any other contagious disease will eliminate the animal from the show.**
 5. Goats originating from outside of the state and considered for sale at the exhibition must originate from a state certified brucellosis free herd, or the animal(s) exhibited must have a negative brucellosis test performed within 90 days of the exhibition. In addition, they must originate from a herd having a whole-herd negative Tuberculosis test within the last twelve months, or the animal(s) exhibited must have a record of a negative tuberculosis test performed within 90 days of exhibition. Brucellosis and tuberculosis class "free" state status for bovines is not recognized for goats moving into Iowa. Goats originating from outside of the state and returning to the premises of origin are exempt from testing requirements if the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection meets all general requirements, identification requirements and has the following statement written by the licensed accredited veterinarian on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: "The goat(s) listed are for exhibition only and not for resale."

SECTION 7 - HORSES AND MULES

All horses shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with individual identification, or a description of the individual animal. These requirements apply to all horses entering the fairgrounds.

Native Iowa horses and mules can be exhibited when accompanied by an individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing a description of the individual animals.

All equine originating from outside the state shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection listing a description of the individual animals; and indicating that each animal six months of age and older in the shipment has had a negative official equine infectious anemia test within twelve months of importation. The testing laboratory, accession number, and date of test must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, or a copy of the Coggins (EIA) test paper must be presented.

SECTION 8 - POULTRY AND BIRDS

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

SECTION 9 - DOGS AND CATS

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

SECTION 10 - FARM DEER

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

All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection: "All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year."

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

IOWA 4-H 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, 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 this 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 this fair or exhibition as printed in its Premium Book.



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4-H STATIC, CLOTHING, & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENTS (4-H EXHIBT BUILDING)

SCHEDULE

Monday, July 6

Communications & Clothing Event Judging
Muscatine County Extension & Outreach Office, Muscatine

Monday, July 13

9:00-2:00.....Conference Judging of Exhibits in Departments A-F
*According to schedule on page 5
4-H Exhibit Building/Activities Building*

Saturday, July 18

11:00 a.m.....Working Exhibits Begin
4-H Exhibit Building/Activities Building

Sunday, July 19

1:00 p.m..... Educational Presentations,
Clothing Event Fashion Show, & Share-The-Fun
4-H Exhibit Building/Activities Building

Sunday, July 19

4:00 p.m..... Release of Static Exhibits from 4-H Building

Premiums are pro-rated in Division A-H according to the number of blue, red, and white ribbons are awarded.

Static\$1200
Awardrobe Clothing Event & Communications Departments\$300

SPECIAL AWARDS

“Best Club display” – Awarded to winning clubs
1st \$30.00 2nd \$20.00 3rd \$10.00

2026 ONLY – Anyone who participates in Working Exhibits will receive an additional \$10/participant.

GENERAL RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Static exhibit entries (divisions A-F) are to be made online in FairEntry. **Static Entries are due in FairEntry by 11:59pm on July 9th.** Awardrobe Clothing Event & Communications exhibits should be entered into FairEntry by **July 1st.**
3. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-H'ers are encouraged to use project area guides, manuals, and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some [project area guides](#) 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. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
5. If you have an exhibit selected for the Iowa State Fair and are in FFA, you cannot enter a similar exhibit in the FFA division at the Iowa State Fair, even though it is a separate exhibit, such as in

photography, welding, woodworking, science, engineering, & technology, etc.

6. Static exhibits entered by FFA members that are not Ag Mech or Photography exhibits are ineligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair.
7. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
8. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods will be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
9. The Muscatine County Extension Council and 4-H staff reserve the right to disqualify any exhibit deemed inappropriate, harmful, or unsafe.
10. Exhibits may NOT include actual firearms, weapons, ammunition of any kind or any items resembling a firearm or weapon (including but not limited to: firearms, knives, swords, ammunition). Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
11. Exhibit may NOT include images or content depicting violence.
12. Exhibits may NOT in any way include alcohol, tobacco, vaping, or illegal substances (including but not limited to: actual substances, packaging, containers, bottle caps, images, or logos.)
13. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed standard poster board size of 24 inches by 36 inches. (See classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
 - Chart board, graph board, project presentation board and model displays, etc., are not to exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - Display boxes are usually not necessary, but if used, are not to exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth. Display boxes are not allowed for food & nutrition prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.
14. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or song bird 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.)
 - [Iowa Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Animals \(Iowa Department of Natural Resources\)](#)
 - [Iowa Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Plants \(Iowa Department of Natural Resources\)](#)
 - [Iowa Noxious Weeds \(Iowa Code 317.1A\)](#)
15. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits.

(See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers). **Those without permission cannot be displayed.**

16. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from bringing items that have special meaning and/or historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. Diligence will be used to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, the Muscatine County Fair and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach of Muscatine County are not responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc.
17. The 4-H member's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design.
18. Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged to view [exhibit tip sheets](#) and [evaluation forms](#) to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.
19. Exhibitors will conference with a judge(s) about their exhibit(s) and will receive a white, red, or blue ribbon. After all exhibits are judged, the judges will then select exhibits from those under consideration to go on to the State Fair. The number selected is based on a quota from the State 4-H Office. Fourth grade 4-H'ers are not eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Outstanding exhibits from fourth grade 4-H members will receive a Junior Honorable Mention ribbon and will be displayed in a special area.
20. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording must be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes. 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?
 - What is the cost? (if applicable)
21. Judges have 7-10 minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief. This information is required for Iowa State Fair eligibility.
22. 4-H'ers unable to attend conference judging at the fair must answer the above four questions prior to judging of the exhibit. These questions can be recorded in written form, an audio recording, or video recording, and sent with the exhibit to the fair. Please inform the Extension Office prior to judging if you need audio or video equipment.
23. **Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communication classes.**
24. All judges' decisions are final. Conference judging will be between the judge and the exhibitor ONLY! Parents must remain outside the judging area unless the judge requests talking with the parent of a 4-H member.

25. 4-H members are not limited to the number of exhibits in each class except in Photography classes (classes 10320 and 10340) where the limit is **six** exhibits per exhibitor. Each exhibitor can bring six photographs total between the two classes.
26. All exhibits must be checked in at the entry table where exhibits are checked for class and size requirements. Judges will be instructed not to judge exhibits that have not been checked in.
27. Each exhibit is to have an entry tag. It is suggested that each member attach a separate label that contains their name and club to each part of the exhibit. This is the member's responsibility.
28. 4-H exhibiting eligibility at the 2026 Iowa State Fair will include 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade or equivalent. Exhibits that do not comply with size guidelines, copyright, and safety procedures will not be accepted for entry, evaluation, or display at the Iowa State Fair. **Exhibitors with large projects going to the Iowa State Fair are responsible for their own transportation. The Muscatine Extension Office will not be responsible for transportation of large projects.**
29. Exhibits that have been sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair are not eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair.
30. **Static exhibits are released at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 19th. Exhibits are to be picked up at 4:00 pm.** No exhibits may be removed early or booths/displays disassembled or that 4-H'er or 4-H club will forfeit its premiums. Exhibit pick-up is the responsibility of the 4-H member.
31. **All Premium money must be picked up from the Muscatine County Extension office by December 31, 2026. All premium money that is not picked up by December 31, 2026, will be returned to the Muscatine County Fair.**

DIVISION A ANIMALS

10110 Animal Science

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

10120 Veterinary Science

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

DIVISION B AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

10210 Crop Production

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

10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability

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

10222 Entomology

An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning from 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.

10224 Fish and Wildlife

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

10226 Forestry

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

10230 Horticulture and Plant Science

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc.

10231 Garden Crops

Actual vegetable or fruit specimens grown from the current crop year.

Garden Crops Special Rules

1. All produce exhibited must be from the 4-H member's current garden project.
2. All garden produce exhibits must be entered on heavy-duty white paper plates/containers with the exhibitor's name, vegetable name, and variety on the top edge of plate.
3. One variety of vegetable/fruit per plate.
4. Refer to [Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit](#) for instructions on preparing produce. If quantity of specimens to bring is different from fair book, use quantity of specimen in fair book.
5. Exhibits are not eligible to advance to Iowa State Fair.
6. For any seed, nut vegetable, or fruit not listed below, please bring enough for a good display of specimens and identify your cultivar.
7. **Enter one (1) specimen of the following:**

Broccoli (or 3 sprouts)	Cabbage
Celery (complete plant)	Chinese Cabbage
Cauliflower	Egg plant
Endive (one plant)	Kale (in bottle of water)
Lettuce	Muskmelon
Pumpkin	Spinach (one plant)
Watermelon	Winter Squash
Other Melons	
8. **Enter two (2) specimens of the following:**

Dill (dry or green)	Grapes (2 bunches)
Kohlrabi	Peppers

Sweet Corn	Sweet Potatoes
Summer Squash	

9. **Enter three (3) specimens of the following**

Apples	Apricots
Beets	Carrots
Cucumbers	Garlic (dry)
Leeks	Okra
Onions (except green)	Parsnips
Pears	Peaches
Plums	Potatoes (any color)
Rhubarb	Salsify
Turnips	Tomatoes (except cherry, salad, grape)

10. **Enter five (5) specimens of the following:**

Herbs (in bottle of water)	Onions (green)
Radishes	Tomatoes (cherry, salad, or grape)

11. **Enter six (6) specimens of the following:**

Beans	Peas
Swiss chard (leaves)	

12. **Enter ten (10) specimens of the following:**

Asparagus (in bottle of water)	Berries (one variety per plate)
Cherries	

10235 Home Grounds Improvement

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

10240 Outdoor Adventures

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

10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports

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

10255 Farm Model Display- An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

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

DIVISION C CREATIVE ARTS

10300C Muscatine County Kit Class

A pre-packaged (kit) or pre-determined patterns (not eligible for State Fair) This is a project where a 4-H'er has limited choices or decisions in the design of the article. Examples are latch hook kits, counted cross stitch patterns, paint by number, etc., (When you purchase a kit or pattern, you are paying for the privilege of using copyrighted material.)

10310 Music

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

10320 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, no video. **Members are limited to enter a maximum of six photos in this class.**

Photography Special Rules:

1. 4-H exhibitors must use the [Photo Exhibit Label](#) to provide required information for photo exhibits.
2. Photographs may be either black and white or color. They may be processed from negatives, slides, or digital cameras and computer manipulation programs. Photographs must have been taken since the Muscatine County Fair of the previous year (July 17, 2024).
3. Photographs should 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 in height or width. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24 inches in length.
4. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ½ inch thick. Photos printed on canvas, fabric, ceramic, etc. should be entered into class 10340.
5. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally. 4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size. **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**

6. 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.
7. **Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.**
8. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
9. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed. (For example, trespassing on railroad property to take photos while on train tracks.)
10. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa.

10340 Creative Photography.

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

Creative Photography Special Rules.

1. 4-H exhibitors must use the [Photo Exhibit Label](#) to provide required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.
2. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.
3. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length and no larger than 14 inches in length.
4. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
5. Photographs in this class can be printed on canvas, fabric, ceramic, etc.
6. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display

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

10540 Digital Storytelling

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

10350 Visual Arts- Original Art

An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's

work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

10355 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.

10360 Visual Arts- Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics

Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

Visual Arts Special Rules (Classes 10350, 10355, & 10360):

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hand, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed.
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 [Exploring the Elements and Principles of Design tip sheet](#).
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](#).
7. Visual Arts exhibits that advance to the Iowa State Fair must be ready for display in the home, gallery, or intended final display location: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate

hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing at the Iowa State Fair.

10410 Child Development

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

10420 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.

10422 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.

10424 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 & Fashion Special Rules (Classes 10420, 10422, & 10424):

1. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event (Department G) may not be entered as an exhibit in Departments A-F, including Clothing and Fashion classes.
2. Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit. For additional information, view the [Exploring the Elements and Principles of Design in Clothing tip sheet](#).

10430 Consumer Management

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

10440 Food & 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 & Nutrition Special Rules below and [HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide"](#) for additional information regarding prepared food products. Food & Nutrition-Prepared Product exhibits that advance to the Iowa State Fair may not use a display box.

10442 Food & Nutrition- Preserved Product

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and [HS 76 "Foods for](#)

DIVISION D FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

[Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide](#)” for additional information regarding preserved food products.

10445 Food & Nutrition- Educational Display

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

Food & Nutrition Special Rules (Classes 10440, 10442, and 10445)

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 sources of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the [Food Preservation Exhibit Label](#). Only food processed after August 1, 2025, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the [Honey Exhibit Label](#).
8. Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in an enclosable 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.

10450 Health

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

10460 Home Improvement

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

applied. For additional information, view the [Exploring the Elements and Principles of Design in Home Décor tip sheet](#).

Home Improvement Special Rules:

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

10470 Sewing and Needle Arts- Constructed Item

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

10472 Sewing and Needle Arts- Other Ideas/Educational Exhibit

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.

Sewing and Needle Arts Special Rule (Classes 10470 & 10472)

1. Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit. For more information, view the [Exploring the Elements and Principles of Design tip sheet](#).

10480 Other Family and Consumer Science

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

10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge

Create a balanced nutritious meal for 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. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
2. 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 portion sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
3. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
4. The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches) that includes:

- a. The Menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - b. Meal Type (Breakfast, Lunch, or Dinner)
 - c. Copy of Grocery Receipts (up to 2)
 - d. Photos of 4-H Member Experience (grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal)
 - e. [Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet](#) attached to the back of the poster
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.
5. For more information about this special challenge, visit the [Iowa 4-H Thrifty Meal Challenge webpage](#).

6. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H members may include the clover in the poster.
8. Each poster should have a completed [2025 Poster Exhibit Entry Form](#), attached to the back.

10550 Leadership

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

10560 Self-Determined

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

**DIVISION E
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Personal Development Division Special Rule

1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development Division (classes 10510-10560) should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was the exhibit important to them as a person?

10510 Citizenship & Civic Engagement

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

10520 Communication

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, 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, and non-fiction, etc.

10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit

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

- a. 4-H is... (Open to 4-H member's interpretation)
- b. Join 4-H
- c. Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week theme)
- d. 4-H Spirit (2026 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- e. 4-H for America's Next 250 Years (Celebrating America's 250th Birthday)

4-H Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board – size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.

**DIVISION F
SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY**

10610 Mechanics

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

10612 Automotive- Built, Repaired, or Restored Vehicle

Any built, repaired, or restored vehicle, except for tractors & small engines.

10613 Automotive- Educational Display

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

10614 Electric

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

10615 Small Engine

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

10616 Tractor- Repaired or Restored Tractor

A repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.

10617 Tractor- Educational Display

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

10618 Welding

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

10620 Woodworking

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

10630 Science, Engineering & Technology

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

10632 Aerospace

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

10634 Robotics

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

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit 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. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.

AWARDROBE CLOTHING EVENT DEPARTMENT

General Information: The 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event consists of four opportunities for participation – Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, The \$20 Challenge, and Innovative Design.

GENERAL AWARDROBE CLOTHING EVENT RULES

1. Register in FairEntry by **July 1**.
2. Junior & Intermediate members should include the [Junior & Intermediate Awardrobe Clothing Event Report Form](#) with their exhibit. Senior members should include the [Senior Awardrobe Clothing Event Report Form](#).
3. Within the Clothing Event Report Form exhibitors must write a fashion show commentary for their exhibit. For more information about writing a commentary, view the [Writing a Clothing Event Commentary tip sheet](#).
4. Complete a clothing report form and attend the judging held the afternoon of July 6, 2026, at the Muscatine County Extension & Outreach Office at 1:00 pm. A schedule with your interview time will be sent to you.

5. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another 4-H fair exhibit.
6. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created and accessories to the judging on July 6th.
7. Participants should submit only the materials requested for each class (report form and photo- for ALL divisions- 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. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
8. Participants will share their Awardrobe Clothing Event exhibits in a fashion show at the Muscatine County Fair on Sunday, July 19th at 1: 00 p.m. in the Kent Event Center (4-H Exhibit Building).
9. Top senior participants (grades 9-12) will advance on to the State Awardrobe Clothing Event.

4-H FASHION REVUE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. The purpose of this division 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 that they constructed, hand-knitted, machine knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear, and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
7. Junior, intermediate, and senior members are eligible to enter the Fashion Revue. All participants will receive a ribbon rating.

CLOTHING SELECTION DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. The purpose of this division 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, require 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 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 actually 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.
6. Junior, intermediate, and senior members are eligible to enter Clothing Selection. All participants will receive ribbon ratings.

THE \$20 CHALLENGE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. This division 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, in this division, regardless of a low regular sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify but may be entered in Clothing Selection if the 4-H member selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.
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 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 costs 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 DIVISION

1. The purpose of this division is to construct an outfit using creativity and out-of-the box thinking.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.

4. Exhibitors may entirely make their garment from scratch, or permanently alter the silhouette of a pre-existing materials.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION RULES FOR Awardrobe Clothing Event

1. In each division (Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, and Innovative Design) **four** participants are eligible to represent Muscatine County at the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event, with no more than two participants from any one category in each division (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume). The categories in each class are simply for entry limit purposes. All entries in each class will be judged together.
2. Participants must be senior 4-H members (completed grades 9-12 in 2025).
3. **A \$30 registration fee is required for each entry.**
4. 4-H member may participate at the state level as many times as they are selected by the county in Clothing Selection, Fashion Revue, The \$20 Challenge, and Innovative Design, but may only participate in one category per year.
5. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created, and accessories, to the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
6. 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.
7. All participants must participate in all Awardrobe Clothing Event activities at the times scheduled for their county unless the 4-H member is involved in another Iowa State Fair 4-H activity at the same time with a non-flexible schedule. Pre-approval is required prior to July 31. Participants must attend the runway show to be eligible for awards.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

GENERAL COMMUNICATION RULES

1. Entries in this department include:
 - Educational Presentations
 - Working Exhibits
 - Share-The-Fun
 - Extemporaneous Speaking Contest
2. To participate in the communication program at the county fair, 4-Hers must first sign-up through the FairEntry online entry program or contact the Extension Office by **July 1**.
3. The Communications Department provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The divisions provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.

4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 Fair – Quick Reference Guide" found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>.
8. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred).
9. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
10. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Livestock Health Requirements. Animals must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. Animals will not be allowed on the fairgrounds without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
11. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade in 2025 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. 4th graders are not eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair.
12. **There is a \$15 registration fee to participate at the Iowa State Fair** for each individual and team communication entry for all Communications Department classes.

**EDUCATIONAL
PRESENTATION DIVISION**

JUDGING: Monday, July 6, 2026, beginning at 1:00 pm at the Muscatine County Extension & Outreach Office.

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

Class 11101 – Junior Educational Presentations (4th-6th Grade)

Class 11102 – Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th-12th Grade)

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Time limit: Junior Presentations (4th-6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to "STOP" when they exceed the time limit.

2. **Educational Presentations are expected to include an Introduction, Body, and Conclusion/Summary.** Information on giving a presentation is available [here](#).
3. Participants must turn in a completed [Educational Presentation Report](#) form during check-in.
4. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
5. All county presenters will serve as junior evaluators. Each member will evaluate one other presentation, using the same judging criteria. Judges, junior evaluators, and presenter will conference after each presentation. Judge's decision is final.
6. Participants will share their Educational Presentation again at the Muscatine County Fair on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Kent Event Center (4-H Exhibit Building).
7. State Fair and State Fair alternates, as well as 1st and 2nd place awards in each division (junior, intermediate, senior) will be announced at the conclusion of the educational presentations at the county fair.
8. State Fair entrants should be prepared to submit their State Fair date choices directly after the Educational Presentations are given during the County Fair.

MUSCATINE COUNTY CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION will provide \$30.00 (to be pro-rated between exhibitors) in additional premiums for presentations featuring beef cookery or beef production.

WORKING EXHIBITS DIVISION

JUDGING: Saturday, July 18th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Kent Event Center (4-H Exhibit Building). Schedule is determined by number of entries.

Purpose: Working exhibits provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Class 11201 – Junior Working Exhibits

Class 11202 – Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibits

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Working Exhibits will be 30 minutes long. There will be 10 minutes allotted to set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit. Participants will be provided with an 8-foot table and peg board backdrop. Electricity is available, but 4-H'er must provide own extension cord. Working exhibits will start at the top of the hour and continue for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes, you must clear off the table and remove your posters so that the next working exhibit can set up. While the next working exhibit is setting up you will have a conference with the judge.
2. Participants must turn in a completed [Working Exhibit Report form](#) during check-in.
3. For more information on presenting a Working Exhibit, view the [Working Exhibit tip sheet](#).

SHARE-THE-FUN DIVISION

JUDGING: Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Kent Event Center (4-H Exhibit Building).

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

Class 11300: Share-The-Fun Program

SPECIAL DIVISION 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. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade are eligible for the Iowa State Fair. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, at least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026. Clover kids are not eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING DIVISION

JUDGING: Monday, July 6, 2026, after Educational Presentations are done. A schedule will be sent to those who sign-up.

Purpose: 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.

Class 11404 – Extemporaneous Speaking

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on. The selected topic will not be available to other participants. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
2. A preparation area will be used with one participant admitted initially and one additional participant admitted every fifteen minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation area until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth. Each participant will have 30 minutes preparation time. A program official will assist contestants with the time requirements.
3. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participants may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation time.
 - 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 current 4-H philosophical and historical material related to the 4-H program.
4. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own effort 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, only the note cards provided can be used in delivering the speech.
 5. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 6. Each speech shall be **not less than four** or **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 ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six (6) minutes.
 7. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, club they represent, and the read the selected question. The participant will be expected to introduce their speech by title only.
 8. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
 9. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - 1) Content related to topic
 - 2) Knowledge of the subject
 - 3) Organization of material
 - 4) Power of expression
 - 5) Voice
 - 5) Stage presence
 - 6) General effect
 - 7) Response to questions
 10. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

STATE FAIR PARTICIPATION RULES FOR Communications Department

1. **Six** Educational Presentations, **four** Working Exhibits, **three** Share-The-Fun, and **two** Extemporaneous Speaking acts can be selected to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. 4-H members must have completed 5th – 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 to be eligible to participate in Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Share-The-Fun at the Iowa State Fair. In Share-The-Fun, if the act involves a whole club, at least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th grade. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. 4-H members must have completed 9th-12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 to participate in Extemporaneous Speaking at the Iowa State Fair.
3. A \$15.00 registration fee for State Fair is required for each individual and team communication entry.

4. A 4-H member may participate in only one educational presentation and one working exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair, but they cannot be on the same half day at State Fair.
5. Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants cannot be involved in another event (communication event, clothing programs, livestock show or judging) during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in their communication event. Share-The-Fun participants cannot be involved in another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled show to 15 minutes following the show. **Participation in multiple activities may not always be possible because of schedule conflicts.**
6. Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Share-The-Fun participants at the Iowa State Fair will compete on one of the following days in either the morning, afternoon, or evening:
 - Saturday, August 15
 - Sunday, August 16 (afternoon only)
 - Thursday, August 20
 - Friday, August 21

Extemporaneous Speaking participants at the Iowa State Fair will compete on one of the following days in either the morning or afternoon:

- Monday, August 17 (only 12th graders in 2024)
- Tuesday, August 18
- Thursday, August 20
- Sunday, August 23 (morning only)

CLOVER KIDS DEPARTMENT

Clover Kids are to bring their exhibits to be judged on Monday, July 13th, according to the schedule on page 5, in the Kent Event Center. An adult will visit with the members about what they have learned in the Clover Kids program at that time. All participants will receive a participation ribbon. Their exhibits will be displayed throughout the fair week in the 4-H Building.

CLOVER KIDS PET SHOW

CLOVER KIDS PET SHOW RULES

1. Open to all registered Clover Kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade in Muscatine County. No pre-fair entry is required.
2. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to show the audience their pet and tell a caring adult about their pet.
3. Clover Kids Pet Show animals are only allowed on the fairground during the entry and show time. Entry of pets will take place on July 17th from 4:00-4:30 p.m.
4. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Ex. On a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl.
5. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy) are not to be shown in the Clover Kids Pet Show. All other animals must be less than 200 lbs. in order to be shown.
6. Clover Kids and pets must be supervised by an adult at all times. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and pet. Only one Clover Kid and pet accompanied by a responsible adult will be allowed in the showcase area at a time, to ensure the safety of the pet, Clover Kids, and the audience.
7. **ALL PETS must present a health certificate from a veterinarian within 30 days of the show (See Health Requirements, Sect. 1) at the time of judging.** A health certificate is different from shot records. Failure to do so will result in pet not being allowed to be shown.
8. Any female animal in season cannot be shown.
9. Participants will receive a participation ribbon; no premium money will be given.
10. Clover Kids may show animals in the following classes
 - a. Cats
 - b. Fish
 - c. Birds
 - d. Dogs
 - e. Rabbits
 - f. Pocket Pets (hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, chinchillas, etc.)
 - g. Other (no turtles or bats will be accepted).

SPECIAL EVENTS

BUCKET OF JUNK

Do you enjoy welding or would you like to learn how to weld?

If so, Bucket of Junk is a fun project for you to work on with an adult. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the registration form and bring/send \$10 registration fee to the Muscatine County Extension & Outreach office by May 1, 2026. You must be a 4-H or FFA member in good standing to participate in this event. There are only 15 spots available for this event, so please register with payment of fee to guarantee your spot.

BUCKET OF JUNK RULES

1. Each team must consist of one active 4-H or FFA member and one adult.
2. Each team will receive one bucket. Each bucket will contain some of the same pieces and also some similar "junk".
3. There are only 15 buckets available. The first 15 to register and pay the \$10 fee will be guaranteed a bucket. Buckets will be available for pick up on May 4, 2026. *****Bucket date availability subject to change based on sponsor donation availability*****
4. The goal is to use as many items in your bucket as possible to create a sculpture or lawn art.
5. Exhibitors must name their creation and include a write-up for the exhibit.
6. Bucket of Junk creations should be brought to the Kent Center on the Muscatine County Fairgrounds on Monday, July 13th during static exhibit judging. Judging for the Bucket of Junk contest will be on Thursday, July 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Kent Event Center. Check-in will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.
7. You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint or finish the items that you are provided, but NO pieces may be added to your creation.
8. Buckets may not be used in the project.
9. Entries will be judged on artistic merit, technical merit, and the member's exhibit write-up.
10. All 4-H general exhibit guidelines apply to this project/exhibit.
11. The exhibits are not eligible for State Fair.
12. All exhibits will stay in the Kent Center until Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 4 p.m.

DEPARTMENT AA BEEF

Judge To Be Announced
 Superintendents..... Monica Danner, Justin Stecher,
 Joe Lehman, Ron Cox
 Entry Fee\$10/head

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 12

4:00 p.m..... Tack Set Up Can Begin
Beef Barn

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 a.m..... Beef Must be on Fairgrounds
 8:00am – 10:00am..... Beef Weigh-In & Check-In
Beef Barn

Thursday, July 16

4:30 p.m.....Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting
Large Show Ring

Friday, July 17

9:00 a.m.....4-H/FFA Beef Show
Large Show Ring

Saturday, July 18

1:30 p.m.....Ribbon Auction
Small Show Ring

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m.....Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock

RELEASE TIME WILL BE SUNDAY MORNING AT 7 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SHOW.

Premiums awarded to class winners according to the following:

1 st	\$15
2 nd	\$11
3 rd	\$10
4 th	\$9
5 th	\$8

All others not placing in top 5 of class awarded premiums according to ribbon color:

Blue.....	\$3
Red.....	\$2
White.....	\$1

GENERAL BEEF RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

- 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
- Livestock Health Requirements, Section 2- Breeding Cattle and Section 3- Market Beef Cattle apply. Cattle must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
- All exhibitor concerns, including animal health concerns, should first be addressed to beef superintendents.

- All beef exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1. Contact the Extension office or FFA advisor for details on how to meet requirements.
- Entries for the Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted from June 16-July 1, but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
- Exhibitors are allowed to set up tack in designated areas in beef barn no earlier than 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th.
- Clubs and chapters will be stalled together. Clubs and chapters will have their own tack area.
- Common bedding will be provided in the barn.
- All cattle fans must face east, *towards* the cemetery. No cart butt fans are allowed. **Only hanging butt fans** are allowed. Air conditioners are not allowed. Misters are permitted.
- No stalling is allowed at trailers.
- No artificial tail heads, tail fins, or dyeing above underline will be permitted.
- During the show, entry & exit gates will be set up around the showing. Each exhibitor is allowed **two** additional people with them in the gated area.
- Steers/heifers registered with multiple breed associations can only show in one breed class. Exhibitors choose which breed class to show in when entering exhibits into FairEntry.
- Beef superintendents reserve the right to ask an exhibitor to remove an animal that is believed unsafe for exhibition. The animal must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the superintendent committee.
- Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.
- All weight discrepancies or requests for reweigh must be reported to the Beef Superintendents at the time of initial weigh-in. Reweighs will only be conducted during the official weigh-in period on Wednesday, July 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. No reweighs will be permitted after 10:00 a.m.
- All pens shall be cleaned out and bedding taken to the designated area outside of the goat barn! Failure to fulfill these responsibilities shall result in the forfeiture of the Club/ Chapter members' premium money.**

SHOW ORDER

9:00 a.m. Friday, July 17, 2026

- Cow & Calf Class
- Registered Heifers
- Commercial Heifers
- Market Heifers
- Market Steers

COW AND CALF DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- Cow and calf will be shown together.

- Classes may be split if two or more of the following breeds are entered: Angus, Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, and Other Commercial Breeds.
- Classes may be divided by the age of the cow.
- All cow and calf pairs must have two forms of identification: a tattoo and either a breed registration number, calthood vaccination number, or official Iowa 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag. Health papers (vet inspection) are NOT a form of identification. All 4-H animals must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA animals must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
- Decisions of the Superintendents and the Judge are final.

Class 100 - Cow shown must be a previous 4-H or FFA heifer project of the exhibitor.

Class 110 - Cow shown is not a previous 4-H or FFA heifer project of the exhibitor, but must be under the primary care of the exhibitor.

Awards given to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow and Calf Pairs. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow and Calf pairs will compete for Supreme and Reserve Female.

**FOUNDATION BEEF HERD
REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS DIVISION**

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- Classes will be split by age within their breed by superintendents.
- Identification will be checked by Superintendents at the 4-H Beef Barn between 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15.
- Heifers in classes 200-399 must be born September 1, 2024—December 31, 2025.
- All breeding heifers must have two forms of identification: a tattoo and either a breed registration number, calthood vaccination number, or official Iowa 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag. Health papers (vet inspection) are NOT a form of identification. All 4-H breeding heifers must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA breeding heifers must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
- Heifers will be designated as either registered purebreds or commercial on FFA identification sheets with advisor or in 4hOnline by May 15, 2026. If registration numbers are not provided, the heifer will show in the commercial class.
- Registered heifers must present registration papers at check-in time. Electronic or physical paper registration papers are accepted. Heifers without necessary registration papers will be shown in the commercial class. Tattoos will be checked. No animal with illegible or fresh tattoos will be allowed to show. Re-tattooing at the show will not be permitted. (If heifers need to be

re-tattooed after May 15, contact the Muscatine County Extension Office for specific instructions).

- Gelbvieh, Mini Hereford, Maine-Anjou and Simmental heifers which are registered and have 75% or more of their breeding from their respective breeds are eligible for competition. Chianina classes will be open to any heifer that is registered with any of the Chianina-related associations and has registration papers issued by one of these associations which verifies Chianina breeding. If necessary, classes for other breeds will be made.

Class 200 - Produce Heifer

SPECIAL CLASS 200 RULES

- All beef heifers that were produced by a dam that has been enrolled by the 4-H/FFA member in the beef heifer project area are eligible to show in Produce classes.
- Heifers in class 200 must be born September 1, 2024 - Dec. 31, 2025, of a former 4-H or FFA Commercial Breeding Heifer
- Heifers shown in Produce classes may not be shown in any other class in this division.

Award given to Champion Produce Heifer. Champion & Reserve Champion Produce Heifer will compete for Supreme and Reserve Champion Breeding Female.

Class 300 - American Aberdeen

Class 305 - Angus

Class 310 - Charolais

Class 311 - Charolais Percentage

Class 315 - Chianina

Class 320 - Gelbvieh

Class 325 - Hereford

Class 330 - Limousin

Class 335 - High Maine

Class 336 - Maine-Angus

Class 337 - Maintainer

Class 340 - Red Angus

Class 345 - Shorthorn

Class 346 - Shorthorn Plus

Class 350 - Simmental

Class 351 - Foundation Simmental

Class 399 - Other Breeds

If necessary, classes for other breeds will be made.

Awards given to Class Champions in classes 300-399. Class Champions & Reserve Champions will compete for Supreme and Reserve Female.

COMMERCIAL HEIFER DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Entries are open to heifers recorded with their breed association or crossbred heifers. **Exhibitors must designate at check-in time whether shown in purebred or crossbred class.**
2. All breeding heifers must have two forms of identification: a tattoo and either a breed registration number, calfhood vaccination number, or official Iowa 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag. Health papers (vet inspection) are NOT a form of identification. All 4-H breeding heifers must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA breeding heifers must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
3. Heifers in class 400 must be born September 1, 2024-December 31, 2025.
4. Heifers will be divided by weight, with classifications determined after weigh-in from 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 15.

Class 400 – Commercial Heifer, born September 1, 2024-December 31, 2025.

Award given to Champion Commercial Heifer. Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer will compete for Supreme and Reserve Champion Breeding Female.

Supreme Champion Breeding Female is selected from Grand Champion Cow and Calf Pair, Champion Produce Heifer, Champion Registered Breed Heifers, and Champion Commercial Heifer. Awards given to Top 5 Breeding Females.

BREEDING BEEF SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock show, the Superintendents will determine how the showmanship classes will be ran.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Each exhibitor may win each level once. Junior level winners must move to the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 500 - Sr. Showmanship, grades 9th and up

Class 510 - Jr. Showmanship, grades 4th-8th

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Sr. Showmanship and Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. Showmanship.

MARKET BEEF DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. All calves in this division MUST be broken to lead.
2. All market beef must be weighed and ear tagged at the designated county weigh-in. Any questions concerning dates

and times should be directed to the beef superintendents. All weights will be final.

3. All 4-H market beef must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by February 1. All FFA animals must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by February 1.
4. All market beef will be shown in classes determined by weight ONLY, except designated breed classes.
5. Classes will be divided by weight, but classifications will not be determined until after weighing. Weight classes will be established so that approximately an equal number of calves will be in each class, not to exceed 10 animals in each class.
6. Market steers will qualify for a blue ribbon only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of **2.2** pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the Muscatine County Fair weigh date.
7. Market heifers will qualify for a blue ribbon only if they have an average daily gain (ADG) of **2.0** pounds or more from the beginning weigh date to the Muscatine County Fair weigh date.
8. Exhibitors will be provided an average daily gain sticker; this must be worn by the exhibitor upon entering the ring.

Class 600 - Produce Market Beef - (Product of a member's own former 4-H or FFA project)

Class 610 - Produce Market Beef - (Product from a family's own herd)

Class 650 - Finished Bucket Calf

SPECIAL CLASS 650 RULES

1. To exhibit in Class 650- Finished Bucket Calf, the calf must have been shown in the Open Bucket Calf show or the 4-H/FFA Bucket Calf Show at the Muscatine County Fair of the previous year and received a tattoo. The calf must be shown by the same exhibitor in the Bucket Calf show and the Finished Bucket Calf class.

Class 700 - Market Heifer

Class 800 – American Aberdeen

Class 805 – Angus

Class 810 – Charolais

Class 815 – Chianina

Class 820 – Gelbvieh

Class 825 - Hereford

Class 830 - Limousin

Class 845 – Maine-Anjou

Class 850 – Red Angus

Class 855 – Simmental

Class 860 - Shorthorn

Class 899 – Other Breeds

If necessary, classes for other breeds will be made.

SPECIAL CLASS 800-899 RULES

1. To be eligible for the special breed division, breed information must have been provided in 4hOnline or on the appropriate FFA identification form with FFA advisors by February 1, 2026.
2. Registered steers must present registration papers at check-in time. Electronic or physical paper registration papers are accepted. Steers without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbreed class. Tattoos will be checked. No animal with illegible or fresh tattoos will be allowed to show. Re-tattooing at the show will not be permitted. (If steers need to be re-tattooed after February 1, contact the Muscatine County Extension Office for specific instructions).
3. Show order is to be determined by Beef Superintendents.

Awards given to Class Champions in classes 600-899. Class Champions & Reserve Champions will compete for Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef.

Class 900 - Crossbreed Market Steer

Awards

Ribbons awarded for the following:

- Lightweight Champion
- Reserve Lightweight Champion
- Middleweight Champion
- Reserve Middleweight Champion
- Heavyweight Champion
- Reserve Heavyweight Champion

Grand Champion Market Beef is selected from Champion Produce Market Beef, Champion Market Heifer, Champion Registered Steers, and Champion Crossbred Steer. Awards given to Top 5 Market Beef.

RATE OF GAIN DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. All market beef entries automatically qualify for Class 1100. Exhibitors do not need enter.

Class 1100 - Rate of Gain

Class 1110 - Average Rate of Gain Achievement Award

SPECIAL CLASS 1110 RULES

1. Contest open to all 4-H and FFA market beef exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors who have weighed-in at least three market beef animals (steers or market heifers) **and then exhibit three of those market animals at the 2026 Muscatine County Fair are eligible.**
3. The combined Rate of Gain of those three animals will be figured and the exhibitor with the highest combined rate of gain will win the contest.
4. A \$1000 prize donated by the Muscatine County Cattlemen's Association will be pro-rated based on the number of entries in the contest.

5. If you any questions contact Bill Fraunholtz at 319-430-6994 or Ron Cox at 319-631-3565.

Awards given to Champion Rate of Gain and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain (class 1100).

MARKET BEEF SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVIONS RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock show, the Superintendents will determine how the showmanship classes will be ran.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Each exhibitor may win each level once. Junior level winners must move to the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 1200- Market Beef Sr. Showmanship

Class 1210- Market Beef Jr. Showmanship

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Sr. Showmanship and Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. Showmanship.

13. **Leadership Opportunity:** A 4-H/FFA calf can be used in the Open Bucket Calf Show for a younger family member or as approved by the superintendent at check-in. The 4-H/FFA exhibitor must accompany the younger family member/individual exhibitor in the show ring during the open show. All 4-H/FFA exhibitors are encouraged to attend the open show and accompany/assist open class exhibitors in the show ring.
14. Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.
15. **All exhibitors should practice good herdsmanship while exhibiting at the fair. This means making sure that pens and animals are kept clean, animals are well taken care of during hot periods of the day, aisles are kept clean and free of obstructions to people visiting the Bucket Calf Barn. All pens shall be cleaned out and bedding taken to the designated areas outside of the Bucket Calf Barn after release of the bucket calves Sunday morning. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities could result in the forfeiture of the club/chapter members' premium money.**

Weighted equally, the Muscatine County Bucket Calf Project scores are based upon the following areas:

Written records (Emailed July 5 th).....	75 points
Personal interview (Friday of fair week).....	75 points
Ring Showmanship (Friday of fair week).....	75 points
Management of the calf/herdsmanship (While on the fairgrounds to be determined by superintendents. This also includes herdsmanship on showday.)	<u>75 points</u>
Total: 300 points	

SHOW ORDER

- Senior
- Intermediate
- Junior

BUCKET CALF CLASSES

Class 100 – Seniors (Grades 9-12)

Class 200 – Intermediates (Grades 7-8)

Class 300 – Juniors (Grades 4-6)

Champion and Reserve Champion awarded to each class. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected thereafter. Trophies awarded to Grand and Reserve Grand Champions.

All bucket calf exhibitors will receive a cash contribution courtesy of the Muscatine County Cattlemen's Association.

DEPARTMENT CC DAIRY GOAT

Judge:.....TBD
 SuperintendentJames Madsen
 Entry Fee\$5/head

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 14

5:00 p.m..... 4-H/FFA Dairy Goats on fairgrounds

5:00 p.m.....4-H FFA Dairy Goat Check-In
Swine Pavilion

Wednesday, July 15

10:00 a.m..... 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show
Small Show Ring

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m.....Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock

**RELEASE TIME WILL BE SUNDAY MORNING AT 7 A.M.
 UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SHOW.**

Premiums awarded to class winners according to the following:

1 st	\$10
2 nd	\$8
3 rd	\$6
4 th	\$5
5 th	\$4

All others not placing in top 5 of class awarded premiums according to ribbon color:

Blue.....	\$3
Red.....	\$2
White.....	\$1

GENERAL DAIRY GOAT RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Livestock Health Requirement, Section 5-Sheep & Goats apply. Goats must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. All dairy goats must have an official USDA scrapies tag or official tattoo registered with the USDA.
4. Animals must have an ear or tail tattoo and be owned by exhibitor. Leased goats are accepted as long as a signed lease form is on file in the Extension Office by May 15, 2026. All 4-H dairy goats must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA dairy goats must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
5. Entries for the Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted from

June 16-July 1 but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

6. Dairy goats should be on the fairgrounds by Tuesday, July 14, at 5:00 p.m. The show will be Wednesday, July 15, at 10:00 a.m.
7. Stalls will be assigned to exhibitors the day before the show.
8. Recommended show apparel for dairy goat exhibitors is a white collared shirt or a white 4-H or FFA T-shirt, white pants, and leather shoes or boots. However, a FFA or 4-H Shirt and blue jeans will be accepted as well.
9. Exhibitors are expected to be courteous, helpful, and kind to each other and take appropriate care of their animals.
10. Show order will be showmanship, wethers, does, bucks, and costume class. Each breed within a category MAY show together if breeds have limited entries WITHOUT creating a hardship on exhibitors. Each breed will have class winners and breed champions.
11. Being on time to the ring is critical and could result in a lower rating if late. Switching goats for the next class is the only excusable reason.
12. Be prepared to answer questions from the judge.
13. Both animals shown in Mother/Daughter classes MUST have been shown in previous individual listed classes.
14. Each exhibitor will be allowed to show a maximum of six females and three wethers and/or bucks.
15. All bucks must be purebred or registered.
16. **All exhibitors are encouraged to enter showmanship!**
17. Ill or contagious animals will be removed from the barn and not allowed to show.
18. **NO GOATS WITH HORNS WILL BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.**
19. All dairy goat exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1. Contact the Extension office or FFA Advisor for details on how to meet requirements.
20. Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.
21. **All pens shall be cleaned out and bedding taken to the designated area outside the goat barn! Failure to fulfill these responsibilities shall result in the forfeiture of the club/ chapter members' premium money.**

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock shows, the Superintendents will determine how the Showmanship classes will be run.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Member may win each level once. Winners must move up a level in next year's competition.

Class 100 – Sr. Showmanship, Grades 9th & up

Class 110 – Int. Showmanship, Grades 7th-8th

Class 120 – Jr. Showmanship, Grades 4th-6th

WETHERS DIVISION

Class 200 – All Nigerian Dwarf and Mini Breeds born 6/1/25 to 12/31/25

Class 210 – All Large Breeds Born 6/1/25 to 12/31/25

Class 220 – All Nigerian Dwarf and Mini Breeds Born After 1/1/26

Class 230 – All Large Breeds Born After 1/1/26

Awards given to Grand & Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Wether.

NIGERIAN DWARF & ALL OTHER MINI BREEDS DOES DIVISION

Class 300 – Kid, Under 5 Months

Class 310 – Kid, Over 5 Months & Under 1 Year

Class 320 – Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years- Not in Milk

Class 330 - Milking Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years

Class 340 – Milking Doe, Over 2 Years to Under 4 Years

Class 350 – Milking Doe, 4 Years & Older

Class 360 – Dry Doe, Any Age- Freshened at Least Once

Class 370 – Mother/Daughter

First & second class winners of classes 300, 310, and 320 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Nigerian Dwarf & All Other Mini Breeds Doe. First & second class winners of classes 330, 340, 350, 360, and 370 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Nigerian Dwarf & All Other Mini Breeds Doe. Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Nigerian Dwarf & All Other Mini Breed Doe and Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Nigerian Dwarf & All Other Mini Breed Does will return for Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf & Other Breeds Doe. Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Nigerian Dwarf & All Other Mini Breed Doe will return for overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe & Grand Champion Reserve Dairy Goat Doe.

NUBIAN DOES DIVISION

Class 400 – Kid, Under 5 Months

Class 410 – Kid, Over 5 Months & Under 1 Year

Class 420 – Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years- Not in Milk

Class 430 – Milking Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years

Class 440 – Milking Doe, Over 2 Years to Under 4 Years

Class 450 – Milking Doe, 4 Years and Older

Class 460 – Dry Doe, Any Age- Freshened At Least Once

Class 470 – Mother/Daughter

First & second class winners of classes 400, 410, and 420 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Nubian Doe. First & second class winners of classes 430, 440, 450, 460, and 470 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Nubian Doe. Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Nubian Doe and Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Nubian Does will return for Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Nubian Doe. Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Nubian Doe will return for overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe & Grand Champion Reserve Dairy Goat Doe.

LAMANCHA DOES DIVISION

Class 500 – Kid, Under 5 Months

Class 510 – Kid, Over 5 Months & Under 1 Year

Class 520 – Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 years- Not in Milk

Class 530 – Milking Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years

Class 540 – Milking Doe, Over 2 Years & Under 4 Years

Class 550 – Milking Doe, 4 Years & Older

Class 560 – Dry Doe, Any Age- Freshened At Least Once

Class 570 – Mother/Daughter

First & second class winners of classes 500, 510, and 520 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Lamancha

Doe. First & second class winners of classes 530, 540, 550, 560, and 570 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Lamancha Doe. Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking Lamancha Doe and Champion & Reserve Champion Milking Lamancha Does will return for Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Lamancha Doe. Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Lamancha Doe will return for overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe & Grand Champion Reserve Dairy Goat Doe.

**ALL OTHER BREEDS
DOES DIVISION**

Class 600 – Kid, Under 5 Months

Class 610 – Kid, Over 5 Months & Under 1 Year

**Class 620 – Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under 2 Years,
Not In Milk**

**Class 630 – Milking Yearling, Over 1 Year & Under
2 Years**

**Class 640 – Milking Doe, Over 2 Years to Under 4
Years**

Class 650 – Milking Doe, 4 Years & Older

**Class 660 – Dry Doe, Any Age- Freshened at Least
Once**

Class 670 – Mother/Daughter

First & second class winners of classes 600, 610, and 620 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking All Other Breeds Doe. First & second class winners of classes 630, 640, 650, 660, and 670 will return for Champion & Reserve Champion Milking All Other Breeds Doe. Champion & Reserve Champion Non-Milking All Other Breeds Doe and Champion & Reserve Champion Milking All Other Breeds Does will return for Overall Champion & Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Doe. Overall Champion & Reserve Champion All Other Breeds Doe will return for overall Grand Champion Dairy Goat Doe & Grand Champion Reserve Dairy Goat Doe.

Awards given to Grand & Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Doe.

BUCKS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Bucks must be born after 1/1/26 and be purebred or registered.

Class 700 - All Nigerian Dwarf and Mini Breeds

Class 710 – All Large Breeds

Rosettes awarded to Grand Champion & Reserve Buck.

COSTUME DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. To enter Class 800, all exhibitors and goats must have shown in a previous class.
2. Ribbons only will be awarded

Class 800 – Costume Class

19. *Coloring agents and paints* - There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
20. Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.
21. **All exhibitors should practice good herdsmanship while exhibiting at the fair. This means making sure that pens and animals are kept clean, animals are well taken care of during hot periods of the day, aisles are kept clean and free of obstructions to people visiting the goat barn. All pens shall be cleaned out and bedding taken to the designated areas outside the goat barn after release of the goats Sunday morning. Upon inspection if it is found that exhibitors have not completed this task, a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the club. Clubs/chapters will decide how the fee is paid – by individual members or by the club/chapter.**

MARKET MEAT GOAT DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. All market wethers must be born after January 1st, 2026.
2. The top five market meat goats will be chosen from class & subclass winners.

Class 100 - Market Wethers

Class 110 - Market Does

Awards given to Grand Champion Market Meat Goat & Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat.

Ribbons awarded to:

Champion Lightweight Market Wether
 Reserve Champion Lightweight Market Wether
 Champion Mediumweight Market Wether
 Reserve Champion Mediumweight Market Wether
 Champion Heavyweight Market Wether
 Reserve Champion Heavyweight Market Wether
 Champion Market Doe
 Reserve Champion Market Doe

BREEDING DOE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. The top five breeding does will be chosen from class & subclass winners.

Class 200 - Jr. Breeding Does- Under 12 months

Class 210 - Yearling Does- 12 to 24 months

Class 220 - Sr. Breeding Does- 24 months and over

Awards given to Grand Champion Breeding Doe & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Doe.

Ribbons awarded to:

Champion Lightweight Jr. Breeding Doe
 Reserve Champion Lightweight Jr. Breeding Doe
 Champion Mediumweight Jr. Breeding Doe

Reserve Champion Mediumweight Jr. Breeding Doe
 Champion Heavyweight Jr. Breeding Doe
 Reserve Champion Heavyweight Jr. Breeding Doe
 Champion Yearling Doe
 Reserve Champion Yearling Doe
 Champion Sr. Breeding Doe
 Reserve Champion Sr. Breeding Doe

BUCK DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. All bucks must be under one year of age at time of showing.

Class 300 - Bucks

Awards given to Champion Buck & Reserve Champion Buck.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock shows, the Superintendents will determine how the Showmanship classes will be run.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Member may win each level once. Junior level winners must move up to the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 400 - Sr. Showmanship grades 9 and up

Class 410 - Jr. Showmanship grades 4-8

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Sr. Showmanship & Champion & Reserve Champion Jr. Showmanship.

DEPARTMENT EE SWINE

Judge: To Be Announced
 Superintendents: Megan Marolf, Jason Feldman, Tyler Feldman, Cole Grings, Garrett Grings
 Entry Fee\$5/head

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 14

7:00 p.m. Weigh-In Begins
Swine Pavilion

8:00 p.m. All swine must be on fairgrounds

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Swine Exhibitor Meeting
Small Show Ring

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Swine Show
Small Show Ring

4:30 p.m. Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting
Large Show Ring

Saturday, July 18

1:30 p.m. Ribbon Auction
Small Show Ring

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m. Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock

RELEASE TIME WILL BE SUNDAY MORNING AT 7 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SHOW.

Premiums awarded to class winners according to the following:

1 st	\$10
2 nd	\$8
3 rd	\$6
4 th	\$5
5 th	\$4

All others not placing in top 5 of class awarded premiums according to ribbon color:

Blue	\$3
Red	\$2
White	\$1

GENERAL SWINE RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Livestock Health Requirements, Section 4- Swine rules apply. Swine must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 7 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. **Health papers will be checked at the weigh-in.**
4. All swine exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1. Contact the Extension office or FFA advisor for details on how to meet requirements.

5. All 4-H swine must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA swine must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
6. Pigs must be ear notched in both ears according to the standard notching system and have a 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag. **This will be strictly enforced.**
7. 4-H pigs identified for the Iowa State Fair also need a DNA ear tag.
8. Entries for the Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted from June 16-July 1, but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
9. **Exhibitors will be responsible for finding an outlet for their hogs after the fair.** Exhibitors must declare destination of their swine after exhibition in FairEntry for state IDALS reporting purposes.
10. Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.
11. **Exhibitors should practice good herdsmanship while exhibiting at the fair. This means making sure that pens and animals are kept clean, animals are well taken care of during hot periods of the day and aisles are kept clean and free of obstructions to people visiting the swine barn.**
12. **Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their own livestock pen or area used during the Muscatine County Fair.** This should be completed following the release of animals on Sunday and prior to animals leaving the grounds. Exhibitors have until Noon on the Monday immediately following the close of the fair to have this completed before fines are assessed. **Upon inspection if it is found that exhibitors have not completed this task, a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the club.** Clubs/chapters will decide how the fee is paid – by individual members or by the club/chapter.
13. If pen space is limited in the barn due to the total number of entries, two hogs will be required to be placed in one pen. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide pen dividers.
14. **Blowers are prohibited. Fans will be allowed.**
15. **There shall be no paints, powders, or dyes used on swine.**

SHOW ORDER

- Exhibitor Meeting
- Purebred Breeding Gilts
- Commercial Gilts
- Showmanship
- Purebred Market Swine
- Market Swine

PUREBRED BREEDING SWINE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Purebred Swine cannot be born before December 1st, 2025.
2. Each animal exhibited as purebred must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breed.

3. Pedigrees are to be turned into the superintendents at weigh-in time. If pedigree papers are not received at check-in time, the animal will show in the commercial class. If ear notches of animals do not agree with information on pedigree or if there is evidence of fresh or altered earmarks, the animal will be barred from the show.
4. Electronic or physical paper pedigree papers are accepted at the scale during weigh-in.
5. Purebred swine will show by breed. If necessary, classes within a breed will be split by weight. Superintendents will establish classes in order to have an efficient show.
6. Any animal in the purebred breeding class is not eligible to show in the market swine division.
7. The top five overall breeding gilts will be selected from the top three Purebred Gilts & top three Commercial Breeding Gilts.

Class 100 - Berkshire

Class 110 - Chester White

Class 120 - Duroc

Class 130 - Hampshire

Class 140 - Hereford

Class 150 - Poland China

Class 160 - Spotted Swine

Class 170 - Tamworth

Class 180 - Yorkshire

Class 190 – Other Breeds

Awards given to Champion Purebred Gilt and Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING GILTS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Gilts entered in this class may be raised or purchased and must be enrolled as a 4-H or FFA project.
2. Gilts in this division cannot be farrowed before December 1st, 2025.
3. All gilts must be ear-notched in both ears by the standard notching system and have a 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag. **This will be strictly enforced.**
4. All gilts will be weighed beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14th. There is no weight limit to show (minimum or maximum).
5. Commercial gilts cannot be shown in any other class.
6. Classes will be divided by weight, but classifications will not be determined until after weighing. Weight classes will be established so that approximately an equal number of pigs will be in each class **utilizing logical weight breaks.**
7. The top five overall breeding gilts will be selected from the top three Purebred Gilts & top three Commercial Breeding Gilts.

Class 200 - Commercial Breeding Gilts

Awards given to Champion Commercial Gilt and Reserve Champion Commercial Gilt.

Awards given to Grand Champion Breeding Gilt and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt selected from Champion & Reserve Purebred Gilt and the Champion & Reserve Commercial Gilt.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock shows, the superintendents will determine how the showmanship classes will be ran.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship.
3. Exhibitors may win each class level once. Junior class winners must move up to the senior class level in next year's competition.

Class 300 – Sr. Showmanship grades 9th and up

Class 310 – Jr. Showmanship grades 4th-8th

Awards given to Champion Sr. Showmanship and Champion Jr. Showmanship.

PUREBRED MARKET SWINE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Purebred swine cannot be born before December 1, 2025.
2. Each animal exhibited as purebred must be recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breed.
3. **Pedigrees are to be turned in to the superintendents at weigh-in time. If pedigree papers are not received at check-in time, the animal will show in the Market Swine Division, Class 500.** If ear notches of animals do not agree with information on pedigree or there is evidence of fresh or altered earmarks, the animal will be barred from the show.
4. Electronic or physical paper pedigree papers are accepted at the scale during weigh-in.
5. Purebred swine will show by breed. If necessary, classes within a breed will be split by weight. Superintendents will establish classes in order to have an efficient show.
6. Any animal in the purebred market division is not eligible to show in the breeding gilt division.
7. Purebred market swine will not be divided by sex.
8. The top five overall market hogs will be selected from the top three Purebred Market Hogs, top three Market Barrows, and top three Market Gilts.

Class 400 - Berkshire

Class 410 - Chester White

Class 420 - Duroc

Class 430 - Hampshire

Class 440 - Hereford

Class 450 - Poland China

Class 460 - Spotted Swine

Class 470 - Tamworth

Class 480 – Yorkshire

Class 490—Other Breeds

MARKET SWINE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Barrows and gilts are both eligible.
2. Market pigs cannot be born before December 1st, 2025.
3. All market swine must be ear-notched by the standard notching system and have a 4-H/FFA USDA ear tag.
4. Pigs will be weighed beginning at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 14. **All pigs over 320 pounds will show for ribbons and premiums in Feeder Pig class but will not be included in Champion and Reserve Champion drive. There will be NO re-weighs.**
5. Classes will be divided by weight, but classifications will not be determined until after weighing. Weight classes will be established so that approximately an equal number of pigs will be in each class **utilizing logical weight breaks.**
6. Class 500 market swine will be divided by sex.
7. The top five overall market hogs will be selected from the top three Purebred Market Hogs, top three Market Barrows, and top three Market Gilts.

Class 500 - Market Swine

Awards will be given to Champion Market Barrow, Reserve Champion Market Barrow, Champion Market Gilt, and Reserve Champion Market Gilt.

Awards will be given to Grand Champion Market Hog and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog selected from Champion & Reserve Purebred Gilt, Champion & Reserve Market Barrow, and Champion & Reserve Market Gilt.

DEPARTMENT FF SHEEP

Judge: To Be Announced
 Superintendents..... Sam Paul
 Entry Fee \$5/head

SCHEDULE

Tuesday, July 14

5:00 p.m..... Production Lambs must be on fairgrounds
 6:30 p.m..... Production Lamb Check-in/Weigh-In
 (following meat goat weigh-in)
South End of Sheep Barn

Wednesday, July 15

5:00 p.m..... Production Lamb Show
Sheep Barn

Thursday, July 16

10:00 a.m..... Sheep must be on Fairgrounds (Classes 100-600)
 4:30 p.m..... Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting
Large Show Ring

Immediately Following Ribbon Auction Meeting 4-H/FFA Sheep
 Weigh-In
Sheep Barn

Saturday, July 18

8:00 a.m..... 4-H/FFA Sheep Show
Small Show Ring

1:30 p.m..... Ribbon Auction
Small Show Ring

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m..... Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock

Per Fair Board Request: RELEASE TIME WILL BE SUNDAY MORNING AT 7 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SHOW.

Premiums awarded to class winners according to the following:

1st \$10
 2nd \$8
 3rd \$6
 4th \$5
 5th \$4

All others not placing in top 5 of class awarded premiums according to ribbon color:

Blue..... \$3
 Red..... \$2
 White..... \$1

GENERAL SHEEP RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Livestock Health Requirements, Section 5- Sheep rules apply. Sheep must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 14 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

3. **All lambs shown must follow USDA scrapie eradication guidelines.**

4. **Classes 100 through 600** must be on the fairgrounds by 10:00 am., Thursday, July 16. All sheep in classes 100-600 must weigh-in immediately following the Ribbon Auction Meeting on Thursday evening.

Class 800-900 sheep must be on the fairgrounds by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. The production lamb division is weighed-in immediately after the Meat Goat Weigh-in at the fair. Judging will be Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

5. All 4-H lambs/sheep need to be identified at the county weigh-in on May 9, 2026, and given a 4-H USDA ear tag. Any 4-H/FFA rate of gain animal needs to be weighed-in at the county weigh-in. FFA lambs do not need to be weighed unless they are to be in the Rate of Gain class.
6. All sheep exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1. Contact the Extension office or FFA advisor for details on how to meet requirements.
7. All 4-H sheep must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA sheep must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15.
8. Entries for the -Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted from June 16-July 1, but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up their wool clippings and trimming areas.
10. Lambs are eligible for Saturday Market/ Breeding show or Wednesday Production Lamb Show, NOT BOTH.
11. All exhibitors should practice good herdsmanship while exhibiting at the fair. This means making sure that pens and animals are kept clean, animals are well taken care of during the hot period of the day, and aisles are kept clean and free of obstructions to people visiting the sheep barn.
12. All pens shall be cleaned out and bedding taken to the designated areas outside the barn after release of the animals Sunday morning. Failure to fulfill these responsibilities shall result in the forfeiture of the club/chapter members' premium money.
13. Classes with no competition will receive premiums according to ribbon color only. Premiums according to class rank will not be awarded.

PUREBRED LAMBS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Purebred lambs must be owned and shown by the 4-H/FFA member.
2. Entries will be placed according to breed standards.
3. **Exhibitors may enter a maximum of six (6) entries per exhibitor**, with no more than two (2) shown in each class.
4. Classes will be split according to the number of animals entered.

5. Yearling Ewes must be 12-24 months old.

Class 100 - Purebred Ram Lamb

Class 110 - Purebred Ewe Lamb

Class 120 - Purebred Yearling Ewe

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Lambs division winners. The top two ewes in the Purebred Lambs division will compete for Grand Champion & Reserve Ewe.

Awards given to Grand Champion Breeding Female and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Female selected from top 5 purebred ewes and top 5 commercial lambs.

COMMERCIAL LAMBS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. All 4-H/FFA commercial lambs and yearlings must attend the weigh-in on May 9, 2026, and identified by date of birth and 4-H/FFA USDA tag in 4hOnline or with approved FFA identification nomination form with FFA advisor by May 15.
2. Exhibitors may summer shear lambs and feed for maximum growth (not fattening) to encourage early sexual maturity.
3. **Exhibitors may enter a maximum of four (4) entries per exhibitor**, with no more than two (2) shown in each class.
4. Classes will be split into subclasses by weight after weighing. Individual commercial lamb entries will be divided as "Complete Black Face & Ears" and "White and Speckled Face & Ears".
5. Yearling Ewes must be 12-24 months old.
6. The top 5 ewes will be selected from 1st and 2nd place subclass winners or class winners in class 110, 120, 200, 210, and 220.

Class 200 – Commercial Speckle/White Face Ewe Lamb

Class 210 - Commercial Black Face Ewe Lamb

Class 220 - Commercial Yearling Ewe

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Lambs division winners.

Awards given to Grand Champion Breeding Female and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Female selected from top 5 purebred ewes and top 5 commercial lambs.

MARKET LAMBS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Lambs shown in the Purebred Lambs division or Commercial Lambs division are eligible to show in the Market Lambs division Class 400 – Pair of Lambs.

2. To be eligible to show, market lambs must be clipped within one week prior to show.
3. Exhibitors may show a maximum of four (4) lambs in classes 300 and 310 together and one (1) Pair of Market Lambs.
4. Exhibitors must specify at weigh-in during the fair which two lambs will be shown in the Pair of Market Lambs.
5. **An animal not meeting the weight requirement of 75 lbs. for the Market Lambs Division will be put into a Feeder Lamb Class. Ribbons ONLY will be given in this class. Entries in this class will NOT be eligible for Market Lamb Division Champion**
6. The top 5 lambs in the market lambs division will selected from the 1st and 2nd place subclass winners in class 300 and 310.

Class 300 - Market Lamb - White and/or Speckle Face

Class 310 - Market Lamb - Black Face

SPECIAL CLASS 300 & 310 RULES

1. Classes will be divided into subclasses by weight after weighing. Individual market lamb entries will be divided as "Complete Black Face & Ears" and "White and Speckled Face & Ears".

Awards given to Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb.

Class 400 - Pair of Lambs

SPECIAL CLASS 400 RULES

1. "Pair of Market Lambs" is to consist of 2 commercial or market lambs shown in Class 200, 210, 220, 300, 310 or 500.
2. Lambs shown in purebred classes are eligible in this class.
3. Exhibitors must specify at weigh-in during the fair which two lambs will be shown in the Pair of Market Lambs.

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Pair of Lambs.

Class 500 - Home Born and Raised Market Lamb

SPECIAL CLASS 500 RULES

1. Home born and raised lambs must be from the exhibitor's own flock and born and raised at the exhibitor's home. Lambs must be born on or after January 1st of current year.
2. Lambs in class 500 can also enter class 300 or 310.
3. Champion Home Born and Raised Lamb will not show for Grand Champion Market Lamb but can show in class 300 or 310 to compete.

Class 600 - Rate of Gain

SPECIAL CLASS 600 RULES

1. All market lambs in classes 300-500 weighed-in on May 9th and at fair weigh-in will automatically qualify for Class 600. Exhibitors do not need to enter.
2. Lambs in this class will be exhibited and placed on conformation and rate of gain.

3. An award will be presented to the lamb with the highest average daily gain.
4. Ram lambs are ineligible for this class.

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Rate of Gain.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock shows, the Superintendents will determine how the Showmanship classes will be run.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Member may win each level once. Junior level winners must move up to the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 700 - Sr. Showmanship grades 9 and up

Class 710 - Jr. Showmanship grades 4-8

PRODUCTION LAMB DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this division is to provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate, learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management and marketing of their 4-H or FFA lamb project.
2. **Overall scoring will be based on:**
 - What the member has learned about the management of their sheep and an interview with a knowledgeable sheep producer.
 - Live placing of the animals at the County Fair
 - The suitability of the animal for market, weight, and condition of the animal being important considerations
 - Rate of gain and profitability as a function of the management system (i.e. grain vs. grass)

Weight of each criterion for judging to be determined, with emphasis on learning and knowledge demonstrated.
3. All production lambs, except fiber animals, must have been previously weighed on May 9, 2026, at the Muscatine County Fair Grounds and given a USDA4-H/FFA ear tag at weigh-in.
4. All lambs in classes 800 and 810 will automatically be eligible for class 830 Production Rate of Gain.

Class 800 - Production Market Lamb

Class 810 - Replacement Ewe

Class 820 - Replacement Ram

Class 830 - Production Rate of Gain

Class 900 - Fiber Sheep

SPECIAL CLASS 900 RULES

1. Fiber sheep must be entered into 4hOnline by May 15 with pictures of animals (left and right profiles and picture of tag.)
2. No bucks over 12 months of age in the fiber class.
3. Fiber sheep are not eligible for rate of gain class.

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Production Lamb and Champion & Reserve Champion Production Rate of Gain.

DEPARTMENT GG HORSE & PONY SHOW

Judge Tammy Dougherty
 Superintendents Ed Heath, Kathy Smith, Andy Carter
 Entry Fee \$10/horse

SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 19

7:15 - 8:00 a.m. Exhibitor Check-In
Tom Martin Horse Arena Announcer Stand

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Show
Tom Martin Horse Arena

Premiums awarded according to ribbon color:

Blue \$3
 Red \$2
 White \$1

GENERAL HORSE & PONY RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Any rule interpretations or violations will be voted on by the Muscatine County 4-H Horse & Pony Superintendents present the day of the Show.
3. Livestock Health Requirements, Section 7- Horse and Mules rules apply. Horses must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
4. All 4-H horses & ponies must be identified for nomination in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA horse & ponies must be identified for nomination with approved FFA identification forms with FFA advisor and on file in Muscatine County Extension office by May 15. All horse and pony identification nominations must include photographs of the animal's front, rear, left-side, and right-side views.
5. A horse can be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member if the two members are siblings or step-siblings.
6. Entries for the Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted from June 16-July 1, but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.
7. All exhibitors must check-in between 7:15-8:00 a.m. with horses in hand. If you are not checked in before the show, you will not receive premiums. **All ponies showing in pony classes will be measured at registration.**
8. Horses may be any breed or combination of breeds 14.1 hands and over. Any equine under 14.1 hands will be considered a pony.
9. Ownership is not required; however, the member must take an active role in the care of the animal.
10. An individual horse or pony may be entered and shown only ONCE in each class.
11. Stallions more than 12 months of age are not allowed to show.

12. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of three horses. Only one entry per exhibitor per class allowed. One junior, intermediate, and senior will be awarded the Sportsmanship award at the end of the show. Exhibitors will be judged by their care of their horse/pony, support to other exhibitors, sportsmanship conduct in and out of the show ring, and general leadership and citizenship qualities.
13. **A trophy will be presented at the end of each class to the first place winner of that class.**

DRESS CODE

14. State Fair 4-H dress code enforced. **Violation of dress code will result in penalty of being dropped a ribbon placing.**
 - Solid white or colored long sleeved collared shirt with buttons, zippers or snaps down front. Prohibited are sheer or lace fabric, personalized logos or embroidery (excluding shirt brand logo), embellishment, or bling of any kind. Shirt must be tucked in pants at all times in ALL CLASSES. No T-Shirts are allowed for rail classes unless a heat advisory is issued or permitted by the superintendents due to heat. Timed Events to allow a 4-H, FFA or County Fair Exhibitor T-Shirt to be worn and must be tucked in.
 1. Jeans are solid **blue** riding style, belt under the loops is recommended.
 2. Bling on belts and jeans are acceptable.
 3. Chaps are NOT to be worn.
 4. Hats must be worn in all Halter Classes.
 5. Hard-soled shoes or boots.
 6. English attire and helmets required for English classes. If jackets are not required, long sleeves must be worn.
 7. A 4-H patch on shirt is optional, but if worn, it is recommended it be placed on the left shirt pocket area. Armbands may be worn.

GRAND ENTRY

15. Every exhibitor **MUST** remain and participate in the Grand Entry in attire according to the 4-H dress code.
16. Times for noon break & Grand Entry will be announced at the show.
17. A drawing will take place during the Grand Entry. All exhibitors will be eligible to win a belt buckle given in memory of Mike Wilson and other prizes. Exhibitors can win belt buckle only once in their 4-H or FFA career.

HALTER DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISON RULES

1. Hats must be worn in all Halter Classes (Classes 100-180).
2. Artificial hair pieces are allowed on horses/ponies.

Class 100 - Showmanship, 9th - 12 grades
Class 110 - Showmanship, 7th - 8th grades
Class 120 - Showmanship, 4th - 6th grades

Class 130 - Senior Horse Halter, 6 yrs. & older

Class 140 - Junior Horse Halter, 5yrs & under

Class 150 - Senior Pony Halter, 6 yrs. & older

Class 160 - Junior Pony Halter 5 yrs. & under

Class 180 - Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Halter

Trophies awarded to Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Halter Horse/Pony in memory of Tom Martin.

PLEASURE DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. In Guided Ranch Riding, horsemanship, and equitation classes, patterns will be determined by the Show Judge, and these will be posted prior to class time.
2. The same exhibitor/horse/pony combination in the Walk Trot Classes may not participate in any rail classes with a lope element in it.
3. All horses **MUST** be under saddle & bridle except yearlings and weanlings. There will be a flag ceremony during the Grand Entry.
4. Artificial hair pieces are allowed on horses/ponies.

GUIDED RANCH RIDING RULES

Horses shall be shown individually, and the class will be conducted inside of an arena. The pattern may start to the right or left direction. All runs being upon entering the arena.

The course shall be set up to make approximately one pass of the arena in each direction. Markers shall be set up to designate gait changes.

Gaits –

a. Ordinary Walk - The horse ordinary walk is straight, square, flat-footed, relaxed. The horse moves freely with no anticipation to move to the next gait.

b. Extended Walk – The extended walk is straight, square, and flat-footed, relaxed, and moves out freely with the horse looking ahead. The extended walk shows more length of stride than the ordinary walk.

c. Trot - The trot is a square two-beat diagonal trot and is steady, soft, and slow enough for riding long distances. The rider is seated at this gait.

d. Extended Trot - The extended trot shows lengthening of stride from the regular trot with the same cadence that will cause an increase in speed. This gait is level, flat, and steady with the appearance that the horse would hold this gait for long distances. The rider may be seated, posting, or standing.

e. Lope - The lope is a 3-beat gait that is cadenced, straight and steady and is comfortable to ride over long distances. When loping, the horse must be in the same direction as the rider is traveling.

f. Extended Lope - The extended lope shows lengthening of stride from the regular lope with the same cadence that will cause an increase in speed. The horse holds the steady gait and increased speed while being under control.

g. Stop - From both the lope and the trot, the horse should be in the correct stopping position (i.e., both hocks engaged and stopping on the hindquarters). All four feet stop moving before the next maneuver is attempted.

h. Reverse - The horse turns briskly and flat with front feet on the ground and holding an inside rear pivot foot. The reverse may be performed in either direction.

Credits and Penalties – Part of the evaluation of this class is on the smoothness of transitions. A horse may be collected from the extended trot as the horse moves into the lope. The transition from the extended lope down to the trot is a transition to the seated trot not the extended trot. Therefore, an extra cue to achieve this gait is expected. Horses that complete this total transition within three strides calmly and obediently should be rewarded. Horses that attempt to stop or do stop prior to the trotting will be penalized. Judges expect to see horses that have been trained to respond to cues. To see the cues applied discretely and the horse responding correctly could be a credit-earning situation.

a. Scoring: Each horse/rider team is scored between 0-100 points and automatically begins the run with a score of 70 points. The horse/rider team is scored on the quality of each maneuver (e.g. – 1 ½ extremely poor, -1 very poor, - ½ poor, 0 correct, + ½ good, +1 very good, +1 ½ excellent). Maneuver evaluations and penalty applications are to be determined independently. The following penalties will be applied to each occurrence and deducted from the final score:

- One (1) Point: Over-bridled (per maneuver), out of frame (per maneuver), too slow, break of gait at walk or trot for two (2) strides or less, wrong lead or out of lead for 2 strides or less.

- Three (3) Points: Wrong lead or out of lead for more than 2 strides, draped reins (per maneuver), break of gait at lope, break of gait at walk or trot for more than two (2) strides, trotting three or more strides in a lope departure from a stop or walk.

- Five (5) Points: Spurring in front of cinch, blatant disobedience, use of either hand to instill fear/praise.

- Off-Pattern (OP): Breaking pattern, repeated disobedience. Use of two hands (except in snaffle bit or hackamore), More than one finger between split reins or any finder between romal reins (except two rein); Cannot place above others who completed pattern correctly.

- Disqualification (DQ): Lameness, abuse, illegal equipment, disrespect or misconduct, leaving working area before pattern ins complete; improper western attire. Fall of horse/rider (run ends; scores will be given for work done but the horse/rider team will be disqualified and will not be placed).

Class 190 - English Walk Trot (All Grades)

Class 200 - English Pleasure 9th-12th Grades

Class 210 - English Pleasure 4th-8th Grades

Class 220 – English Equitation All Grades

Class 230 - Walk Trot 7th-12th Grades

Class 240 – Walk Trot 4th-6th Grades

Class 250 - Western Pony Pleasure Grades 7th-12th, Under 57'

Class 260 – Western Pony Pleasure Grades 4th-6th, Under 57'

- Class 270** - Western Horse Pleasure, 9th - 12th grades
- Class 280** - Western Horse Pleasure, 7th - 8th grades
- Class 290** - Western Horse Pleasure, 4th - 6th grades
- Class 300** - Walk/Trot Horsemanship (All Grades)
- Class 310** - Western Horsemanship 9th - 12th Grades
- Class 320** - Western Horsemanship 7th - 8th Grades
- Class 330** - Western Horsemanship 4th - 6th Grades
- Class 340** - Guided Ranch Riding 9th - 12th Grades
- Class 350** - Guided Ranch Riding 7th - 8th Grades
- Class 360** - Guided Ranch 4th - 6th Grades
- Class 370** - Ranch Pleasure (All Grades)

TIMED EVENT DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. A properly fitted ASTM helmet is required at all times when mounted on a horse or pony at the fairgrounds.
2. Gate will be closed for all timed events.
3. No exhibitor may be tied, buckled, or fastened in the saddle in any manner or by any means, including rubber bands, in any event.

- Class 370** - Trot Race, 7th - 12th grades, Horse or Pony
- Class 380** - Trot Race, 4th - 6th grades, Horse or Pony
- Class 390** - Pony Barrels 9th - 12th grades
- Class 400** - Pony Barrels, 7th - 8th grades
- Class 410** - Pony Barrels, 4th - 6th grades
- Class 420** - Horse Barrel Race, 9th - 12th grades
- Class 430** - Horse Barrel Race, 7th - 8th grades
- Class 440** - Horse Barrel Race, 4th - 6th grades
- Class 450** - Pony Flag Race (all grades)
- Class 460** - Horse Flag Race, 9th - 12th grades
- Class 470** - Horse Flag Race, 7th - 8th grades
- Class 480** - Horse Flag Race, 4th - 6th grades
- Class 490** - Pony Pole Bending (all grades)
- Class 500** - Horse Pole Bending, 9th - 12th grades
- Class 510** - Horse Pole Bending, 7th - 8th grades
- Class 520** - Horse Pole Bending, 4th - 6th grades

HANDLING DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- Exhibitors are judged on how well they show their dog, not on the conformation of the dog.
- Exhibitors should be prepared to do a T-pattern, L-pattern, triangle pattern, down and back, stand for exam, and answer a question at the discretion of the judge.
- Handling classes will be judged using the following point system:
 Exhibitor (appearance, attitude)..... 15 points
 Dog Grooming and Condition 25 points
 Handling..... 30 points
 Questions..... 30 points
 TOTAL 100 points
- Ribbons will be awarded as follows:
 BLUE-80-100 points
 RED-70-79 points
 WHITE-69 points and under.
- Novice classes are for exhibitors or dogs in their first year of dog handling training. Open classes are for dogs in their second year or beyond of dog handling training.
- A handling lead is recommended for all dogs in the handling division.

Class 200 – Junior Novice (Grades 4 to 6)

Class 210 – Intermediate Novice (Grades 7 to 8)

Class 220 – Senior Novice (Grades 9 to 12)

Class 230 – Junior Open (Grades 4 to 6)

Class 240 – Intermediate Open (Grades 7 to 8)

Class 250 – Senior Open (Grades 9 to 12)

Trophies awarded to class champions/high point winners.

AGILITY DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- Open to all dogs.
- There will be a time limit according to number of obstacles.
- This division will be judged on (1) time and (2) performance of dog and exhibitor at each obstacle.
- Judge may excuse any exhibitor at any obstacle where they are having too much difficulty.
- Obstacles used will be announced prior to the Fair.
- Agility classes will be judged using the following point system:
 Weaves 10 points
 Jumps 10 points
 Cat Walk 10 points
 Jump 10 points
 Barrel 10 points
 Teeter Totter 10 points
 Pause Table 10 points
 A Frame 10 points

- Hoop..... 10 points
- TOTAL 90 points

- Ribbons will be awarded as follows:
 BLUE-72-90 points
 RED-63-71 points
 WHITE-62 points and under.

Class 310 - Agility Class - First & Second Year Dogs

Class 320 - Agility Class - Third Year Dogs & Up

Trophies awarded to class champions/high point winners.

RALLY DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- This open to every exhibitor, the exhibitor is limited to one entry per class in this division.
- Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score.
- AKC guidelines and rally signs will be used as judging guidelines for these rally classes. State fair courses will not be released until the day of the show. Exhibitors are to know the signs in their appropriate class level prior to entering the class.
- Exhibitors will walk the course without their dog prior to showing. The judge will be available at walk-throughs to answer any questions.

Class 500 – Novice Rally

For dogs and handlers in their 1st year of Obedience training.

Class 510 – Intermediate Rally

For dogs and handlers in their 2nd or 3rd year of Obedience training.

Class 520 – Advanced Rally

For dogs and handlers in their 4th or more year of Obedience training.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

- Prior to the show, the Superintendents will determine how the Showmanship division will be conducted.
- Announcement of the Showmanship winner will be made prior to the completion of the show.
- Items to be considered may include:
 - Conduct in and out of ring
 - Presentation of participant and their dog
- All exhibitors are automatically entered into showmanship division.

Class 410 – Junior (Grades 4 to 6)

Class 420 – Intermediate (Grades 7 to 8)

Class 430 – Senior (Grades 9 to 12)

Trophies awarded to class champions/high point winners.

MOST IMPROVED AWARD

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Most Improved Award will be given to the dog that has shown the most improvement from the start of Dog Obedience classes until the last class.
2. Attendance at all Dog Obedience classes is not required, but exhibitors must participate in classes to win Most Improved Award.
3. All exhibitors who attend Dog Obedience classes are automatically entered to compete for the Most Improved Award.
4. Exhibitors are only eligible to receive this award once.

FANCY DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

Fancy Rabbits – are defined by the American Rabbit Breeders Association's *Standard of Perfection* official guideline book. Listed below are the breeds designated as fancy.

American Fuzzy Lop	American Sable
English Angora	French Angora
Satin Angora	Belgian Hare
Britannia Petite	Standard Chinchilla
Dutch	Dwarf Hotot
English Spot	Florida White
Harlequin	Havana
Himalayan	Jersey Wooly
Lilac	Holland Lop
Mini Lop	Netherland Dwarfs
Polish	Rex
Mini Rex	Rinelander
Silver	Silver Marten
Tan	Mini Satins
Thriantas	Lionheads

Class 400 - Fancy (All colors/varieties)

Senior Bucks: 6 months of age & over

Class 410 - Fancy (All colors/varieties)

Senior Does: 6 months of age & over

Class 420 - Fancy (All colors/varieties)

Junior Bucks: under 6 months of age

Class 430 - Fancy (All colors/varieties)

Junior Does: under 6 months of age

Trophy awarded to Champion Fancy Rabbit. Rosette awarded to Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit.

CROSSBREEDS DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

Crossbreeds shall consist of all other varieties not recognized from the Commercial Rabbit & Fancy Rabbit lists above.

Class 500 - Crossbreeds (All colors/varieties)

Senior Bucks: 6 months of age & over

Class 510 - Crossbreeds (All colors/varieties)

Senior Does: 6 months of age & over

Class 520 - Crossbreeds (All colors/varieties)

Junior Bucks: under 6 months of age

Class 530 - Crossbreeds (All colors/varieties)

Junior Does: under 6 months of age

Trophy awarded to Champion Crossbreeds Rabbit. Rosette awarded to Reserve Champion Crossbreeds Rabbit.

BEST OF SHOW

A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from the Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Rabbit, Champion & Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit, and Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbreeds Rabbit.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. The Showmanship classes are judged on knowledge and handling of rabbits.
2. Showmanship Classes are on a voluntary basis, although each exhibitor is encouraged to participate.
3. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise. Exhibitors may win each level once. Junior level winners must move up the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 100 - Sr. Showmanship, grades 9-12

Class 110 - Jr. Showmanship, grades 4-8

Trophies awarded to Champion Sr. Showmanship and Champion Jr. Showmanship.

COSTUME DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. To enter Class 600, all exhibitors and rabbits must have shown in a previous class.
2. Ribbons only will be awarded

Class 600 – Costume Class

DEPARTMENT JJ POULTRY

Judge	TBD
Superintendent	Cami Maurer
Assistant Superintendent.....	Caryl Maurer
Entry Fee	\$2/bird

SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 16

4:30 p.m.....Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting
Large Show Ring

Friday, July 17

8:00 a.m -9:00 a.m4-H/FFA Poultry Check-In

9:00 a.m.....Market Bird Weigh-In
Kiddie Barnyard

Directly following Weigh In.....Broiler Derby Exhibitor Interviews
Kiddie Barnyard

2:00 p.m.....4-H/FFA Poultry Show
Kiddie Barnyard

Saturday, July 18

1:30 p.m.....Ribbon Auction
Small Show Ring

Sunday, July 19

7:00 a.m.Release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock

Per Fair Board Request: RELEASE TIME WILL BE SUNDAY MORNING AT 7 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE ANNOUNCED DURING THE SHOW.

Premiums awarded according to ribbon color:

Blue.....	\$5
Red	\$2
White.....	\$1

GENERAL POULTRY RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. All 4-H/FFA Rules & Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Livestock Health Requirements, Section 8- Poultry and Birds rules apply. Poultry must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition. The test must have been performed by an authorized tester. Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements. Exhibitors must present Pullorum-Typhoid free certificate at check-in.
4. All poultry exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1. Contact the Extension office or FFA advisor for details on how to meet requirements.
5. Entries for the Muscatine County Fair must be made in FairEntry from May 16-June 16. Late entries are accepted

from June 16-July 1 but will be charged at \$25.00 late entry fee per entry. After July 1, NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

6. Poultry must check in with Superintendent at check-in time. Pullorum- Typhoid free certificates are due at that time and birds will be assigned cages. Any poultry with lice/mites or other infestation **WILL NOT** be allowed in the show/penning area.
7. All exhibitors must furnish litter for coops and are responsible for providing daily food and water to birds. Exhibitors must provide containers for food and water.
8. Each exhibitor will be responsible for their birds and must be present when their birds are judged. A substitute showman may be used if necessary with prior approval.
9. Entries in commercial classes will be judged according to the USDA Production and Marketing Standards of Quality for live poultry. The factors will be health, feathering, conformation, (breast, back, legs and thighs), fleshing, and fat covering.
10. Entries in the breeding bird classes will be judged on the basis of uniformity, maturity development (handling qualities, molt, pigmentation) and general conformation to breed characteristics. This will be according to the American Standard of Perfection. NO crossbred entries will be allowed in the breeding classes.
11. Rosettes will be awarded to class champions with reserve ribbons to follow.
12. TERMS:
 - Cockerel** - a male chicken hatched after Jan. 1 of current year.
 - Cock** - a male chicken hatched before Jan. 1 of current year.
 - Pullet** - a female chicken hatched after Jan. 1 of current year.
 - Hen** - a female chicken hatched before Jan. 1 of current year.
 - Market bird** - a bird hatched after Jan. 1 of current year and raised for meat.
 - Non-commercial** - should not be hybrid egg or meat strain.
 - Variety** - a subdivision of a breed. Differentiating characteristics include plumage color, comb type, or presence of beard and muffs.
13. A class must have a blue ribbon entry in order to receive a champion ribbon.
14. Exhibitor attire guidelines on page 6 will be followed, however, shorts are acceptable if of a tasteful length.
15. Birds may be entered in ONLY one class.
16. If poultry are not properly cared for by exhibitor, premiums will be forfeited.
17. If poultry are removed before release time, premiums will be forfeited.
18. Standard fowl will show together in various classes, such as American, English, etc. Bantams will be shown separately from standard in various classes, such as feather legged, clean legged, etc.
19. Exhibitors will be responsible for cleaning out their cages and areas at the time birds are released. If cages are not clean, premiums will be forfeited.

20. Only the Broiler Derby Champion and Reserve Champion are eligible to participate in the Ribbon Auction.

EGG PRODUCTION DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Birds in the Egg Production Division will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight, and production. Eggs may be entered in the Eggs Division to be judged.

Class 100 - Egg Production Pullets

Pen of 3 Production Pullets - hatched after Jan. 1 of current year.

Class 110 - Egg Production Hens

Pen of 3 Production Hens - hatched before Jan. 1 of current year.

CHAMPION EGG PRODUCTION PEN ROSETTE

MARKET FLOCK DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

Class 200 - Fryers

Pen of 2 Fryers (either sex) under 12 lbs. total weight

Class 210 - Roasters

Pen of 2 Roasters (either sex) over 12 lbs. total weight

Class 220 - Market Ducks

Pen of Market Ducks – 2 birds per pen (either sex) over 8 weeks of age

Class 230 - Market Geese

Pen of Market Geese - 2 birds per pen (either sex) over 12 weeks of age

Class 240 - Market Turkeys

Pen of Market Turkeys - 2 birds (same sex) over 15 weeks of age

CHAMPION MARKET BIRDS ROSETTE

BROILER & TURKEY DERBY DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Broiler &/or Turkey Derby Program to show in class 300 &/or 310.
2. In the Broiler/Turkey Derby Contest, participants provide a comprehensive record of their experience raising broiler/turkey chicks. Participants are judged on both records kept, an interview, and live poultry standards.
3. Scoring: Record form and interview- 50%
Live Standards- 50%
4. Record forms can be [found online here](#) or contact the Muscatine County Extension Office.
5. The Champion & Reserve Champion Broiler Derby winners are able to participate in the Ribbon Auction on Saturday, July 19th. Exhibitors MUST attend Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m. to participate in the Ribbon Auction.

Class 300 - Broiler Derby

Pen of 3 birds enrolled in Broiler Derby Program

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Broiler Derby.

Class 310 - Turkey Derby

Pen of 2 birds enrolled in Turkey Derby Program

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Turkey Derby

EGGS DIVISION

Home-Laid Eggs

Class 400 - One dozen pullet eggs

Class 410 - One dozen brown eggs

Class 420 - One dozen white eggs

Class 430 - One dozen eggs, any other variety

BEST EGGS.....ROSETTE

LARGE FOWL DIVISION

Breeding Birds - American

Class 500 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 501 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST AMERICAN ROSETTE

Breeding Birds - Asiatic

Class 510 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 511 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST ASIATIC ROSETTE

Breeding Birds - Mediterranean

Class 520 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 521 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST MEDITERRANEAN ROSETTE

Breeding Birds - English

Class 530 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 531 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST ENGLISH..... ROSETTE

Breeding Birds - Continental

Class 540 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 541 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST CONTINENTAL..... ROSETTE

Breeding Birds Oriental

Class 550 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 551 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST ORIENTAL..... ROSETTE

Any Other Standard Variety

Class 560 - One Pullet/Hen

Class 561 - One Cockerel/Cock

BEST OTHER STANDARD VARIETY ROSETTE

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Large Fowl.

WATERFOWL DIVISION

Breeder Duck

Class 600 - One Female, Standard

Class 601 - One Male, Standard

BEST BREEDER DUCK ROSETTE

Bantam Duck

Class 610 - One Female

Class 611 - One Male

BEST BANTAM DUCK ROSETTE

Breeder Geese

Class 620 - One Female

Class 621 - One Male

BEST BREEDER GOOSE ROSETTE

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Waterfowl.

BREEDER TURKEY DIVISION

Breeder Turkey

Class 700 - One Female

Class 701 - One Male

BEST BREEDER TURKEY ROSETTE

BANTAM DIVISION

Breeding Birds – Game Bantams

Class 800 - One Female

Class 801 - One Male

BEST GAME BANTAM BIRD ROSETTE

Breeding Birds – Single Comb Clean Legged Bantam

Class 810 - One Female

Class 811 - One Male

BEST SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM ROSETTE

Breeding Birds – Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam

Class 820 - One Female

Class 821 - One Male

BEST ROSE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAM ROSETTE

Breeding Birds – Feather Legged Bantam

Class 830 - One Female

Class 831 - One Male

BEST FEATHER LEGGED BANTAM ROSETTE

Breeding Birds – Any Other Comb Bantam

Class 840 - One Female

Class 841 - One Male

BEST ANY OTHER COMB BANTAM ROSETTE

Awards given to Champion & Reserve Champion Bantam.

OTHER BIRDS DIVISION

Game Birds - Quail

Class 900 - One Female

Class 901 - One Male

Game Birds - Pheasants

Class 903 - One Female

Class 904 - One Male

BEST GAME BIRD ROSETTE

Pigeons

Class 910 - One Female

Class 911 - One Male

BEST PIGEON ROSETTE

Miscellaneous

Any bird that does not fit into previously listed categories, such as peacocks, guinea fowl, doves, etc.

Class 920 - One Female

Class 921 - One Male

BEST MISCELLANEOUS BREEDING BIRD ROSETTE

BEST OF SHOW

A Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show will be selected from Champions & Reserve Champions from all divisions.

SHOWMANSHIP DIVISION

SPECIAL DIVISION RULES

1. Prior to individual livestock shows, the Superintendents will determine how the Showmanship classes will be run.
2. All exhibitors are eligible to show in showmanship in the following grade levels unless indicated otherwise.
3. Member may win each level once. Junior level winners must move up to the senior level in next year's competition.

Class 1000 - Sr. Showmanship grades 9 and up

Class 1001 - Jr. Showmanship grades 4-8

Awards given to Champion Sr. Showmanship and Champion Jr. Showmanship.

DEPARTMENT KK PETS

JudgeLynne Rechterman
 Superintendent Nancy Reichert
 Entry Fee\$2/pet

SCHEDULE

Friday, July 17

4:00 p.m..... Pet Check-In
Large Show Ring

4:30 p.m.....Pet Show
Large Show Ring

Pets are to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately following show.

Premiums awarded according to ribbon color:

Blue.....\$5
 Red\$2
 White.....\$1

GENERAL PET SHOW RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules& Guidelines)

1. 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and Muscatine County Fair Board Rules and Regulations apply.
2. Livestock Health Requirements, Section 1, 8, and 9 rules apply. All pets must be checked by a veterinarian and obtain a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health papers) within 30 days of your arrival at the fairgrounds. You will not be allowed to show without a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
3. All pets must be pre-entered in the FairEntry web program by July 1 to show. (See *Schedules and Entry Information*).
4. Each exhibitor must provide a one-page story folder about his or her pet project. It should include information about pet selection, feeding and care. This folder must be turned in at the table when the pet is checked in.
5. Pets will be conference judged on their condition and member's ability to handle them. All pets are to be checked-in from 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. with judging to begin at 4:30 p.m.
6. Dogs shown in the Pet Show cannot also be shown in the Dog Obedience Show. Rabbits shown in the Pet Show cannot be shown in the 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show.
7. Pets must be leashed, caged or contained and kept away from animals and buildings.
8. Any female animal in season cannot be shown.
9. PETS ARE TO BE ON THE GROUNDS DURING THE TIME OF JUDGING ONLY.
10. **ALL PETS must present a health certificate from a veterinarian within 30 days of the show (See Health Requirements, Sect. 1) at the time of judging.** A health certificate is different from shot records. Failure to do so will result in pet not being allowed to be shown.

11. The pet show will incorporate three fun categories that the judge will award across all entries: Cutest Pet, Most Unique Pet, and People's Choice Award. Voting for People's Choice Award will occur during the Pet Show. No pre-registration is required for these categories.

PET SHOW CLASSES

Class 100 - Cat

Class 200 - Dogs

Class 300 - Rabbits

Class 400 - Pocket Pets (hamsters, guinea pigs, ferrets, chinchillas, etc.)

Class 500 - Other Pets (No turtles or bats will be accepted.)

Trophies awarded for Best of Show in each class, Best of 4-H Pet Show overall, and Reserve Best of 4-H Pet Show.

DEPARTMENT LL HERDSMANSHIP

award cannot be received more than once in an exhibitor's career. Cash prize awarded.

Superintendents Volunteers

Clean, orderly, and attractive exhibits of livestock are needed to meet the high standards of the Muscatine County Fair, 4-H, and FFA programs. Judging will be based on the following criteria.

	points possible
Alleys – 25 pts.	
• Open, free, from feed, equipment, etc.	7
• Swept clean & dry, free of dust & bedding (exception: species' show-day)	6
• Tack pens clean and arranged neatly	6
• Chairs, drinks, food debris cleared from alley	6

Stalls & Pens – 20 pts.	
• Bedding adequate, clean, dry, and in place	7
• Manure hauled outside and deposited in proper place	7
• Fans enclosed & properly located – not accessible to the viewing public	6

Animals – 28 pts.	
• Animals clean and comfortable	7
• Animals in assigned stalls/pens except for washing. Cattle can be at tie-outs between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. only.	8
• Properly fed - feed pans in front of animals ONLY at feeding time	7
• Fans enclosed & properly located, cord not accessible to the viewing public or animals.	6

Arrangement – 27 pts.	
• Exhibitors are respectful of others property.	7
• Boxes, feed, bedding, and gear in area provided	6
• Stall cards readable from alley, complete, neatly arranged and displayed, and securely attached over animal pens.	6
• BONUS: At least one chapter/club member in attendance to greet the public, answer questions, and keep the exhibits safe, clean, and presentable	8

TOTAL 100

HERDSMANSHIP RULES

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

1. All clubs and chapters with Beef, Swine, Bucket Calf, Sheep and Meat Goat entries will automatically be entered in the Herdsmanship competition and will be judged in appropriate departments.
2. The Superintendents of the respective departments will assign stalls or pens together by clubs or chapters.
3. Any club or chapter may win in any division, but to be eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion Herdsmanship awards, club or chapter must be represented in two of the four departments.
4. A single exhibitor will be awarded the Donald & Jeanne Noll Memorial Individual Herdsman Award following the fair. This

AWARD MONEY

First Place Bucket Calf Herdsmanship	\$25.00
First Place Beef Herdsmanship	\$25.00
First Place Swine Herdsmanship	\$25.00
First Place Sheep Herdsmanship	\$25.00
First Place Dairy/Meat Goat Herdsmanship	\$25.00
Champion Herdsmanship (Overall)	\$50.00
Reserve Champion Herdsmanship	\$25.00

DEPARTMENT NN RIBBON AUCTION

Dates and Deadlines

Entries DueMust be entered at Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting
Exhibitor MeetingThursday, July 16, 4:30 pm, Large Show Ring
Ribbon AuctionSaturday, July 18, 1:30 pm, Small Show Ring

(Also see 4-H & FFA Rules & Guidelines)

RIBBON AUCTION RULES

1. A ribbon sale will be held for 4-H/FFA members who exhibit Beef, Sheep, Meat Goats, Swine, and Broiler Derby Champion and Reserve Champion. Only ribbons will be sold. No animals will be sold.
2. 4-H/FFA members planning to participate in the Ribbon Auction should indicate so in FairEntry when livestock fair entries are made. Participants must fill out a Ribbon Auction card at the Ribbon Auction Exhibitor meeting. **If you miss the meeting you WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.**
3. Each exhibitor may sell only one ribbon from the Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, or Swine species or the Champion and Reserve Pen of Market Broilers. If an exhibitor shows multiple species, they must choose only one species ribbon to sell. **Species must be chosen at time of Ribbon Auction Exhibitor Meeting.**
4. Exhibitor must be present to participate in the Auction. If the sale conflicts with other **FAIR events** (i.e. Horse Show or Grove performance), the sale committee will make an effort to schedule around the conflict. Exhibitors must notify the sale committee or 4-H Livestock office by noon Saturday of any conflicts.
5. Exhibitors are allowed to bring their animal into the sale ring or to walk in the ring with their ribbon and no animal. (However, the committee feels that a buyer would prefer to have a picture taken with an animal and the exhibitor.) If animal is going to the Iowa State Fair, the animal should NOT enter the ring to avoid sale legality conflicts.
6. Order of Sale:
 - a. Grand and Reserve Grand Champions of the Market and Breeding divisions of each species will sell first. If an exhibitor has two or more animals selected as Grand and Reserve Grand Champion of a species, they will only be allowed to sell one ribbon.
 - b. Following the sale of the Grand Champion ribbons will be the sale of all other exhibitor ribbons. The species will be rotated – i.e., Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, Beef – until all ribbons are sold.
 - i. Sale order will be randomly selected and posted prior to the sale.
 - ii. As each ribbon is sold, there will be mention of any special placing received – i.e. Champion Angus Female, Champion Lightweight Gilt, Reserve Champion medium weight lamb, etc. Exhibitor will be asked to provide this information by noon on

Saturday, July 18th, 2026, or on their card at the Ribbon Auction Exhibitor meeting.

iii. Livestock rotation will be:

2026- Broilers, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat

2027- Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat Broilers

2028- Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, Broilers, Beef

2029- Sheep, Meat Goat, Broilers, Beef, Swine

2030- Meat Goat, Broilers, Beef, Swine, Sheep

7. A duplicate ribbon will be available to give to the buyer. The exhibitor will keep the original ribbon given during the show.
8. Buyers will be expected to settle their bill immediately following the sale. All checks will be made payable to “Muscatine County Fair” Checks will be mailed to exhibitors no earlier than two weeks after the sale, if the following items have been completed.
 - a. Exhibitors have provided an acceptable thank you letter to the Muscatine County Extension Office within two weeks after the Fair. Content of the thank you letter will be explained at the Exhibitors meeting on Thursday afternoon. Failure to comply with the thank you letter requirement will result in forfeiture of monies by exhibitor and the buyer will be notified.
 - b. Buyers have settled their bill with Muscatine County Fair.
9. **A small fee will be withheld to cover sale expenses not donated.** Such expenses could include newspaper advertising recognition of participating buyers, cost of duplicate ribbons, etc.
10. Buyers may support the sale in a variety of ways.
 - a. Purchase an individual’s ribbon(s) by being present at the auction or designating another person to bid for them if they are not present.
 - b. Support expenses associated with the sale – advertising, cost of duplicate ribbons, etc. Recognition of this support will be made during the sale and in other ways.
 - c. Support exhibitors by contributing to a general pool that will be distributed in the exhibitors’ check received following the Fair. This pool of funds will be distributed evenly to all exhibitors after all expenses have been paid. Recognition of this support will be made during the sale and in other ways.
11. Final interpretation of the rules specific to the Ribbon Auction will be made by the Ribbon Auction Superintendents, in consultation with Extension staff, FFA Advisors, or others as deemed necessary.
12. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Ribbon Auction Meeting on Thursday for you to sign in to show your attendance. If you do not sign in or miss the meeting you will not be able to participate in the Ribbon Auction.

DEPARTMENT OO
4-H & FFA PREMIER EXHIBITOR
SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Superintendents..... Sam Paul
 Entries Due July 1
Interview times will be mailed to Exhibitors after entry deadline
 Contest Date..... Monday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.
 Location: 4-H Exhibit Building, Muscatine County Fairgrounds

This program is designed to recognize 4-H/FFA members who can articulate their understanding about the future of the livestock industry and their knowledge about animal production.

Sign up for the Premier Exhibitor Contest when you make your livestock fair entries in FairEntry by entering into the department.

PREMIER EXHIBITOR SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST RULES

1. This event is for 4-H & FFA members who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior year in high school.
2. All participants must meet 4-H and FFA eligibility requirements (See 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines)
3. The scholarship contest is based on the four categories of beef, swine, sheep, and meat goat. Contestants must show in one of the four species at the fair to be qualified for the scholarships.
4. A contestant who has previously won a first place scholarship is not eligible to compete again.
5. A composite score will be computed from the following four activities. The first three will be held on Monday, July 13, at 6:00 pm in the Activity Center (4-H Exhibit Building) at the Muscatine County Fairgrounds:
 - a) *Written exam on production based knowledge of beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats (25%)*
 - b) *Communication (25%)* Youth ranked based on their understanding of knowledge of the livestock industry, their ability to communicate their ideas, and the ability to take a stance on issues related to the livestock industry
 - c) *Skillathon (25%)* Questions may be on reading a medication label or feed tag, identifying cuts of meat, balancing a ration, identifying feedstuffs, etc.
 - d) *Live Placing (25%)* – Score based on your participation in the beef, swine, sheep, or meat goat show, and your best show ring ribbon earned. Participants must declare which species on Monday at the interview.

Winners must complete a thank you letter written to the sponsor and proof of college enrollment in order to receive scholarship money.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sponsored by **CBI BANK & TRUST, MUSCATINE**

1st \$700
 2nd \$400
 3rd \$300
 4th \$250
 5th \$200
 6th \$150
 7th \$100

The scholarships will be administered by the Muscatine County Extension office. Upon proof of college/post-secondary enrollment the scholarship amount received will be sent directly to the college to be credited to the student's account.

If there are not 7 participants, scholarship amounts may be adjusted accordingly.