

2026 Des Moines County Fair

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**2026 Des Moines County Fair Association
Officers and Directors**

Officers:

President - Travis Holsteen, Burlington
Vice President – Jason McClure, Burlington
Secretary & Manager - Cass Pfeiff, Burlington
Treasurer – Allyson Wooldridge, Burlington

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Heath Hillyard, Burlington
Travis Holsteen, Burlington
Jason McClure, Burlington
Dean Van Ness, Danville
Jennifer Shinn, Danville
Josh Abel, Mediapolis
Regan Brader, Mediapolis
Mindy Logan, Mediapolis
Brad Lane, Mediapolis
Anthony Vorwerk, Morning Sun
Dan Messer, New London
Randy Beckman, Sperry
Alaina Imhoff, Sperry
Kevin Wischmeier, Sperry
Heather Lange, West Burlington

Jr. Director:

Shawn Griffis

Thank you!

Des Moines County Board of Supervisors

Tom Broeker, Jim Cary, and Shane McCampbell

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Veterinarian Service Provided by

Wickham Veterinary Services

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Dr. Steve Wickham & Dr. Steve Litchfield

Mediapolis Veterinary Clinic

114 Wapello St. S, Mediapolis, IA 52637

Dr. Wendy Thomas & Dr. Seth Hartter

Summer Street Animal Clinic

6457 Summer Street, Burlington IA 52601

Dr. Heath Hillyard

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ISU Extension & Outreach

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

2026 COUNTY EXTENSION COUNCIL

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Barb Kerr.....Mediapolis
Brenda Wischmeier.....Sperry

Stefanie Riley.....Burlington
Patti Jo Patton.....Burlington
Dean Van Ness.....Danville
Michael Pfeiff.....Burlington

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Ericka Breuer.....Burlington
Stephanie Hightower.....New London
Nathan Fritz.....Burlington
Clint Larson.....Oakville
Curtis Messer.....Mediapolis
Adam Vantiger.....Mediapolis

Brandon Oetken.....Mediapolis
Becky Purchase.....Burlington
Jennifer Shinn.....Danville
Ashley Eberhardt.....Burlington
Michael Pfeiff.....Burlington

2026 TEEN COUNCIL

Abby Purchase.....Sperry
Paytan Gerling.....Morning Sun
Kimberly Vorwerk.....Morning Sun
Warren TharpSperry
Rhianna Yotter.....Mediapolis

Stella Belknap.....Mediapolis
Sydney Brader.....Mediapolis
Gavin Marshall.....Burlington
Lily Nalley.....Sperry

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DES MOINES COUNTY 4-H CLUBS & LEADERS

BARN YARD BOYS & GIRLS

Devan Bell.....Morning Sun
Jessica Tharp.....Sperry

DANVILLE CORN HUSKERS

Kayla Beckman.....Danville
Russ Beckman.....Danville
Cindy Fox.....Danville
Stacy Fox.....Danville
Casey Marshall.....Burlington
Matt Marshall.....Burlington
Erin Mehaffy.....Danville
Sarah Miller.....Burlington
Colton Shanstrom.....Danville
Stacy Shanstrom.....Danville
Jennifer Shinn.....Danville

HILLTOP HELPERS

Stephanie Hightower.....Danville
Becky Purchase..... Burlington

HURON JR FARMERS

Clint Larson.....Oakville
Philip Schulz.....Oakville

HURON PEPPY PALS

Nikki Heiniger.....Burlington
Laura Kuntz.....Oakville
Brittney Steiner.....Burlington

MEDIAPOLIS BUSY BEES

Kelly Belknap.....Mediapolis
Maddie Belknap.....Mediapolis

MEDIAPOLIS JR FARMERS

Elliott Janssen.....Mediapolis
Jeff KerrMediapolis
Bernie Laue.....Wapello
Jesse Logan.....Mediapolis
Jason McClure.....Mediapolis
Adam Vantiger..... Yarmouth

SPERRY SODBUSTERS

Anthony Vorwerk.....Morning Sun
Kristen Vorwerk.....Morning Sun

SUCCESSFUL CLOVERS

Alicia Rigdon.....Mediapolis

TOWN & KOUNTRY KIDS

Tracy Brader.....Mediapolis
Jennifer Lane.....Mediapolis
Josie Lane.....Mediapolis
Jill Nalley.....Sperry

UNITY H

Nola DeBerg.....Burlington
Olivia Gonzalez.....Burlington
Jackie Thompson.....Burlington

COUNTRY CLOVER KIDS

Stephanie Brown..... Yarmouth
Luke Griffis II.....Sperry
Christine Hay.....Mediapolis
Angela Hollingsworth.....Mediapolis
Mindy Logan.....Mediapolis
Brandi Martin.....Burlington
Elisha Vantiger..... Yarmouth

LUCKY CLOVERS

Stephanie Heckart.....Danville

THREAD HEADS SEWING CLUB

Joyce Stover.....Mediapolis

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DES MOINES COUNTY FFA CHAPTERS

MEDIAPOLIS FFA

Alaina Imhoff - Advisor
Hunter Wagner - Advisor
Jr Advisor – Shawn Griffis

2026-2027 Mediapolis FFA Officer Team

President – AJ Kuisle
Vice President - Delaney Griffith
Sentinel – Grant Beschorner
Reporters – Payton Gerling & Annabelle Hedges
Treasurer – Lane Rigdon
Secretary- Gracie Beschorner & Kenna Jankowski
Historian – Reece Long



2025-2026 Mediapolis FFA Officer Team

President – Shawn Griffis
Vice President – Rhianna Yotter
Sentinel – Kenna Jankowski
Reporters – Payton Gerling & Lilly Nalley
Treasurer – AJ Kuisle
Secretary- Gracie Beschorner & Delaney Griffith
Historian – Reece Long

DANVILLE FFA

Jessica Lunde – Advisor

2026-2027 Danville FFA Officer Team

President – Elizabeth Jenson
Vice President – Brooklyn Schmitt
Sentinel – Taylea Palar
Reporters – Avery Feehan
Treasurer – Weston Long
Secretary - Nora Beckman
Historian – Harris Boughton

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Des Moines County Fair Association Conduct Rules

Section 174.3 grant the Des Moines County Fair Ass. "...sole and exclusive control over and management of...the fair" Conduct detrimental to the wellbeing of the fair will not be tolerated and may result in the participant being prohibited from participating in or attending the Fair.

4H/FFA Conduct Rules

All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous and a good 4H/FFA representative while on the Des Moines County Fairgrounds and/or participating in the Des Moines County Fair event and comply with Iowa Youth Code of Ethics which is part of this publication.

Standing to Protest

Any interested individual may file a protest regarding a possible violation of the Code of Ethics or a general/department rule of the Des Moines County Fair. The protest shall be in writing. No protest will be considered based upon a complaint that a judge or judges are incompetent.

Protest Procedure

When a protest is made as to the eligibility of the animal or article to compete in any class or to an interpretation of the rule or violation of the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics it must be made in writing and filed with DMC Fair Secretary Manager or the fair 4H Extension office before noon of the day following the one on which the class was shown or within 24 hours of when the possible violation occurred.

The DMC Fair Secretary Manager, DMC Extension Regional Director and FFA Advisor will immediately confer to determine the appropriate committee to consider the protest; included but not limited to department committee or school board directly overseeing FFA chapter identified in the protest.

Any decision regarding the protest shall be made with a quorum of committee members present and shall be in writing. The quorum shall consist of majority of the members of the committee.

No committee member shall be entitled to vote on a matter involving his/her family or a matter in which he or she has a conflict of interest.

Any individual affected by the decision of the committee shall have a right to appeal pursuant to the protest procedures set out in paragraph 2.

Appeal Procedure

When an appeal is made from the decision of a Committee, it shall be made in writing and filed with the DMC Secretary Manager within six (6) hours of receipt of the original decision of the committee.

Upon receipt of a written appeal, the Fair Board President and the Fair Secretary Manager will decide if it is an issue of "Eligibility to Exhibit", or "Other". "Eligibility to Exhibit" appeals will be turned over to the Elected Extension Council; all other appeals will be heard by the Fair board.

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IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsman like ways always. 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. 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:

I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of the 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.

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 my exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.

I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.

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 exhibitions.

All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications and be free of volatile drug residue.

If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.

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.

I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.

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I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.

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 that 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.

I am responsible for my exhibit, and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By 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.

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.

I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.

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

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GENERAL RULES - 4-H / FFA YOUTH DEPARTMENT

These rules apply to **ALL** 4-H/FFA exhibitors/shows - in addition to any departmental rules. All entry dealing with the County Fair (enrollment, animal identification, fair entry, or records due) must be completed in 4-H Online 2.0 or the FairEntry program on or before July 1st

ALL static, gardening/horticulture, clothing, communications, & livestock must be entered in FairEntry by July 1st!

There will be a \$50.00/per youth exhibitor fee imposed through July 15.

If a member has not complied, by July 15th, the member will not be allowed to exhibit at the Des Moines County Fair for that year.

Any youth who is a member of any 4-H or FFA organization in Des Moines County is eligible to exhibit in classes in the Des Moines County Fair Youth Department. All members must have been enrolled by May 15, 2026.

Exhibitors must have been in 4th through 12th grades and not have graduated from high school before 2026. To exhibit at the Iowa State Fair, exhibitors must have completed 5th grade.

All exhibitors are expected to comply with state and county 4-H and FFA regulations in exhibit requirements.

Each committee has been empowered by the Fair Board and the Extension Council to run their own departments.

Exhibits not in compliance with rules (general, departmental, or class) will be contacted by the committee chair. **It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to read and understand all rules.** Committee chairs may issue warnings or disqualifications as the situation may warrant.

All exhibits are to be presented by the 4-H/FFA members. Anyone unable to bring and show their exhibit can ask the Extension Office for permission to have someone exhibit for them. 4-H/FFA members having more than one animal in a class may have another 4-H/FFA member show one of their animals. **Only a Des Moines County 4-H/FFA member can show.**

Exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor during the current club year.

All premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor after September 1 and must be cashed within 90 days of issuance. **If they are not cashed within 90 days, they will become null and void and will not be reissued.** All premium money will be forfeited.

The Des Moines County Extension Office and the Des Moines County Fair Board assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any fair exhibit or other possession.

No overnight sleeping in the livestock areas from 9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.

2026 Des Moines County Fair Livestock Schedule

	Arrival/Check-In	Check-In/Weigh-In	Show	Released
Horse	Sunday, July 26 1:00 PM	Sunday, July 26 1:00 PM	Sunday, July 26 After Beginner Horse Program	After Show
Cattle 4-H/FFA Bottle Calves	Tuesday, July 28 7:00 AM-7:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 5:00-7:00 PM	Friday, July 31 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 AM
Swine	Tuesday, July 28 8:00-10:00 AM	Tuesday, July 28 12:00 PM	Thursday, July 30 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Sheep 4-H/FFA Bottle Lambs	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Saturday, August 1 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Meat Goat 4-H/FFA Bottle Kid Goats	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Saturday, August 1 30 min. after the Sheep Show	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Dairy Goat 4-H/FFA Bottle Dairy Kid Goats	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 10:30 AM-12:00 PM	Wednesday, July 29 9:30 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Dairy Cattle	Tuesday, July 28 7:00 AM-6:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 6:30 PM	Wednesday, July 29 11:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Rabbit	Tuesday, July 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Friday, July 23 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Poultry	Tuesday, July 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Tuesday, July 28 5:00 – 7:00 PM	Wednesday, July 29 8:00 AM	Sunday, August 2 8:00 AM-1:30 PM
Dog	Thursday, July 30 1:30 PM	Thursday, July 30 1:30 PM	Thursday, July 30 2:00 PM	After Show

*ALL 4-H/FFA Cattle and Bottle Calves must have a veterinary inspection.

*ALL 4-H/FFA Cattle and Bottle Calves unload on the south side of the cattle barn.

*ALL 4-H/FFA Swine, Sheep, Bottle Lambs, Goats, and Bottle Kid Goats must have a veterinary inspection BEFORE BEING UNLOADED.

*ALL 4-H/FFA Sheep, Bottle Lambs, Goats, and Bottle Kid Goats must be checked-in and weighed BEFORE BEING PENNED.

*Poultry and Rabbits must be veterinary inspected BEFORE BEING PENNED.

*Milk Cows come in the day of the show and are excused after they are exhibited.

NO SWINE TACK PLACED DURING CHECK-IN

*Beginner Bottle Animals must have a veterinary inspection before being penned.

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STATIC EXHIBITS GENERAL RULES

Committee Members Chair: Dwight Byerly, Heather Lange, Becky Purchase, Jennifer Lane, Nola DeBerg, and Abby Purchase

Premiums: Blue \$6.00, Red \$5.00, White \$4.00

Exhibits can be prepared by an individual 4-H'er, team of 4-H'ers or maybe the result of a group effort. All 4-H'ers, individuals or group, must meet the grade requirements to be eligible for county and state fair exhibiting.

A school project can be entered as an exhibit if a 4-H'er has set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal. **The intent is that a predetermined goal has been set.** The 4-H'er must realize that evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be different and should be prepared accordingly.

Some exhibits could fit in more than one class. The exhibitor should determine which class best relates to their goal. Members enrolled in a project they have carried out previously are encouraged to study some new phase of that project if it interests them. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual project, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video tape, audio cassette, etc.

***ALL static exhibits must be entered in FairEntry by July 1st! *
There will be a \$50.00/per youth exhibitor fee imposed through July 15.**

Entry tags will be made available once exhibits are checked in on Saturday, July 25. The exhibitor's name and class number should be securely attached to each piece of the exhibit including goal statements.

Exhibitors must wear a 4-H /FFA shirt while participating in the evaluation process (completely intact and not defaced). No hats allowed. Exception to this rule is noted in Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, Innovative Design, and Communications.

Evaluating will be done conference style. **If a 4-H/FFA member has a conflict with the time, he or she must contact the Extension Office to let them know of the conflict.**

*****Exhibits may be claimed between 7:00-8:00 PM on Saturday evening, August 1st with remaining exhibits being claimed between 8:00 AM and 1:30 PM on Sunday, August 2nd*****

Premium money will not be paid to an exhibitor if exhibits are removed before 7:00 PM Saturday, August 1.

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Please do not consume any part of projects until State Fair delegates have been determined. Due to security, 4-H'ers are discouraged from exhibiting items that have special meaning or historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.

The 4-H member's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, quality of work and techniques and general appearance and design. The member's age and experience will be taken into consideration during evaluation.

GOAL STATEMENTS - A written explanation, an audio recording, or video recording MUST accompany each exhibit. In that explanation, the exhibitor will respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:

- a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal (s)?)
- b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- c. What were the most important things you learned?
- d. Optional: What ideas or plans do you have for the future based on what you have learned or discovered?
- f. Please label each page and piece.
- e. **Exceptions:** see specific goal requirements for Photography, Visual Art, Communications, Posters and Gardening.

Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the chair of the department.

All judges' decisions are final.

If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:

Posters and banners are not to exceed 24 inches by 36 inches. Chart or graph boards and model displays, etc. are not to exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size - total for exhibit. Display boxes are not to exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.

The maximum size of chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards is determined by measuring the **flat** (unfolded) dimensions.

Exceptions: see rules regarding display dimensions for Department 7 projects and Poster Communications.

Endangered, threatened, and "special concern" plants and animals (including insects) or songbird feathers and nests may **NOT** be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) – per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are **NOT** permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious /invasive plant seeds shall not be included. Links are available for more information by contacting the Extension Office.

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Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.

Copyrighted materials or designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must give included 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. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without permission being granted from the owner of the copyright. When permission has been granted by the owner of the copyright, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. **Those without permission cannot be displayed. You are not allowed to deface or cover up the 4-H Clover. In addition, internet usage must be documented with the exact website address, not a search engine: example-Pinterest.com. -you MUST use the next source.**

For projects that require technology: computers, etc., members need to make their own arrangements for judging purposes. Call the Des Moines County Extension Office for assistance or provide your own.

GROUP PROJECT- Consists of participation in an entry by 2 or more 4-H members. One goal sheet will be required, and one premium will be paid per group project. Premiums for group projects are \$25.00 for large groups, up to two (2) group projects, and regular premiums after that. Each member of the group project will receive a ribbon. Group entry is made by calling the Des Moines County Extension Office at 319-671-7165.

STATE FAIR - All members involved in the State Fair are responsible for their own transportation. The Extension Service will coordinate the transportation of the State Fair exhibits from the Exhibit Hall. There will be an informational meeting at noon on Saturday, August 1 in the Exhibit Hall for members with State Fair exhibits. Large, bulky or special needs exhibits will be the responsibility of the individual 4-Her for transportation to the Iowa State Fair. Each family should be represented at this important meeting because preparation of exhibits is discussed. State Fair information is on page 46.

All judges' decisions are final.

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DES MOINES COUNTY FAIR FAIR BOOK COVER CHALLENGE

The purpose of this competition is to select the cover design for the following year's fair book.

Only Pre-4-H and 4-H members can enter the Cover Design Challenge.

Rules

One entry per exhibitor

Exhibitor must be the original work of the design

Please mark on the backside of the artwork, the name and address of the exhibitor.

The artwork must be delivered to the Des Moines County Extension office at 1700 W Mt. Pleasant Street, West Burlington, by July 1st.

Entry Specs:

- A. Artwork must be on 8 x10 paper (8 wide 10 depth)
- B. Make sure artwork is on white paper.

Artwork may be picked up any time after Fair at the Des Moines County Extension office.

The recognition of the winner will be during the Runway Show on Saturday, August 1.

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CONFERENCE JUDGING INFORMATION

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

Animals, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Creative Arts, Family and Consumer Sciences, Personal Development, Science Engineering and Technology and Gardening

Club members may arrive at the registration table to check in their exhibits beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Group projects will be judged at 8:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.

Members WILL RECEIVE their entry tags and judges form at check in.

Write ups must be complete upon arrival.

<u>Times</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
8:00 a.m.	Group project judging
8:30 a.m.	Static exhibit judging begins
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Break for Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Static exhibit judging continues
2:00 p.m.	Group project judging
2:30 p.m.	Registration closes/State Fair Selection

Check in will look something like the following:

Exhibitor arrives at the gymnasium.

Exhibitor will sit down at a computer & check in exactly what exhibits he/she has brought to fair.

Exhibitor will receive entry tags and move to the supply table to attach tags to their exhibits.

Exhibitor will receive judges' sheet once entry tags are attached.

Exhibitor will wait in the hallway until a judge is available to begin the judging process.

Once all photography exhibits are judged, the judge will then place the Sticker ribbons on the exhibits.

Judges' sheets will be taken to the checkout table and remain at the checkout table upon completion of judging. **DO NOT take your judges sheets with you!**

Photographs will be left at the checkout table, and ribbons can be picked up at that time if the exhibitor wants the ribbon for their photography exhibit.

Exhibitors are responsible for attaching ribbons and take exhibits to their club booth for display.

If your exhibit is selected for State Fair consideration, the goal statement **MUST** accompany the exhibit to the State Fair selection room.

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DEPARTMENT 1 ANIMALS

Class 10110 Animal Science

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

Class 10120 Veterinary Science

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

DEPARTMENT 2 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Class 10210 Crop Production and Plant Science

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

Class 10220 Conservation, Environment and Sustainability

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

Class 10222 Entomology

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

Class 10224 Fish and Wildlife

Any 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.

Class 10226 Forestry

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

Class 10230 Horticulture and Plant Science

The Grace Mathews Memorial Rosette to the Best Horticulture project.

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

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Class 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.

Class 10240 Outdoor Adventures

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

Class 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 is allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

Class 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 operations. Evaluation is 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 writer or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

Class 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.

DEPARTMENT 3 CREATIVE ARTS

Multiple entries are allowed per class, but different techniques must be used. Exception to this is in Photography (see Class 10320 for entry total).

Class 10310 Music

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

Class 10320 Photography

Exhibitors are allowed 6 TOTAL entries in classes 10320, 10340, and 10345.

Participants will receive a sticker ribbon, instead of a fabric ribbon, during judging with premiums remaining the same. Fabric ribbons can be obtained when the photographs are left at the checkout table if the participants want them.

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

Photography Special Rules:

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 county fair of the previous year.

Photographs should be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of photographs should not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24 inches in length.

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.

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-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as border, color, and size.

Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.

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 a story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photos in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches x 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches x 8 inches.

Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before the edits.

Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.

Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.

Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.

Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa.

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The following are awards, not additional classes.

**Rosettes will be awarded
by
Kerr Photography
For
Best Overall 4th Grader Photography Award
And
The 2026 Theme of “America 250”
Capture the stories, symbols, and emotions defining this milestone through a lens.**

Life in Des Moines County Rosette will be awarded by the Stover Family.

This photo award has been initiated for all 4-H members of Des Moines County to participate in.

The award will feature photos taken in Des Moines County only.

Photos may include landscapes, animals, buildings, or people in any of our four seasons of the year.

Rules for Class 10320 as above and special rules listed below apply.

- * Must be a minimum of 5 inches x7 inches
- * Entries maybe vertical or horizontal
- * The photos must be on high quality photo paper and while not required it is encouraged that they be matted.
- * All entrants must have sufficient permission of any recognizable person appearing in the photograph to grant the Des Moines County Extension Service the right to display their photographic submission either online or in printed material.

Class 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 photographs. Must include original photograph(s).

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Creative Photography Special Rules:

Photograph/Image may be mounted/matted.

If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.

Photograph/Image can be digitally created.

Photograph must be on photo paper, canvas, or other flat material.

Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.

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.

Class 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.

Class 10540 Digital Storytelling – (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) – An exhibit that demonstrated the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.

Class 10350 Visual Arts Original Art - An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. An original art piece is a one of a kind, no 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.

Class 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.

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Class 10360 Visual Arts - 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:

Items entered for exhibition at the Des Moines County Fair/Iowa State Fair must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hanging 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.

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.

If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included.

For additional information see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.

If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in the creation of the work.

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.

Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-Her is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner.

Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner.

For additional information see
4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

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DEPARTMENT 4 FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Multiple entries are allowed per class, but different techniques must be used.

Class 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 items(s) in the exhibit.

Class 10420 Clothing and Fashion - Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories

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

Class 10422 Clothing and Fashion - Purchased Garments & Accessories

Purchased garments or accessories that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

Class 10424 Clothing and Fashion - Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Special Rule

Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.

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.

Class 10430 Consumer Management

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

Class 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, safety practices through the making of a prepared food product.

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Class 10442 Food & Nutrition - Preserved Product

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills and learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class.

Class 10445 Food & Nutrition - Educational Display

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning and service must include a menu.

See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference” guide for Classes 10440, 10442, and 10445.

The Joanne Denney Memorial Rosette will be given to the Best Food & Nutrition project as selected by the judges.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules

Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portraying a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.

All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.

Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.

Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.

Meat jerky products are prohibited.

The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, credit the source of the recipe. 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.

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.

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Prepared food should be placed on firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a resealable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.

Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. - four (4) to six (6) items

Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. - one (1) whole product.

*****Foods that are displayed in the 4-H club booth, must be one (1) cookie, cupcake, bar, muffin, roll, etc. or one (1) slice of cake, loaf, pie, etc.*****

AnswerLine will stand behind the stance that commercially canned frostings are acceptable to use on baked goods exhibited at the fair. Pillsbury and Betty Crocker do not state that foods frosted with their product need to be immediately refrigerated; the leftover frosting is to be refrigerated to retain quality for later use.

The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

Class 10450 Health

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

Class 10460 Home Improvement

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

Home Improvement Special Rule

Items entered for exhibition at the Des Moines County Fair/Iowa State Fair 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.

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.

Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s)/designer(s)/artist(s).

Class 10470 Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed Item

An exhibit 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, or other items. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

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

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

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

Class 10480 Other Family and Consumer Science

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

Special Exhibition - THRIFTY MEAL CHALLENGE

Class 10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge

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

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.

All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.

Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.

The meal must serve four (4) people and the total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.

The meal must include a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains. Recommended portion sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.

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.

The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches or 20 inches by 30 inches) that includes:

- a) The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item
- b) Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner)
- c) Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2)
- d) Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal
- e) The completed Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster
- f) Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.

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

DEPARTMENT 5 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Multiple entries are allowed per class, but different techniques must be used.
Exception to this is Poster Communications (see Class 10530 for entry total)**

Personal Development Special Rule

Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit.

Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?

Class 10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement

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

Class 10520 Communication

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

Class 10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit

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

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

Poster Communication Special Rules

Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered.

All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches x20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.

Posters may be vertical or horizontal.

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.

Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than

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1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.

Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.

4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

All 4-H Communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding poster will receive Seals of Merit. Superior posters will receive Seals of Excellence.

Class 10540 Digital Storytelling

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

Class 10550 Leadership

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

Class 10560 Self-Determined

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

DEPARTMENT 6

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Multiple entries are allowed per class, but different techniques must be used.

Class 10610 Mechanics - Any 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.

Class 10612 Automotive - Repaired or restored vehicle. (Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only, (tentatively Thursday, August 13).

Class 10613 Automotive Educational Display - An educational display showing learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive system

Class 10614 Electric - Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

Class 10615 Small Engine - Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or

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

Class 10616 Tractor - Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Note: A conference judging opportunity for exhibitors in Class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. (Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times). Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 23, after 7:00 p.m. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.

Class 10617 – Tractor Educational Display - An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

Class 10618 Welding - Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

Class 10620 Woodworking - A Rosette will be given for Best Woodworking Project in Memory of Don Thie. An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

Class 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.

Class 10632 Aerospace - Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

Class 10634 Robotics - Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) that shows learning about robotics and robotic systems.

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule

Exhibitors entered in 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.

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.

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DEPARTMENT 8 GARDENING

GENERAL RULES

Members are limited to **TEN** exhibits in this department plus Market Garden Basket.

A member may exhibit up to **SIX** entries in any one of the following categories: vegetable, fruit, flowers, herbs, houseplants, or jumbo vegetables.

One combination of entries could be: six vegetables plus three other items that are fruit, flowers, herbs, houseplants, or jumbo vegetables.

ONE entry per class. Entry tags and judges form MUST include genius name.

All produce and flowers exhibited **must be from the member's own project**.

Produce exhibited must be fresh from the garden. Preserved products should be exhibited in Family & Consumer Science.

Each exhibit should be labeled as to species and variety of fruit, vegetables, herb, flower, or house plant on a 3-inch x 5 inch card. The card will also include a record of the plant including planting date (for annuals), fertilizer (how much and when), care, and harvest date.

Vegetable exhibits will be judged on the quality of the products as specified in Iowa State University publication 4-H 462 - "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit." Flowers and houseplant exhibits will be judged on the quality of the products as specified in ISUEO publication 4-H 464 – "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit." See publications for details.

Because judging is done on Saturday, members may replace exhibits with fresh produce starting on Thursday, July 30.

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PLATE OF VEGETABLES

- Class 40102 - Lima Beans, exhibit 6 pods
- Class 40103 - Snap Beans, exhibit 6 pods
- Class 40104 - Beets, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40105 - Broccoli, exhibit one head
- Class 40106 - Carrots, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40107 - Cauliflower, exhibit one head
- Class 40108 - Cabbage, exhibit one head
- Class 40110 - Chinese Cabbage, exhibit one head
- Class 40111- Cucumbers, harvest cucumbers at the appropriate length based on variety.
 - Pickling (2-3 inches), exhibit five specimens
 - Dill (5 inches), exhibit two specimens
 - Slicing (6-8 inches), exhibit two specimens
 - English or other long type (8 inches or more), exhibit one specimen
- Class 40112- Eggplant, exhibit one specimen
- Class 40114- Garlic, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40115- Kale, exhibit entire plant with root in water. Discolored outer leaves maybe removed.
- Class 40116- Kohlrabi, exhibit 2 specimens
- Class 40117- Lettuce, exhibit entire plant in water to prevent wilting. Remove older outer leaves that show yellowing.
- Class 40118- Muskmelon, exhibit 1 specimen
- Class 40119- Okra, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40120- Onion (dry), exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40121- Onion (green), display 5 onions per bunch tied in the middle
- Class 40122- Parsnip, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40123- Peas, exhibit 6 pods
- Class 40124 - Edible Pea Pods, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40125- Peppers, exhibit 2 specimens
- Class 40126- Potatoes, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40127- Pumpkin and Winter Squash, exhibit 1 specimen
- Class 40128 - Summer Squash, exhibit 2 specimens
- Class 40129 -Radishes, wash & tie 5 roots per bunch. Keep refrigerated until time to be exhibited
- Class 40131- Spinach, exhibit 1 plant in a jar of water to prevent wilting
- Class 40132 - Sweet Corn, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40133 - Swiss Chard, exhibit 6 leaves. Exhibit in a jar of water to prevent wilting.
- Class 40134 - Cherry Tomatoes, 10 specimens per plate
- Class 40135 - Tomatoes, 3 specimens per plate. Display without stems.
- Class 40136 - Turnips, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40137 - Watermelon, exhibit one specimen
- Class 40138 - Other Vegetables (specify) - exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40139 - Most Unusual fruit or vegetable from garden (flukes of nature)

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MARKET GARDEN BASKET

Class 40189 - Market Garden Basket

Each member may exhibit one market basket to include four or more fruit or vegetables. Each fruit or vegetable should be represented by one to three or more specimens, depending primarily on the size and the specimens. The market basket will be judged on the quality of the products and the attractiveness of the display. THE PRODUCE MUST BE EXHIBITED INSIDE THE BASKET. DISPLAY SHOULD INCLUDE A LIST OF SPECIES AND VARIETY OF EACH ITEM IN THE BASKET.

JUMBO VEGETABLES

The vegetables in the following classes will be placed and awarded premiums based on weight as ascertained by a scale at the fair. Entries must be of exhibition quality in the opinion of the judge.

Class 40145 - Tomato, 1 specimen

Class 40146 - Potato, 1 specimen

Class 40147 - Pumpkin (woody stem), 1 specimen

Class 40148 - Squash (fleshy stem), 1 specimen

HERBS

Class 40149 - Dill, exhibit 2 heads, tied near lower end of stems and again just below seed head.

Class 40150 – Parsley

Class 401501 – Basil

Class 401502 – Mint

Class 401503 - Rosemary

Class 40151 - Any individual herb

Class 40152 - Collection of 4 herb species to be displayed in separate bottles of water. Collection must include species information on card.

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CUT FLOWERS

Display a single specimen in a container which you provide. Stems should be cut at a length that is proportional to the flower blossom. It is your responsibility to water the flower.

- Class 40153 – Dahlias (1 large or 3 small blooms)
- Class 40154 -Asters
- Class 40155 – Zinnias (3 blooms, no buds)
- Class 40156 - Celosia
- Class 40157 - Nasturtiums
- Class 40158 - Impatiens (1 stem with multiple blooms/buds)
- Class 40159 - Cleome (Spider Flower)
- Class 40160 - Gladiolus
- Class 40161 – Rose (1 stem with one flower or cluster of flowers as appropriate)
- Class 40162 – Marigold (French or signet – 1-3 sprays; African – 3 blooms)
- Class 40163 - Snapdragons (3 stems)
- Class 40164 - Lilies
- Class 40165 - Geraniums
- Class 40166 - Cone Flowers
- Class 40167 - Daisies
- Class 40168 – Begonias (1 bloom floating in water)
- Class 40169 - Phlox
- Class 40170 - Sunflowers
- Class 40171 - Blanket Flowers
- Class 401711 - Petunia (one spray)
- Class 401712 - Hosta (3 leaves or 1 flower spike)
- Class 401713 - Coleus (1 stem with multiple leaves)
- Class 40172 - Other Annual variety
- Class 40173 - Other Perennial variety
- Class 40174 - Arrangement of cut flowers

PLATE OF FRUIT

- Class 40175 - Apples, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40176 - Peaches, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40177 - Pears, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40178 - Plums, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40179 - Raspberries, exhibit 5 specimens
- Class 40180 - Strawberries, exhibit 3 specimens
- Class 40181 - Other fruit (specify) - exhibit 3 specimens

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HOUSE PLANTS

House plants must have been owned by exhibitor before January 31, 2026.

A folder must be attached to each house plant entered. Story should include information on soil moisture, use of fertilizer, lighting principles, water practices, etc. Pictures of plant growth may also be included. Include common and Latin name of each plant.

Exhibits without folder will not be judged.

Member may enter one entry per class.

House plants may be removed after 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31. However, attached folders must remain until 8:00 a.m. August 2.

EXHIBITOR ASSUMES THE CARE AND WATERING OF PLANTS.

Class 40182 - Flowering house plant

Class 40183 - Foliage

Class 40184 - African Violet

Class 40185 - Hanging Basket

Class 40186 - Cacti and Succulent

Class 40187 - House plant not listed above

Class 40188 - Do's and Don'ts on house plants. (Examples: Fertilizers vs. no fertilizer; good and bad lighting; watering vs. non-watering; etc.)

CONTAINER GARDENING

Container Gardens must have been planted by the exhibitor by June 1, 2026.

ALL plant varieties in the container must be identified on a 3" by 5" card or in a project folder, as well as information on the planting date and care of the container garden. Exhibits without proper plant identification and records will not be judged.

Class 40140 - Container Gardening

Class 40142 - Bucket of Vegetables

Class 40143 - Container of Herbs

Class 40144 - Hanging Baskets

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Class 40141 - Bucket of Flowers

Rosette sponsored by the Des Moines County Master Gardeners

Each member may exhibit one bucket of flowers, in a plain white 5-gallon bucket.

Be sure to provide adequate drainage for the plants in your bucket and consider adding pinecones or an upside-down pot inside the bucket to make the bucket lighter.

The bucket should include 3-5 varieties of plants, with attention to a colorful display.

Buckets must be planted by June 1st.

The bucket of flowers will be judged on the quality of the plants and the attractiveness of the display.

AFTER JUDGING, THE BUCKETS WILL BE DISPLAYED AROUND THE FAIR GROUNDS AND THE MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WATERING IT DURING THE FAIR. THE DISPLAY SHOULD INCLUDE A LIST OF SPECIES AND VARIETY OF EACH PLANT IN THE BUCKET.

Des Moines County Master Gardeners will host an informational workshop in May for youth who are interested in entering this class. Attendees of this workshop will learn best practices for growing their bucket of flowers and will go home with supplies to start their project. Contact the Des Moines County Extension Office for details.

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DEPARTMENT 9 FASHION REVUE/CLOTHING SELECTION/ \$20 CHALLENGE/INNOVATIVE DESIGN

Committee Members: Chair - Nola DeBerg, Jennifer Shinn, Becky Purchase, Jennifer Lane, Jill Nalley, Maddie Belknap, and Abby Purchase

Premiums: Blue \$6.00, Red \$5.00, White \$4.00

Judging will be on **MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026**, at Southeastern Community College, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The registration table will be in the hall outside rooms Choir Room, Music Room, and the Little Theatre which will also be used for this event. Entries are due in FairEntry by July 1. **Completed Report Forms, including a picture, should be brought to the judging.**

Judging times will be assigned after entries are received.

Entrants are required to have a photo of themselves modeling their complete outfit.

Entrants in Clothing Event **MUST** model for judging **AND** the Runway Show to receive awards.

A. All entrants must be present for judging with complete outfit and accessories during their assigned judging time.

B. All entrants are REQUIRED to be part of the Runway Show on Saturday, August 1, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. with rehearsal at 4:00 p.m. (the same day) on the Exhibit Hall Stage with emphasis on junior members who are new to the Runway Show.

Each 4-H'er may have one entry in each class Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, and/or the Innovative Design Class but may participate in only one at the State Fair.

Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, and/or Innovative Design classes can enter in any given category: Athletic Wear, Formal Wear, Everyday Wear, or Costume.

Members may exhibit their outfit in Family & Consumer Science classes as well as model and enter in Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, and Innovative Design.

AWARDS:

Ribbons and judging comments will be given to each member in closed envelopes, with no announcement of white, red, or blue winners, at the end of the Runway Show.

The top entrants in each division and class will be recognized during the program on Saturday.

The State Fair allows senior member, 9-12 graders, from Des Moines County, as representatives in the Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, and the Innovative Design class.

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The 2026 Award for the Clothing Event will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines.

DIVISIONS:

Junior	Grades 4-6
Intermediate	Grades 7-8
Senior	Grades 9-12

FASHION REVUE GUIDELINES

The purpose of this class is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit.

Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.

Youth participants will model, at the Des Moines County Fair, at least one garment or outfit, and **display second**, if applicable, that they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

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.

Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.

All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected

Only juniors have the option of constructing one piece or all of the garments in the outfit.

Intermediates and Seniors must construct the entire outfit.

Class 12101 - Junior Fashion Revue

Class 12102 - Intermediate Fashion Revue

Class 12103 - Senior Fashion Revue

Awards for the Fashion Revue Class

The Grace Mathews Memorial Rosette will be presented to the top Fashion Revue Junior entrant.

The Agnes Breuer Memorial Rosette will be presented to the top Fashion Revue Intermediate entrant.

The Grace Mathews Memorial Rosette will be presented to the top Fashion Revue Senior entrant.

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CLOTHING SELECTION GUIDELINES

The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'er's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.

Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.

There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of recordkeeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.

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, if the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.

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

Class 12201 - Junior Clothing Selection

Class 12202 - Intermediate Clothing Selection

Class 12203 - Senior Clothing Selection

\$20.00 CHALLENGE GUIDELINES

This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing.

Outfits **must** be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is **not** for new clothing regardless of price.

Online venues are allowed and **must** be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.

Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price.

Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify but may be entered in Clothing Selection if 4-H member selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.

Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not charge sales tax.

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

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outfit was free at a garage sale, “free” can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will result in a reduced evaluation.

An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt and pants or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.

Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.

There are no additional considerations for an outfit that cost less than \$20.

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

Class 12301 - Junior \$20 Challenge

Class 12302 - Intermediate \$20 Challenge

Class 12303 - Senior \$20 Challenge

INNOVATIVE DESIGN GUIDELINES

The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.

These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.

The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.

Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.

Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

Class 12401 - Junior Innovative Design

Class 12402 - Intermediate Innovative Design

Class 12403 - Senior Innovative Design

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DEPARTMENT 10 COMMUNICATIONS

Saturday, July 25

7:00 p.m. - Share the Fun during the Queen Pageant

Wednesday, July 29

12:30 p.m. - Working Exhibits

Thursday, July 30

3:00 p.m. - Educational Presentations

Extemporaneous Speaking immediately follows Educational Presentations

Committee Members: Chair - Jennifer Lane, Becky Purchase, Jennifer Shinn, Nola DeBerg, Jill Nalley, Maddie Belknap, and Abby Purchase

Premiums for Working Exhibits, Educational Presentations and Extemporaneous Speaking: Blue \$13, Red \$11, and White \$9

PURPOSE

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

Entries in Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking and Share the Fun should be entered in FairEntry by July 1. Please let the Des Moines County Extension Office know of your intent 319-671-7165.

GENERAL INFORMATION

4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, including HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide." Contact the Extension Office if you need a copy of this reference.

Stickers and self-adhesive products are NOT allowed in the 4-H Exhibit Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may NOT be used in any Communication Event for any reason.

Working Exhibits and Educational Presentations may involve 1, 2 or more members. Team exhibits will receive one premium.

4-H member must wear a 4-H shirt or emblem during presentations unless you are wearing a costume to enhance your performance.

A Communication Recognition trophy will be awarded to selected 4-H members for continuous participation at the Des Moines County Fair with Communications projects. The awards will be presented by the Steffener Family.

Des Moines County can enter up to four Educational Presentations, three Working Exhibits, two

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Share the Fun acts and two Extemporaneous speakers at the 2026 Iowa State Fair.

Des Moines County will be scheduled to give Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, and Share the Fun acts at the Iowa State Fair on August 15, 16 (afternoon only), 20, and 21. The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will be on August 17 (only for members who completed 12th grade in 2026), August 18, August 20, and August 23 (in the morning only).

Communication Exhibitors are expected to be present Saturday evening, August 1, at 5:00 p.m. for Communication Night that will be held in conjunction with the Runway Show in Exhibit Hall

WORKING EXHIBITS

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

Members set up interactive demonstrations to provide instruction on how to make something or provide educational information.

Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format should be used. Questions that might be asked as starters are:

Have you seen. . . ?

Would you like to know how to. . . ?

May I show you how. . . ?

The best subjects involve action by the youth or involve the audience in some doing, feeling, tasting, smelling, or judging.

Participants should be prepared to give their Working Exhibit for about 30 minutes and have enough supplies for approximately 50 people.

All members with Working Exhibit entries are required to attend an orientation session at a venue to be determined as of the release of the fair book.

During the times that the participants give their presentations, they will also be involved in a peer evaluations.

The Des Moines County Cattlemen will present \$10.00 for any 4-H Working Exhibit using beef. Any color of ribbon is eligible. **You have actual beef or must be promoting beef in the exhibit and provide information about it.**

The Des Moines County Pork Producers will present \$10.00 for any 4-H Working Exhibit using pork. Any color of ribbon is eligible. **You must have actual pork or be promoting pork in the exhibit and provide information about it.**

A 4-H member may participate in only one working exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.

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SHARE THE FUN

Share the Fun provides an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. The presentation **must not exceed 6 minutes in length.**

Individuals, skits/acts must be sensitive to the diversity of the population. Individuals, skits/acts must be in good taste and not offensive to minority groups of citizens. Instrumental, vocal, speaking, etc., are acceptable forms of performances.

Any number may make up an act. Two or more clubs may be represented in an act.

All contestants will receive special "Share the Fun" ribbons. **\$25.00 premium will go to the large group (act/club) and \$13.00 to the small group (individual).**

To be eligible for the State Fair, members must have completed 5th grade. They must be an active member of an Extension sponsored youth group in the current year. If the act involves a club, or a group from a given club, at least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th - 12th grade in 2025-2026 school year.

Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.

State Fair selected representatives are required to perform as part of the program at the Des Moines County Runway Show on Saturday night, August 1.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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

These presentations are like talks or demonstrations done on the club level. The educational presentation should be an outgrowth of the member's 4-H experience.

There are 2 classes in the Educational Presentation Program, a class for Juniors (grades 4-6) and Intermediate/Seniors (grade 7 & over).

A 4-H member may participate in one educational presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair. Educational Presentations may be given by one or more 4-H'ers.

Junior presentations (4th-6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes.

Intermediate/Senior presentations (7th-12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.

Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of other work(s) is

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permitted provided the source is identified.

During the times that the participants give their presentations, they will also be involved in a peer evaluation.

The Des Moines County Pork Producers will present \$10.00 for any 4-H Educational Presentation using pork. Any color of ribbon is eligible. **You must have actual pork or be promoting pork in the presentation and provide information about pork.**

The Des Moines County Cattlemen will present \$10.00 for any 4-H Educational Presentation using beef. Any color of ribbon is eligible. **You must have actual beef or be promoting beef in the presentation and provide beef information.**

The Jane Wilson Memorial will present \$10.00 to any 4-H member the first time they exhibit an Educational Presentation. This award is sponsored by the Des Moines County 4-H Foundation in memory of Jane Wilson.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is open to all 9th-12th grade 4-H members in Des Moines County.

This contest is designed to encourage the development of the communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and to answer questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

This event will begin with an orientation meeting following the Educational Presentations in the Little Theatre.

Each contestant will randomly select one of the available topics and all the topics will be related to 4-H.

Participants must be senior aged 4-H, having completed the 9th grade.

A maximum of two senior 4-H entries (grades 9th - 12th) per county are eligible to go to the State Fair.

During the times that the participants give their presentations, they will also be involved in peer evaluations.

All participants are required to attend an orientation session.

Each contestant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, thirty minutes before the contest.

The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H.

The selected topic will not be available to the other contestants in the speakers' assigned room. The other two topics will be returned to the available topics for other contestants.

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A preparation room is to be used with one contestant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional contestant per speaking site admitted each ten minutes as the contest progresses.

A contestant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a contestant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult, or any other youth.

Each contestant will have 30 minutes preparation time.

A contest official will assist contestants with the time requirements.

All reference material will be screened by a contest official on the following basis:

a) Contestants may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.

b) Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the contestant or by another person for the purpose of use in the program).

c) Some relevant reference materials will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.

d) Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own effort using approved reference material which contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3-inch x 5 inch note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.

e) Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.

f) Each speech shall be not less than four or more than six minutes, with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. The contestant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1,2,3,4,5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be used at six (6) minutes.

g) Each contestant will be introduced by a contest timekeeper by name and the contestant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.

h) Contestants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.

Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1) Content related to topic; 2) Knowledge of the subject; 3) Organization of material; 4)

Power expression; 5) Voice; 6) Stage presence; 7) General effect. 8) Response to questions.

A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

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4-H Members at the 2026 Iowa State Fair August 13-23

4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to participate at the State Fair.

All livestock and horticulture entries are due in FairEntry by July 1. All other State Fair entries will be selected at the County Fair level.

Judges will select exhibits for the State Fair on Saturday, July 25. These exhibits will have a purple rosette attached and be displayed in a special State Fair booth in the Exhibit Hall. All exhibits that are considered for the State Fair will receive a lavender ribbon.

Exhibits of outstanding quality from members who are too young for the State Fair will be given a gold ribbon in recognition of their work.

Members with exhibits selected for the State Fair are expected to attend an informational meeting on Saturday, August 1, at 12:00 noon, in Exhibit Hall. If they cannot attend, they should arrange for someone to represent them.

All members who have exhibits selected for the State Fair are expected to participate in the State Fair Exhibitors Parade 5:00 PM on Saturday night, August 1, in the Exhibit Hall.

Iowa State Fair Clothing Event

The 2026 State Fair 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event will be held at the Youth Inn on the Iowa State Fair Grounds. The Awardrobe Clothing Event will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

Event participants will receive detailed information about the Awardrobe Clothing Event at the Des Moines County Fair.

Iowa State Fair Communications

The Communications judges will select up to 4 Educational Presentations, 3 Working Exhibits, 2 Share the Fun Acts, and 2 Extemporaneous Speakers to represent Des Moines County at the State Fair.

Exhibitors selected for the State Fair will be notified of time slots available for the Iowa State Fair. Members can discuss time slots that work best in their schedules at the Little Theater after the communications awards are handed out on **Saturday night, immediately following the Runway Show. Remember to bring your calendars!**

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2026 Communication Dates at the Iowa State Fair are:

Educational Presentations, Share the Fun, and Working Exhibits Dates:

Saturday, August 15

Sunday, August 16: Afternoon only

Thursday, August 20

Friday, August 21

Extemporaneous Speaking Dates:

Monday, August 17: Only for members who have completed 12th grade in 2026

Tuesday, August 18

Thursday, August 20

Sunday August 23: Morning only

Detailed information about 4-H at the Iowa State Fair is available in the 4-H Premium Book.

Copies are available online at www.iowastatefair.org.

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CLOVER KIDS AND PRE-4-H CLASS

Wednesday, July 29 1:00 PM

Exhibit Hall

The 2026 Teen Council is again sponsoring a fair class for Clover Kids and youngsters not old enough to join 4-H (up to and including third grade).

Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. Please join in on the fun and support the 4-H Working Exhibits while you wait to have your projects judged.

Judging will be Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall.

Teen Council members will meet with each exhibitor and participation ribbons will be awarded.

If they wish, the future 4-H'ers can place their projects on display in the Clover Kids Booths, in the Exhibit Hall, after judging.

STUFFED ANIMAL SHOW

Wednesday, July 29, held in conjunction with the Clover Kids & Pre-4-H Exhibits

Exhibit Hall

This contest is also sponsored by Teen Council and open to clover kids (up to and including third grade).

Bring your favorite stuffed animal to the Exhibit Hall and enter.

Be ready to answer these questions or similar ones about your animal:

- a) Name of animal
- b) Where did your animal come from: gift, the store, birthday, other?
- c) How long you have owned your animal?
- d) Why is it your favorite stuffed animal?

Participation ribbons will be handed out to each participant.

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GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

All Livestock Exhibitors must have YQCA certification except dog, cat, and small pet.

All Market animals must be identified on the Livestock Identification form at weigh-in.

All breeding and commercial animals, dog, horse, bucket bottle calf, bottle lamb, bottle kid goat and dairy must be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by **May 15**.

In addition, market animals must have their 4-H/FFA ear tags and swine must be ear notched. All forms of identification must remain in place until the animal is removed from the fairgrounds.

Must have two members of a committee plus owner/representative present or a signed waiver form to weigh in livestock at the fairgrounds during the fair.

Exhibitors are responsible for their livestock until sold or removed from the fairgrounds. Exhibitors will be asked to take their animals home if not given proper care.

Chore time 7:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

ALL animals shown at the fair must be entered in FairEntry by July 1.

The **General Rules** for the Youth Department (page 6) also apply to the Livestock Departments.

****ALL livestock must be entered in FairEntry by July 1st! **
There will be a \$50.00/per youth exhibitor fee imposed through July 15.**

All livestock stalled at the Fair (except pre-4-H) and horses must enter in FairEntry the stalling and bedding information and mail the appropriate fees by July 1 to the Des Moines County Extension Office, 1700 W Mt. Pleasant Street, West Burlington, IA 52655

Each animal will be presented in its natural conformation and structure without alteration or modification. Alteration or modification shall be defined to include any surgical, chemical, electrical, or other change for cosmetic purpose, save only branding, tattooing, foot trimming, dehorning, tail docking and shearing. The act of artificially filling animals internally, which would include stomach pumping, drench tubes, or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited and any animal testing positive for anabolic steroid or diuretic use shall be presumed to be altered and modified.

No painting, dyeing, and /or use of color agents on animals including hooves, excluding horses' hooves. There shall be no paints, powders, or dyes used on 4-H pigs.

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It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills and be done by a family member and/or another Iowa 4-H/FFA member. Family members include and are limited to parents/legal guardian, brother, sister, or stepsiblings.

Exhibitors must wear a shirt with a 4-H/ FFA emblem on it while participating in 4-H/FFA animal shows. Shirts must be completely intact and not defaced, long pants, closed shoes (no flip flops or sandals) and no hat will be allowed. The exception will be for Horse and Pony division (see page 40).

ALL ANIMAL EXHIBITS STAYING AT THE FAIR MUST BE IN PLACE BY 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 28.

Stall cards are required for each stall, pen, entry of cattle, pen of other livestock or poultry and may be picked up at the 4-H Extension Office during the fair.

Livestock exhibitors must use wood chips for bedding.

Exhibitors are NOT allowed to bring large cooling devices, except for fans, to the fair. The Fair Board reserves the right to implement cooling devices when needed.

All exhibits, except for sale animals, may be removed from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 2. All exhibits and tack **must be removed** by 9:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1.

Livestock will be judged based on merit according to the requirements of the class entered. Judges of the respective divisions will determine if an animal is worthy of Champion or Reserve honors if there are fewer than two entries in breed, division, or class.

Champion and Reserve Champion Banners intended for display will be available from the Fair board and will then be the property of the exhibitor after fair.

All livestock premiums for the 4-H/FFA division will be \$10.00 paid the day of the show.

All exhibitors shall comply with the health requirements as listed.

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Health Requirements

Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show and such animals will need to be removed from the fairgrounds.

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on animals or poultry exhibited at a county fair, 4-H and/or FFA Exhibition, except for those noted in a particular department.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

See individual departments for specific health requirements.

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN CONCERNING ANY ANIMAL HEALTH MATTER WILL BE FINAL.

All injectable medications given to livestock at the Des Moines County Fair must be given by a licensed veterinarian.

Failure to follow this rule will result in loss of premium money or eligibility to exhibit.

SHOWMANSHIP

Members must own the animal which they enter in Showmanship Classes (exception is horse).

Trophies will be awarded to the champion show person in each of the following divisions: Meat Goat, Beef, Dog, Rabbits, Poultry, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Swine, Sheep and Horses.

Showmanship winners will be selected by the respective judges in the various divisions.

For showmanship classes, exhibitors must wear a 4-H or FFA shirt including a 4-H or FFA emblem.

Once an exhibitor wins showmanship, that exhibitor is done competing for showmanship that day. He or she will compete in the next level the next year.

Showmanship divisions are Junior (4-6 grades), Intermediate (7-9 grades) Senior (10-12 grades)

These are listed in the order the 4-H'ers will show.

Grade levels indicate the most recently completed grade in school.

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HERDSMANSHIP **Conducted by each Livestock Committee**

Livestock exhibitors are expected to keep their quarters (including stalls, tack areas, alleyways, etc.) orderly, neat, and as attractive as possible.

Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor, **NOT** the parents, leaders, or other adults.

The entire livestock area will be inspected several times daily except for show time.

A couple of representatives from each club are encouraged to be around the livestock barns during the daylight hours.

HERDSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS

- I. CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS AND STALL OR PENS.....30pts.**
Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place.
Animals securely tied or penned.
Feed boxes in front of animals only at feed time.
Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place.
Alleys swept clean, free of obstructions.

 - II. ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT..... 20 pts.**
Big objectionable boxes out of the way.
Hay and tack neat and orderly.
Feed boxes, blocking chutes and misc. gear in area provided.

 - III. APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS.....30 pts.**
Animals clean and brushed.
Animals in stalls or pens between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

 - IV. STALL CARDS.....10 pt.**
Readable from alley.
Neatly arranged.
Clean and complete.

 - V. 4-H and FFA MEMBERS.....10 pt.**
Courtesy of the 4-H and FFA members and others in the area.
- TOTAL 100 pts.**

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Results will be posted daily in each barn on the whiteboard.

90-100 Points will be a Purple sticker

80-89 Points will be a Blue Sticker

70-79 Points will be a Red Sticker

60-69-Points will be a White Sticker

The youth with the highest points will be awarded \$100.

Herdsmanship Livestock Barn Sponsors

Sponsors to be determined for the following barns

Bucket Bottle Barn:

Swine Barn:

Cattle Barn:

Poultry Barn:

Rabbit Barn:

Goat Barn:

Sheep Barn:

Dairy Barn:

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MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION SALE

Market beef, hogs, sheep, and goats must have been exhibited in the various departments to be eligible for the auction.

Breeding stock is not eligible for sale.

The salesclerk's record will be the official record for weights and prices.

Purchasers must clear each animal and make settlement with the animals owner within a timely manner.

Each member having livestock in the sale shall be responsible for seeing that the purchaser receives the livestock and, if necessary, help load the animals.

Exhibitors are limited to sell one market steer, two market swine, three market lambs, two market OR dairy goats, and two market broilers in the sale.

Market Beef must weigh 900 pounds or more to be sold in the sale.

Market Swine must weigh 220 lbs. or more.

Market Lambs and Bottle lambs must weigh 90 lbs. or more.

Market Goats and Bottle kid goats must weigh 45 lbs. or more.

Exhibitors must wear a shirt with a 4-H or FFA emblem on it while participating in the auction. Shirts must be completely intact and not defaced, long pants, closed shoes (no flip flops or sandals) and no hats will be allowed.

The Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion animals are selected to be sold at the beginning of the auction of their species.

Following the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals the sale order will be determined by a random drawing of the 4-H/FFA exhibitors' names prior to the auction.

If a member decides NOT to sell their Overall Grand Champion or Overall Reserve Grand Champion at the auction, they cannot substitute another animal to sell in that slot. A different animal can be chosen to sell, but it will be sold in the member's randomly drawn slot.

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DEPARTMENT 11 - RABBIT DEPARTMENT 12 - POULTRY

Wednesday, July 29 - Poultry Showmanship - Fritz Hall at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 29 - Poultry Show - Fritz Hall at 9:00 p.m.

Friday, July 31 - Rabbit Show- Fritz Hall at 8:00 a.m.

GENERAL RULES

All projects must be pre-registered in the class, in the FairEntry program by July 1, to exhibit in the show. Animals must be owned and cared for by the 4-H/FFA member no later than July 1.

ALL POULTRY AND BIRDS HAVE TO BE TESTED.

Poultry will be tested for Pullorum Disease.

State law requires that all poultry be blood tested for these diseases if they are being transported to exhibit.

All birds testing negative will be housed at the fair while those testing positive will be sent home.

Exhibitors must be present at testing with their birds.

Rabbits will be checked, by the Fair Vet and exhibitors will be notified if a health issue is suspected during check-in.

EXHIBITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING THEIR PENS AND DISPLAYS CLEAN AND TIDY.

Rabbit exhibits should have a water and feed container provided by the exhibitor and attached to cage so that it cannot be tipped over by the animal(s).

Poultry exhibits will be provided with feed and water containers by the Fair Board, except large outdoor pens.

No paper cups or milk jugs will be allowed as water or feed containers.

Animals must always have fresh water and be fed as necessary.

Each exhibitor must furnish their own feed and care. Pens will be furnished.

Bedding must be changed twice a day. **The livestock neglect policy will be enforced.**

Bedding will be supplied during the fair, courtesy of the **SE Iowa Pigeon Club for the Rabbit and Poultry projects only.**

No pet carriers are allowed under tables from Wednesday until Sunday. Carriers are allowed to transport animals from the coops to the show area, but not to stay under tables for the duration of the fair.

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DEPARTMENT 11: RABBIT

Committee members: Josh Abel, Carrie Downer, Becky Purchase, Terri Miller, JoAnne Manley, and Abby Purchase

A cap of 10 rabbits may be entered by each exhibitor at the fair. Each rabbit must weigh 3 lbs. or more to qualify for a blue ribbon in the Market Class (27300).

Judging will be based on breed.

271 - Single Commercial - Purebred (only)

Listed below are breeds designated as commercial rabbits: American, Giant Angora (REW), Beveren, Blanc De Hotot, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, Flemish Giant, English Lop, French Lop, New Zealand, Satin, Palomino, Silver Fox, and Argente Brun

- 27100 Jr. Buck (under 6 months)
- 27101 Int. Buck (6 - 8 months)
- 27102 Sr. Buck (8 months and over)
- 27103 Jr. Doe (under 6 months)
- 27104 Int. Doe (6 - 8 months)
- 27105 Sr. Doe (8 months and over)

272 - Single Fancy Class - Purebred (only)

Listed below are breeds designated as fancy rabbits: American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan, and Thrianta.

- 27200 Jr. Buck (under 6 months)
- 27201 Sr. Buck (6 months and over)
- 27202 Jr. Doe (under 6 months)
- 27203 Sr. Doe (6 months and over)

273 - Market Rabbits

May not be older than 10 wks. and not less than 3.5 lbs. and not more than 5.5 lbs.

- 27300 Single Fryer

274 - Crossbred Rabbits

They should not be purebreds possessing a disqualification according to the American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard.

- 27400 Single Crossbred

TROPHY SPONSORS

Rabbit Class Award Sponsors: S.E. Iowa Pigeon Club

Best of Show Rabbit Sponsor: Dennis Miller Family

Reserve Best of Show Rabbit Sponsor: Dennis Miller Family

Home Raised Rabbit Sponsor: Hahn Family

Reserve Home Raised Rabbit Sponsor: Hahn Family

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Showmanship: Jr. sponsored by Danville State Bank
Int. sponsored by Mediapolis Savings Bank
Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

DEPARTMENT 12 POULTRY

Committee members: Josh Abel, Philip Schulz, Brian Abel, Wyatt Orr, Becky Purchase, and
Kenna Jankowski Poultry Testing Superintendent: Wes Pfadenhauer

Exhibitor may enter a total of 10 indoor entries, with the exception of broilers.

Exhibitor must be present during the judging time of exhibitor's class entry, or you must find another 4-H/FFA member to show your animals.

EGGS FROM YOUR OWN FLOCK

One dozen eggs - judged on uniformity, shape, shell quality, and cleanliness.
The eggs will be judged with those of the same type.
Enter eggs in Fair Entry due July 1.
Two (2) entries total for all egg classes.

Class 24300 - White

Class 24301 - Brown

Class 24302 - Other (bantam, game birds, and Aracuanas)

PEN OF THREE

Class 24000 - Pen of Three Pullets (Egg strain 12 months and younger)

Class 24001 - Pen of Three Hens (Egg strain 12 months and older)

Class 24002 - Pen of Three Bantam Pullets (Egg strain 12 months and younger)

Class 24003 - Pen of Three Bantam Hens (Egg strain 12 months and older)

PAIRS

Pairs must be one male and one female.

ALL PAIRS - Young Class; 12 months and younger and **Old Class:** 12 months and older.

Class 24100 - Pair of Bantams - Young

Class 24101 - Pair of Bantams - Old

Class 24102 - Pair of Pigeons - Young

Class 24103 - Pair of Pigeons - Old

Class 24104 - Pair of Pheasants - Young

Class 24105 - Pair of Pheasants - Old

Class 24106 - Pair of Quail - Young

Class 24107 - Pair of Quail - Old

Class 24108 - Pair of Guineas - Young

Class 24109 - Pair of Guineas - Old

Class 24110 - Pair of Other Poultry - Young

Class 24111 - Pair of Other Poultry - Old

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Class 24112 - Pair of Ducks - Young
Class 24113 - Pair of Ducks - Old
Class 24114 - Pair of Call Ducks—Young
Class 24115 - Pair of Call Ducks—Old
Class 24116 - Pair of Turkeys - Young
Class 24117 - Pair of Turkeys - Old
Class 24118 - Pair of Geese - Young
Class 24119 - Pair of Geese – Old

INDIVIDUALS – Old and Young, Males and Females, will be shown together in classes 24200, 24201, 24202, and 24203.

Class 24200 - Individual Chickens
Class 24201 - Individual Call Ducks
Class 24202 - Individual Standards (Standard Size Chickens, Guineas, and Turkeys)
Class 24203 - Individual Waterfowl— (Standard Size Ducks and Geese)

PRODUCTION

Class 24500 - Production Broilers

***The exhibitor selects 2 birds of the 10 purchased to show.**

***A Broiler Project Form will be required to participate in this class. The form will be in the exhibitor packet and available at Broiler pickup. The Broiler Project Form must be returned to the Extension Office between July 13-July 17, 2026, to participate in the Broiler Class at the 2026 Des Moines County Fair.**

Showmanship: See Table of Contents for page number

TROPHY SPONSORS

Poultry Class Award Sponsors: S.E. Iowa Pigeon Club
Best of Show Poultry sponsor: In Memory of Glen Fritz
Reserve Best of Show Poultry sponsor: Abel Seed Service
Home Raised Poultry sponsor: Abel Seed Service
Reserve Home Raised Poultry sponsor: Wyatt Orr Enterprises

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Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

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DEPARTMENT 13 HORSE AND PONY

Sunday, July 26: Arrive and Check in - 1:00 p.m.

Beginner Horse Show Begins at 2:00 p.m.

4-H/FFA Horse Show to Follow

Committee members: Mindy Logan, Mike Pfeiff, Joslyn Lee, Mindy KC Chockley,
Audra Turner, Angela Hollingsworth, and Taylea Palar

All the horses will come in just for the show on Sunday and be released immediately afterwards.

Horses arrive and begin warm-up at 1:00 p.m.

Check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. with the show starting immediately after the Beginner Show

There will be no second check-in time.

There will be a break after the halter classes to use the arena for warm-up.

All rules for this show use the Iowa State University publication 4H 511-C, "A Guide for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa." Copies of this publication are available through the Des Moines County Extension Office.

4-H Equestrian Helmet Policy

In accordance with rules set for the Iowa State Fair, all participants at Des Moines County 4-H horse activities will wear American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved protective head gear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when **mounted and riding during all riding classes and at any time while mounted during a 4-H horse activity.**

It is the responsibility of the rider or the parent or guardian of the minor rider to see to it that the headgear complies with such approved standards and carries the proper seals and is properly fitted and in good condition. Iowa State University Extension staff, organizing committees or leaders are not responsible for checking headgear for compliance. Iowa State University makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about such headgear and cautions riders that serious injury may result despite wearing headgear, as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries in equestrian sports.

At any time during a Des Moines County horse riding sessions or show, the 4-H committee members and staff may check a participant's equestrian helmet for proper standards. Individuals found to be wearing an unapproved or defective helmet will not be permitted to participate in the activity until a proper helmet is acquired.

There will be a mandatory viewing of the videotape Every Time, Every Ride for new members who have not watched it. This tape explains helmet policy and how the helmet should fit.

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In compliance with Iowa State regulations, each horse may be identified and exhibited by only one 4-H member per class. Each member may identify up to five horses: of those five, two can be leased. Families with more members than horses - a horse can be identified by more than one youth but can only be exhibited once per class.

GENERAL RULES

Current health certificates are required for all equine to show at the fair, if not inspected at the last riding session. All equines should have current vaccinations.

No excessive use of whips, bats, spurs, or reins will be tolerated.

Each exhibitor must keep horse under control or be excused from the grounds.

Three head (horses and/or ponies) may be brought to the fair by any one exhibitor. Mare with foal is considered as one head. Nothing older than a weanling horse or pony stallion may be entered. All horse & pony ages will be calculated from the common date of January 1.

DRESS FOR SHOW:

Exhibitors must wear a solid plain front button or snap long sleeve collared shirt (no T-shirts), dark denim jeans, and western boots. 4-H chevrons or arm bands are required in all classes. They are to be worn on the upper left arm or the upper left chest. 4-H ties are optional.

English tack and regular 4-H attire are required for Class 31391 and 31392 and English tack is optional in classes 31400, 31401, 31402 and halter. If you compete in English classes at the state level, you will be required to wear English attire per 4-H Rules and Regulations book 4H511C.

Cowboy hats are optional in both halter and showmanship classes.

ALL exhibitors are required to attend the mandatory meeting and at least 2 riding sessions or no meeting and at least 3 riding sessions, with their horse and actively participate in them, or they will not be allowed to exhibit at fair. Exhibitors are required to have on hard soled heeled boots and denim or black jeans.

One exhibitor per animal in showmanship and equitation classes.

All ponies will be measured and 1/2" will be allowed for ponies with shoes. Any equine 14.1 and over will be considered a horse. (14.1 hands equals 57")

Riders entering the Hunt Seat Classes MUST choose either Novice or Advanced Hunt Seat the day of the show.

*Winning 1st place in the DMC Fair Walk- Trot class will move a 4-H member to pleasure classes. Placing in the top 3 of any local show (in a class of 5 or more) prior to the DMC fair

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will move up a 4-H member to pleasure classes.

Members will have two (2) calls at the gate. Failure to answer will result in official scratch.

Point System for High Point Awards will be as follows:

- 1st place - 6 points
- 2nd place - 5 points
- 3rd place - 4 points
- 4th place - 3 points
- 5th place - 2 points
- Participation - 1 point

Division trophies will be awarded to the high point exhibitor in the performance class division and the speed class division, with the classes divided as follows:

Performance Class Division: 31390, 31391, 31392, 31393, 31394, 31395, 31396, 31397, and 31398

Speed Class Division: 31500, 31501, and 31502

Grand Champion Overall High Point: All Classes excluding Showmanship.

Division and Overall trophies must be one horse, one rider. Members must indicate at check-in, which horse to track points on for high point awards if more than one horse is used during the show.

Awards will be given at the end of the show.

HALTER CLASSES

All exhibitors are encouraged to show their horses and ponies at halter. Equine shown at halter are judged on conformation, general appearance, soundness, action, grooming, training, and manners. **Leased horses may not be shown at halter.**

PONY HALTER (under 14.1 hands or 56")

Class 31100 - Pony Halter - 3 yrs. old and under

Class 31101 - Pony Halter - 4 yrs. old and over

HORSE HALTER (over 14.1 hands or 57")

Class 31102 - Horse Halter - 3 yrs. old and under

Class 31103 - Horse Halter - 4 yrs. old and over

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION HALTER CLASS

This class will judge 1st and 2nd place in all pony and horse halter classes for an overall halter winner and reserve winner.

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SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

Class 31200 - Jr. Showmanship - Grades 4-6

Class 31201 - Int. Showmanship - Grades 7-9

Class 31202 - Sr. Showmanship - Grades 10 –12

Showmanship is judged on performance and appearance of exhibitor and horse.

Note: Leased equine may be shown in equine showmanship.

PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Each exhibitor will be limited to one horse per class in all performance classes and speed event classes.

A Rider may enter only ONE class from class 31391, 31392, and 31393.

Horse Committee will determine appropriate riding level.

Pleasure horses will be shown at a walk, jog-trot, and lope in both directions of the ring.

Horses will be asked to back.

Class 31390 - English Pleasure

Class 31391 - Hunt Seat Equitation – Novice

Class 31392 - Hunt Seat Equitation - Advanced

Class 31393 - Western Novice Walk-Trot, Horse or Pony

(For exhibitors with limited show experience see starred rule in the Horse General Rules)

Class 31394 - Ranch Horse Pleasure

Class 31395 - Western Horse Pleasure

Class 31396 - Reining - must be shown according to pattern rules.

Class 31397 - Egg & Spoon Pleasure Class

Class 31398 - Trail Class (3 denials per obstacle & proceed to the next one)

HORSEMANSHIP CLASSES

The ideal horsemanship seat is one that permits the rider to sit the horse comfortably at all gaits, to have positive control without strain on the horse or rider and conveys the impression of the horse and rider being in harmony.

Junior riders will not be asked to dismount.

Class 31400 - Junior Horsemanship - Grades 4-6 (rail work only)

Class 31401 - Intermediate Horsemanship - Grades 7-9 (judge's discretion)

Class 31402 - Senior Horsemanship - Grades 10-12 (pattern only)

SPEED CLASSES

Class 31500 - Pole Bending

Class 31501 - Barrel Racing

Class 31502 - Single Pole

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Reining pattern number 1 will be used. (See below)

Western Pleasure rules apply.

The judge will indicate with markers on the arena fence or wall the length of the pattern. Markers within the area of the pattern will not be used.

Ride pattern as follows:

- 1.to 2 Run with speed, past center mark.
2. Stop and back up to center of pattern.
3. Settle horse for approximately 10 seconds. Start lope. Circle should be made inside the end markers.
- 4&5. Ride two circles to the right, first circle small and slow, second circle, larger and faster.
- 6&7. Ride two circles to the left, first circle small and slow, second circle, larger and faster.
8. Left roll back over hocks, should be made past far end marker.
9. Right roll back over hocks, should be made past far end marker.
10. Stop; should be made past center marker. Let horse settle, then in approximate area of stop, do the pivots.
11. Pivot right or left no more than 90 degrees.
12. Pivot opposite direction, no more than 180 degrees.
13. Walk to judge for inspection and dismissal.

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HORSE TROPHY SPONSORS

Pony Halter Champion - Al & Sharon Orton

Pony Halter Reserve Champion - Cowboy Alley

Horse Halter Champion - Barclay's Big Valley Ranch

Horse Halter Reserve Champion - Mediapolis Vet Clinic

Overall Halter Champion - Doug & Mallory Pohren

Reserve Overall Halter Champion – Smok'n Guns Arena

English Pleasure Champion - Beckman TV & Appliance

Novice Hunt Seat Equitation – Doug & Mallory Pohren

Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation - Danville FFA Alumni

Western Novice Walk-Trot Champion - Dennis & Karla Standard

Western Horse Pleasure Champion - Dan & Jacky Wistrom

Ranch Horse Pleasure Champion– Doug & Mallory Pohren

Reining Champion- Big Stop Stables, Larry & Karen Harshbarger

Egg & Spoon Pleasure Class Champion - Sylvia Kreamalmyer

Trail Class Champion - Sharon Orton

Jr. Horsemanship Champion - Housman Shady Hills Farm

Int. Horsemanship Champion - Big Stop Stables, Larry and Karen Harshbarger

Sr. Horsemanship Champion - Hiland Oaks, Scott & Kim Lohmann

Pole Bending Champion- Dennis & Karla Standard

Barrel Racing Champion –Al & Sharon Orton

Single Pole Race Champion –Huffman's Farm Store

High Point Speed Champion – Lyn Brader

High Point Performance Champion - Mediapolis Savings Bank

Overall Grand Champion High Point - Doug & Mallory Pohren

Belt Buckle for Performance Class Champion - Doug & Mallory Pohren

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Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Donald Breuer

Int. sponsored by Sharon Orton

Sr. sponsored by Smok'n Guns Arena

Showmanship Belt Buckle Sponsors:

Jr. sponsored by Danville FFA Alumni

Int. sponsored by Danville FFA Alumni

Sr. sponsored by Danville FFA Alumni

DEPARTMENT 14

BEEF SHOW

Friday, July 31, 8:00 a.m.

Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting to be held 15 minutes prior to the show

Committee members: Chair: Travis Holsteen, Jason McClure, Stephanie Hightower, Justin Schulte, Jesse Wooldridge, and Grace Holsteen

GENERAL BEEF RULES

All animals must be broke to lead and shown in the show ring by the exhibitor. Animals not broke to lead are to be left at home. Animals with horns will not be allowed to show or sell. The Beef Committee has the right to evaluate unmanageable animals and bar them from showing. They will be sent home immediately.

All animals must be in the barn 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **ALL cattle to tie outs after 9:00 p.m.** No cattle allowed in the tie outs until after fireworks.

Home Raised Market Beef, Breeding Heifer, or Cow-calf pair must be born and raised on member's family farm operation or be a Returning Bucket Bottle Calf. These are to be designated at the December weigh-in.

All home raised beef animals are eligible to show in the Home Raised Class. There will be a market home raised class and a breeding home raised class. Each exhibitor can choose one home raised animal to show in each class. This will be entered on show day **not** in FairEntry. A sign up will be available on show day like showmanship. No ribbons or premiums will be awarded for this class; however, a champion and reserve will be awarded a trophy in both the market home raised and breeding home raised classes.

No grooming chutes, butt fans or kick boards allowed in the beef barn. **All fans must be hung in the front half of standing animal on the non-show side (left side).** All cattle must be groomed in the show arena.

Exhibitors are NOT allowed to bring large cooling devices, except for fans, to the fair. The Fair Board reserves the right to implement cooling devices when needed.

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No chutes allowed in the livestock area until Thursday evening. Chute space will be assigned Thursday evening. Chutes will be allowed in the show ring after the beef committee release and must be set up by 7:00 AM. There will be a \$10.00 charge per chute. **One half hour after the conclusion of the Beef Show, ALL grooming chutes MUST be out of the south end of the arena before the Dairy Show begins.**

All tack and related items must be removed from tie outs by noon Sunday. On sale day all tack and related items must be removed from beef barn before the auction starts due to clean up. Market cattle to be sold in the livestock auction will begin weighing at 7:30 A.M. on sale day. They will be weighed in sale order and taken directly to the arena.

It shall be the prerogative of the beef committee to reduce the number of stalls assigned to a member to the number actually required.

MARKET BEEF RULES

Market animals must have been weighed in at the January 3, 2026, weigh-in.

All registered animals must be tattooed prior to beef weigh-in in January.

Members may weigh up to ten animals on January 3, of which any combination of the 10 maybe Market Beef Steers, Market Heifers, or Market Dairy Beef

- All Dairy Beef will be evaluated for Dairy characteristics by the Beef Committee.
- Returning Bucket Bottle animals must cross the scale, weigh, and be identified at weigh in on January 3.
- An animal can be shown in only one division.

Members may exhibit four market animals providing one is a Dairy Beef or Market Heifer but may sell only one in the market livestock sale on August 3.

All market animals entered will be weighed at the fair from 5:00-7:00 P.M. on Tuesday July 28. From those weights, classes will be set up. Exhibitors must identify at this time if they are showing in the crossbred or registered class. Individual entries will be allowed to show in their breed class.

Original registration (No Copies) papers for Market animals must be presented to beef committee members at weigh-in on July 28. Tattoos will be checked. Lack of registration papers will result in the animal being shown in the crossbred division.

Crossbreds will be shown by weights in 3 divisions. All registered market animals will be shown in their respective breed classes. Breed Class Winners will show for Champion and Reserve Champion breed steer.

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Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market animals will be selected from the following division winners: Market Dairy Beef, Returning Bucket Bottle, Market Heifer, Breed Steer and (3) three Crossbred weight divisions.

Each Market Steer and Market Heifer entered will compete for Rate of Gain. The best Market Steer and the best Market Heifer of each exhibitor will be paid premium for Rate of Gain. The top ten Rate of Gain beef animals will be recognized (fitting optional). In addition, all Market Steers will be evaluated for Rate of Gain as follows: 2.5 lbs and up - blue ribbon, 2.0-2.49 lbs - red ribbon, and 1.99 lbs & lower - white ribbon. All Market Heifers will be evaluated for Rate of Gain as follows: 2.26 lbs & up - blue ribbon, 2.01-2.25 lbs - red ribbon, and 2.00 lbs & lower - white ribbon. Ribbons will be distributed when Exhibitor Numbers are picked up.

BREEDING BEEF RULES

All commercial, registered, and returning bucket bottle breeding animals must have a legible tattoo listed in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15 to show at the county fair.

Tattoos will be verified at weigh-in. **No fresh tattoos.**

Breeding animals that have an unreadable tattoo will be dismissed from the show.

Returning Bucket Bottle Breeding Beef **WILL NOT** be eligible for the auction as they are not a market animal.

For breeding beef heifer classes, members may exhibit one to three heifers. A member may show no more than two beef cow-calf pairs. Beef cows must be born before January 1, 2023.

The cow must be exhibited with a calf at side and the calf must be halter broke. The beef cow-calf will be tied in stalls, there will be no pens in the barn.

Breeding animals will be shown by breeds. They will not be eligible for sale.

All Breeding animals will be weighed Tuesday, July 28, 5:00-7:00 P.M.

Exhibitors must identify at this time if they are showing in the commercial or registered class. Individual entries will be allowed to show in their respective breed divisions.

Original registration (No Copies) papers for breeding beef and market animals must be presented to beef committee members at weigh-in on July 28. Tattoos will be checked. Lack of registration papers will result in the animal being shown in the commercial class.

Beef breed champions, commercial champion, and cow-calf pair will compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Female.

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MARKET BEEF

CLASS 20210 - MARKET DAIRY BEEF

CLASS 20320 - MARKET RETURNING BUCKET BOTTLE

Only Market Beef will be in this class.

Dairy returning Bucket Bottle calves must go into Market Dairy division.

All Market animals including this Returning Bucket Bottle class MUST be weighed at weigh-in on January 3, 2026.

CLASS 20321 - BREEDING RETURNING BUCKET BOTTLE

Only Breeding Beef will be in this class.

All Breeding animals including this Returning Bucket Bottle Class MUST be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

A Bucket Bottle calf may return to the fair, the following year, and show in the 4-H/FFA Returning Bucket Bottle Calf division. This animal may be a steer or heifer. That animal, as a yearling, must be shown by the same person that exhibited it at the previous fair. However, an alternate, immediate family member (sibling in 4-H/FFA) can exhibit the animal, as a yearling, if the exhibitor has not joined 4-H yet.

BEEF PRODUCTION CARCASS CLASS

The Beef Production Carcass Class helps exhibitors to develop a better sense of carcass value for their market animal and ties exhibitors to all production phases, especially the consumer market. The scanning data may also serve as an educational tool in selecting breeding stock.

*****Entry for this class will be announced at a later date*****

Eligibility Requirements:

- A. Production Carcass entries: Market Steers or Market Heifers.
- B. Production Carcass entries must have been weighed at the beef weigh-in on January 3, 2026.
- C. Production Carcass entries must be shown as either a crossbred Market Beef, registered Market Beef, Market Dairy Beef, Market Returning Bucket Bottle Calf, or Market Heifers in the Beef Show.
- D. The Production Carcass entries must be halter broke and going to be shown at the 2026 Des Moines County Fair.

Scanning Information:

- A. This is not a terminal class.
- B. Animals will be ultrasound scanned to determine carcass measurements.
- C. Entries will be placed on a “value of lean produced per day of feed,” which considers rate of gain, rib eye area, fat cover, estimated percent internal fat, USDA quality grade, estimated carcass weight and carcass value.
- D. The Des Moines County Cattlemen will pay for the scanning fee for each exhibitor.

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Recognition and Awards:

- A. Trophies awarded to Champion and Reserve Champion Steers and Champion Heifer.
- B. Top ten Production Carcass animals will be recognized during the Beef Show.
- C. Top ten Production Carcass animals will receive a cash award from the Des Moines County Cattlemen. (No other premiums will be awarded)

Premiums to be paid... 1st - \$40.00, 2nd - \$35.00, 3rd - \$30, 4th - \$25, 5th - \$22.50, 6th - \$20.00, 7th - \$17.50, 8th - \$17.50, 9th - \$15.00, 10th - \$15.00.

D. Collected data, equations, and final placing for the Production Carcass Class will be printed and distributed at the Beef Show.

Trophy Sponsors:

- Beef Production Carcass Champion: Wickham Veterinary Services
- Beef Production Carcass Reserve Champion: Brad & Jennifer Lane
- Beef Production Carcass Champion Heifer: Brader Bros.
- Beef Production Carcass Class Belt Buckle Sponsor: Danville State Savings Bank

CLASS 20260 - MARKET HEIFER

CLASS - REGISTERED MARKET STEERS

20221 - Angus	20229 - Mainetainer
20222 - Charolais	20230 - Red Angus
20223 - Charolais Composite	20231 - Shorthorn
20224 - Chianina	20232 - Shorthorn Plus
20225 - Gelbvieh	20233 - Simmental
20226 - Hereford/ Polled	20234 - Belted Galloway
20227 - Hereford/ Horned	20235 - Limousin
20228 - Maine Anjou	20236 - Other Breeds

CLASS 20200 - MARKET BEEF

BREEDING BEEF HEIFERS

JUNIOR YEARLING (July 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)

CLASS - REGISTERED JUNIOR YEARLING BEEF HEIFERS

20111 - Angus	20120 - Mainetainer
20112 - Charolais	20121 - Red Angus
20113 - Charolais Composite	20122 - Shorthorn
20114 - Chianina	20123 - Shorthorn Plus
20115 - Gelbvieh	20124 - Simmental
20116 - Gelbvieh Balancer	20125 - Foundation Simm.
20117 - Hereford/ Polled	20126 - Belted Galloway
20118 - Hereford/ Horned	20127 - Limousin
20119 - Maine Anjou	20128 - Other Breeds

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.CLASS 20150 -COMMERCIAL JUNIOR YEARLING BEEF HEIFERS

SENIOR YEARLING (January 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025)

CLASS - REGISTERED SENIOR YEARLING BEEF HEIFERS

20127 - Angus	20136 - Mainetainer
20128 - Charolais	20137 - Red Angus
20129 - Charolais Composite	20138 - Shorthorn
20130 - Chiania	20139 - Shorthorn Plus
20131 - Gelbvieh	20140 - Simmental
20132 - Gelbvieh Balancer	20141 - Foundation Simm
20133 - Hereford/ Polled	20142 - Belted Galloway
20134 - Hereford/ Horned	20143 - Limousin
20135 - Maine Anjou	20144 - Other Breeds

CLASS 20151 -COMMERCIAL SENIOR YEARLING BEEF HEIFERS

FALL BRED HEIFER (September 1, 2024- December 31, 2024)

CLASS - REGISTERED FALL HEIFER

20179 - Angus	20188 - Mainetainer
20180 - Charolais	20189 - Red Angus
20181 - Charolais Composite	20190 - Shorthorn
20182 - Chianina	20191 - Shorthorn Plus
20183 - Gelbvieh	20192 - Simmental
20184 - Gelbvieh Balancer	20193 - Foundation Simm
20185 - Hereford/ Polled	20194 - Belted Galloway
20186 - Hereford/ Horned	20195 - Limousin
20187 - Maine Anjou	20196 - Other Breeds

CLASS 20197 - COMMERCIAL FALL HEIFER

BEEF COW/CALF

(Cow Born on or Before December 31, 2024)

CLASS - REGISTERED BEEF COW-CALF PAIR

20161 - Angus	20170 - Mainetainer
20162 - Charolais	20171 - Red Angus
20163 - Charolais Composite	20172 - Shorthorn
20164 - Chianina	20173 - Shorthorn Plus
20165 - Gelbvieh	20174 - Simmental
20166 - Gelbvieh Balancer	20175 - Foundation Simm.
20167 - Hereford/ Polled	20176 - Belted Galloway
20168 - Hereford/ Horned	20177 - Limousin
20169 - Maine Anjou	20178 - Other Breeds

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CLASS 20179 - COMMERCIAL BEEF COW-CALF PAIR

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BEEF TROPHY SPONSORS

MARKET BEEF DEPARTMENT

Champion Market Dairy Beef - Wickham Veterinary Services
Reserve Champion Market Dairy Beef - Farmers Elevator & Exchange of Wapello
Champion Returning Bucket Bottle - Denney's Custom Baling
Reserve Champion Returning Bucket Bottle - Marilyn Janssen
Champion Rate of Gain - Market Heifer - Nutrien Ag of Mediapolis
Reserve Champion Rate of Gain - Market Heifer - Nutrien Ag of Mediapolis
Champion Market Heifer - Farm Credit Services of America, Mt. Pleasant
Res. Champion Market Heifer - Farm Credit Services of America, Mt. Pleasant
Champion Breed Steer Metal Cut-Outs – Steffener Family
Overall Champion Breed Steer - Donald and Ericka Breuer Family
Reserve Champion Breed Steer - Farmers Elevator & Exchange of Wapello
Champion Division 1 Steer - Morning Sun Farm Implement
Reserve Champion Division 1 Steer - Morning Sun Farm Implement
Champion Division 2 Steer - L & W Quarries, Yarmouth
Reserve Champion Division 2 Steer - L & W Quarries, Yarmouth
Champion Division 3 Steer - Farmers Savings Bank of Wever, Burlington and Denmark.
Reserve Champion Division 3 Steer - Bob Dodds Insurance, Danville
Champion Rate of Gain Market Steer - Des Moines County Cattlemen's Association
Reserve Champion Rate of Gain -Market Steer - Harbison Livestock and Grain, Inc.
Grand Champion Market Animal Banner - DeKalb/Asgrow by Nutrien Ag of Mt. Union
Reserve Grand Champion Market Animal Banner - Harbison Livestock and Grain, Inc.
Champion Home Raised Market Animal - Des Moines County Cattlemen's Association
Reserve Champion Home Raised Market Animal - Mediapolis FFA
Showmanship: Jr., Int., and Sr. sponsored by Mediapolis Savings Bank

Belt Buckles:

Junior buckle sponsored by F&M Bank & Trust

Intermediate buckle sponsored by Warth Insurance Agency, Mark and Karin Warth

Senior buckle sponsored by ChemGro

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COW AND HEIFER DEPARTMENT

Champion Returning Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer - Hidden Prairie Cattle Co.
Reserve Champion Returning Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer - McClure Masonry
Champion Angus Heifer - D & D Angus, Danville
Reserve Champion Angus Heifer - D & D Angus, Danville
Champion Belted Galloway Heifer - Brader Brothers
Reserve Champion Belted Galloway Heifer - Brader Brothers
Champion Charolais Composite Heifer - Keosauqua Sale Barn
Reserve Champion Charolais Composite Heifer - Keosauqua Sale Barn
Champion Chianina Heifer - Steffener Show Cattle
Reserve Champion Chianina Heifer - Steffener Show Cattle
Champion Gelbvieh Heifer - Don and Mary Taeger
Reserve Champion Gelbvieh Heifer - Don and Mary Taeger
Champion Gelbvieh Balancer Heifer - Prairie Grove Gelbvieh
Reserve Champion Gelbvieh Balancer Heifer - Prairie Grove Gelbvieh
Champion Polled Hereford Heifer - Sunrise Polled Herefords, Steve Heckenberg
Res. Champion Polled Hereford Heifer - Steffener Show Cattle
Champion Horned Hereford Heifer - Keosauqua Sale Barn
Res. Champion Horned Hereford Heifer - Keosauqua Sale Barn
Champion Limousin Heifer - Steffener Show Cattle
Res Champion Limousin Heifer - Steffener Show Cattle
Champion Maine Anjou Heifer - Ben and Lane Rigdon
Res Champion Maine Anjou Heifer - Ben and Lane Rigdon
Champion Mainetainer - Thomas Trucking, Inc.
Reserve Champion Mainetainer - Thomas Trucking, Inc.
Champion Red Angus Heifer - Wright Farms Red Angus
Reserve Champion Red Angus Heifer - Wright Farms Red Angus
Champion Shorthorn Heifer - Harbison Livestock and Grain, Inc.
Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer - Darbyshire Farms and Show Cattle
Champion Shorthorn Plus - Darbyshire Farms and Show Cattle
Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus - Darbyshire Farms and Show Cattle
Champion Simmental Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman
Reserve Champion Simmental Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman
Champion Foundation Simmental Heifer - Dave & Karla Eberhardt
Reserve Champion Foundation Simmental Heifer - Dave & Karla Eberhardt
Champion Commercial Heifer - Heater Farms, Scott Heater
Reserve Champion Commercial Heifer - Farm Credit Services, Mt. Pleasant
Champion Registered Fall Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman
Reserve Champion Registered Fall Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman
Champion Commercial Fall Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman

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Reserve Champion Commercial Fall Heifer - Beckman Cattle - Russ and Paige Beckman
Champion Registered Beef cow/calf: Susan & Travis Campbell in Memory of Danny Campbell
Reserve Champion Registered Beef cow/calf: Susan & Travis in Memory of Danny Campbell
Commercial Beef cow-calf pair: Susan & Travis Campbell in Memory of Danny Campbell
Res Commercial Beef cow-calf pair: Susan & Travis Campbell in Memory of Danny Campbell
Supreme Champion Cow/Calf - McClure Material
Reserve Champion Cow/Calf - McClure Masonry
Supreme Champion Breeding Female -River Valley Coop
Reserve Supreme Champion Breeding Female - Des Moines County Cattlemen's Association
Champion Home Raised Female - Dave Holsteen & Holsteen Bros. Trucking, Burlington
Reserve Champion Home Raised Female - Mediapolis Vet Clinic

DEPARTMENT 15

DOG

Thursday, July 30, 2:00 PM

Committee Members: Ashley Eberhardt, Kim Lohmann, Pat, Nicole, and Nathan Fritz; and Emma Rosas

Dog Identification, **along with proof of rabies shot and current vaccinations**, are due in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15, 2026.

Dogs will come in just for the show on Thursday, July 30, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Dogs should be on the grounds by 1:30 p.m. for registration.

Each exhibitor **must attend** a mandatory meeting held June 8, 2026, at the Agri Livestock Arena on the fairgrounds. The animal must have a hard copy of current update of vaccinations, due at this mandatory meeting. **Dogs must have current rabies shot to show.**

Dog project trainings will be offered prior to the fair.

4-H dog project Novice and Experienced exhibitors must attend 4 of the 7 dog training sessions with their dog, for safety reasons.

Advanced exhibitors must attend 3 of 7 dog training sessions with their dog, for safety reasons.

Bring a six-foot leather lead strap and a correctly fitted choke collar with 3-inch excess slack when chain is tight to the first training session.

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Only exhibitors may participate in practice sessions.

Dogs are to be watered before and after training sessions.

Aggressive/vicious behavior will not be tolerated.

In the event aggressive/vicious behavior occurs; a dog and exhibitor may be moved to a different location, or an exhibitor may be asked to muzzle the dog at any time, or an exhibitor may be asked to remove the dog from the fairgrounds.

Dogs asked to be removed may participate in future practice sessions only if properly muzzled. In extreme cases, a dog may be barred from exhibiting at the fair.

If the dog is muzzled during the show, it will not be held against the dog or 4-H'er. If the dog has had to be muzzled during practice sessions, it will be muzzled during the show.

A majority vote of the committee has the final ruling on the muzzling of the dog.

Absolutely no one, other than dog exhibitors and committee members, will be allowed in the show ring or holding area.

Exhibitor must be prepared to lead the dog and demonstrate training given to the dog as well as his obedience in the ring.

This is not an AKC sanctioned dog show. However, AKC rules have been used as guidelines.

A plaque will be presented to the exhibitor and dog who score the highest total points of each class.

The Dog Showmanship award can be won by a 4-H'er only once in each division.

OBEDIENCE

Exhibitors are judged on how well the dog is trained.

Ribbons based on the following percentages:

BLUE 85—100 %

RED 75—84 %

WHITE under 75 %

Dogs will heel, stand for examination, recall, sit for one minute and down for three minutes, all on leash.

Class 30100 - Novice Class (1st year exhibitor in 4-H dog show).

Class 30101 - Experienced Class (2nd and 3rd year exhibitor in 4-H dog show).

Class 30102 - Advanced Class (4 or more years exhibitor in 4-H dog show).

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HANDLING

Exhibitors are judged on how well they handle their dog, not on the confirmation 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
Question.....	<u>30 points</u>
Total.....	100 points

Ribbons will be awarded as follows:

- PURPLE: High Point
- BLUE: 80 - 100 points
- RED: 70 - 79 points
- WHITE: 69 points and under.

Class 30200 - Novice Handling (1st year exhibitor in 4-H Handling)

Class 30201 - Intermediate Handling (2nd and 3rd year exhibitor in 4-H Handling)

Class 30202 - Advanced Handling (4 or more years in 4-H Handling)

SHOWMANSHIP

The Dog Showmanship Award can be won by a 4-H'er only once in each division.

Jr. Showmanship (4-6 grade)

Int. Showmanship (7-9 grade)

Sr. Showmanship (10-12 grade)

DOG TROPHY SPONSORS

Novice Obedience Sponsored by: Pawsitively Purrfect Pet Grooming of Danville

Experienced and Advanced Obedience Sponsored by: Kenny & Joyce Johnson

Novice Handling Sponsored by: Fritz Accounting

Intermediate and Advanced Handling Sponsored by: Fritz Accounting

Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Danville State Bank

Intermediate and Senior sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

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DEPARTMENT 16 MEAT GOAT SHOW

Saturday, August 1 - 30 minutes after the completion of the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show

Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting to be held 15 minutes prior to the show

Committee members: Co-Chairs: Johnny Smith and Jon Malone, Dean Van Ness, Jayce Malone, Randy Beckman, Stephanie Hightower, and Quinlyn Smith

GENERAL RULES

Market goats must have been ear tagged and identified by the family no later than May 15. TEN (10) market goats can be nominated by a 4-H member.

Any 4-H member taking meat goats to the State Fair must identify those goats by May 15 and have them retinal eye scanned.

All Market and Breeding Goats must be scrapie tagged before May 15. All goats must be identified with a registered scrapie tag number except Bottle Kid goats. Birthdates will be collected for all breeding does. All Junior Breeding Does must have a county 4-H or FFA ear tag.

All goats must be banded or castrated (no clamping) by May 15. This includes bucket bottle animals, excluding Produce of Dam.

Home Raised Goat must be born and raised on member's family farm and identified with Premise ID (scrapie tag) of family farm operation. These are to be designated in 4-H Online 2.0. Home Raised animals will be recognized at the Fair.

Exhibitor can bring up to four (4) breeding does which includes pedigree or commercial does.

Exhibitors can bring up to four (4) market wethers/does/dairy wethers/crossbred dairy meat goats

Does will be shown market or breeding. Animals will only be shown in one division.

Meat goats are required to be on a chain collar or leather show halter with a chain.

Bracing is allowed. Exhibitors may lift feet off the ground when posing/setting the goat.

All goats must have four feet on the ground in the show ring during judges' evaluation.

Exhibitors lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface during judges' evaluation is not acceptable.

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Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats during judges' evaluation. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H Meat Goat Show.

All goats planning to sell in the Auction will be weighed at 8:00 am on sale day.

Bucket Bottle Goats will have their own respective show.

All market and bucket bottle goats will compete together in showmanship following the bucket bottle goat show.

INDIVIDUAL MARKET GOAT

Class 23200 - Individual Market Goat

Exhibitors may show a maximum of 4 market goats born on or after October 1, 2025.

Individual market goats will be weighed upon arrival at the fair.

Individual market goats must come from the market goats identified by May 9.

Division champions and reserve champions will be selected for wethers and does in each weight division depending on the number of entries.

Light Weight

Medium Weight

Heavy Weight.

Class 23290 - Market Goat Pair

Each Exhibitor may show two pair of market goats born on or after October 1, 2025

RATE OF GAIN

Market goats are automatically entered in the Rate of Gain contest and must have been weighed on May 9, 2026.

Any goat not having a readable ear tag or scrapie tag will not be eligible for Rate of Gain competition.

The best goat of each exhibitor will be paid premium for Rate of Gain.

Rate of Gain will be based on 81 days from 5/9 to 7/28.

The top ten Rate of Gain individuals will be recognized during the Market Goat Show.

1-10 places ROG = ribbons. 1st place ROG = plaque

White: gain of 0.199 or less; Red: gain of 0.2-0.299; Blue: gain of 0.3 and above

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PRODUCTION MARKET GOAT

Class 23210 - Production Market Goat

Exhibitors have the option to identify one (1) of their individual market goats in the Production Market Goat class.

You must identify production market goats at fair weigh in July 28.
Carcass placings will be based on Lean Gain with ultrasound.

A \$10.00 scanning fee will be charged for scanning each animal in the Production Class and animals MUST be entered in FairEntry on or before July 1.

Scanning of the production market goats will immediately follow the scanning of the lambs.

BREEDING GOATS

Class 23100 - Junior Breeding Doe Goats

Animals need to have been born on or after October 1, 2025.

All junior breeding does must attend weigh-in and have a county 4-H or FFA ear tag.

Class 23101 - Yearling Breeding Doe Goats

Animals need to be born between October 2024 and October 2025.

Does entered as Yearling Breeding Does must have been shown or weighed in with proper 4-H/FFA identification as a Junior Doe from the previous year at the Des Moines County Fair.

Yearling Breeding Does can be past Des Moines County pre-4-H or 4-H/FFA bottle goats identified by a scrapie tag.

Class 23102 - Senior Breeding Doe Goats

Animals need to be born before October 1, 2024, or be three (3) years of age.

Does entered as Senior Breeding Does must have been shown or weighed in with proper 4-H/FFA identification as a Junior or Yearling Doe from a previous Des Moines County Fair. Note: A Senior Doe must be at least two (2) years of age by the start of the Des Moines County Fair.

Senior Breeding Does can be past Des Moines County pre-4-H or 4-H/FFA bottle goats identified by a scrapie tag.

PEDIGREE

Pedigree breeding does will be shown by age.

Class 23201 - 0-3 months

Class 23202 - 3-6 months

Class 23203 - 6-9 months

Class 23204 - 9-12 months

Class 23205 - 12-24 months

Class 23206 - 24-36+ months

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All pedigree goats must be tattooed by weigh-in May 9, 2026.

The Meat Goat Committee asks that all pedigree exhibitors bring a copy of the registration papers to weigh-in for the Committee to keep in their records.

Original registration papers, in the exhibitor's name, must be brought to the County Fair weigh-in on July 28, 2026.

Pedigree boer doe goat exhibitors must follow commercial doe rules and all other rules pertaining to the 2026 Des Moines County Fair.

Pedigree and commercial breeding does will show together in the same Home Raised Class

PRODUCE OF DAM

Class 23201 - Produce of Dam

This is a non-premium class. It is intended to give exhibitors the opportunity to showcase their production program by exhibiting a senior breeding doe and her offspring. You may exhibit up to three (3) offspring.

The offspring may be exhibited in the market and/or junior breeding classes at this year's fair or may be a junior billy goat brought in for the day. The doe does not have to be shown in a senior doe class.

Exhibitors may show one Produce of Dam group in this class.

The senior doe must have been identified as a junior doe in any previous year to be eligible.

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DAIRY WETHERS AND CROSSBRED DAIRY WETHERS

Dairy Wether Goats and Crossbred Dairy Wethers will follow Meat Goat Rules.

For Fair 2026: Dairy Wether Goats must be born between March 1, 2025, to May 1, 2026.

Dairy Wether Goats must be weighed and tagged at weigh-in May 9, 2026

All Dairy Wethers and Crossbred Dairy Wethers must have a county 4-H or FFA ear tag or a tag on a chain around its neck.

Wether Dairy Goats: Purebred or Cross between two (2) dairy breeds

Crossbred Dairy Meat Goat: Crossbred between a Dairy and Meat Goat breed that can be a wether or a doe.

These two (2) classes are eligible to be sold at auction.

Dairy Wether Goats and Crossbred Dairy Wethers will be exhibited as their own show.

For Fair 2027: Dairy Wether Goats must be born between May 1, 2026, to May 1, 2027.

Class 23801 - Wether Dairy Goats

Class 23802 - Crossbred Dairy Meat Goat

SPECIALTY GOATS

Class 23803 - Pygmy Goats

Class 23804 - Angora Goats

Class 23805 - Other

BOTTLE MEAT KID/DAIRY WETHER GOAT

Class 22260 - Bottle Kid Goat

Bottle Kid Goats must be born between October 1, 2025, and May 1, 2026, and be bottle fed.

They should be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

Bottle Kid Goats must have a Scrapie Tag and enter it in 4-H Online 2.0.

All goats must be banded or castrated (no clamping) by May 1.

Three goats may be identified, but only one taken to the fair.

Judging will be based on records, interview, showmanship, and condition of goat.

Animals must be entered into FairEntry and records must be turned into the Extension Office on or before July 15, 2026.

No three-ring binders are allowed!

The Bottle Meat Kid/Dairy Wether Goat can sell in the auction if it weighs 45 lbs. or more.

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GOAT TROPHY SPONSORS

Light Weight Market Wether Champion - Nathan and Nicole Fritz
Medium Weight Market Wether Champion - Ed and Sandy Gerst
Heavy Weight Market Wether Champion - Schulz Farms
Champion Market Wether - F&T Show Goats
Reserve Champion Market Wether - F & T Show Goats
Top 3-5 Market Wether Banners - Twisted M Feeds
Light Weight Market Doe Champion - BHahn Photography
Medium Weight Market Doe Champion - BHahn Photography
Heavy Weight Market Doe Champion - BHahn Photography
Champion Market Doe - BHahn Photography
Reserve Champion Market Doe - BHahn Photography
Top 3-5 Market Doe Banners - Bar R Cattle & Goats
Overall Grand Champion Market Animal - Smith Boer Goats
Overall Res. Grand Champion Market Animal - Ron Stover Family
Top 3-5 Overall Market Animal Banners - Kayla Lyn Photography
Champion Rate of Gain – StoneyRidge Puppies
Production Market Goat Champion - Ron Stover Family
Grand Champion Pair of Goats – StoneyRidge Puppies
Reserve Champion Pair of Goats - Dean Van Ness
Champion Jr. Breeding Goat - Nutrien Ag Solutions - Mt. Union
Reserve Champion Jr. Breeding Goat - Justin Stover Family
Champion Yearling Breeding Goat - Ron Stover Family
Reserve Champion Yearling Breeding Goat - Justin Stover Family
Champion Sr. Breeding Goat - Malone Show Goats
Reserve Champion Sr. Breeding Goat - Justin Stover Family
Overall Grand Champion Breeding Goat - Davis - Unkrich Enterprises
Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Goat - Jay Malone Family
Top 3-5 Overall Breeding Goat Banners - Kayla Lyn Photography
Champion Pedigree - Funk Livestock
Reserve Champion Pedigree - Steffener Show Cattle
Champion Produce of Dam – Kevin and Jennifer Glendening and family
Wether Dairy Goats - Ron Stover Family
Crossbred Dairy Wether - Ron Stover Family
Champion Pygmy Goat – Dean Van Ness
Champion Angora Goat – Barclay’s Big Valley Ranch
Home Raised Market Goat Sponsor - Ron Stover Family
Home Raised Breeding Goat Sponsor – Jay Malone Family
Champion Jr. Bottle Kid Goat Sponsor - Donald and Ericka Breuer Family
Champion Int. Bottle Kid Goat Sponsor - Reif Oil Co.
Champion Sr. Bottle Kid Goat Sponsor - Ed and Sandy Gerst

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Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Danville State Bank

Int. sponsored by Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

Showmanship Incentives Sponsored by:

Junior – Randy and Sherlyn Beckman

Intermediate – Jon Malone Family

Senior – Smith Boer Goats

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DEPARTMENT 17 SHEEP SHOW Saturday, August 1, 8:00 AM

Committee members: Co - Chair: Dan Messer, Curtis Messer, Regan Brader,
Bryan Keitzer, Andy Kerr, Devon Bell, and Eben Bell

GENERAL RULES

Any evidence of neglect, such as open halter burns, etc., or diseases such as Club Lamb Fungus, ringworm etc. will eliminate that animal from exhibition and the animal must immediately leave the fairgrounds.

Any lamb that does not pass the health inspection will be sent home.

Market lambs must have been ear tagged and identified by the family on or before May 1.

Thirty (30) market lambs can be nominated by a 4-H member and only SIX (6) can be brought to the Fair.

Any 4-H member taking lambs to the State Fair must identify those lambs and be retinal eye scanned by May 9.

Sheep must have the original 4-H tag, from the May 9 weigh-in, in the ear to be eligible to show at the Des Moines County Fair.

All sheep (market and breeding) must have a scrapies tag that is registered by May 9, 2026.

This is the flock number and animal number.

Only exception being Bucket Bottle Lamb which must have a scrapie tag identified by May 15 in 4-H Online 2.0.

All market lambs and commercial ewes must be slick shorn before arriving on the fairgrounds. Lambs with longer fleece must re-shear before going through the check-in line on Tuesday, July 28. The Veterinarian and committee members reserve the right to request additional shearing if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately for inspection.

No cable halters allowed in the show ring.

Each individual lamb will be shown in one individual class only.

Ram lambs may not show at the fair.

Short scrotum lambs can place no higher than red.

All Breeding sheep will go over the scales at Fair weigh-in July 28.

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All sheep selling in the auction will weigh at 8:00 am on sale day.

There will be a black faced division and a speckled/white face division to be determined at fair weigh-in July 28 by the Sheep Committee. The speckled face division for both market and breeding lambs must have speckles on TWO of the three areas: face, ears, and/or legs. This judgment will be made at the scale.

INDIVIDUAL MARKET LAMB

Class 25200 - Individual Market Lamb (this includes Home Raised Lambs)

Exhibitors may show a maximum of six market lambs (one of these six is the production lamb) born on or after January 1, 2026. Individual market lambs will be weighed upon arrival at fair.

Home raised and market lambs will be shown together in class 25200.

All Home Raised Lambs must be identified by May 9. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Each exhibitor will be allowed to bring one (1) home raised animal of their choice (Out of 6 market lambs) to the Home Raised Division.

This Division will show after Grand Champion Market Lambs.

Division champions and reserve champions will be selected in each weight division: Feeder Lambs (lambs weighing 89 pounds or less at fair), Light Weight, Medium Weight and Heavy Weight

PRODUCTION LAMB

Class 25210 - Production Lamb

Production Lamb will show in its own live class and will be automatically entered into the Carcass class.

Exhibitor is required to nominate and exhibit at least one (1) production lamb up to six (6) lambs. **(Out of the (6) market lamb total).**

You must identify production lambs at Fair weigh-in July 28.

Carcass placings will be based on Lean gain with ultrasound:

Lean gain per day=

$$\frac{(((\text{Final weight} \times .58) - (\text{start weight} \times .48)) \times (\frac{\%BCTRC}{100}) \text{ days on feed}}{\%BCTRC = 50.858 + (\text{yield grade} - 2) + ((\text{loin eye area} - (1.3 + (\text{final Weight} \times 0.57 \times 0.02)))) \times 10}$$

BCTRC is boneless closely trimmed retail cuts

Production lamb must be born on or after January 1, 2026.

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A \$10.00 fee will be charged for the scanning of each animal in the production class and **will be entered in FairEntry on or before July 1.**

Scanning of production lambs, date, and time will be posted at fair.

Each lamb entered in the production class will compete in Rate of Gain.

Best production lamb of each exhibitor will be paid premium for Rate of Gain.

Rate of Gain will be based on 81 days from 5/9 to 7/28.

The top ten Rate of Gain individuals will be recognized during the Sheep Show.

1-10 places ROG = ribbons; 1st place ROG = plaque.

ROG .40 lbs. and below - white, .41-.50 lbs. - red, .51 and above - blue.

MARKET PAIR

Class 25220 - Market Pair

Each exhibitor may show one pen of two market lambs born on or after January 1, 2026.

Market Pair may come from any combination of the six market lambs brought to fair.

Division champions and reserve champions will be selected in each weight division:

Light Weight, Medium Weight, and Heavy Weight division.

BREEDING EWE LAMB

Class 25100 - Breeding Ewe Lamb

Animals need to have been born **on or after** January 1, 2026.

Commercial ewe lambs may not be shown in the market lamb division.

Exhibitors may show two commercial ewe lambs.

There will be a black faced division and a speckled/white face division to be determined at fair weigh-in July 28.

YEARLING BREEDING EWE

(Previous years bottle lambs eligible for this class. Must have scrapies tag checked at May 9 weigh in. This is a continuation project from the breeding ewe lamb class.)

Class 25110 - Yearling Ewe

Animals need to have been born before January 1, 2026, but after January 1, 2025.

This animal should have been identified at the previous year's weigh in.

Members may show two yearling commercial ewes.

Yearling ewes is a class of its own and not combined with any other class.

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BOTTLE LAMB CLASS

Class 25300 - Bottle Lamb Class

Bottle lambs must be born between January 1 and May 1, 2026, and be bottle fed. They should be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

Bottle Lambs must have a Scrapie tag and enter it in 4-H Online 2.0. Three lambs may be identified, but only two taken to the fair.

Judging will be based on records, interview, showmanship, and condition of lamb. Bottle Lambs must be shorn and led on halter to show.

Records must be turned into Extension office on or before July 15, 2026.

No three-ring binders.

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TROPHY SPONSORS

MARKET LAMB DIVISION

Grand Champion Market Lamb - Plaque by Alan Edmonds and a plaque In Memory of Ben Moehle by the Mediapolis Jr. Farmers

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb - Robert and Georgia Keitzer

Top 5 Market Lamb Banners:

1st Place - 34 Raceway

2nd Place - Mosquito Joe of Burlington-Ottumwa

3rd Place - Mission Medical Spa

4th Place - Andrew, Kaci, and Layton Luzum

5th Place - Andrew, Kaci, and Layton Luzum

Grand Champion Market Pair - Hometown Vet of New London

Reserve Grand Champion Market Pair - Reif Oil Co.

Grand Champion Production Lamb - Robert and Georgia Keitzer

Reserve Grand Champion Production Lamb - Stonegate Farms - Andy/Molly Kerr

Champion Carcass - Bryan Keitzer Family

Champion Rate of Gain - Jay and Terri Hutcheson

Light Weight Market Lamb Champion -Des Moines County Mutual Insurance Association

Medium Weight Market Lamb Champion - Myers Tree Farm

Heavy Weight Market Lamb Champion - Paul & Lin Beckman

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Champion Light Weight Market Pair - Jeff Kerr Photography

Champion Medium Weight Market Pair - Regan Brader Family

Champion Heavy Weight Market Pair - Stonegate Farms - Andy and Molly Kerr

Champion Market Speckled Face - Bryan Keitzer Family

Reserve Champion Market Speckled Face - Awarded Lavender Rosettes

Champion Home Raised - Joe & Koni Lounsbury, In Memory of Bill Baker

Reserve Champion Home Raised – Tom and Kelly Kroll and family

BREEDING SHEEP DIVISION

Champion Breeding Speckled Face - Bobb Show Lambs - Joel Bobb

Champion Breeding Black Face - Awarded Purple Rosette

Champion Breeding Ewe Lamb - J.D. & Pat Stucker, Danville, in memory of Chris Seymour

Top 5 Breeding Ewe Banners - F&T Show Goats

Champion Yearling Breeding Ewe – Justin Stover Family

Champion Bottle Lamb - Reif Oil Co.

Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Danville State Bank

Int. sponsored by Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

Belt Buckles:

Jr. sponsored in Memory of Jeff Purchase

Int. sponsored by Devon and Lindsey Bell

Sr. sponsored by Dan and Crissi Messer

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DEPARTMENT 18 BUCKET-BOTTLE CALF SHOW

Friday, July 31

Committee members: Chair: Travis Holsteen, Jason McClure, Stephanie Hightower, Justin Schulte, Jesse Wooldridge, and Grace Holsteen

This project is open to all 4-H members. Judging will be done in three divisions:

- Class 1 4th - 6th Grades
- Class 2 7th - 9th Grades
- Class 3 10th - 12th Grades

Any newborn or orphan calf steer or heifer, dairy, beef or crossbred calved between March 1 and April 30, 2026, is eligible.

The calf must be purchased and in possession of member within 4 weeks of birth and identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

Calves will not be ear tagged.

Calf must be bucket or bottle fed. (No nursing permitted).

An exhibitor may identify up to 2 animals but is limited to a maximum of 1 calf exhibited at the fair.

Calves will be shown at halter.

***NOTE: New information - Completed records consisting of a general information form and feed records per calf must be turned into the Extension Office by July 15 at 4:30 p.m. **No three ring binders.** The judge will review the records prior to the scheduled interviews on Wednesday, July 29.

Record-keeping forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or mailed out on request.

Interviews (approx. 10 minutes) between the exhibitor and judge will be scheduled on Wednesday, July 29.

Judging will be based on:

- a. What members have learned about care and raising of the calf.
- b. General health, condition, and management of the calf and 4-H'er's knowledge of this area.
- c. A completed record sheet per calf.
- d. The fitting and showing of the calf (according to beef or dairy guidelines) with emphasis on what member has learned.
- e. Conformation or quality of the calf will not be considered since purchase should not be made on this basis.

Judging will be based on 80% records and 20% showing.

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No grooming chutes allowed.

If eligible, calves may be exhibited in the Junior Heifer Class in the Dairy Show.

Members may keep animals for breeding heifer or market class in the following year or sell at private treaty.

Class 20301 - Bucket-Bottle Calf (4th-6th Grades)

Class 20302 - Bucket Bottle Calf (7th-9th Grades)

Class 20303 - Bucket-Bottle Calf (10th-12th Grades)

Bucket Bottle Plaque Sponsors:

Class 20301 - Nathan Fritz

Class 20302 - Reif Oil Co.

Class 20303 - Jay Hutcheson Family

Class 20303 winner will be awarded a \$50.00 prize sponsored by the Nathan Fritz Family

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DEPARTMENT 19 SWINE SHOW Thursday, July 30, 8:00 a.m.

Informational Meeting to be held 15 minutes prior to show

Committee members: Co-Chairs: Clint Larson, Haley Kerr, Zach Minster, Heath Hillyard, Kendra Meisgeier, Bailey Minster, and Haley Schnedler.

All 4-H and FFA pigs must be identified by ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color by the individual member/family in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15. Paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office by May 15.

Each exhibitor is limited to identifying a maximum of 12 pigs.

Production Market Barrows, Production Market Gilts, and Single Source pigs are to be weighed by the individual member/family between April 11-18. Ear notch, ear tag, sex, and color need to be identified in 4-H Online 2.0, by the family, and paperwork turned in by May 15. Any barrow or gilt weighing over 65 lbs. will not be eligible for the Production Class.

Any combination of gilts and barrows may be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 and paperwork turned into the Extension Office by May 15. **It is not mandatory to have a Production Market Barrow, Production Market Gilt, or Single Source pig entry to show.**

You may identify 8 divisions in FairEntry due July 1 and exhibit four pigs in either the Individual Market Gilt class, Individual Market Barrow class, Production Market Barrow class, Production Market Gilt class, Single Source class, Purebred Market Hog class, Commercial Gilt class, or Purebred Breeding Gilt class.

An exhibitor can show any combination of 26200, 26210, 26220, 26230, 26235, 26240, 26130, or 26135 totaling up to four pigs. Each pig can only be shown in one division.

Exhibitors may sell 2 pigs in the auction. **The extra pigs may be removed Friday afternoon, July 31, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** You can still have two pigs for the Auction.

Any pig weighing under 220 lb. is not eligible for a blue ribbon.

All hogs MUST arrive clean, (No caked-on dirt), and this includes legible ear tags.

All males must have been castrated and fed as barrows.

Placing will be made according to the present-day market demands of a meat type pig that yields a high percentage of the most desirable cuts of meat, dressing percentage, finish, average daily gain, and desirability of market weight.

There shall be no paints, powders, or dyes used on 4-H pigs.

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Blue, red & white ribbons and premiums will be given for Rate of Gain as follows: 1.86 lbs & up - blue, 1.30 - 1.85 lbs - red, 1.29 lbs & below – white

Home Raised Barrow or Gilt must be raised on member's family farm operation. These are to be designated at the July weigh-in. Home Raised animals will be recognized at the 2026 Fair.

Each Home Raised exhibitor is allowed to bring one home raised pig back into the arena for the selection of Champion and Reserve Champion Home Raised pig.

All swine are suggested to be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.

All Swine leaving the Fair Grounds must fill out appropriate paperwork.

Division Champions and Reserve Champions will be selected in each weight division: Light Weight, Medium Weight and Heavy Weight. Division Champions and Reserve Champions will receive rosettes. Grand and Reserve Champion Individuals selected from these classes will receive a ribbon and banner.

*****An exhibitor can show any combination of 26200, 26210, 26220, 26230, 26235, 26240, 26130, or 26135 totaling up to four pigs. Each pig can only be shown in one division.**

INDIVIDUAL MARKET BARROW(S)

Class 26200 - Individual Market Barrow

This class is designed to give an overall view of total hog production.

The entries in this class must be a barrow.

The individual market barrow(s) must have been identified by May 15, 2026.

INDIVIDUAL MARKET GILT(S)

Class 26210 - Individual Market Gilt

This class is designed to give an overall view of total hog production.

The entries in this class must be a gilt.

The individual market gilt(s) must have been identified by May 15, 2026.

PRODUCTION MARKET BARROW(S)

Class 26220 - Production Market Barrow - (automatically goes into Carcass Class)

Each member may show maximum of 4, which will also be the carcass entries.

Each barrow entered in the production class will compete in Rate of Gain.

These pig(s) must have been weighed between April 11-18, by the member and their family, and weigh 65 lbs. or less.

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PRODUCTION MARKET GILT(S)

Class 26230 - Production Market Gilt - (automatically goes into Carcass Class)

Entries in this class must be a gilt.

Each member may show maximum of 4, which will also be the carcass entries.

Each gilt entered in the production class will compete in Rate of Gain.

These pig(s) must have been weighed between April 11-18, by the member and their family, and weigh 65 lbs. or less.

The Swine Committee has the right to combine Class 26220 and Class 26230 if lack of numbers dictates.

SINGLE SOURCE HOG(S)

Class 26235 – Single Source Hog(s)

To compete in this class, the pig(s) must be purchased from JBS Midwest and have gone through the April weigh-in.

Single Source Hogs must be identified by May 15, 2026.

Participants can purchase up to 5 pigs from JBS Midwest but show a maximum of 1 in the Single Source class. All other JBS Midwest purchased pigs are eligible to show in the remaining swine classes.

Pigs will be selected and distributed on a first come, first serve basis as they are weighed at pick up.

Classes will be split by participant grade:

Junior: 4-6 grade

Intermediate: 7-9 grade

Senior: 10-12 grade

The Swine Committee has the right to combine grade levels if a lack of numbers dictates.

Single Source pigs will be scanned at the Fair weigh-in. These pigs are eligible for overall carcass and Rate of Gain awards.

A project interview is required to participate in this class and is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors will be sent an interview schedule prior to Fair.

The final class awards will use a variety of input totaling 100 points: Scan data = 45 pts.;

Interview = 45 pts.; and Show Ring presence = 10 pts.

PUREBRED MARKET HOG(S)

Class 26240 - Purebred Market Hog(s)

Entries in this class may be a barrow or a gilt.

Purebred Market Hog(s) must be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.

Purebred market hogs must be identified by May 15, 2025.

Original registration papers (no copies) must be presented to the swine committee at weigh-in on July 28.

Lack of registration papers will result in the animal being shown in the Individual Market class.

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COMMERCIAL GILT(S)

Class 26130 - This class is designed to give an overall view of total hog production with focus on reproductive and maternal traits.

The entries in this class must be a gilt.

The commercial gilt must have been identified by May 15, 2026.

The entry in this class must be a different hog than the individual market gilt entry.

All commercial gilts weighing under 220 lbs. will not be eligible for a blue ribbon.

This class will be shown by weight.

CARCASS INFORMATION

Placing will be based on the following index: Pounds of acceptable quality standardized fat-free lean gain per day on test using real-time ultrasound data

= $\frac{(\text{Lbs of Fat-Free lean at Ending Wt.}) - (\text{Lbs of Fat-Free Lean in Feeder Pig})}{(\text{Days on Test})}$

(Days on Test)

Lbs of Fat-Free Lean at Ending Wt *Lbs of Fat-Free Lean at Initial Wt*

0.833 x Sex (Barrow=1, Gilt=2)

+ 0.291 x Live Weight, lb

- 16.498 x 10th Rib Backfat in.

+ 5.425 x Loin Muscle Area in²

- 0.534 -- **(0.418 x Live Wt., lb) - 3.650**

(Days on Test)

All carcasses must meet the following standards: a loin eye area of 4.5 sq. inches or better.

Carcass information will not be obtained from the packing plant this year.

All Single Source and Production Barrows and Gilts will be scanned and given a real-time ultra-sonic evaluation. The scanning date and time will be posted at the fair and a fee will be charged on the stalling and bedding form in FairEntry. A family member MUST BE PRESENT!

Exhibitors must have their carcass pig(s) scanned. There will be NO cleaning of pens during weigh-in and scanning.

All production pigs will be entered into Rate of Gain and evaluated equally.

PUREBRED BREEDING GILT(S)

Class 26135 - Purebred Breeding Gilt(s)

Entries in this class may be a gilt.

Purebred Breeding Gilt(s) must be farrowed on or after December 1, 2025.

Purebred breeding gilts must be identified by May 15, 2026.

The entry in this class must be a different hog than the Purebred Market Hog entry.

Original registration papers (no copies) must be presented to the swine committee at weigh-in on July 28.

Lack of registration papers will result in the animal being shown in the Commercial Gilt class.

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SWINE TROPHY SPONSORS

Champion Light Weight Individual Market Barrow - F&M Bank & Trust
Champion Medium Weight Individual Market Barrow - F&M Bank & Trust
Champion Heavy Weight Individual Market Barrow - Farmers Elevator
Grand Champion Individual Market Barrow - Two Rivers Bank
Reserve Champion Individual Market Barrow - Vantiger Show Pigs
Champion Light Weight Individual Market Gilt - Beck Tiling
Champion Medium Weight Individual Market Gilt - Beck Tiling
Champion Heavy Weight Individual Market Gilt - Beck Tiling
Grand Champion Individual Market Gilt - Mediapolis Savings Bank
Res. Champion Individual Market Gilt - Huron Jr Farmers Plaque in memory of Terry Kuntz
Champion Light Weight Prod. Market Barrow - Todd Agri Livestock
Champion Medium Weight Prod. Market Barrow - Reif Oil Co.
Champion Heavy Weight Prod. Market Barrow - Farmers Elevator
Grand Champion Production Market Barrow - Des Moines Co. Mutual Insurance
Reserve Champion Production Market Barrow - Two Rivers Bank and Trust
Champion Light Weight Prod. Market Gilt - Vantiger Show Pigs
Champion Medium Weight Prod. Market Gilt - Vantiger Show Pigs
Champion Heavy Weight Prod. Market Gilt - Vantiger Show Pigs
Grand Champion Production Market Gilt - Steffes Group
Reserve Champion Production Market Gilt - Steffes Group
Grand Champion Overall Production Pig - JEBS Pork Farm LLC
Reserve Champion Overall Production Pig - JEBS Pork Farm LLC
Grand Champion Single Source Pig - JBS Midwest
Reserve Champion Single Source Pig - JBS Midwest
Champion Purebred Market Hog - Harbison Livestock and Grain
Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog - Harbison Livestock and Grain
Champion Light Weight Commercial Breeding Gilt - Evan and Patty Beckman
Champion Medium Weight Commercial Breeding Gilt - Denney Brothers
Champion Heavy Weight Commercial Breeding Gilt - Hillyard Farms
Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt - Nelson - Rushing Genetics
Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt - Our Yesterday Farm
Champion Rate of Gain - Nutrien Ag Solutions - Mt. Union
Carcass Champion - 1st, 2nd, 3rd - Des Moines County Pork Producers
Champion Home Raised - F&M Bank & Trust
Grand Champion Overall Individual Pig Banner - Donald/Ericka Breuer Family
Res. Champion Overall Individual Pig Banner - Nutrien Ag Solutions - Mt. Union
Top 5 Overall Individual Pig Banners - Dan Denney Farms
Top 5 Overall Breeding Gilt Banners - Dan Denney Farms

Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Danville State Bank
Int. sponsored by Two Rivers Bank & Trust
Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

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Belt Buckles:

Jr. sponsored by Quality Plus Feeds

Int. sponsored by Summer Street Animal Clinic

Sr. sponsored by Zach Minster Show Pigs

DEPARTMENT 20 DAIRY CATTLE and DAIRY GOATS

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

9:30 AM Dairy Goat Show

11:00 AM Dairy Cattle Show

GENERAL RULES

Any dairy projects close to calving or kidding (within 2 weeks according to due date or visual observation) will be at the fair only on show day. Those animals are to arrive at the fairgrounds on Friday and leave immediately after the show.

Purebreds and grades will show as one class. Classes are all breeds.

No more than six head, per species, may be entered by any one member.

Yearlings that have freshened will show in the next older class.

Classes are divided according to birth dates.

Check in for Dairy Cattle will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

Check in for Dairy Goats is from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

4-H/FFA members or family members need to check in with a committee member at the times listed above.

White attire/pants with a green 4-H or blue FFA shirt are required to be worn when exhibiting Dairy Cattle and/or Dairy Goats. This may determine showmanship placings.

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DAIRY CATTLE

Dairy Cattle Committee members: Chair: Mindy Logan, Anthony Vorwerk, Alaina Imhoff, Paula Mehaffy, Becky Mehaffy, and Lane Mehaffy

Class 21111 - JUNIOR HEIFER CALF

(March 1 - April 30, 2026)

Bucket Bottle calves may be entered in this class

Class 21112 - INTERMEDIATE HEIFER CALF

(December 1, 2025 -February 29, 2026)

Class 21113 - SENIOR HEIFER CALF

(September 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025)

Class 21114 - JUNIOR YEARLING

(March 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025)

Class 21115 - SENIOR YEARLING

(September 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025)

Class 21116 - DRY COW

(Any cow that has completed 1 lactation and is not in milk)

Class 21117 - TWO-YEAR-OLD

(September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024)

Class 21118 - THREE-YEAR-OLD AND OLDER

(September 2021 and before)

Class 21119 - BEST THREE ANIMALS (any age)

Must be owned by members and not more than two from a class. Limit of one entry per member.

Class 21120 - PRODUCE OF FORMER 4-H DAIRY HEIFER

Entries open to animals entered in previously listed classes and are the produce of animal previously enrolled by the club member. Limit of two entries per member.

SHOWMANSHIP: See Table of Contents for page number

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TROPHY SPONSORS

Champion Heifer Calf - Hometown Vet Clinic of New London

Champion Yearling - Hometown Vet Clinic of New London

Champion Cow – Huffman’s Farm Store

Champion Best of Three Animals – A large rosette will be awarded

Champion Former Producer 4-H Dairy Heifer - Mt Pleasant Agri Center

Overall Grand Champion Dairy - Danville FFA Alumni

Reserve Overall Grand Champion Dairy - Blue Knoll Dairy

Owned Showmanship:

Jr. sponsored by Danville Savings Bank

Int. sponsored by Two Rivers Bank and Trust

Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

Share-a-Heifer Showmanship:

1st year sponsored by Blue Knoll Dairy

2nd year sponsored by Blue Knoll Dairy

3rd year sponsored by Blue Knoll Dairy

A commemorative show halter will be awarded in Memory of Billy Mehaffy to the Overall Grand Champion Dairy Cow.

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DAIRY GOAT

Dairy Goat Committee members: Chair: Heather Wick, Dean Van Ness, Randy Beckman, Alaina Imhoff, Mindy Logan, and Shawn Griffis

1. Goats are expected to be at the fair from Tuesday to Sunday unless they are within 2 weeks of kidding. See general rule above.
2. Dairy Goats will be judged along dairy characteristics.
3. Only females may be exhibited.
4. Dairy Breeding Goats will not be sold in the auction.

Class 22100 - Non freshened Dairy Goats (under 1 year)

Class 22101 - Non freshened Dairy Goats (over 1 year)

Class 22102 - 1st Freshened Dairy Goats

Class 22103 - 2nd Freshened Dairy Goats

Class 22104 - 3rd Freshened and over Dairy Goats

Class 22105 - Dry Doe

Class 22106 - Best Udder

Entries open to animals entered in previously listed classes and are the produce of animal previously enrolled by the club member. Limit of two entries per member.

Class 22107 - Dam and Daughter

Entries open to animals entered in previously listed classes and are the produce of animal previously enrolled by the club member. Limit of two entries per member.

Class 22110 - Bottle Dairy Doe Kid Goats

Bottle Dairy Doe Kid Goats must be born between October 1, 2025, and May 1, 2026, and be bottle fed.

They should be identified in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

Bottle Dairy Doe Kid Goats must have a Scrapie Tag and enter it in 4-H Online 2.0 by May 15.

All goats must be banded or castrated (no clamping) by May 1.

Three goats may be identified, but only one taken to the fair.

Judging will be based on records, interview, showmanship, and condition of goat.

Bottle Dairy Kid Goats must be entered into FairEntry by July 1 and records must be turned into the Extension Office on or before July 15, 2026.

No three-ring binders allowed!

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Non-Freshened Dairy Goats (under 1 year) - Mediapolis FFA

Non-Freshened Dairy Goats (over 1 year) - Wick Family

1st Freshened Dairy Goats - Donald and Ericka Breuer Family

2nd Freshened Dairy Goats - Feathers & Fur Farmstead LLC

3rd Freshened and over Dairy Goats - Griffis Family

Best Udder Dairy Goat - Purple Rosette Awarded to Champion

Dam and Daughter Pair - Wick Family

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Dry Doe Dairy Goat - Ron Stover Family

Champion Dairy Goat - Nathan and Nicole Fritz

Reserve Champion Dairy Goat - Paula Mehaffy

Home Raised Dairy Goat– Nathan and Nicole Fritz

Showmanship:

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Int. sponsored by Two Rivers Bank & Trust

Sr. sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank

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DEPARTMENT 21 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK JUDGING COUNTY AND OPEN CONTEST Wednesday, July 29, at 2:00 PM

1:00-1:50 PM - Sign Up 1:50 PM - Contestant Meeting

Committee Members: Alaina Imhoff, Tracey Brader, Nathan Fritz, Jessica Lunde, Wyatt Orr, Karen Rosas, Hunter Wagner, and Paytan Gerling

This contest is designed to encourage members to learn modern livestock evaluation methods, practice decision making and communication skills, and to select livestock appropriate for a defined production purpose.

Any 4-H or FFA member is eligible to enter the judging contest.

There will be eight (8) divisions total, explained below.

Members can enter as individuals, as part of a team, or both.

If you are an in-county resident, you may be entered in both the county and open classes.

Award Presentations, for all participants, will be held 10 minutes following the conclusion of the last set of oral reasons.

Each team must consist of 3-4 members, with the top three scores counting towards the team total.

There will be 8 classes total: 2 beef classes, 2 sheep classes, 2 swine classes, and 2 goat classes.

The following divisions will be offered at the contest as both open and county.

Division Names	Open Class #	Country Class #
Senior Team (grades 8-12)	LJO1	50104
Senior Individual (grades 8-12)	LJO2	50102
Junior 4-H Team (grades 4-7)	LJO3	50103
Junior 4-H Individual (Grades 4-7)	LJO4	50101

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There will be three (3) sets of oral reasons for the Senior 4-H and FFA open and county contest. Junior 4-H open and county will complete questions. Oral reasons and questions will be done in a designated area on the day of the contest.

Once members are divided into groups, they must remain with their respective group and not communicate with anyone except an event official until after oral reasons are completed. Participants will be given 10 minutes to judge each class.

All classes and individual animals will be identified by numbers.

Awards will be given for both county and open participants. Premiums will be awarded to county participants.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL EXHIBITS & CONCESSIONS

The Department Committees shall have full control over all their various departments.

There shall be no purchases or commitments made in the name of the Des Moines County Fair without their full consent.

Any dispute or difference must be settled in a manner satisfactory to the Superintendent. If not, it shall be referred to the Executive Committee of the Fair Board, their decision shall be final.

The Association will do all in its power to prevent accidents but will not be responsible should any occur.

The management reserves the right to correct errors or change programs after this catalog is printed.

No commercial exhibitor shall post advertisements other than at their display area. Those with Fair Board approved Day Sponsorship will be allowed to post signage outside their display area on the day of their Sponsorship Only.

All premium checks will be mailed to the exhibitor after September 1st and must be cashed within 90 days of issuance. **If they are not cashed within 90 days, they will become null and void and will not be reissued.** All premium money will be forfeited.

The Des Moines County Fair Association will not be responsible for damage, lost or stolen articles or property of concessions or exhibitions.

GENERAL RULES FOR DES MOINES COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

There will only be camping on the fairgrounds in the campgrounds unless authorized.

The Board of Directors of the Des Moines County Fair reserves the right to ask anyone who in the judgment of the Board of Directors is being disruptive to leave the Fairgrounds.

There will be no generators run before 7:00 a.m. or after 9:00 p.m. unless for a specific show.

There will be no parking allowed between Glenn Fritz Hall (Rabbit & Poultry Building) and the sheep pens. Barricades and signs will be posted.

All complaints must be put in writing, signed, and turned in at the fair office.

No electrical appliances with food in them in any of the livestock buildings.

No skateboards or skate shoes will be used on the fairgrounds.

No one is allowed past no entry points signs during the fair, violators will be prosecuted.

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