



July 20-25, 2026

Grundy County Fair website: www.grundycountyfair.com

Grundy County Fair 4-H & FFA Entries: <http://grundy.fairentry.com>

Grundy County Fair Open Class Entries: [Open Class Forms](#)

Association of Fairs 2014 Blue Ribbon Fair Award

GRUNDY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

1308 4th St Grundy Center, Iowa (Entrances on 4th & 1st Streets)



Parking is allowed on the grass area along the fences line, to the North of the main fairground road and on the south side of the fairgrounds.

Buildings

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| 1. Building #1 | 12. Beef Barn |
| 2. Shelter | 13. Bucket Calf Barn |
| 3. Upper Bathrooms | 14. Alumni Building |
| 4. Swine Barn | 15. Exhibit Building & Bathrooms |
| 5. Sheep Barn | 16. Shelter |
| 6. Upper Show Arena & 4-H Office | 17. Open Class |
| 7. Dairy Barn | 18. Gazebo |
| 8. Poultry Barn | 19. Grandstands |
| 9. Rabbit Barn | 20. 1851 Pavilion |
| 10. Horse Arena | 21. Campgrounds |
| 11. Wheelock Building | |

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GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR BOARD

www.grundycountyfair.com

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COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

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The Thunderstormz:	Page Messmore, Bentley Rhoads, Elle Schipper, Karlee Lynch, Prycle Beard, Erin Richtsmeier, Peter O'Donnell



GRUNDY COUNTY FFA CHAPTERS

* See Exhibitor Eligibility on page 7

Eligible Chapters:

Grundy Center:	Ethan Murrow
Dike-New Hartford:	Elisa Poggemiller
Gladbrook-Reinbeck:	Alex McDougall
BCLUW:	Frannie Brown

Eligible Chapters IF the member resides in Grundy County

*Aplington-Parkersburg:	<i>Jamie Pundez</i>
*AGWSR:	<i>James Abbas</i>

GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY & SCHEDULE JULY 20-25, 2026



4-H/FFA ENTRY:

Fair Entry Database will open in June. Entries will be accepted up to 11:59pm on **July 1st** (Late Entries accepted July 2nd with \$10.00 late fee) on <http://grundy.fairentry.com/>

Open Class Entry:

Complete Entry Form, Tags and Exhibits are entered at Open Class Check In Monday, July 20th 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm or Tuesday, July 21st 7:30 am – 9:30 am See Open Class Section on page 92.

Exhibitor Eligibility:

• Grundy County 4-H

Members: Must have completed 4th – 12th Grade & attend a minimum of 4 club meetings.

Clover Kids: Must have completed Kindergarten – 3rd Grade & attend a minimum of 2 clover kid club meetings

• Grundy County FFA

Members: Must be an active member in 7th-12th grade and following graduation up to November 30th following the fourth National FFA Convention; that resides in Grundy County; and/or be a member of an FFA Chapter where the FFA Chapter's Post Office (P.O.) box is in Grundy County.

Eligible FFA Chapters:

1. Chapters who have P.O. box in Grundy County: Grundy Center, Dike-New Hartford, Gladbrook-Reinbeck, BCLUW
2. Chapter's whose members must reside in Grundy County: AGWSR, A-P

• Open Class:

Open to anyone (Adult or youth) who wishes to exhibit with one exception, 4-H & FFA members cannot enter the same exhibit in 4-H & FFA Static Classes and Open Classes.

PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE:

4-H/FFA

May 4 - July 14 6:30 pm Monday Nights Dog Obedience Training @ the Fairgrounds with Erin Calkins (No Class May 25)

June 21 2:00 pm Fashion Show Judging

July 1 Fair Entry Deadline for County & State Fair

July 6 9:00 am start On Site Garden Judging

SATURDAY BEFORE THE FAIR: JULY 18, 2026

FAIR BOARD, YOUTH COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENTS, COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL, 4-H CLUBS, FFA EXHIBITORS

July 18 8:00 am Fair Clean Up & Set Up

SUNDAY BEFORE THE FAIR: JULY 19, 2026

BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE EXHIBITORS

July 18 5:00 pm – 8:00pm Beef & Dairy Cattle Tack Check In



GRUNDY COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE JULY 20-25, 2026

1308 4th St; Grundy Center, IA 50638



MONDAY: JULY 20, 2026

8:00 am – 12:00 pm	4-H Static Judging Alumni Building: Static Exhibit Judging 4-H Exhibit Building: Static Exhibit Display & State Fair Selection	Alumni & 4-H Exhibit Building
9:00 am	Tractor Ride	
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Open Class Check In & Judging Following Check In / Open Class Building Closed for Judging	Open Class Building
2:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Presentations, Share the Fun & Fashion Show	Alumni Building
3:00 pm	Horse Show Check In	Horse Arena
4:00 pm	Horse Show (Halter, Showmanship, Trail)	Horse Arena
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Working Exhibits	Alumni Building
7:00 pm	Queen & King Announcement	Announced at Communications Event

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

8:00 am	Horse Show Check In <i>Horses may arrive 1 hour prior to check in Horses must be tied to trailer until vet check is completed. Check in will be at the announcer's trailer.</i>	Horse Arena
7:30 am – 9:30 am	Open Class Check In & Judging	
8:30 am	Dog Show Check In	
9:00 am	Dog Show	
9:00 am -1:00 pm	Horse Show: Horse Arena Halter Showmanship English Western Horsemanship Trail	
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open	4-H Exhibit Building
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Rabbit Check In	
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Poultry Check In Pollurium Testing Required (Broilers Must Be Pollurium Tested)	
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	VET CHECK – Swine Sheep Meat Goat Dairy Goat ALL trailers come in on 4 th St. Vet Check will be on the trailer at wash rack. DO NOT UNLOAD AT THE BARN UNTIL YOU PASS VET CHECK! Beef can be on the trailer and vet checked but are not allowed to unload until 7:00pm	
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh In	
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Dairy Cattle, Beef & Bucket Calf Vet Check & Weigh In Beef are allowed to come in with other animals and be vet checked but MUST stay on trailer until 7pm. Beef can be unloaded at 7:00 pm. Weigh in will start at 7:30 pm	
7:30 pm (tbd) – 9:00 pm	Swine - Scale opens AFTER Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh in	
9:00 pm	Swine Weigh Cards Due to the Extension Office on Fairgrounds.	

WEDNESDAY: JULY 22, 2026

7:30 am	Broiler Check In	
8:00 am -10:00 am	Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Show (+Clover Kids)	Upper Show Arena
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	ISU Extension & Outreach Agriculture Program	Alumni Building
9:00 am – 8:00 pm	4-H Exhibit & Open Class Buildings Open to Public	
10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Poultry Show (+Clover kids)	Poultry Show
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	GNB Jump Zone	
2:30 pm	Clover Kid Pets & 4-H / FFA Pet Show	
5:30 pm	Free Meal Sponsored by Grundy County Farm Bureau	
6:30 pm	Family Fun Night	
9:00 pm	Movie Under the Stars: Zootopia 2	
	<i>Sponsored by Titan Machinery</i>	

THURSDAY: JULY 23, 2026

8:00 am - 11:15 pm	Rabbit Show & Clover Kid Poultry Show	Rabbit Building
9:00 am – 8:00 pm	4-H Exhibit & Open Class Buildings Open to Public	
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	<u>Kidz Korner</u>	
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Laser Tag	
1:00 pm	Storytime at the Fair w/GCLA	
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Face Painting	
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Water Inflatables	
2:00 pm	Magician & Balloon Animals	
10:00 am	Livestock Judging Contest (Hosted by Grundy County FFA Chapters)	
3:00 pm	Meat Goat & Clover Kid Meat Goat Show	Upper Show Arena
4:30 pm	Sheep & Clover Kid Sheep Show	Upper Show Arena
7:00 pm	Tuff Trucks & UTV Races	Grandstands
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Entertainment: Jared Benson	1851 Pavilion
9:00 pm – 11:30 pm	TEEN NIGHT (7 th -12 th Grade) Music Games Fun	Alumni Building

FRIDAY: JULY 24, 2026

7:00 am – 9:30 am	Exhibitor Breakfast	
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Swine Show	Upper Show Arena
9:00 am – 8:00 pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open to Public	
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Farm Credit Watermelon Feed	Near Upper Show Arena
10:30 am	REC Lineman Demonstration	
10:30 am	Pork Producers Burger Feed	
12:00 pm	REC Lineman Demonstration	
30 min after Swine Show	Bacon Buddies (following Swine Show)	Upper Show Arena
1:00 pm	Bucket Calf Show	Wheelock Building
1:15 pm	REC Lineman Demonstration	
2:00 pm	No Fit Beef & No Fit Grundy Co. Born Breeding & Market Show	
	Wheelock Building	
6:30 pm	Figure 8 Races	Grandstands
9:00 pm	Entertainment: Ultimate Entertainment	1851 Pavilion

SATURDAY: JULY 25, 2026

8:00 am	Beef Show	Wheelock Building
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	4-H Exhibit Building & Open Class Open to Public	
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Scotty's Saloon Bags Tournament	
30 min following Beef Show - 3:30 pm	ALL 4-H / FFA Livestock Exhibits Released	
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm	ALL Static & Open Class Exhibits Released	
7:00 pm	Grundy County Carnage & Trailer Races	Grandstands
9:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Entertainment: Ember with Fireworks After Dark	1851 Pavillion

ALL EXHIBITORS are expected to help with clean-up of barns, show arenas, exhibit buildings, moving display boxes, etc...

POST FAIR EVENTS & DEADLINES

July 26	Central Iowa Showdown at Webster City
August 3	State Fair Static Projects are Due to Extension Office Between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
August 10	State Fair Food Items must arrive by _____ am
August 13-23, 2026	Iowa State Fair
August 28-29	Figure 8 Races 28 th 6:30 pm 29 th 3:00 pm
August 31, 2026	State Fair Exhibits MUST be picked up at the Extension Office by 4:30 pm

Save the Date for the 2027 Grundy County Fair
July 19 - 24, 2027

COUNTY FAIR GENERAL INFORMATION & POLICIES



The Grundy County Fair & Agricultural Society, ISU Extension & Outreach Staff, 4-H Youth Committee, Grundy County FFA Staff and Superintendents shall not be responsible for any accidents that may happen during the fair, nor shall they be responsible for any damage, loss or stolen property including death or loss of livestock. To avoid possible error and to conform to the rules of the Society, read the rules carefully before making entries.

FAIR DONOR & SPONSORSHIP:

The Grundy County Fair Board, ISU Extension & Outreach 4-H and Grundy County FFA Chapters sincerely thank all supporters for their generosity. Your contributions are essential to maintaining fairground facilities and supporting events, awards, premiums and equipment. For information on donating to the Grundy County Fair or sponsor an event or show, please visit: <https://www.grundycountyfair.com/donations/> or contact Fair Board President, Jared Gutknecht 319-404-8856.

Sponsorship Policies:

- **Individual Youth Fair Scholarship / Sponsorships:**

Businesses or organizations sponsoring individual youth projects or scholarships may share information about their program at the county fair. A general banner may be displayed ringside with Fair Board approval. However, signage for individual youth recipients may not be displayed in exhibitor stalls.

- **Youth Learning & Activity Opportunities:**

Those interested in hosting hands-on learning experiences, demonstrations or other 4-H & FFA youth activities should contact: ISU Extension & Outreach Grundy County 4-H & Youth Coordinator, Andrea Traeger at traegera@iastate.edu or 319-824-6979 for more information.

ALCOHOL POLICY:

NO ONE is allowed to bring any beer or alcoholic beverage(s) onto the fairgrounds. **Absolutely no alcohol in any barns or Exhibit Buildings. Anyone caught will be asked to leave.** This includes the areas around show arenas and especially following shows. Exception to the policy will be campground sites. Alcohol is available for purchase at the 1851 Pavillion during the fair.

PUBLIC PROTESTS:

Anyone individual or group wishing to protest the fair may meet at the grandstands on Friday, July 24 from 7:00 am – 7:30 am. Protests occurring at any other time during the fair will be asked to leave the grounds.

FAIR LOST & FOUND:

The Fair Lost & Found can be located at the 4-H Office on the Fairgrounds. Items that are not claimed by the last day of fair will be taken to the Extension Office. Items will remain in the Extension Office for a period of two weeks. Unclaimed items will be disposed of.

GRUNDY COUNTY 4-H & FFA SHOW PREMIUMS:

Grundy County Fair Exhibitors are eligible for premium funds. The Grundy County Fair Association has allocated \$7500.00 to be distributed among the 4-H & FFA member exhibitors. Clover Kids will receive \$1.00 per exhibit. Premium checks are issued based on ribbon placings recorded by superintendents and Extension staff. Checks must be cashed within **90 days** of the issue date or they will be void and considered a donation to the Fair Board. If you do not wish to receive a premium check from your fair exhibit(s) please contact the Extension Staff prior to Fair. **PLEASE cash checks promptly, as many go uncashed each year.**



Recreation Vehicles:

Bicycles, Mopeds, Motorcycles, 4 Wheelers, Gators, Rangers, Golf Cart

These are the official rules of the fairgrounds for Exhibitors, Campers & Guests!

1. Recreation vehicles must have the proper registration ID on the vehicle or they are not permitted on the grounds. No Exceptions.
2. Recreation vehicles must be registered at Fair with Fair Board President, Jared Gutknecht.
3. Recreation vehicles are not allowed by campers on campgrounds unless you are a Fair Board.
4. Vehicles may be used on North Drive or South Drive only. They are not permitted on middle of fairgrounds unless you are Fair Board or Extension Staff.
5. You must be 16 years old to drive a recreation vehicle and capacity for riders must follow the vehicle limit. Example: Ranger – 2, Moped – 1 etc...
6. Any misconduct will result in your Fair Registration & usage on the Fairgrounds being revoked.
7. No vehicle may be driven around the Campgrounds after curfew (1 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday)
8. Bicycles are NOT allowed in the livestock barns or exhibit buildings or ridden down the middle of the fairgrounds. Please use the North drive or South drive.
9. The Fair Board & Extension Staff are authorized to give those in violation a warning. If you do not follow the warning it will result in usage on the fairgrounds being revoked.



Camping at The Grundy County Fair

General Campgrounds & Overnight Policy:

The Grundy County Fair Board allows camping at the fairgrounds. Anyone interested in camping on the fairgrounds must follow the procedure for reserving a camping spot.

The procedure for reserving a camping spot are as follows:

1. Registration request will be taken from January 1, 2026 – July 15, 2026.
2. The registration form must be mailed in every year. Campers staying the full week receive priority on camping spots over day campers. We also consider the postmark on registration form. You will need to mail in a registration after January 1, 2026.
3. Because of the Campgrounds popularity, submission of a request for a camping space does not guarantee receiving one.
4. Camping Rules must be followed. For a complete listing of camping rules and an application to reserve a camping spot please go to the Grundy County Fair Website... <http://grundycountyfair.com> and click on the Camping Tab. Spaces fill fast so sign up early!

Exhibitor (Age 18 & Under) Camping & Overnight Policy

The Grundy County Fair Board allows Exhibitors (Age 18 & under) to stay overnight at the fairgrounds. Fair week camping rules must be followed. For a complete listing of camping rules and an application to reserve a camping spot please go to the Grundy County Fair Website... <http://grundycountyfair.com> and click on the Camping Tab. Spaces fill fast so sign up early!

Exhibitors (Age 18 & Under) Overnight Rules and Regulations are as follows:

1. All 4-H and FFA members staying overnight must have a chaperone who is at least 21 years of age and is approved by the Fair Board officers.
2. No chaperone may be responsible for more than 3 exhibitors.
3. All persons staying overnight must camp in the designated camping area. There will be NO sleeping in the barns.
4. All persons must be in bed by midnight. Anyone failing to observe this curfew will be required to leave the fairgrounds.

FAIR SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you to our Fair Superintendents for volunteering your time to assist with a variety of shows and events at the Fair!

Important Dates:

Beef Weigh In:	Sunday, December 6 th , 2025 8:30 am – 10:30 am
Swine Identification:	April 15-30, 2026
Meat Goat & Sheep Weigh In:	Sunday, May 3 rd 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Livestock, Dogs & Pet IDs Due:	May 15 th on 4honline or Fairentry (FFA Id's Only!)
Fair Dates:	July 20-56, 2026
Fair Clean Up & Set Up:	Saturday, July 18 th 8:00 am
Post Fair Exhibit Release & Clean Up:	Saturday, July 25 th 30 min after Beef Show to 3:30pm

PRE-FAIR PREPERATIONS

1. County Youth Coordinator (CYC) will contact you to confirm your role and review classes, rules and awards for your department.
2. All Superintendents & Show Volunteers must complete the 4-H Volunteer Approval Process prior to fair.
3. Attend Fair Clean – Up Day to help prepare barns, arenas, and facilities.
4. Beef, Meat Goat & Sheep Superintendents must attend pre-Fair Weigh In's

FAIR WEEK RESPONSIBILITIES

General

Superintendents are **REQUIRED** to be at Fair for check in, setting up & running shows.

1. Static & Communication Superintendents:

- a. Arrive an hour before your event starts to pick up the show boxes, get last minute instructions, finalize the set up for the event and greet your judges and exhibitors.
- b. Check on Exhibit Building during the week
- c. Assist with Static Exhibit Release. Arrive 45 minutes prior to check out to set up check out exhibits
- d. Assist with clean up of buildings

2. Livestock Superintendents:

- a. Arrive an hour before your check in and on show day. This allows you time to pick up supplies, get any updates, final instructions, and greet your volunteers and judge.
- b. Assure that animals are cared for during the week. If there are any animal health concerns notify the 4-H Fair Office.
- c. Prevent as much handling of animals as possible.
- d. Work with CYC to prepare & post show sheets as soon as possible for families to review. This allows time to make corrections and repost prior to the show. Do NOT remove any show binders from the fairgrounds.

3. Department Volunteers

- a. All volunteers must complete the volunteer application prior to county fair. Contact the Extension Office for paperwork.
- b. Assign jobs to volunteers. If you do not use there help you will lose it.
- c. Please plan ahead for volunteer needs.

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4. Department Needs/Requests:

- a. Requests for any needs or repairs should be submitted in writing to the Extension Office. Requests will be forwarded to the appropriate group (ex. Fair Board, Planning Committee, Extension Staff or Superintendents) .
- b. All purchasing power for supplies to be invested in are the decision of the Executive Committee of the Fair Board.
- c. Make proper arrangements prior to the event. (Barns, stalls, gating, etc.; show arena, judging building arrangements, table set up, etc.) you supervise
- d. It is the Superintendent's job to make sure that no alterations are made to any facilities without the permission of the Executive Committee of the Fair Board. Livestock Stalls are assignments. DO NOT make changes to stall assignments or off additional stalls (youth reserve & pay for stall space) to exhibitors without checking with the CYC

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6. Show Day

- a. Greet Volunteers!
- b. Greet the Judge!
- c. Announce & Hand Out Awards
- d. Record Results in Show Binder
- e. Return Show Box, Unused Awards & Results to the 4-H Office Immediately following the show.
- f. Put away supplies & help teardown after the show.
- g. Make Notes: Start time, End time & any notes or needs for future shows.

7. Complaint Process:

- a. See Page 21 for process.

8. Exhibit Release & Fair Clean Up

- a. Superintendents need to be available 30 min prior to release time to pick up check out and clean up packet
- b. Check Buildings prior to release. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits prior to release time without proper consent of the Executive Committees will not be allowed to exhibit at the 2027 Grundy County Fair.
- c. Exhibitor or family must check out with the superintendent or Extension Staff.
- d. Tack can be taken home at any time during the week.
- e. Anyone who requests to remove exhibits prior to release must file a request at the 4-H Extension Office. All early release decisions are made by the Executive Committees. All decisions are final. Early releases for vacation purposes are not an approved request. Encourage the exhibitor to line up someone to pick up their exhibits at the official exhibit release time and inform the 4-H office on fairgrounds who will be picking them up.

Thank you to all of our volunteers!

Reminder: Parents are not allowed to make award decisions or talk to the judge to influence or change award decisions.

Attention: Superintendents, Parents & Exhibitors

IOWA EXHIBITOR YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

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

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

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

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



FFA Code of Ethics

FFA members conduct themselves at all times to be a credit to their organization, chapter, school, community and family. FFA members pledge to:

1. Develop my potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success.
2. Make a positive difference in the lives of others.
3. Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion.
4. Respect the rights of others and their property.
5. Be courteous, honest and fair with others.
6. Communicate in an appropriate, purposeful and positive manner.
7. Demonstrate good sportsmanship by being modest in winning and generous in defeat.
8. Make myself aware of FFA programs and activities and be an active participant.
9. Conduct and value a supervised agricultural experience program.
10. Strive to establish and enhance my skills through agricultural education in order to enter a successful career.
11. Appreciate and promote diversity in our organization.

Adopted by the Delegates at the 1952 National FFA Convention. Revised by the Delegates at the 1995 National FFA Convention.

General Exhibitor Rules & Policies

Eligibility | Livestock Identification | Show Attire | Sportsmanship | Assistance / Mentors



Eligibility

- 1. ALL 4th -12th Grade 4-H members must attend 4 Club Meetings. ALL K-3rd Grade Clover Kids must attend a minimum of 2 club meeting.** Leaders will turn in a list to fair entry deadline. No excused absences allowed..
- 2. ALL FFA exhibitors must follow FFA membership requirements.** Must be an active member in 7th-12th grade and following graduation up to November 30th following the fourth National FFA Convention; that resides in Grundy County; and/or be a member of an FFA Chapter where the FFA Chapter's Post Office (P.O.) box is in Grundy County. Chapters who have P.O. box in Grundy County are: Grundy Center, T55 (DNH & GR), BCLUW. Chapter's whose members must reside in Grundy County are: AGWSR and A-P.
- 3. Livestock Entries MUST be completed and submitted by July 1st!** Failure to complete or submit fair entries on time will make you ineligible to exhibit at the Grundy County Fair. **Late Entries will be accepted until July 2nd with a \$10.00 Late Entry Fee paid to Grundy County Extension. Entries will not be accepted after July 2nd!**

Livestock Ownership, Identification & Exhibiting

- 1. Exhibits must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member** unless a lease agreement or mentor form is filed with the Extension Office by May 15th. Horse Lease agreement is the only accepted lease agreement at the State Fair Level. Approved Mentor partnerships where access to animals is a part of the mentorship must be included on the Mentor application and due by May 15th.
- 2. Animals identified under exhibitor's name MUST be entered at fair under the SAME exhibitor.** Horses can be co-identified by immediate family members (Siblings / Step – Siblings). Each dog/horse must still be identified in 4H online under each sibling/4-H member. Siblings must both be in 4-H to identify the same dog/horse. The same animal can only be allowed to show in a class ONCE. See Horse section for more detailed information.
- 3. Livestock MUST be shown by the Grundy County 4-H or FFA member unless the member has two animals in one class.** In this case another CURRENT Grundy County 4-H or FFA member may show the animal. Clover Kids can not show or help with any shows that are not Clover Kid approved shows. Please see Exhibitor Identification & Substitution rules on the next page.
- 4. Exhibitor enrolled in both 4-H & FFA** can choose to identify and exhibit livestock under 4-H OR FFA not both in the same species. If you are showing poultry 4-H then all of your poultry entries will be shown as 4-H. If you are showing rabbits and choose to ID rabbits as FFA, you will be exhibiting all of your rabbits as FFA. This applies to all species.

Exhibitor Identification & Substitution

1. May 15th is the livestock Identification deadline for all but rabbits and poultry. Rabbit identification deadline is June 15th. Poultry identification deadline is July 1st.
2. Animal or project ownership is established during animal identification process (see dates above).
3. All livestock Exhibitors will be required to wear a wristband to identify them as a livestock exhibitor. This will help our building supervisors, Fair Board, and Extension Staff easily identify someone who should not be handling the livestock.
4. If you need an accommodation due to an injury or other medical concern contact Grundy County Extension. Accommodations are available and individually determined to meet the special needs of exhibitor and can include a substitute exhibitor if needed.
5. To participate in Showmanship class the exhibitor must show their own animal. No substitution of livestock allowed.

Exhibitor Show Attire for ALL Species: *(see your species rule section for additional information)*

1. Full length pants.
2. Grundy County 4-H, or FFA T-Shirt, or white shirt with the 4-H Chevron
3. Leather shoes or boots are recommended
4. **Unacceptable Clothing:** shorts, hats, caps, sweat bands, sandals, flip flops, State Fair shirt, County Council shirt, or club shirts etc.

Sportsmanship

1. **ALL PARENTS, MENTORS & EXHIBITORS** are expected to act in a sportsmanship like manner and show respect for the judges, exhibitors, superintendents, Extension Staff, FFA Advisors & Fair Board. Persons not acting accordingly may be asked to leave the show, arena, or fairgrounds.
2. **The Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics applies to both youth and parents** present at county fair. (See page number 15)
3. **FFA Members must follow FFA Code of Ethics** (see page number 16).

Removal of Projects

1. All 4-H/FFA **Livestock exhibits** are released Saturday, July 25 30 min following the Beef Show to 3:30 pm. All 4-H/FFA **Static Exhibits & Open Class** are released 12:00 pm – 2:30 pm. If you have any questions check in with the Extension Staff at Fair.
2. All Exhibitors including livestock exhibitors must check out with either the Superintendent or 4-H Extension Staff.
3. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits prior to release time without proper consent of the fair decision committee will not be allowed to exhibit in the next year's Grundy County Fair.
4. Tack / Supplies are not allowed on grounds until the first day of fair and are allowed to come & go as needed during the week. Beef exhibitors please see the Beef section for when tack is allowed to be on grounds.
5. Special Request to remove exhibits prior to release must be made by July 1st and on file at the 4-H Extension Office. Requests will be reviewed by fair decision committee. Exhibitor will be notified of decision. Vacation is not a special request.

Selling of Animals:

1. Sale of any animal on fairgrounds during the week is not allowed.
2. Animal FOR SALE Signs are not allowed on the fairgrounds
3. Animals sold or leased prior **to fair are NOT released early to anyone.**

Exhibitor County Fair Assistance Policy

The primary expectation is for the 4-H or FFA Exhibitor to engage in learning about their project area and take full responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. Assistance when necessary, should be geared toward facilitating the learning of new skills by the exhibitors. Assistance should NOT assume full responsibility for grooming tasks.. The following are permissible forms of assistance and support for exhibitors at the county fair. It is important to note that this assistance is not intended for individuals to step in and handle grooming and show preparations on show day for the exhibitors or their families. Any misuses or abuse of these assistance opportunities may jeopardize the future of this policy. Please be aware that Iowa State Fair participants, must follow the Iowa State Fair Rules regarding permissible assistance for exhibitors.

Following are authorized to assist any 4-H or FFA Exhibitor

1. Current **Grundy County 4-H or Grundy County FFA Member**
2. Immediate Family Members (mom, dad or siblings, or step siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncle)
3. Superintendents & Youth Committee members.
4. Approved Project Volunteers or Approved Mentor (See Mentor Program for more information)
5. **ABSOLUTELY NO PROFESSIONAL GROOMERS ALLOWED.** Penalty for violating this rule is dismissal from county fair.

PROJECT AREA VOLUNTEERS

A Project Area Volunteer is an individual approved to assist in a specific project area or multiple areas through the ISU Extension & Outreach 4-H program in Grundy County. Prior to the County Fair, volunteers are required to undergo the volunteer screening process and obtain approval from the Extension Council. The deadline for volunteer applications is May 15th. These volunteers are authorized to assist families who need some guidance, tips, and help in a specific project areas. 4-H Office at fairgrounds will have a list of Project Area Volunteers.

GRUNDY COUNTY MENTOR PROGRAM

The Grundy County Mentor program was established to provide youth and families with opportunities to learn and participate in various project areas. The program aims to make possible new experience by offering access to resources, access to livestock or facilities, skill development, learning and guidance by an experienced mentor.

Definition of a Mentor:

A Mentor is a volunteer who partners with 4-H or FFA member to provide learning opportunities in a specific project area throughout the year. This may include providing access to livestock, training in specific skills, or sharing knowledge, tips and suggestions to help the 4-H exhibitor and family succeed in specific project areas.

Note: direct family members as identified above in the Exhibitor County Fair Assistance policy do not need to be an approved mentor to assist in animal fitting.

- During county fair, exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals, but mentors may assist in tasks so long as it is in a teaching capacity.
- Mentors are not intended to exclusively groom animals or prepare exhibits on the show days.
- In order to select a mentor, participants must complete a mentor agreement by May 15th with ISU Extension & Outreach Grundy County. Mentors must meet volunteer requirements and documentation.

Abuse of these opportunities may impact the continuation of the mentor program. Exhibitors planning to exhibit at Iowa State Fair must follow the fair's rules regarding assistance for exhibitors.

CONTINUE...

Following are mentor requirements:

- 1. A mentor application form must be completed by May 15 each year and include the following:**
 - a. A photo of the mentor. The mentor photos will be included in the show binder for superintendent reference
 - b. A completed mentor application. All questions must be answered.
2. Mentors must complete the volunteer screening process and be approved by staff and Extension Council.
3. Mentors may not begin until formally approved by ISU Extension & Outreach.
4. A mentor should provide learning opportunities in a project area focusing on helping the youth with Belonging, Independence, Generosity and Mastery.
5. Mentors must check in at the 4-H & FFA Fair Office to pick up their mentor wristband. Wristbands must be worn during the week of fair. It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to make sure that their Mentors have the wristband prior to working with the exhibitor at fair.
- 6. The mentor program ONLY applies to Grundy County. See State Fair Grooming Rules for exhibiting Livestock at the Iowa State Fair.**

Livestock Health Requirements:

[Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)

Exhibitors are **EXPECTED** to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting.

Here are a few highlights:

1. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at the County 4-H / FFA Fair, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection areas (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4-H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
2. All poultry exhibited must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements. Please give your certificate to the superintendent and/or turn in at the office.
3. Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses or any other contagious or infectious conditions will disqualify the animal from the show.
4. All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bear the US shield are official identification tags.
5. All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. Please show this to the superintendent.
6. The decision of the official show veterinarians will be final.

Penalty for rule violation:

If an expectation outlined above is broken by an individual or family member, the County Fair Decision Committee will meet to determine an appropriate response to the incident. Responses may include: a warning, a participant limitation, dismissal from county fair, or a future penalty for participation.

See the complain process for details on raising a concern, determining a penalty, and appealing a decision.

Complaint process:

Raise all concerns with species superintendent within 24 hours.

Decision Process:

In the event of a rule violation, superintendents will bring concerns to the fair decision committee made up of at least one member of Grundy County Extension, Fair Board, FFA Advisor (as applicable), and 4-H Youth Committee.

The committee will meet and make a timely decision on the concern. The committee will then inform the youth and family in a short in-person conference of any rule enforcement.

Appeal Process:

To appeal the decision of the fair decision committee, individuals must submit in writing an account of the incident with \$100 check written to Grundy County Fair Board. Deliver checks and appeal to the Grundy County Extension fair office (corner of the upper show arena).

Appeal committee consists of members of the Fair board executive committee and Grundy County Extension Council.

Committee must contain at least three members. Appeal decisions will be delivered to individual or family in writing within 24 hours. Appeal decisions are final.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

Herdsmanship | Livestock Judging Contest | Showmanship | Livestock Departments

HERDSMANSHIP

Superintendent: Ashley Bruene

Winners Circle: Thundersormz (2021, 2022, 2023), Buckingham Barnstormers (2024 , 2025)

Grundy County was Awarded 1st Place 2025 Iowa State Fair Herdsmanship in Sheep Barn!

The Grundy County Fair is an opportunity for 4-H & FFA exhibitors to showcase their animal projects. The Herdsmanship Award promotes a clean, safe and welcoming environment in the barns. For many visitors who may not be familiar with livestock behavior or care, it is important that barns and the youth representing them – display the very best of Grundy County. The Herdsmanship Award is presented to the top Club or Chapter based on daily scoring. Judging occurs randomly each day, including show day, for each species. Species judged twice daily are: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine.

Scoring

- 1. Cleanliness of alleys, stalls, and pens..... 50 pts.**
Clean alley in front of stalls & pens, Clean stall & pen (bedding adequate, bright, clean and in place.)Animals securely tied or penned, manure hauled & deposited in proper place. Clean Water & Feed Boxes (Feed boxes in front of animal only at feeding time)
- 2. Arrangement of the Exhibit..... 15 pts.**
Exhibits lined up in an attractive mannerHay and bedding are neat and orderly, Feed, show boxes, and other gear stored neatly
- 3. Appearance of Animals..... 20 pts.**
Animal Clean and brushed. If using a covering on animal make sure it is on correctly and secure.
- 4. Stall Cards..... 15 pts.**
Visible Stall Card (Able to be read from the alley, clean and neatly arranged.)Completed Information on Stall Cards
- 5. Bonus Points 25 pts.**
4-H or FFA member caught helping another youthClub or Chapter sign hung in barn
- TOTAL POINTS..... 125pts.**
Herdsmanship standings will be posted at the fair office.

Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendent: Grundy County FFA Chapter Advisors

Livestock Judging Contest will be held Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 am

1. All 4-H & FFA members are eligible to participate.
2. Compete as an Individual or a team of 4.
3. There are 6 classes Total. Market & breeding in cattle, sheep and swine.
4. Sign up starts at 9:30 am at the Upper Show Arena on Thursday, July 23
5. Judging begins at 10:00 am

Showmanship

Showmanship classes will be held in all livestock departments.

See specific livestock department for class numbers.

Showmanship Rules

1. All 4-H & FFA exhibitors are eligible to participate.
2. Entry is due July 1st on Fair Entry. Participation in showmanship class is highly recommended.
3. Showmanship is split into three divisions: Senior, Intermediate and Junior. Grades are as of 2025-2026 school year.
4. Exhibitors must show their own animal and have exhibited in a regular show class. There is no substitution of livestock allowed.
5. An individual may only win once as a Junior and once as an Intermediate in each of the livestock species. Once they have won showmanship in their grade level, they must advance to the next division the following year. An individual can win Senior Showmanship more than once.

Showmanship Criteria:

1. Showmanship will be judged on the following criteria:
 - a. Appearance of the Animal - Condition, Cleanliness, Grooming, Clipping
 - b. Presentation of the Animal - Leading, Response to direction of ring master, posing, use of equipment, showing to the animal's best advantage
 - c. Appearance of the Exhibitor - Proper clothing and shoes, alertness, attitude
 - d. Knowledge of the Exhibitor

Showmanship Class order is Senior, Intermediate, Junior.

Senior (9-12 Gr.)

Showmanship Classes:

20106 Beef: No Fit
20401 Beef: Breeding & Market
21901 Dairy Cattle:
22901 Dairy Goat:
30201 Dog
31201 Horse
20901 Meat Goat:
32181 Pets
24901 Poultry
27901 Rabbit
25901 Sheep
26901 Swine

Intermediate (7-8 Gr.)

Showmanship Classes:

20107 Beef: No Fit
20402 Beef: Breeding & Market
21902 Dairy Cattle:
22902 Dairy Goat:
30202 Dog
31202 Horse
20902 Meat Goat:
32182 Pets
24902 Poultry
27902 Rabbit
25902 Sheep
26902 Swine

Junior (4-6 Gr.)

Showmanship Classes:

20108 Beef: No Fit
20403 Beef: Breeding & Market
21903 Dairy Cattle:
22903 Dairy Goat:
30202 Dog
31203 Horse
20903 Meat Goat:
32183 Pets
24903 Poultry
27903 Rabbit
25903 Sheep
26903 Swine

BEEF

Superintendents: Bill Noteboom, Derek Kruger, Bryan Moeller

Deadlines:

- **December 6, 2025 8:30 am – 10:30 am**

All Market Beef must be tagged and weighed at the Market Beef Weigh In at Hawkeye Community College

- **February 1**

4-H Exhibitors deadline to verify market beef weigh in data on 4honline. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to verify all information entered. FFA Exhibitors must verify by paper ID only!

- **May 15th**

4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on FairEntry & turn in a paper ID form to the Extension Office. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.

- **July 1**

County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

BEEF BARN RULES:

1. Review the **General Rules & Expectations** on Page 17

2. Review [2026 Livestock Health Requirements \(Click Here\)](#)

Highlights: All All cattle must have a USDA 840 Tag, Calfhood Vaccination Tag (which all new tags are also 840), or a purebred registry tattoo with accompanying papers. Breeding animals will require two forms of ID, one of which is a tattoo. The second can be a USDA 840 tag, calfhood vaccination tag or registration number. If a heifer has a calfhood vaccination tattoo, not the tag and they are a commercial heifer, you will need a 4-H USDA 840 tag. If a heifer is not yet registered and needs to complete the 4honline requirement, you will need a 4-H USDA 840 tag. Calfhood Vaccination Tattoo does not count for ID requirements. Calfhood Vaccination Tag is acceptable. A heifer with an existing 840 tag. Please use this and the tattoo for official 4-H ID requirements. This also applies to Bucket / Bottle Calves, Calves from a Cow-Calf pair and Prospect Feeder Classes.

3. Animals must go through the Vet Check upon arrival. NO Health Papers required.

4. Cattle are not allowed to go to the trailer once they have been checked in. All fitting will be completed at the barns.

5. No Free Standing Butt Fans

6. Grooming will be done at the barns.

NEW! Beef & Dairy Cattle Tack & Stall Set Up

1. Sunday, July 19 between 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No Tack or Stall Dividers prior to Sunday, July 19 5pm or after 8pm.

2. Stall assignments will be posted.

3. Exhibitors **MUST** check in with Superintendent before unloading.

4. Must indicate on fairentry how many shoots will be set up per family/group. Only 1 shoot per family allowed.

NO FIT BEEF SHOW

No Fit Beef Show Friday, July 24th

Friday Show Order: Prospect Breeding, County Born Breeding, Prospect Market, County Born Market, Showmanship

No Fit Means: Wash, Comb & Blow Dry Only. No Grooming, adhesives, substances or coloring agents are to be used.

General NO FIT Beef Show Rules

1. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors are eligible to participate.
2. Follow the General Rules on page 17
3. Review [2026 Livestock Health Requirements \(Click Here\)](#) and ID requirements.
4. Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
5. **Entry is due July 1st on fairentry.com**

NO FIT PROSPECT FEEDER CALF

1. Calves should be born between July 1, 2025 – June 1, 2026
2. **Livestock ID requirements for Prospect Feeder Calves**
 - a. All Calves born July 1, 2025 – May 15, 2026 must be ID'd on 4HOnline (4-H) or FairEntry (FFA) by May 15.
 - b. All Calves born May 15th-June 1st must be ID'd on fairentry by July 1st.
 - c. All Prospect Feeder Calves being exhibited at the County or State Fair MUST have an official USDA 840 EID tag in their ear and identified properly for county fair requirements (tag, sex, birthdate, etc.) Breeding animals must have two forms of ID, one being a tattoo and the second, a USDA 840 tag, calfhood vaccination tag, or registration number.
 - d. A maximum of 6 head can be identified.
3. **Eligible Calves:**
 - a. **Calves from Cow/Calf** class are eligible to show in a Feeder Calf Class.
 - b. **Return Bottle Calves** are eligible to show in a Feeder Calf Class. It must be the animal you exhibited at the 2025 County Fair.
 - c. **Fall Prospect Feeder Heifers** are not eligible to exhibit in both No Fit Breeding and regular Breeding Beef Show. You must choose Prospect Feeder or Fall Breeding Heifer Class.
4. Feeder Calves must be checked in at Beef Weigh In/Check In and stay on grounds until released on Saturday, July 25th, 2026.

Divison 201:

Prospect Feeder Calf Breeding Classes

20100 Fall Prospect Feeder Calf Heifer (Calves Born July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

20101 Prospect Feeder Calf Heifer (Calves Born January 1, 2026 to June 1, 2026)

Prospect Feeder Calf Market Classes

20102 Fall Prospect Market Feeder Calf (Calves Born July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

20103 Prospect Market Feeder Calf (Calves Born January 1, 2026 to June 1, 2026)

NO FIT GRUNDY COUNTY BORN BEEF

General Grundy County Born Rules

1. All Grundy County Born Breeding & Market Beef are eligible for these classes. This includes prospect calves.
2. All Grundy County Born Breeding & Market Beef being exhibited at the County or State Fair MUST have an official USDA 840 EID tag in their ear and identified properly for county fair requirements (tag, sex, birthdate, etc.) Breeding animals must have two forms of ID, one being a tattoo and the second, a USDA 840 tag, calfhood vaccination tag, or registration number.
3. To be eligible for Grundy County Born classes 4-H & FFA Exhibitors must have selected yes for county raised (County Born) or home raised when Identifying animals on 4honline.com (4-H Exhibitor) and Fairentry.com (FFA Exhibitor Only) when submitting your animal ID.
4. Breeding Classes will be split by birth date only! Market Beef Classes will be split by weight only!

Grundy County Born Beef Classes

20104 County Born NO FIT Breeding Beef

20105 Grundy County Born NO FIT Market Beef

NO FIT BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

This Demonstration Show will not take place of the traditional showmanship class.

See Showmanship Rules on Page 23

No Fit Beef Showmanship Classes

20106 Senior No Fit Beef Showmanship (Grade 9-12)

20107 Intermediate No Fit Beef Showmanship (Grade 7-8)

20108 Junior No Fit Beef Showmanship (Grade 4-6)

BEEF SHOW

Beef Show Saturday, July 25, 2026 at 8:00 am

Saturday Show Order: Breeding, Market, Showmanship

BEEF SHOW RULES:

1. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors are eligible to participate.
2. Follow the General Rules on page 17
3. Review [2026 Livestock Health Requirements \(Click Here\)](#) and ID requirements.
4. Animals can only be identified under ONE 4-H member and cannot be identified as both 4-H and FFA.
5. Animals will be Vet Checked within an hour of check in by Fair Veterinarian. No Health paper requirements.
6. No Free Standing Butt Fans
7. Grooming will be done at the barns.
8. **Entry is due July 1st on fairentry.com**

Breeding Beef Show

Return Bucket Calf

4th Grade Exhibitors may enter their own bucket calf project from the 2025 Grundy County Fair Champion and Reserve Champion Return Bucket Calf – Breeding will be selected.

1. Maximum of 10 head can be identified. Breeding Beef (Steer, Heifer) do NOT have to attend the December Weigh In.
2. All Return Bucket Calves must be ID'd on 4honline (4-H) or Fairentry (FFA) by May 15th.
3. All Breeding animals must have two forms of identification.
 - a. Tattoo (Both Registered and Commercial)
 - b. Official USDA 840 EID tag, calfhood vaccination tag, or registration number.
 - c. Purebred heifers or cows are NOT required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
4. Return Bucket Calf ONLY goes into the Final Drive IF it was not shown in another class. (Exception: you may show in a Grundy County Born class)

Return Bucket Bottle Calf Class

20200 Grundy County Return Bucket Calf Breeding

Breeding Beef

1. Animals shown in this section may not compete in any market beef classes.
2. Entries in the Breeding Heifer classes are open to purebred and commercial animals born between January 1, 2025 – December 31st, 2025 and Senior Yearlings born August 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
3. Exhibitors must have possession of purchased animals by May 1.
4. All Return Bucket Calves must be ID'd on 4honline (4-H) or Fairentry (FFA) by May 15th.
5. All Breeding Beef being exhibited at the County Fair MUST have an USDA 840 EID tag in their ear.
6. All Breeding animals must have two forms of identification.
 - Tattoo (Both Registered and Commercial). Tattoos will be checked at the scale for verification.
 - Official USDA 840 EID tag (calfhood vaccination tag) or registration number.
 - Purebred heifers or cows are NOT required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
7. Purebred animals must enter a breed in 4honline (4-H) or Fairentry (FFA) by May 15th. **Purebred animals require registration papers.** The animal may be registered in the exhibitor's name or in the name of an immediate family member. The registration papers will be checked at scale during Beef Check In. Failure to show proper papers disqualifies the animal from the Purebred classes.
8. Cattle with horns are allowable on Breeding Stock Only – provided they have a horn set of 32" or smaller.
9. A maximum of six entries Breeding Heifer Classes: with a maximum of two per class may be exhibited per exhibitor.

Breeding Heifer Classes

20201 Aberdeen

20202 Angus

20203 Charolais

20204 Charolais Cross

20205 Chianina

20206 Chi-Angus

20207 Gelbvieh

20208 Herford

20209 Limousin

20210 Lim-Flex

20211 Maine Angus

20212 Maine Anjou

20213 Maintainer

20214 Mini Hereford

20215 Shorthorn

20216 Shorthorn Plus

20217 South Devin

20218 Simmental

20219 Other Breeds

20220 Commercial Heifers

20221 Senior Yearling born
Aug. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2024

Cow/Calf

British Breed: Angus, Red Angus, Aberdeen (Lowline) Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn.

Continental Breed:Charolais, Charolais Cross, Chianina, Simmental, Gelbvieh, Main Anjou.

Commercial Breed: Other Breeds.

1. All Breeding Beef being exhibited at the County Fair **MUST** have a USDA 840 EID tag in their ear. **INCLUDING:** the Calf from Cow/Calf Pair.
2. All Breeding animals must have two forms of identification.
 - Tattoo (Both Registered and Commercial). Tattoos will be checked at the scale for verification.
 - Official USDA 840 EID tag (calthood vaccination tag) or registration number.
 - Purebred heifers or cows are **NOT** required to have an 840 tag if their tattoo is registered with their breed registry.
3. Purebred animals must enter a breed in 4honline (4-H) or Fairentry (FFA) by May 15th. **Purebred animals require registration papers.** The animal may be registered in the exhibitor's name or in the name of an immediate family member. The registration papers must be shown to a member of the beef committee at check-in. Failure to show proper papers disqualifies the animal from the Purebred classes.
4. Cow/Calves must checked In during Beef Weigh In /Check In and stay the duration of fair.
5. If there are three or more of one breed of cow/calf entries, they will be shown by breed.

Cow/Calf Classes

20222 British Breed Cow /Calf	Spring Calving with Calf
20223 Continental Breed Cow /Calf	Spring Calving with Calf
20224 Commercial Breed Cow/Calf	Spring Calving with Calf
20225 British Breed Cow/Calf	Fall Calving Bred / No Calf
20226 Continental Breed Cow/Calf	Fall Calving Bred / No Calf
20227 Commercial Breed Cow/Calf	Fall Calving Bred / No Calf

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

See Showmanship rules on page 23

Beef Showmanship Classes

20401 Senior Showmanship (9-12 Grade)

20402 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grade)

20403 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grade)

Market Beef

Saturday Show Order: *Return Bucket Calf, Dairy Beef, Market Steers, Market Heifers, Showmanship*

Return Bucket Calf

Champion and Reserve Champion Return Bucket Calf – Breeding will be selected.

1. The calf must have been exhibited by the current exhibitor in the Bucket Calf class at the 2025 Grundy County Fair.
2. All Market entries (Market Steer, Market Heifer) must be weighed and tagged at the December 6, 2025 weigh in. Breeding entries (Steer & Heifer) are not required to attend weigh in.
3. All Market entries must be ID'd on 4honline by February 1, 2026.
4. A Champion & Reserve Return Bucket Calf will be selected in both Breeding & Market will be selected. These animals will return to the ring for consideration for Grand Champion Return Bucket Calf.

Return Bucket Bottle Calf Class

20300 Grundy County Return Bucket Calf Market

Market Beef Classes

1. Maximum of 10 head can be identified.
2. ALL Market Beef must have an Official USDA 840 tag and must have been weighed at a county weigh in. Grundy County Weigh In was held December 6, 2025.
3. Market Beef ID required by February 1st for 4-H members in 4honline.com and FFA members in Fairentry.com
4. Purebred animals MUST enter a breed on 4Honline (4-H) or Fairentry (FFA) by February 1st.
5. Animals can only be identified under ONE exhibitor – either 4-H or FFA – and cannot be identified as both.
6. All market beef animals must be dehorned.
7. Each exhibitor is limited to four market beef entries.
8. Painting, dyeing, or use of color agents on beef animals are not allowed. Colored grooming products may only be used on hooves. Any animal showing evidence of color enhancement will not be allowed in the show ring.
9. Classes will be divided according to weights.
10. All market beef animals will be entered in the rate of gain contest. The top ten will be recognized.
11. Dairy beef animals must be at least 50% dairy breeding to be eligible. Dairy animals will be shown in their own class with the 1st and 2nd place animals eligible to compete for grand champion animal.

Market Classes

20301 Market Dairy Beef

20302 Aberdeen

20303 Angus

20304 Charolais

20305 Charolais Cross

20306 Chianina

20307 Chi-Angus

20308 Gelbvieh

20309 Herford

20310 Mini Herford

20311 Limousin

20312 Lim-Flex

20313 Maine Angus

20314 Maine Anjou

20315 Red Angus

20316 Shorthorn

20317 Shorthorn Plus

20318 Simmental

20319 Foundation Simmental

20320 Other Market Steers

20321 Market Heifer

DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendent(s): Ethan Murrow

Deadlines:

- **May 15th** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4-H Online 2.0 (Fair Entry for FFA) . Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **June 15** Exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 15th to exhibit at the 2026 Grundy County Fair or Iowa State Fair. Enter your certificate number when you complete your fair entries.
- **July 1** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show
Entries must be completed on www.grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

NEW! Beef & Dairy Cattle Tack & Stall Set Up *(Housed in Bucket Calf Barn)*

1. Sunday, July 19 between 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. No Tack or Stall Dividers prior to Sunday, July 19 5pm or after 8pm.
2. Stall assignments will be posted.
3. Exhibitors **MUST** check in with Superintendent before unloading.
4. Must indicate on fairentry how many shoots will be set up per family/group. Only 1 shoot per family allowed.

Attire:

All Dairy Exhibitors must dress in white pants, and white dress shirt or county 4-H or FFA chapter shirt.

DAIRY CATTLE

1. Review the Livestock General Rules & Expectations on page 17.
2. **Livestock Health Requirements:** [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
Exhibitors are EXPECTED to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting
3. Each exhibitor is limited to showing a maximum of six dairy cattle.
4. Identification – All animals must be identified in 4honline (Fair Entry for FFA) by May 15th of the current year. Farm tags are not official forms of ID. Dairy Cattle must be identified by two of the three identifiers:
 - a. Tattoo/Ear Tag #
 - b. Registration # (all levels of registry are acceptable)
 - c. Official DHIA metal tag
 - d. Non-registered animal may NOT have only tattoo. It MUST have an official 4-H 840 tag (purchase from the Extension Office).
5. Animals may be either purebred or grade. All registered animals will be required to show an original copy of registration papers at check-in (electronic is also accepted).
6. You are allowed to bring your own portable milker for milking cows as one will not be provided.

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7. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with a family member and identified to an individual 4-H or FFA member. When registration papers are involved, the papers must either be in the exhibitor's name or show a logical family relationship. Animals changing ownership after May 15th are ineligible to be exhibited that year. Animals may be exhibited by only one exhibitor.
8. If exhibitor is working with a mentor and the animals are a part of the mentorship a lease agreement form must be completed by May 15th and turned in to the Extension Office.
9. Registered and grade heifers and cows will be shown together.
10. Animals born before September 1, 2025 must be dehorned.

Dairy Cattle Classes:

Exhibitors: Make sure animals are entered in the right classes! Double check the animal's birthdate before entering. The birthdate must agree with Livestock Identification Form filed with the Extension Office.

21102	Junior Calf (Born March 1– April 30th of current year 2026)	
	21102A Ayrshire	21102GH Grade Holstein
	21102B Brown Swiss	21102MS Milking Shorthorn
	21102G Guernsey	21102X Other/Crossbred
	21102J Jersey	
	21102PH Purebred Holstein	
21103	Intermediate Calf (Born Dec. 1 of year prior 2025 - Feb. 28 of current year 2026)	
	21103A Ayrshire	21103PH Purebred Holstein
	21103B Brown Swiss	21103GH Grade Holstein
	21103G Guernsey	21103MS Milking Shorthorn
	21103J Jersey	21103X Other/Crossbred
21104	Senior Calf (Born Sept.1 – Nov. 30 of year prior 2025)	
	21104A Ayrshire	21104PH Purebred Holstein
	21104B Brown Swiss	21104GH Grade Holstein
	21104G Guernsey	21104MS Milking Shorthorn
	21104J Jersey	21104X Other/Crossbred
21105	Summer Yearling (Born June 1 – Aug. 31, 2025)	
	21105A Ayrshire	21105PH Purebred Holstein
	21105B Brown Swiss	21105GH Grade Holstein
	21105G Guernsey	21105MS Milking Shorthorn
	21105J Jersey	21105X Other/Crossbred
21106	Junior Yearling (Born March 1 – May 31, 2025)	
	21106A Ayrshire	21106PH Purebred Holstein
	21106B Brown Swiss	21106GH Grade Holstein
	21106G Guernsey	21106MS Milking Shorthorn
	21106J Jersey	21106X Other/Crossbred
21107	Winter Yearling (Born Dec.1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025)	
	21107A Ayrshire	21107PH Purebred Holstein
	21107B Brown Swiss	21107GH Grade Holstein
	21107G Guernsey	21107MS Milking Shorthorn
	21107J Jersey	21108X Other/Crossbred

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| 21108 | Senior Yearling (Born Sept. 1, 2023– Nov. 30, 2023) | |
| | 21108A Ayrshire | 21108PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21108B Brown Swiss | 21108GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21108G Guernsey | 21108MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21108J Jersey | 21108X Other/Crossbred |
| 21109 | 2 Year Old (Born Sept. 1, 2023– Aug. 31, 2024) | |
| | 21109A Ayrshire | 21109PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21109B Brown Swiss | 21109GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21109G Guernsey | 21109MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21109J Jersey | 21109X Other/Crossbred |
| 21110 | 3 Year Old (Born Sept. 1, 2022 – Aug. 31, 2023) | |
| | 21110A Ayrshire | 21110PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21110B Brown Swiss | 21110GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21110G Guernsey | 21110MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21110J Jersey | 21110X Other/Crossbred |
| 21111 | 4 Year Old (Born Sept. 1, 2021– Aug. 31, 2022) | |
| | 21111A Ayrshire | 21111PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21111B Brown Swiss | 21111GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21111G Guernsey | 21111MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21111J Jersey | 21111X Other/Crossbred |
| 21112 | Dry Cow (Animal has completed lactation) | |
| | 21112A Ayrshire | 21112PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21112B Brown Swiss | 21112GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21112G Guernsey | 21112MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21112J Jersey | 21112X Other/Crossbred |
| 21113 | Aged Cows (Born before September 1, 2021) | |
| | 21113A Ayrshire | 21113PH Purebred Holstein |
| | 21113B Brown Swiss | 21113GH Grade Holstein |
| | 21113G Guernsey | 21113MS Milking Shorthorn |
| | 21113J Jersey | 21113X Other/Crossbred |
| 21114 | Dairy Herd All Breeds (3 Females of one breed, owned by the exhibitor) | |
| | One animal must be the produce of one of the exhibitor's dairy project animals. One animal must have either completed a production record or be currently entered in a production record test. | |

All Junior breed winners will compete for Junior Supreme Champion and Reserve Junior Supreme Champion
All Senior breed winners will compete for Senior Supreme Champion and Reserve Senior Supreme Champion

Dairy Cattle Showmanship

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

- 21901** Senior Dairy Cattle Showmanship (9–12 Grades)
- 21902** Intermediate Dairy Cattle Showmanship (7-8 Grades)
- 21903** Junior Dairy Cattle Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

DAIRY GOATS

Superintendent(s): Amy Hook

Deadlines:

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Attire:

All Dairy Exhibitors must dress in white pants, and white dress shirt or county 4-H or FFA chapter shirt.

DAIRY GOAT RULES:

1. Review the General Rules & Expectations on Page 17
2. Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. All Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats must arrive for Check In and stay the duration of the fair.
4. Exhibitors may bring their own portable milker for milking cows as one will not be provided.
5. Exhibitors are expected to help clean up stalls and pens following check out.
6. Dairy Goats must be properly identified with tattoos or ear tags and be identified on 4honline by May 15.
7. Only Does shall be allowed to enter.
8. Scrapie Eradication Program. All reproductively intact goats that are exhibited must be tagged with a scrapie flock tag in their ear. Goats raised by the exhibitor must be tagged by the 4-H or FFA exhibitor; purchased goats must be tagged by the seller. Purchased animals should also include and owner statement. Registered goats may use officially approved unique tattoo numbers instead of ear tags, provided documentation of scrapie program participation is supplied by a veterinarian.

Dairy Goat Classes:

Junior Does (under 24 months of age that are not in milk and have never freshened)

22101 Junior Doeling (under 6 months)

22102 Junior Doeling (6 months—under 12 months)

22103 Junior Dry Yearling (At least 12 months or under 24 months not in milk)

Junior Champion | Reserve Junior Champion

Senior Does (Does in milk or that have freshened)

22104 Senior Doe (Under 2 years old in milk)

22105 Senior Doe (2 years to under 3 years)

22106 Senior Doe (3 years to under 4 years)

22107 Senior Doe (4 years and older)

22108 Senior Dry Doe (Over 24th months if freshened before)

Senior Champion | Reserve Senior Champion

Supreme Dairy Goat | Reserve Supreme Dairy Goat

Group Dairy Class (Champion & Reserve Ribbons will be awarded)

Mother Daughter (Both goats must have shown In a previous class and be related)

22109 Group Dairy Class

SHOWMANSHIP - DAIRY GOAT

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

Dairy Goat Showmanship

22901 Senior Dairy Goat Showmanship (9–12 Grades)

22902 Intermediate Dairy Goat Showmanship (7-8 Grades)

22903 Junior Dairy Goat Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

DOG OBEDIENCE

Superintendent(s): Erin Calkins

Dog Obedience Training:

Meetings will be held at the Grundy County Fairgrounds on the following dates:

- May 4, 11, 18, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6 & 13
- Registration is required by signing up at the Extension Office.
- Rabies Certificates must be uploaded on 4honline by May 15th .

Deadlines:

- **May 15th**
4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on FairEntry & turn in a paper ID form to the Extension Office. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1**
County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

DOG GENERAL RULES:

1. Review the General Rules & Expectations on Page 17
2. Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. Proof of current vaccination including Rabie, Distemper and Provo is required.
4. All dogs must be either on a lead or in a kennel.
5. All dogs should be well groomed, free of loose hair, fleas, lice and ticks. Toenails should be of suitable length and the eyes and ears clean and clear.
6. Any bitch in season may not be shown.
7. Check In for the Dog Show Monday, July 21, at 2:00 pm. Show starts 2:30 pm.
8. Dogs are released immediately following the Dog Show.

Obedience Classes

1. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. Show scores from previous years will be used to will be used to determine class level along with experience of the exhibitor and dog. A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points or more and achieves 50% of the points or better for each exercise in their class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard they must advance to the next class with the exception of Preferred Novice "B" and Graduate Novice "B". However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level without a qualifying score. An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score may remain in the same class for the following year; the only exception to this is for Preferred-Novice "A" exhibitors who must advance to Preferred-Novice "B" the next year.
2. Ribbons will be awarded based on the following points earned:
Purple 190-200 points
Qualifying Score = 170 pts or above Blue – 170-189 ½ points
Red – 150-169 ½ points
White – 149 ½ or lower

30100	Intro Class 1st year for both exhibitor & 1st year dog. Dog must not have earned any obedience title.	
	Heal & Figure 8 ON Leash	40 pts
	Sit for Examination ON Leash	40 pts
	Recall (No Finish) ON Leash	40 pts
	Long Sit (1 min) / Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
	Long Down (1 min) / Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
30101	Beginners Novice A (old class Pre Novice "A") 2nd year for both exhibitor & dog. Exhibitor / Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title. Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.	
	Heal ON leash	40 pts
	Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
	Sit for Examination On Leash	40 pts
	Sit / Stay Handler walks ring drop leash	40 pts
	Recall (No Finish) Off Leash	40 pts
30102	Beginners Novice B (old class Pre Novice "B") Dog/Handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year. Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.	
	Heal ON leash	40 pts
	Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
	Sit for Examination On Leash	40 pts
	Recall (No Finish) Off Leash	40 pts
	Sit / Stay Handler walks ring drop leash	40 pts
30103	Preferred Novice A (old class Novice "A") Handler /Dog team may enter this class one 1 year. Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.	
	Heal & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
	Stand for examination off Leash	30 pts
	Heal free off leash	40 pts
	Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
	Down/Sit Handler walks ring drop leash	30 pts
	Sit Stay get your Leash	30 pts

- 30104 Preferred Novice B** (*Old Class Novice "B"*)
 Handler /Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.
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| Heal & Figure 8 ON leash | 40 pts |
| Stand for examination off Leash | 30 pts |
| Heal free off leash | 40 pts |
| Recall with Finish Off Leash | 30 pts |
| Down/Sit Handler walks ring drop leash | 30 pts |
| Sit Stay get your Leash | 30 pts |
- 30105 Novice A**
 Handler/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned CD obedience title before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes
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| Heal & Figure 8 ON leash | 40 pts |
| Stand for examination | 30 pts |
| Heal free off leash | 40 pts |
| Recall with Finish Off Leash | 30 pts |
| Sit Stay Get your leash | 30 pts |
| Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay | 30 pts |
- 30106 Novice B**
 Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dog must not have earned third leg toward any CD obedience title.
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| Heal & Figure 8 ON leash | 40 pts |
| Stand for examination | 30 pts |
| Heal free off leash | 40 pts |
| Recall with Finish Off Leash | 30 pts |
| Sit Stay Get your leash | 30 pts |
| Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay | 30 pts |
- 30107 Graduate Novice "A"**
 For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbells for this class. Dog must not have earned any legs towards any CDX title.
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| Heal Free & Figure 8 Off leash | 40 pts |
| Drop on recall off leash | 40 pts |
| Dumbbell recall off leash | 30 pts |
| Dumbbell recall over high jump off leash | 30 pts |
| Recall over broad jump off leash | 30 pts |
| Stand Stay – Get your leash | 30 pts |

- 30108 Graduate Novice “B”**
 For Dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Exhibitor must provide their own dumbbells for this class. Dog must not have earned any legs towards any CDX title.
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| Heal Free & Figure 8 Off leash | 40 pts |
| Drop on recall off leash | 40 pts |
| Dumbbell recall off leash | 30 pts |
| Dumbbell recall over high jump off leash | 30 pts |
| Recall over broad jump off leash | 30 pts |
| Stand Stay – Get your leash | 30 pts |
- 30109 Open**
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| Heal Free & Figure 8 Off leash | 40 pts |
| Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit) | 30 pts |
| Drop on recall off leash | 30 pts |
| Retrieve on flat off leash | 20 pts |
| Retrieve over high jump off leash | 30 pts |
| Broad jump Off Leash | 20 pts |
| Stand Stay Get your Leash | 30 pts |
- 30111 Rally**
 This class is open to every exhibitor. All exercises are performed on leash at a variety of stations. Exercises may include but are not limited to jumping exercises. Divisions include Junior, Intermediate & Senior

Handling

- Entries in this division are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs and must be owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with parent or guardian.
- All exhibitors entering Handling Division must also enter and exhibit in at least one Obedience Class, this includes rally.
- The exhibitor is limited to one entry in this division.
- The handlers grade as of September 15, 2024.
- Class determination is based on the age of the handler.
- Handling classes will be judged using the following Showmanship Score:

Card: Exhibitor (appearance, attitude)	15pts
Dog Grooming & Condition	25pts
Handling	30 pts
Questions	30 pts
Total:	100 pts
- Ribbons will be awarded on the following points earned:

Purple	190-200 points	Red	150-169 ½ points
Blue	170-189 ½ points	White	149 ½ or lower

Handling Classes:

- 30201 Junior Handling (grades 4-6)**
30202 Intermediate Handler (grades 7 & 8)
30203 Senior Handler (grades 9-12)

HORSE & PONY

Superintendent(s): **Lily Busch**

Deadlines:

- **May 15th** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4-H Online 2.0 (Fair Entry for FFA). Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

HORSE GENERAL RULES:

1. Review the Livestock General Rules & Expectations on Page 17
2. Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. Refer to "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C for rules about specific classes.
4. If there is any doubt whether an animal is a horse or pony the superintendent will decide. Horses are animals over 57" tall (14.1 hands or greater) and ponies 57" and under (less than 14.1 hands).
5. The same horse may be ridden by 2 members of the same family in riding classes that are performed individually only! Ex: barrels, poles, trail

Attire:

1. **Western:** Dark blue jeans without holes. A belt is required. Western boots must be worn (Fashion heels are prohibited) A Solid White or Colored, button or snap front long sleeved, collared shirt with 4-H chevron or arm band on the upper left arm or chest, or FFA Jacket, 4-H T-shirt (No club or county council or state fair T-shirts). Shirts must be tucked in, no bling. No chaps allowed. Spurs are permissible but must be dull and the rowels free-moving. In Western Halter & Showmanship classes the exhibitor is expected to wear a cowboy hat. A helmet is required for all riding classes 4-H and FFA youth participating in any and all mounted classes and/or games **MUST** wear an American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness **AT ALL TIMES**, while mounted and riding, including warm up. **This includes any adults or kids riding on the fairgrounds.**
2. **Western Equipment:** western saddle and appropriate bridle, snaffle bit or bosal for the duration of the class. Bridle may be either a standard plain or silver headstall with browband, shaped ear, "one ear", or split ear. Stirrups shall not be tied to one another or to the saddle in any manner. Silver equipment will not count over a good working outfit.
3. **English:** Hunt seat type helmet must be worn. Hunt coats of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, gray, black or brown. Maroon and red are improper. Breeches (or Jodhpurs) are to be of traditional shades of buff, khaki, canary, light gray or rust. Shirts of any color with tie or choker are preferred. Hair must be neat and contained (in net or braid). High English boots or paddock (jodhpur) boots of black or brown. FFA Jacket or 4-H T-shirt are not proper for this class. 4-H and FFA youth participating in any and all mounted classes and/or games **MUST** wear an American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness **AT ALL TIMES**, while mounted and riding, including warm up. **This includes any adults or kids riding on the fairgrounds.**
4. **Hunt Seat Equipment:** An English snaffle (no shank), kimberwick, Pelham, and/or full bridle (with two reins), all with cavesson nosebands and plain leather brow bands, must be used. Saddles must be black and/or brown leather of traditional hunting or forward seat type.
5. **Games:** Same as Western.

Horse Show: Halter, Showmanship, Riding, Trail

Exhibitors may start warming up your horses following a completed vet check as early as 6:00 pm Tuesday. Warm ups between classes are planned. If you are having trouble getting to your trailer and back to the arena fast enough, please talk to the ringmaster or superintendent.

Halter Classes

Halter classes are judged on the horse's conformation and the presentation of the horse. The horse must be fit and well groomed.

31111	Ponies (2 yr old and younger)	31116	Mules
31112	Ponies (3 yr old and older)	31117	Miniature Horses
31113	Horses (Weanlings and Yearlings)	31118	Donkeys
31114	Horses (2 & 3 years old)	31119	Miniature Donkeys
31115	Horses (4 years and older)		

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

1. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors are eligible to participate.
2. **Entry is due July 1st on fairentry.com** Participation in showmanship class is highly recommended!
3. Showmanship will be split into three divisions. Senior, Intermediate & Junior Divisions. Grades are as of 2025-2026 School Year.
4. An individual may only win once as a Junior and once as an Intermediate in each of the livestock species. Once they have won showmanship in their grade level, they must advance to the next division the following year. An individual can win Senior Showmanship more than once.
5. Showmanship is judged on Exhibitor's ability to present their horse in hand (unmounted). The Exhibitor is judged on their ability to execute a set of maneuvers, using the Quarter Method to control their animal and present their animal in a clean and fit manner.
6. Exhibitors must show your own animal. There is NO substitution of livestock allowed.
7. Champion, Reserve Champion & Participation Ribbons will be given.

Showmanship will be judged on the following criteria:

- ✓ Appearance of the Animal - Condition, Cleanliness, Grooming, Clipping
- ✓ Presentation of the Animal - Leading, Response to direction of ring master, posing, use of equipment showing to the animal's best advantage
- ✓ Appearance of the Exhibitor - Proper clothing and shoes, alertness, attitude
- ✓ Knowledge of the Exhibitor

31201 Senior Showmanship (9-12 Grades)

31202 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grades)

31203 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

Riding Classes

The classes will be split into multiple cuts if there are more than 8 horses in a class.

English Riding Classes

English Pleasure is judged on the horse's manners and suitability for English or hunter style work. The horse should move straight, with a steady rhythm and a free-flowing stride. The horse should not come behind the bit or travel too fast. English Equitation is judged on the rider's ability to control their horse, effective use of aids, proper attire, correct form, and cleanliness of the rider and horse all while negotiating a pattern in a style consistent with English pleasure style movement.

31301 English Walk Trot

31302 English Pleasure

31302 English Equitation

Western Riding Classes

Western Pleasure is judged on the horse's manners and suitability for relaxed by collected gait at a relatively slow speed. Judges also look for a calm and responsive disposition. The horse should travel on a loose rein at a constant speed. All classes will exhibit backing.

Western Riding Rules:

1. Junior Horse (5 year old & younger) must have a Snaffle Bit, bosal, curb bit, half-breed or spade bit. If Junior Horses are shown in a snaffle or bosal must be ridden two-handed. All other bits must be ridden one handed. When a curb bit is used, a curb strap or chain is required.
2. Senior Horses (6 yrs old and older) may be shown in a curb bit, half-breed bit, or spade. Senior Horses are ridden one handed.

31401 Novice Western Pleasure – Pony

For exhibitors in first year of horse project or having just completed grades 4-6

31402 Novice Western Pleasure – Horse

For exhibitors in first year of horse project or having just completed grades 4-6

31403 Western Pleasure Walk – Trot (may be asked to extend trot)

31404 Western Pleasure Pony (Walk-Trot-Canter)

31405 Western Pleasure Horse (Walk-Trot-Canter)

31406 Ranch Pleasure Horse & Pony

Walk-Trot-Canter, extended trot, may be ridden sitting, posting or standing in stirrups

31407 Walk Trot Horsemanship

Class is designed to evaluate rider's ability to execute a set of maneuvers with precision

31408 Western Horsemanship

Western Horsemanship is judged on the rider's ability to control their horse effective use of aids, proper attire, correct form, and cleanliness of the rider and horse, all while negotiating a pattern in a style consistent with western pleasure style movement.

Trail Class – Warm Up while Trail Class is being set up

Trail is judged on the rider and horse's ability to negotiate a set course through a series of obstacles. A strong emphasis is placed on willingness, manners and agility of the horse.

Mandatory obstacles include: opening, passing through and closing gate, ride over 4 poles, backing obstacles and two optional obstacles will be added for a minimum of 5 obstacles.

31500 Trail Class

Horse Show: Games

Exhibitors may start warming up your horses following a completed vet check as early as 3:00 pm Wednesday. If you are having trouble getting to your trailer and back to the arena fast enough please talk to the ringmaster or superintendent.

Game Classes

The classes will not be split by age. Junior, Intermediate, Senior

31601 Barrel Racing:

Horse and rider complete a clover-leaf pattern around preset barrels, fastest time wins.

31602 Flags:

Horse and rider compete in grabbing and placing a Flag (on a stick) into a bucket (on top of a barrel) and then picking up a second stick from a second bucket/barrel, fastest time wins.

31603 Speed:

Horse and rider race into arena, go around 1 pole and race back to the starting line.

31604 Pole Bending:

Horse and rider compete in a serpentine pattern around set poles, fastest time wins.

31605 Keyhole:

Horse and rider run into keyhole pattern, turn around and run back, fastest time wins.

31606 Catalog Race:

Horse and rider race run down to the barrel, rider gets off horse, searches for the assigned page in the catalog, and rider runs back on foot with horse to starting line, fastest time wins.

31607 Egg & Spoon: *Horse and rider ride around the arena with an egg on a spoon. Last one with an egg on a spoon wins.*

MEAT GOATS

Superintendent(s): Darren Flater & Brian Feldpausch

DEADLINES:

- **May 3rd** Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh In @ the fairgrounds. All 4-H exhibitors must enter their own animals on v2.4honline.com by May 10th FFA Exhibitors paper ID forms are collected at weigh in.
- **May 15th** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must completed on FairEntry & turn in an ID form to the Extension Office by May 15.. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

MEAT GOAT RULES:

1. Exhibitors are expected to read the general livestock show rules on page 17.
2. Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. Market Goat Classes are open to wether or doe kids. (No Bucks)
4. Only Market Meat Goats tagged and weighed at the Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh In on Sunday, May 3rd. 2026 are eligible to show in the market classes. You may weigh up identify up to 15 Market/ Meat goats.All Market Meat goats must be ear tagged.
5. Breeding Meat Goat classes are open to does & bucks. No Bucks over 12 months old.
6. All Breeding Does and Bucks must be Identified by either a ear tag or tattoo. Yearling Does are not required to have new tags if they have a previous 4-H ear tag or a tattoo. Breeding Does & Bucks must be identified in 4honline For 4-H Exhibitors and FFA Exhibitors must turn in a paper ID Form and enter ID's on FairEntry to the Extension Office by May 15.
7. Meat Goats will be weighed in again at the county fair check in (see Schedule)
8. Market Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 50lbs. Classes will be divided by weight. All breeds will show together. Anything under 50lbs will be entered in a feeder class.
9. Market classes will be divided by weight as the superintendent deems necessary. Breeding classes will bedivided by birth date as superintendents deem necessary.
10. Exhibitors will be required to have horns disbudded, dehorned or tipped blunt on all market wethers & does before arrival on fairgrounds. Removal of horns on fairgrounds is NOT permitted. Breeding Does can be shown with full horns.
11. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use halters, collars, or collars with a short lead when showing. No choking of animals will be allowed.
12. Bracing is allowed; however, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable.
13. Scrapie Eradication Program. All reproductively intact goats that are exhibited must be tagged with a Scrapie flock tag in their ear. The animal is tagged by the 4-H'er if born and raised by the 4-H'er, if purchased it is tagged by the seller. If purchased, you should also receive an owner statement from theseller. Registered goats may use officially approved unique tattoo numbers instead of scrapie ear tags provided. They have documentation of participation in the scrapie program from their veterinarian.
14. An exhibitor may show a maximum of 7 meat goats.

Meat Goat Classes:

Breeding Meat Goat

- 23101** Junior Meat Goat Doe 0-3 months
- 23102** Junior Meat Goat Doe 4-8 months
- 23103** Junior Meat Goat Doe 9-12 months
- 23104** Junior Yearling Meat Goat Doe 13-24 months
- 23105** Senior Yearling Meat Goat Doe 2 year olds (25-36 month)
- 23106** Aged Meat Goat Doe, Does over 37 months
- 23107** Junior Meat Goat Bucks 0-3 months
- 23108** Junior Meat Goat Bucks 4-8 months
- 23109** Junior Meat Goat Bucks 9-12 months

Market Meat Goats

- 23201** Market Meat Goat Wether
- 23202** Market Meat Goat Does
- 23203** Market Dairy Meat Goat Wether
- 23204** Market Other Breeds (Ex. Pygmy, Kiko, Myolonic)

SHOWMANSHIP – MEAT GOAT

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

- 23901** Senior Meat Goat Showmanship (9–12 Grades)
- 23902** Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship (7-8 Grade)
- 23903** Junior Meat Goat Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

PETS

Superintendent(s): Karen Benson

DEADLINES:

- **May 15th**
4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on FairEntry & turn in a paper ID form to the Extension Office. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1**
County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

Pet Class Rules

1. Pets must be ID'd by May 15th and should be in the care of the exhibitor.
2. Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. Any animal shown in another department (example: Dog, Rabbit, Chicken, etc) are not eligible to exhibit in the Pet department. You must choose one or the other.
4. Pets must be identified by an individual 4-H member, with the exception of Dogs that can be co-identified by immediate family members (Siblings / Step – Siblings). Each dog must still be identified in 4honline under each sibling/4-H member, and it is either identified as 4-H or FFA, not both. Siblings must both be in 4-H to identify the same dog/horse.
5. All pets must be on a lead or in a cage.
6. Proof of rabies vaccinations is required for cats & dogs. Health papers for all other pets are not required.
7. No wild animals allowed. (skunk, raccoon, fox, etc.)
8. Pets will be conference judged on their conditions, member's ability to handle and care for pet and answer questions of the judge about their pet.
9. Each member is limited to one entry per class. (a bowl of fish or such grouping is considered oneentry.)
10. Exhibitors are **EXPECTED** to read and follow the General Show Rules & Expectations on page 17.

Pet Classes:

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| 32001 | Pet Alpacas & Llamas |
| 32002 | Amphibians, Reptiles & Fish |
| 32003 | Birds |
| 32004 | Cat |
| 32005 | Dog (Dogs shown in this class are NOT eligible for the Dog Show) |
| 32006 | Gerbils, Guinea Pig, Hamsters |
| 32007 | Rodents |
| 32008 | Other Pet (Please specify what you are exhibiting) |

SHOWMANSHIP – PETS

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

- 32181 Senior Pet Showmanship (9–12 Grades)**
- 32182 Intermediate Pet Showmanship (7-8 Grade)**
- 32183 Junior Pet Showmanship (4-6 Grades)**

POULTRY

Superintendent(s): Brianna Heltibridle

DEADLINES:

- **May 15th** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed online. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on FairEntry & turn in a paper ID form to the Extension Office. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **June 15th Poultry ID's due in FairEntry**
- **July 1:** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

POULTRY CLASS RULES:

1. **Livestock Health Requirements:** [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
Exhibitors are EXPECTED to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting
2. **Animals must be checked in before caging them!**
3. Pullorium Typhoid-free certificates must be brought to check-in. Pullorium Typhoid testing will be done at check-in for birds without certificates. **Fees must be paid in cash** for testing at Check In. Please be prepared to wait as there only one person completing the Pullorium Typhoid – Free Testing.
4. Only **THREE** entries may be made per class per exhibitor.
5. **It is the EXHIBITORS responsibility to know the sex of their animal.** You must know the sex of your birds for pen of 3 PRIOR to the Check In and placement of animals in a cage.
6. First and second place will be selected in each poultry class. A Grand Champion poultry will be selected from the breeding classes.
7. Exhibitors are **EXPECTED** to read and follow the General Livestock Show Rules & Expectations on page 17

Use the list of breed classes provided to help you identify & select classes for your birds

American	Asiatic	English	Mediterranean	Continental	Miscellaneous
Buckeye	Brahma	Australorps	Leghorns	Hamburg	Modern Game
Chanteceler	Cochin	Cornish	Mincoras	Campines	Old English Game
Delaware	Langshan	Dorking	Ancona	Lanenvelders	Sumatras
Java	Salmon	Orpinton	Andalusians	Polish	Malays
Jersey Giant	Faverolles	Redcap	Sicilian	Houdans	Cubalayas
New		Sussex	Buttercup	Crevecoeur	Phoenix
Hampshire			Spanish	LaFleche	Okohoamas
Plymouth Rock					Shamo
Rhode Island					Sexlink
Rock					Sultans
Wyandotte					Frizzles
					Naked Neck
					Ameraucanas
					Aruacanas

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Commercial Birds – Broilers

Broiler

1. Exhibitors must purchase their own birds within 6-8 weeks before fair & provide proof of purchase date.
2. All birds will be shown as a pen of 3
3. Judging will be based on health, uniformity, weight, and visual appeal. Expected carcass quality will be taken into consideration.
4. **Pullorum Testing is required.** Either bring documentation that it was completed prior to fair or bring them to Poultry check in on Tuesday, July 21 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
5. Broilers must be checked in by 7:00 am the day of the show & must show proof of Pullurium testing.
6. There will be a Lightweight and a Heavyweight division. The judge will select an Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Broiler pen.

24301 Lightweight Broiler 3.0 - 6.0 pounds

24302 Middleweight Broilers 6.1 – 9.0 pounds

24303 Heavyweight Broilers over 9.0 pounds

Production

Production Pens

All shown as Pen of 3. No individuals will be shown. All production classes will be shown on the basis of uniformity, production ability, health, handling qualities, and general conformation.

ONLY 3 pens per exhibitor

24401 Production Hens (Hatched prior to January 1st)

24402 Production Pullets (Hatched after January 1st)

Commercial Birds—Market

Market Pens

All shown in Pens of 3. No individuals will be shown. Market classes will be judged on uniformity, health, weight for type, fleshing, and fat covering. Pen of 3 may consist of either or both sexes.

24310 Roasters

24320 Market Ducks

24330 Market Geese

24340 Market Turkey

24350 Market Pigeon

Breeding

Breeding Pens & Individuals

These birds may not have already shown in Production or Market classes. The purpose of this class is to have a bird that is true to his type as possible. Entries are shown as individuals or pen of 3. An individual may not be included in a pen of 3. Entries must be of production age, minimum of 4 months old. All pens of 3 must be one male and two females.

Large Fowl

American

- 24011 Rooster (Old)
- 24012 Hen (Old)
- 24013 Cockerel (Young)
- 24014 Pullet (Young)
- 24015 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Asiatic

- 24021 Rooster (Old)
- 24022 Hen (Old)
- 24023 Cockerel (Young)
- 24024 Pullet (Young)
- 24025 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Continental

- 24031 Rooster (Old)
- 24032 Hen (Old)
- 24033 Cockerel (Young)
- 24034 Pullet (Young)
- 24035 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

English

- 24041 *Rooster (Old)*
- 24042 Hen (Old)
- 24043 Cockerel (Young)
- 24044 Pullet (Young)
- 24045 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Mediterranean

- 24051 Rooster (Old)
- 24052 Hen (Old)
- 24053 Cockerel (Young)
- 24054 Pullet (Young)
- 24055 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Miscellaneous

- 24061 Rooster (Old)
- 24062 Hen (Old)
- 24063 Cockerel (Young)
- 24064 Pullet (Young)
- 24065 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam

Bantam Old English Game

- 24111 Rooster (Old)
- 24112 Hen (Old)
- 24113 Cockerel (Young)
- 24114 Pullet (Young)
- 24115 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam Modern Game

- 24121 Rooster (Old)
- 24122 Hen (Old)
- 24123 Cockerel (Young)
- 24124 Pullet (Young)
- 24125 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam Single Comb Clean Legged

- 24131 Rooster (Old)
- 24132 Hen (Old)
- 24133 Cockerel (Young)
- 24134 Pullet (Young)
- 24135 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam Rose Comb Clean Legged

- 24141 Rooster (Old)
- 24142 Hen (Old)
- 24143 Cockerel (Young)
- 24144 Pullet (Young)
- 24145 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam Any Other Comb Clean Legged

- 24151 Rooster (Old)
- 24152 Hen (Old)
- 24153 Cockerel (Young)
- 24154 Pullet (Young)
- 24155 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Bantam Feather Legged

- 24161 Rooster (Old)
- 24162 Hen (Old)
- 24163 Cockerel (Young)
- 24164 Pullet (Young)
- 24165 Pen (1 Male & 2 Females)

Other Breeding Poultry

Breeding Pens & Individuals

These birds may not have already shown in Production or Market classes. The purpose of this class is to have a bird that is true to his type as possible. Entries are shown as individuals or pen of 3. An individual may not be included in a pen of 3. Entries must be of production age, minimum of 4 months old. All pens of 3 must be one male and two females.

Waterfowl / Other Waterfowl Classes

Heavy Ducks	Medium Ducks	Light Ducks	Other Fowl	Geese	Bantam Ducks
Aylesbury Pekin Muscovy Rouen	Cayuga Crested Buff Swedish	Campbell Runner Magpie	Qual Pheasant Guinea Emu Ostrich Peacocks	Any Breed	Call Mallard East Indie

Breeder Ducks

24212 Drake (Old)
24213 Female Duck (Old)
24214 Drake (Young)
24215 Female Duck (Young)
24216 Pen (1 Male 2 Females)

Breeder Geese

24252 Gander (Old)
24253 Goose (Old)
24254 Gander (Young)
24255 Goose (Young)
24256 Pen (1 Male 2 Females)

Breeder Pigeons

24290 Male (Old)
24291 Female (Old)
24292 Male (Young)
24293 Female (Young)
24294 Pen (1 Male 2 Females)

Breeder Ducks Bantams

24242 Drake (Old)
24243 Duck (Old)
24244 Drake (Young)
24245 Duck (Young)
24246 Pen (1 Male 2 Females)

Breeder Turkey

24282 Tom (Old)
24283 Hen (Old)
24284 Jake (Young)
24285 Hen (Young)
24286 Pen (1 Male 2 Females)

Ornamental / Exotic Poultry

Breeding Pens & Individuals

These birds may not have already shown in Production or Market classes. The purpose of this class is to have a bird that is true to his type as possible. **Entries are shown as individuals or pen of 3.** An individual may not be included in a pen of 3. Entries must be of production age, minimum of 4 months old. All pens of 3 must be one male and two females

24500 Ornamental/Exotic - Male (Old)
24501 Ornamental/Exotic - Female (Old)
24504 Ornamental/Exotic (Pen – 1 Male 2 Females)

24502 Ornamental/Exotic - Male (Young)
24503 Ornamental/Exotic - Female (Young)

SHOWMANSHIP – POULTRY

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

24901 Senior Showmanship (9–12 Grades)
24902 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grades)
24903 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

RABBITS

Superintendent(s): Lexie Hach & Liz Rogers

DEADLINES:

- **NEW JUNE 15th RABBIT ID's DUE ON FAIRENTRY!** Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

Rabbit Class Rules:

1. **Livestock Health Requirements:** [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
Exhibitors are EXPECTED to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting
2. Tattoo Information is **REQUIRED** on FairEntry. Rabbits must have a tattoo in the left ear for the county fair by July 1.
3. Rabbits must be born 8 weeks before county fair except for Meat Pen rabbits (3 rabbits of the same color and breed less than 8 weeks old or weighing 5lbs each). Only **one** of the rabbits in the meat pen can be shown as a single in a different class.
4. **Rabbits can only be identified & exhibited by ONE exhibitor.** Two different exhibitors CANNOT show the same rabbit, this is grounds for disqualification. A rabbit cannot be identified under a 4-H or FFA Member and a Clover Kid.
5. Rabbits can only be identified as a 4-H project or FFA project, **NOT** both. Exhibitor's can only exhibit animals in 4-H or FFA and not both. See rules on page 17
6. Rabbits shown in the Rabbit show are not eligible to participate in the Pet Show or Clover Kid Rabbit or Pet Show.
7. Mentor application **MUST** be completed and turned in to the Extension office for approval by **May 15th**. Mentors will be given wrist bands for identification.
8. **A Doe of reproductive age with known, suspected, or possible exposure to a Buck should NOT be brought to fair.**
9. **Pregnant Does should NOT be brought to fair, any pregnant Doe(s) discovered at fair will be asked to be taken home. In the event that kits are born at fair the Doe and kits will need to be taken home and are the responsibility of the owner(s).**
10. No lactating Doe with a litter can be brought to the fair. Does should be weaned 30 days prior to the fair.
11. Rabbit Superintendents will check all rabbits before they are placed in pens at check in. The Fair Veterinarian will also check for signs and symptoms of infections or communicable disease.
12. Limit of two entries per class.
13. Exhibitors need to sign up for showmanship classes by July 1st. If you do not and decide that you do want to participate in showmanship the change must be made with superintendents at check in. If you won a class you will move up a class. (ex. won Junior last year, show in Intermediate this year) Once you get to the senior division you can participate in senior showmanship each year until you are no longer eligible to exhibit.
14. **Final corrections must be made at check in.** Please make sure you are in the correct classes. Following check in the superintendent will not be adding youth to classes or making corrections for you.
15. Exhibitors are expected to care for their own animals and keep the area around the cages clean and neat.

Grade Rabbits

Grade Rabbits rabbit eligibility for Best in Show shall be determined by the Rabbit Judge.

- 27001 Senior Buck (over 6 months old)**
- 27002 Junior Buck (under 6 months old)**
- 27003 Senior Doe (over 6 months old)**
- 27004 Junior Doe (under 6 months old)**

Meat Rabbits

- 27301 Single Fryer** (about 5 lbs.)
- 27320 Meat Pen** (Three rabbits of the same color and breed less than 8 weeks old or weighing 5 lbs. each)

Purebred Rabbits

Commercial

Includes: American, Beveren, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Flemish Giant, French Lop, New Zealand, Palominos, and Satin.

- 27101 Commercial Senior Buck** (over 6 months old)
- 27102 Commercial Senior Doe** (over 6 months old)
- 27103 Commercial Junior Buck** (under 6 months old)
- 27104 Commercial Junior Doe** (under 6 months old)

Fancy

Includes: American Fuzzy Lop, French Angora, Giant Angora, Sahn Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Checkered Giant, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, Hotot, Dwarf Hotot, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woolly, Holland Lop, Lilac, MiniLop, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Mini Rex, Silver Martin, and Lop.

- 27201 Fancy Senior Buck** (over 6 months old)
- 27202 Fancy Senior Doe** (over 6 months old)
- 27203 Fancy Junior Buck** (under 6 months old)
- 27204 Fancy Junior Doe** (under 6 months old)

Fur

- 27420 Colored Fur Class**
- 27421 White Fur Class**

SHOWMANSHIP – RABBIT

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

- 27901 Senior Showmanship (9–12 Grades)**
- 27902 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grades)**
- 27903 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grades)**

SHEEP

Superintendent(s): Brittanee Deeringer

DEADLINES:

- **May 4th** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh In @ the Fairgrounds**
- **May 15th** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on FairEntry & turn in a paper ID form to the Extension Office. Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

SHEEP RULES

1. Exhibitors are **EXPECTED** to read and follow the General Livestock Rules & Expectations on Page 17.
2. Exhibitors are **EXPECTED** to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting. [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
3. Sheep must be in the Exhibitors possession by May 3rd, 2026. Livestock ID's must be filed on 4honline by May 15, 2026
4. You may weigh-in identify up to 15 lambs.
5. To be eligible for exhibit the following must have been completed at the county wide weigh-in May 3rd
 - a. Ear tagging of all Breeding and Market lambs. Yearlings are not required to have new tags if they have a previous year's 4-H ear tag.
 - b. Weighing of all market lambs.
 - c. Ewe lambs to be entered into the Breeding Show **MUST** have breeding information completed on the Sheep ID form during the May 3rd weigh-in. Lambs without this form completed may only be exhibited in the Market Sheep Show. Yearling ewe lambs must be included on this form.
 - d. All yearling ewes without a 4-H ear tag must be present at the May 3rd weigh-in tagged for identification but are not required to be weighed.
 - e. Exhibitors must enter their own animal information on v2.4honline.com. Instructions and deadlines will be given out at weigh in.
6. Market lambs may be of either sex. Male lambs must be castrated prior to the May 4th County Weigh-In.
7. **Scrapie Eradication Program.** All ewe lambs and yearlings (reproductively intact animals) exhibited at the Grundy County Fair and the Iowa State Fair, must have a Scrapie Flock Ear Tag. If you or your family have your own flock or lambs, be sure they have been tagged by their owners before they leave the farm. Any ewe or yearling brought to the county fair without this ear tag, will not be eligible to show. Lambs will be checked before they are unloaded, and ineligible lambs will not be allowed to unload. **These tags MUST be in place for the May 3rd weigh-in.**

8. Wethers do not have to be ear tagged with Scrapie program tags.
9. Market lambs must be rough sheared (no more than 1-inch of wool remaining) within 10 days prior to the first day of fair. NO rough shearing will be allowed at fair. However, final clipping or trimming may be done at fair prior to the show.
10. Breeding sheep may not be exhibited in a Market Class.
11. Classes will be divided by the superintendent according to fair weights.
12. Exhibitor and / or family member must be present to help check-in at the fair.
13. No animals can be exhibited with horns
14. Animals are not allowed at trailers following check in.

Breeding Sheep

1. Exhibitors may enter two animals per class.
2. Purebred ewes must be registered. Registration papers will be checked at check in. Purebred's without registration papers will shown in the commercial ewe classes.
3. There must be two or more entries to designate a separate breed class. Based on entries Purebred classes may be broken out into Black Face, Speckle Face, White Face. The top of those break outs will come back in ring for Purebred class winner.

25110 Purebred Ewe Lamb

25111 Commercial Ewe Lamb - Black Face

25112 Commercial Ewe Lamb - Speckled Face

25113 Commercial Ewe Lamb - White Face

25121 Purebred Yearling Ewe (haven't lambed)

25122 Commercial Yearling Ewe - Black Face (haven't lambed)

25123 Commercial Yearling Ewe - Speckled Face (haven't lambed)

25124 Commercial Yearling Ewe - White Face (haven't lambed)

25130 Purebred Yearling Ewe (have lambed)

25131 Commercial Yearling Ewe - Black Face (have lambed)

25132 Commercial Yearling Ewe - Speckled Face (have lambed)

25133 Commercial Yearling Ewe - White Face (have lambed)

Grundy County Born Breeding Sheep

1. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit any Grundy County Born Breeding Ewes in the Grundy County Born Breeding Sheep Class
2. Grundy County Born Breeding Sheep must be declared at Check In. You may identify more than one lamb at the May 4th weigh in.
3. Winners of this class do not return for Champion Drive.

25150 Grundy County Born Breeding Sheep

Market Sheep

1. An exhibitor may show a maximum of seven head in the Market Sheep class.
2. Maximum of five head can be shown in either class 25201 or 25202.

25201 Individual Market Speckle or White Face Lamb (maximum of 5 individual Market Lambs)

25202 Individual Market Lamb (maximum of 5 individual Market Lambs)

Grundy County Born Market Sheep

1. Exhibitors may choose to exhibit any Grundy County Born Market Lambs in the Grundy County Born Market Sheep Class
2. Grundy County Born Market Sheep must be declared at Check In. You may identify more than one lamb at the May 4 weigh in.
3. Winners of this class do not return for Champion Drive.

Grundy County Born Market Sheep Class

25250 Grundy County Born Market Sheep

SHOWMANSHIP – SHEEP

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

25901 Senior Showmanship (9–12 Grades)

25902 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grades)

25903 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

SWINE

Superintendent(s): Tim Diamond, Rick Ehmen & Rhett Ehmen

DEADLINES:

- **April 15-30 Swine Identification**
- **May 15th Livestock ID's Due:** 4-H Livestock ID's Must be completed on 4honline. FFA Livestock ID's must complete ID's on Fair Entry Animals that are not properly identified are not eligible to exhibit at County Fair.
- **July 1:** County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

Breeding Swine

1. **Livestock Health Requirements:** [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)
Exhibitors are EXPECTED to review the health requirements for the species they are exhibiting
2. All pigs will be tagged and identified between April 15 – 30, 2026 for County Fair. 4-H's enrolled in Swine project area on 4honline were mailed information about the identification process. Each Exhibitor will need to enter their own animals on v2.4honline.com and FFA exhibitors will enter ID's on FairEntry by May 15th.
3. Exhibitors may tag a maximum of 15 pigs total (Market & Breeding)
4. County Fair Tags: \$3.00. | County Fair \$3.00+ State Fair DNA Collection \$8.00 = \$11.00
5. All State Fair Swine (Breeding and Market) must have a DNA collection sample on file by May 15th and an approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag.
6. All pigs MUST be ear notched using the Universal Ear Notching Method by May 15th.
7. Exhibitors may tag a maximum of 15 pigs total (Market & Breeding)
8. Exhibitors may show a maximum of 8 pigs at fair total (Market & Breeding)
9. Market & Breeding Hogs must be identified at the Fair Weigh In/ Check-In
10. Breeding gilts should be farrowed on or after December 1.
11. Maximum weight of 350 lbs. at fair weigh in.
12. Exhibitor must declare weight on a weigh card that is due Tuesday, July 12 between 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Fair. Weight must be within 15lbs of the declared weight at show time.
13. Commercial Breeding Gilt class will be divided by ending weight.
14. Individual Breeding classes will be broken into breeds if there are a minimum of three hogs per breed.
15. There shall be no coloring agents used on hogs. No clipping of hogs on the fairgrounds. Hogs or Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
16. The top two in each class will be re-weighed during the swine show, following each class.

Breeding Classes:

Commercial Breeding Gilt
26100 Commercial Gilt

Purebred Breeding Gilt
26101 Berkshire
26102 Chester
26103 Duroc
26104 Hampshire

26105 Hereford
26106 Spotted
26107 Yorkshire
26108 A.O.B.
(All Other Breeds)

Market Swine

1. All pigs will be tagged and identified by April 22nd for County Fair. 4-H'ers enrolled in Swine project area on 4honline were mailed information about the identification process. Each Exhibitor will need to enter their own animals on v2.4honline.com FFA exhibitors will enter ID's on FairEntry.
2. Exhibitors may tag a maximum of 15 pigs total (Market & Breeding)
3. County Fair Tags: \$3.00. | County Fair \$3.00+ State Fair DNA Collection \$8.00 = \$11.00
4. All State Fair Swine (Breeding and Market) must have a DNA collection sample on file by May 15th and an approved Iowa 4-H or Official USDA 840 tag.
5. All pigs MUST be ear notched using the Universal Ear Notching Method.
6. Exhibitors may show a maximum of 8 pigs at fair total (Market & Breeding)
7. Market & Breeding Hogs must be identified at the Fair Weigh In/ Check In
8. Exhibitor must declare weight on a weigh card (See Schedule for deadline.) Weight must be within 15lbs of the declared weight at show time.
9. Market pigs must weigh at least 210 lbs. and can be no larger than the maximum weight of 300 on entry day.
10. Commercial Market Hog classes will be divided by ending weight
11. Purebred Market Hog classes will be broken into breeds if there is a minimum of three hogs per breed.
12. There shall be no coloring agents used on hogs. No clipping of hogs on the fairgrounds. Hogs or Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.

Market Classes:

Commercial Market Hogs

26201 Market Barrows

26202 Market Gilts

Purebred Market Hogs (Registration papers are required!)

26203 Berkshire

26204 Chester

26205 Duroc

26206 Hampshire

26207 Hereford

26208 Spotted

26209 Yorkshire

26210 A.O.B. (All Other Breeds)

SHOWMANSHIP – SWINE

See Showmanship Rules on page 23

26901 Senior Showmanship (9–12 Grades)

26902 Intermediate Showmanship (7-8 Grades)

26903 Junior Showmanship (4-6 Grades)

CLOVER KIDS

Bucket Calf, Bottle Lamb, Rabbits, Chicks, Pets, Dog Obedience, Static, Awardrobe Fashion & Communications

Clover Kids are eligible to participate in safe, educational and developmentally age-appropriate opportunities at the fair. All Clover Kid animals must be cooperative and NOT competitive. The following activities are in compliance with Iowa State University, ISU Extension & Outreach and Iowa 4-H policies, regulations & guidelines

Exhibitor Eligibility

1. Youth must have completed Kindergarten through third grade (K-3 grade)
2. Youth MUST be currently enrolled as a Grundy County 4-H Clover Kid
3. Clover Kids are required to attend a minimum of 2 learning opportunities or club meetings.

.DEADLINES:

July 1st Clover Kid Livestock ID's and Fair Entries & Fees are due on faireentry.com. Stall Fees are due to the Extension Office by 4:30 pm or postmarked by July 1st.

Schedule: See page # 7

Livestock Health Requirements: [Click Here for 2026 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibits](#)

Clover Kids General Rules

1. All Clover Kids must follow the 4-H and Clover Kid General Rules and Clover Kid project area rules. rea department rules. (ex. Poultry or static).
2. **Animal Identification and Entries**
 - a. All exhibitors must complete & submit animal ID information when fair entries are due
 - b. One animal exhibit per exhibitor, unless a specific department rule states otherwise.
 - c. Animals cannot be ID'd by both a 4-H / FFA member and a Clover Kid, except in Dog Obedience.
 - d. If an animal dies or is sent home by the vet, the exhibitor may still participate by walking in the arena to share their project story. This applies ONLY if the animal was entered by the July 1 deadline.
3. **Exhibitor Identification**
 - a. All Clover Kids must wear an exhibitor wristband. Wristbands help Superintendents, Fair Board and Extension staff ensure only authorized youth handle exhibits.
 - b. Wristbands are given out at check-in. Exhibitor must be present to get wristband.
4. **Show Attire:**
 - a. Required 4-H t-shirt, pants & tennis shoes or boots.
 - b. Not allowed: Flip flops or open toe shoes.
5. **Assistance and Mentors:**
 - a. Clover Kids may only have help from superintendents, other 4-H or FFA members, adult family members or mentors.
 - b. If you are working with a mentor you must complete a mentor application form by May 15th. The purpose of the mentor partnership is for the exhibitor to learn from those who are assisting them and not for that assistant to do all the work for the exhibitor.

6. Livestock Handling:

- a. Clover Kids who have completed Kindergarten and older are permitted to handle livestock projects at fair. Exception: Clover Kids are not allowed to handle horses or swine.

7. Non-Competitive Experience:

- a. Clover Kid Exhibit opportunity is NOT competitive.
- b. The goal is learning and preparation for future 4-H / FFA participation
- c. All exhibitors receive the same type of recognition, which may vary by species.

8. Exhibit Release:

- a. **Exhibits are released on Saturday (see Schedule for time).**
- b. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits prior to release time without proper consent of the Executive Committees will NOT be allowed to exhibit at the 2027 Grundy County Fair.
- c. Early Release Request must be made by July 1st and on file at the 4-H Extension Office. Requests will be reviewed by the CYC, an Executive Committee member of the Fair Board & 4-H Youth Committee. Exhibitor will be notified of decision. All decisions are final.

9. Animal Sale and Extra Animals:

- a. **NO SALE OF ANIMALS ON FAIRGROUNDS.**
- b. Animals will not be released early
- c. No extra animals are allowed on the grounds.

10. Conduct and Sportsmanship:

- a. Exhibitors, parents, and mentors must show respect and good sportsmanship toward judges, exhibitors and superintendents.
- b. Anyone not acting appropriately may be asked to leave the show, arena or fairgrounds.

11. Complaints:

- a. All complaints must follow the official complaint procedure on page 21.

Clover Kid Static Exhibits:

Clover Kid Static Exhibits can be crafts, baked goods, posters, sewing, home improvement, horticulture, etc.... Exhibits will be shared with a Clover Kid Judge in a share and tell manner. Youth will receive a participation ribbon and exhibits will be displayed in the 4-H Exhibit Building during the week of fair. For more project area specific class descriptions, ideas and rules please see the Static section of the Fair Book on page 68.

Clover Kid Static Class Numbers and Descriptions

55801 Animals

An exhibit that tells about your activities with an animal project such as beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine and/or an exhibit about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction or other learning related to Veterinary Science. **The actual animal may not be brought to fair for this exhibit.**

55802 Agriculture and Natural Resources

An exhibit that shows learning about Agriculture & Natural Resources such as crops, conservation, entomology (excluding live specimens), fish, wildlife, forestry, home grounds improvement, outdoor adventures

55803 Horticulture

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.

55804 Photography (Clover Kids Limit of 3 Photo Exhibits)

A picture or series of pictures taken of animals, buildings or landscape. Pictures can be any size and black and white or color.

55805 Visual Arts An exhibit that you made such as a drawing with crayons, markers, chalk or paint, paper mache, latch hook rug, block printing or any other art project.

55806 Family & Consumer Sciences:

An exhibit that relates to childcare, decorating your own room or home, preparing food or clothing. Possible ideas include a sewn or no sew pillow, pictures showing how you have cleaned your room or redecorated, no bake cookies, cake from a mix, a good snack, a good toy for a child and why, or any other ideas you may have. A recipe must be included with a food exhibit. No refrigeration of food allowed. *HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide"* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf>

55807... Clothing and Fashion

A constructed or sewn garment or accessory, purchased garments & accessories, or educational display.

55808 Personal Development

An exhibit that shows learning about Citizenship, Civic Engagement, Communication, Leadership or Self Determined.

55809 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit

Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes: *4-H is . . . (open to 4-H member's's interpretation)*, *Join 4-H*, *Beyond Ready in 4-H* (2024 National 4-H Week theme), *Lasso Your 4-H Legacy* (2025 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme), *4-H Sweet 4-H* (variation of Iowa State Fair theme). 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.

55810 Science, Engineering & Technology

An exhibit that shows skills or learning about mechanics, engineering, automotive, electric, small engine, tractors, welding, woodworking, aerospace or robotics.

Clover Kid Communications

Communications Event is Monday, July 20 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Clover Kid Communication Numbers and Descriptions

55901 Presentation

A 2-4 minute presentation or demonstration. Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid. Maybe your Clover Kid group learned about birdhouses. Youth can give a presentation on how to build a birdhouse. Maybe you learned to make no bake cookies. You can share how to make those. You can bring props and do the presentation with one friend who is also a clover kid.

55902 Working Exhibit

Prepare supplies for 30 people to visit your table and learn about or how to make something that you are able to teach. Pick a topic that you have had experience with as a Clover Kid. You can teach someone how to make a bookmark or thank you card for example. You can bring props, dress up and show guests how to create your project. You can also have a friend who is also a clover kid.

55903 Share the Fun

This is a fun way to share your skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. Skits, songs, puppet show, magic tricks, dance and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.

Clover Kid Awardrobe Fashion Show

Fashion Show Judging is: June 21 starting at 2:00 pm at the Extension Office

Fashion Show is Monday, July 20 2:30pm - 6:30 pm at the Alumni Building with Share the Fun

Clover Kid Static Class Numbers and Descriptions

55101 Fashion Revue

Model a garment or outfit the participant has constructed, handknitted, machine-knitted or crocheted during the current year.

55102 Clothing Selection

Model a garment or outfit that you selected during the current 4-H year. The outfit must be purchased new or used.

55103 The \$20 Challenge

Model an outfit that was purchased at a garage sale, consignment store or resale shop (i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type.) Shoes, accessories or undergarments are not included in the \$20.

Clover Kid OnSite Garden Judging

OnSite Garden Judging is: July 6th starting at 9am

Results will be posted in the Exhibit Building and Awards can be picked up on Saturday, July 25th at the Exhibitor Check Out. There will not be a formal announcement during communications this year.

1. Entries may include individuals, groups, clubs or families.
2. Exhibitor must be present for judging
3. Gardens are judged on maintenance, care, plant spacing, insect and weed control, design arrangement, plant selection, etc.
4. A write up with pictures is optional.

55111 Onsite Garden – Home Gardening

55112 Onsite Garden – Commercial Gardening

55113 Onsite Garden – Flower / Ornamental

55114 Onsite Garden – Landscaping



1. Identification Requirements;
 - a. All Bucket Bottle Calves being exhibited at the County Fair MUST have an official USDA 840 EID tag in their ear and identified properly for county fair requirements (tag, sex, birthdate, etc.)
2. Eligibility of Calves:
 - a. Any newborn or orphan calf, steer or heifer, dairy or beef, that is calved between March 1 and before June 15 of the current year may be shown.
 - b. If purchased, the calf must be purchased and in possession of exhibitor within 2 weeks of birth; identified by tagging and identified on the livestock identification report by July 1st.
 - c. Calves must be bucket or bottle-fed only. Nursing is not allowed.
3. Exhibitor may identify up to 2 animals but can only exhibit 1 calf.
4. Show Requirements:
 - a. Calves will be shown on halter.
 - b. Each exhibitor will be given an opportunity to walk their bucket calf in the arena. Exhibitor is allowed to have one adult or 4-H mentor walk with them in the arena.
5. Bucket Calf Poster:
 - a. Posters will be mailed to exhibitors
 - b. Posters should be completed and turned in at check in.
 - c. Posters will be displayed in the Bucket Calf Barn
 - d. Include a story about what you learned, general health and care information and a photo of your project.
6. Exhibitor Experience:
 - a. Confirmation and quality of the calf is NOT to be considered.
 - b. Exhibitor will be interviewed in the arena about their bucket calf. Questions may include things like the bucket calf's name, what you do to take care of the calf, what you like about the project and more.
 - c. 3rd & 4th Year Exhibitors will experience a mini show and show sticks and combs are optional. This is for educational purposes only. There will be no placing of animals all exhibitors will be given participation ribbons.

Bucket Bottle Calf Classes

55001 Bucket Calf Class....1st Year Exhibitor

55002 Bucket Calf Class.... 2nd Year Exhibitor

55003 Bucket Calf Class.... 3rd Year Exhibitor (show sticks & combs optional)

55004 Bucket Calf Class.... 4th Year Exhibitor (show sticks & combs optional)



Dairy Goat

Superintendents: Amy Hook

1. Any newborn or orphan dairy goat born between March 1 and before June 15 of the current year may be shown.
2. If purchased, the dairy goat must be purchased and in possession of exhibitor within 2 weeks of birth; identified by tagging, and identified on the livestock identification report by July 1st.
3. Exhibitor may identify up to 2 animals but can only exhibit 1 goat.
4. Only Does shall be shown must be bucket or bottle fed (no nursing).
5. Each exhibitor will be given an opportunity to walk their dairy goat in the arena.
6. Confirmation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
7. Exhibitor will be interviewed in the arena about their dairy goat. Questions may include things like the dairy goat's name, what you do to take care of the goat, what you like about the project and more.
8. Each Exhibitor will be given a poster to complete and turn in at check in. Posters will be hung in the DairyBarn. Posters can include a story about what the exhibitor has learned about caring for the calf, how to groom and keep the animal clean, knowledge of general health, condition and management and pictures.

Clover Kid Dairy Goat Class: 55101 Clover Kid Dairy Goat



Meat Goat

Superintendents: Darren Flater & Brian Feldpausch

1. Any newborn or orphan meat goat born between March 1 and before June 15 of the current year may be shown.
2. If purchased, the meat goat must be purchased and in possession of exhibitor within 2 weeks of birth, identified by tagging, and identified on the livestock identification report by July 1st.
3. Exhibitor may identify up to 2 animals but can only exhibit 1 goat.
4. Market Goat must be bucket or bottle fed (no nursing).
5. Each exhibitor will be given an opportunity to walk their goat in the arena.
6. Confirmation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
7. Exhibitor will be interviewed in the arena about their goat. Questions may include things like the meatgoat's name, what you do to take care of the goat, what you like about the project and more.
8. Each Exhibitor will be given a poster to complete and turn in at check in. Posters will be hung in the Meat Goat Barn. Posters can include a story about what the exhibitor has learned about caring for the calf, how to groom and keep the animal clean, knowledge of general health, condition and management and pictures.

Clover Kid Meat Goat Class: 55301 Clover Kid Meat Goat

Bottle Lamb

Superintendents: Brittane Deeringer



1. Lambs should be born after February 1 but before May 15 of the current year.
2. Lambs must be identified by July 1st and under the care of the youth within 2 weeks of birth.
3. Lambs cannot be identified by a 4-H'er for the market or breeding sheep show.
4. All ewe lambs to be exhibited must have the official Scrapie Flock ID tags from the state. Wethers do not need the official Flock ID tag.
5. An exhibitor may identify up to three (3) animals but is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair. It is recommended for the welfare of the lambs that ideally they be raised in groups of 2-3 head. This allows for interaction and a more productive environment.
6. All lambs are to be halter broke and shown on halter. All exhibitors may have an adult or senior 4-H'er in the show ring with them.
7. Lambs should be shorn within 14 days prior to the fair.
8. Emphasis of the class will be on what the youth has learned while raising the lamb and not on confirmation of the animal.
9. Exhibitor will be interviewed in the arena about their Bottle Lamb. Questions may include things like the bottle lamb's name, what you do to take care of the lamb, what you like about the project and more.
10. Each Exhibitor will be given a poster to complete and turn in at check in. Posters will be hung in the Sheep Barn. Posters can include a story about what the exhibitor has learned about caring for the lamb, how to groom and keep the animal clean, knowledge of general health, condition and management and pictures.

Bottle Lamb Class: 55201 Bottle Lamb

Clover Kid Chicks

Superintendents: Brianna Heltibridle



Poultry Breeds are listed in the 4-H Poultry section of the fair book a Waterfowl would be ducks or geese.

1. Exhibitors may exhibit two poultry and two waterfowl (ducks or geese).
2. Care & Requirements:
 - a. Poultry or waterfowl must be under the care of the youth within a week of birth.
 - b. Birds must be at least 4 months of age on show day.
3. Entry Requirements:
 - a. Livestock Entry & ID Forms must be turned into the extension office by July 1st of the current year.
 - b. Birds shown in Clover Kid Chicks may not also be shown in a regular 4-H Poultry Show.
4. Health Requirements:
 - a. All poultry must be Pollurium Tested. Pollurium Testing will be available at Check In.
5. Clover Kid Chick Poster:
 - a. Posters will be mailed to exhibitor, Due at Check In & Displayed in the Poultry Barn
 - b. Include a story about what you learned, general health and care information and a photo of your project.
6. Exhibitor Experience
 - a. Class Emphasis of the class will be on what the youth has learned while raising the poultry or waterfowl and not on conformation of the animal.
 - b. Exhibitor will be interviewed at their cage. Questions may include: birds name, care, what they enjoy about the project and other simple knowledge-based questions.

Clover Kid Chicks Class:

55401 Clover Kid Chicks – Poultry

55402 Clover Kid Chicks - Waterfowl

Clover Kid Rabbits

Superintendent: Lexie Hach



1. Rabbits must be under the care of the youth within 8-12 weeks of birth.
2. **Rabbits can only be Identified & exhibited by ONE exhibitor.** Two different exhibitors CANNOT show the same rabbit. A Rabbit cannot be identified under a Member and a Clover Kid or shown in the Rabbit Show.
3. An exhibitor may identify up to three (3) animals but is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair.
4. **Tattoo information is REQUIRED on FairEntry by July 1st.**
5. **Rabbit must have the tattoo in the left ear by July 1st for county fair. If you need assistance, contact the Extension Office for more information.**
6. Emphasis of the class will be on what the youth has learned while raising the rabbit and not on conformation of the animal.
7. Exhibitor will be interviewed at the rabbit table about their rabbit. Questions may include things like the rabbit's name, what you do to take care of the rabbit, what you like about the project and more.
8. Rabbits exhibiting in the rabbit show or clover kid rabbit show are not eligible to exhibit in the Pet show or Clover Kid Pet show.
9. Each Exhibitor will be given a poster to complete and turn in at check in. Posters will be hung in the Rabbit Barn. Posters can include a story about what the exhibitor has learned about caring for the rabbit, how to groom and keep the animal clean, knowledge of general health, condition and management and pictures.

Clover Kid Rabbit Classes:

55501 Junior Buck (under 6 mo. old)

55503 Senior Buck (over 6 mo. old)

55502 Junior Doe (under 6 mo. old)

55504 Senior Doe (over 6 mo. old)

Clover Kid Pet

Superintendent: Karen Benson



1. **Pets must be owned by the exhibitor. Pets cannot be identified by another 4-H or FFA exhibitor or sibling.**
2. **Pets shown in a 4-H or FFA Show are not eligible for Clover Kid Pets.**
3. Pets must be under the care of the youth.
4. An exhibitor may identify up to three (3) animals but is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair.
5. The pets are to be brought to the fair on the day of the show and may be taken home after they are shown.
6. Emphasis of the class will be on what the youth has learned while raising the pet and not on conformation of the animal.
7. Exhibitor will be interviewed at the table about their pet. Questions may include things like the pet's name, what you do to take care of the pet, what you like about the project and more.
8. Each Exhibitor will be given a poster to complete and turn in at the Fair 4-H Office the first day of fair to be hung in the Upper Show arena. Posters can include a story about what the exhibitor has learned about caring for the pet, how to groom and keep the animal clean, knowledge of general health, condition and management and pictures.

Clover Kid Pet Class:

55601 Clover Pets

Clover Kid Pet _____ **Superintendent: Karen Benson**



1. Dogs must be under the care of the youth.
2. Dogs cannot be identified by another 4-H'er for the Dog or Pet Show.
3. An exhibitor may identify only one Dog for this class.
4. Proof of vaccination is required
5. The dogs are to be brought to the fair on the day of the Dog show and taken home after the Dog Show.
6. Emphasis of the class will be on what the youth has learned while raising the dog and participating in DogObedience classes not on conformation of the animal. Youth may be asked to perform some of the dog obedience tasks.
7. Reminder: Dogs entered in Dog Obedience classes are not eligible to exhibit in the Pet Show.
8. **Exhibitor must participate in Dog Obedience Classes. See Fair Schedule on page #7.** Dogs will learn how to heel, stand for examination, and do the figure 8 all on leash, recall on leash and do sits for one minute and downs for three minutes on leash.

Clover Kid Dog Obedience Class: 55701 Clover Dog Obedience

ONSITE GARDEN

Judging Superintendent: Extension Staff

Important Dates:

Entry Deadline:	July 1, 2026
On Site Garden Judging:	July 6 starting at 9am
Award Announcements:	Awards will be announced at Communication Event.

Onsite Garden Judging Rules

1. Entries may be individuals, groups, clubs or families.
2. Exhibitor must be present for judging.
3. Gardens are judged on maintenance and care, plant spacing, insect and weed control, design arrangement, plant selection, etc.
4. A write up with pictures is optional.

Horticulture – On Site Garden:

- 40604 On Site Garden – Home Gardening**
- 40605 On Site Garden – Commercial Gardening**
- 40606 On Site Garden – Flower / Ornamental**
- 40607 On Site Garden – Landscaping**

STATIC EXHIBITS

Judging Building Superintendent(s): Liz Rogers

4-H Exhibit Building Superintendent(s): Ashley Bruene

DEADLINES:

- **July 1**

County & State Fair Entry Deadline! ALL 4-H & FFA Livestock, Static, Communication & Fashion Show Entries must be completed on grundy.fairentry.com and entry fees sent to the Extension Office by July 1st.

SCHEDULE: See Fair Schedule on Page 6

GENERAL STATIC EXHIBITOR RULES:

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

1. All 4-H members (completed 4th -12th Grade) must attend at least four local club meetings to be eligible to participate at County Fair.
2. Static Judging is scheduled for Monday, July 20th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.
3. Judging Day is not open to public. Please try to limit the amount of people you bring with you to judging day. Parents will be allowed to take a picture but are not allowed to stay with an exhibitor while they visit with the judge. Exception is if there is an accommodation in place.
4. Entries are checked in at the Static Judging Entry Table. Please have projects ready with your goal form attached and all pieces of the exhibit labeled.
5. Please check in no later than 11:30 am. This is important as judges have other commitments following our judging time.
6. ENTRY TAGS WILL BE AT CHECK IN. Instructions & Supplies to add your tags will be at a table for you to attach them to your exhibits.
7. Static Entries are released on Saturday, July 25 30 minutes following the completion of the beef show to 3:00 pm. ALL exhibits are released at this time. Please plan accordingly. Volunteers will start picking up as exhibits are removed.
8. ALL Static (Non-Livestock) Exhibits MUST be picked up by 4 pm.
9. Exhibits that are sold prior to release are not allowed to leave early.
10. All Static exhibit Exhibitors must sign a release form when checking out all exhibits before removing the items from the exhibit building. Exhibits removed without permission or prior to release time will forfeit premium.
11. If an exhibitor or their immediate family is unable to pick up their exhibits, the exhibitor is responsible to assign a pick up person and let the Extension Office know who the appointed person by Wednesday the week of fair. Exhibits are not the responsibility of the staff to collect.

4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING GENERAL RULES & CLASS DESCRIPTIONS:

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th-12th Grade in 2026 are eligible for exhibits to be selected to represent Grundy County at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program
3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice versa. See also Iowa State Fair 4-H General Rules & Regulations.
4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
6. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not be put on public display.
7. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36" inches in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.(See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement).
 - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
8. See Class 10255 for smaller requirements for Farm Model Displays. Endangered, threatened, and "special concern" plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (Sus species) - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#) .
9. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
10. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information.)
11. The 4-H member's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Iowa State Fair exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located at [State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels](#) (<https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn>).

12. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit
 - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - What were the most important things you learned?

NOTE: Check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communication classes.
13. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department.
14. All judges' decisions are final.
15. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, exhibitor's name, class number, and class name.
16. Exhibits will be selected for Iowa State Fair at the end of Static Judging. Outstanding Junior Ribbons are given to outstanding exhibits entered by 4th Grade Members.
17. All exhibitors with exhibits selected for the Iowa State Fair will be given a packet at check out with instructions and the date that exhibits need to arrive at the Grundy County Extension Office. Exhibits will be at the Iowa State Fair from Tuesday, August 11th thru Monday, August 24th and must be checked out with the department superintendents before being removed from the 4-H Exhibit Building at the Iowa State Fair. All persons picking up (one or more) exhibits must adhere to this schedule and assigned county time.

Other Exhibit Information

1. 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
2. The Grundy County Fair Board, The Iowa State Fair and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc.
3. The Iowa State Fair Management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.

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DESIGN

Exploring the Elements and Principles in Home Decor

Elements of Design

The elements of design are line, color, shape, texture, form, and space. These are the tools used to design a room or space.

By learning and using the elements and principles of design, you will increase your understanding of how and why some things work together and some simply don't look right.

Line

Line is any mark greater in length than width. Words to describe line include vertical, horizontal, straight, curved, diagonal, thick, thin, dashed, zigzag, continuous, jagged, or smooth.



Color

Color is what we see when light is reflected. Words to describe color include hue (the name of the color), value (lightness or darkness of the color), or intensity (brightness or dullness of the color).



Shape

Shape is two-dimensional and appears flat. For example, a square is a shape. Words to describe shape include square, rectangle, circle, oval, triangle, curved, or wavy.



Texture

Texture is the surface quality of an item. It is how something feels—or appears like it would feel—when it is touched. Words to describe texture include rough, smooth, soft, prickly, squishy, grainy, or hard. The chair shown is leather. Leather looks and feels soft, smooth, slick, or cold.



Form

Form is the structure of an item; it is three-dimensional with length, width, and depth. For example, a box is a form. Words to describe form include cube, box, ball, cylinder, pyramid, free form, or sphere.

Space

Space is the area between and around an object and the area that the object occupies. In a room, you have a defined space, so it is important to consider how much of the space each object will use. For this reason, space is an added element in home décor. Words to describe space include cramped, crowded, open, uncomfortable, comfortable, cozy, noisy, warm, or cold.



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Principles of Design

The principles of design are balance, emphasis, rhythm, unity, and proportion. The principles of design are how we use the elements of design to create the desired look.



Symmetrical

Balance

Balance means that both sides appear to be equal even if they are not identical. Formal or symmetrical balance means if you draw a line down the center, both sides are identical. Informal or asymmetrical balance means if you draw a line down the center, both sides appear to be equal in visual weight although not identical.



Asymmetrical

Emphasis

Emphasis draws your attention to a certain part of the room. For example, in the image below, the yellow chair draws your attention to the center of the room first.



Rhythm

Rhythm is a feeling of movement as it directs your eye around the room. It is achieved through the repetition of the design elements of shapes, forms, colors, textures, or lines.



Unity

Unity is achieved when all the elements and principles work together as a whole to create a look or theme.



Proportion

Proportion refers to the relationship of parts within an item. Scale compares size. Shown are two rocking chairs. All the parts—seat, back, legs, and spindles—are in proportion to each other. However, the big chair would not be the correct size or scale for a toddler, while the child's rocker would not work very well for an adult to use.



STATIC EXHIBIT CLASSES & DESCRIPTIONS

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are strongly encouraged to go to www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets for information on judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning

ANIMALS

10110 Animal Science - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse and pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

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.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rules:

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

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.

10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability - An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.

10222 Entomology - Any exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example: honey) or equipment as part of the display.

10224 Fish and Wildlife - An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, and who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

10226 Forestry - An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

10230 Horticulture and Plant Science - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock. Exhibitors may choose to participate in horticulture at the Iowa State Fair. Entries must be made by July 1st on the Iowa State Fair Entry database. **To exhibit vegetable specimens (project), refer to [Harvesting & Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit \(4H 462\)](#)**

10235 Home Grounds Improvement - An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

10240 Outdoor Adventures - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

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

10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources - An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

CREATIVE ARTS

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.

10320 Photography (Limit of 5 Exhibits) - An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:

1. *Photographs may be either black and white or color.*
2. *Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.*
3. *Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches x 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches x 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.*
4. *All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of a finished project must not exceed ½ inch thick.*
5. *Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally.*
 - *4-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color and size.*
 - **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
6. *A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 6 inches x 8 inches..*
7. *Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.*
8. *Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
9. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.*
10. *All photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits. This can be found at <https://iastate.app.box.com/v/webdoc4HP5220Word>*

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)

Creative Photography Special Rules:

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

10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.

10540 Digital Storytelling - (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) 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.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts Special Rules:

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

10350 Visual Arts - Original Art - An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

10355 Visual Arts - Design, Process, or Technique Exploration - This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit **must be included**. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must still be credited, acknowledged or have copyright permission obtained. See visual arts special rule #5 and #6.

10360 Visual Arts - Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics – Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc. Visual Art topics that are not an art item or object.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Child Development

10410 Child Development – An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit

Clothing & Fashion:

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/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

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/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

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:

1. *Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event at the Iowa State Fair (Senior 4-H members only) may not be sent to the Iowa State Fair as a static exhibit.*
2. *Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*

Consumer Management:

10430 Consumer Management - An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Food & Nutrition

Food & Nutrition Special Rules:

1. *Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.*
2. *All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.*
3. *Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.*
4. *Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.*
5. *Meat jerky products are prohibited.*
6. *The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, credit the source of the recipe.*
7. *Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Exhibit Label.*
8. *Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.*
9. *Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a resealable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:*
 - a. *Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items*
 - b. *Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product.*
10. *The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*

10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product - An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf> for additional information regarding prepared food products. Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products.

10442 Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product - An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf> for additional information regarding preserved food products.

10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display - An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning & service preparation, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – a Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.

Health

10450 Health - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.

Home Improvement:

Home Improvement Special Rule:

1. *Items entered must be ready for display in the home: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.*
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).

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.

Sewing & Needle Arts:

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

10470 Sewing and Needle Arts - Constructed item – A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

10472 Sewing and Needle Arts – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including but not limited to construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

Other Family & Consumer Science:

10480 Other Family and Consumer Science - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family & Consumer Science class listed.

Special Exhibition:

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. *Each county may advance one (1) exhibit to the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.*
3. *Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.*
4. *The total expense on receipts(s) must not exceed \$11.*
5. *The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains.*
 - a. *Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoon healthy fats, ½ - 1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½ - 1 ounce whole grain.*
 - b. *If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.*
6. *The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches x 28 inches that includes:*

- a. *The menu, a list of food items, and the appropriate portion sizes for each food item.*
 - b. *Meal type (breakfast, lunch or dinner)*
 - c. *Copy of receipts (up to 2)*
 - d. *Photos of participant experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.*
 - e. *The completed [Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet](#) attached to the back of the poster.*
7. *For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.*

10490 – Thrifty Meal Challenge – Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended food groups with a budget of \$11. (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four as of November 2025).

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Personal Development Special Rule:

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

10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.

10520 Communication - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, 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.

10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit - Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

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

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. *Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered. Limit of two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.*
3. *Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc.*
4. *Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.*
5. *Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.*
6. *Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.*
7. *4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.*

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

10550 Leadership - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

10560 Self-Determined - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule:

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

10610 Mechanics - An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that combine skills related to the design, construction, and repair of structural and mechanical technologies.

10612 Automotive - Vehicle - Repaired or restored vehicle. (If selected to advance to Iowa State Fair, vehicles will only be on display Thursday, August 13th.)

10613 Automotive – Educational Display – An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

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

10615 Small Engine - Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

10616 Tractor - Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the fair. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor

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

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

10620 Woodworking - Any exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

10630 Science, Engineering & Technology - Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

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

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

4-H COMMUNICATION EVENTS

Superintendent(s): Whitnee Beenken

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

Grundy County will be selecting up to 6 Educational Presentations, 4 Working Exhibits, 3 Share the Fun and 2 Extemporaneous Speaking entries to participate at the fair on one of the following dates: Sunday, August 16th pm, Monday, August 17, Friday, August 21, Saturday, August 22. Dates & Times are subject to change based on time slot availability.

General Communication Rules and Regulations

All participants are responsible for reading and complying with the Iowa State Fair Communication program rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and specific class rules and regulations.

1. Entries are open to enrolled Clover Kids and 4-H members who have met county fair eligibility requirements.
2. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade in 2026 are eligible to be selected to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking- See class rules for age guidelines.
3. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the intermediate/senior class).
4. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
6. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, in HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide" found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>
7. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (If tape is needed, painter's tape is preferred)
8. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/sites/default/files/animal-industry/pdf/2026HealthRequirementsfortheExhibitionofLivestock.pdf>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
9. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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

Educational Presentation Rules

1. Time limit: Junior presentations (4th – 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th -12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Educational Presentation per year.
4. **Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s).** Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

11100 Educational Presentation

WORKING EXHIBIT

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

Working Exhibit Rules

1. Time limit: All working exhibits will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, with a 10 minute set up before and a 5 minute clean up following the working exhibit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year.
4. Have enough supplies for 30 people to complete your activity.

11200 Working Exhibit

SHARE-THE-FUN

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

Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program:
 - At least 80% of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
 - Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed 6 minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All performers must confirm stage set up, cue music, necessary equipment, etc. a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the event.

11300 Share-The-Fun Program

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

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

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent).in 2026.
2. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted every 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participants may bring their own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - f. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the club they represent and read the selected question.
 - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
3. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic.
 - b. Knowledge of the subject.
 - c. Organization of material.
 - d. Power of expression.
 - e. Voice.
 - f. Stage presence.
 - g. General effect.
 - h. Response to questions.
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

4-H AWARDROBE CLOTHING EVENT

Superintendents: Whittnee Beenken

Fashion Show Judging June 21, 2026

GENERAL AWARDROBE RULES

1. Participants in the Awardrobe Clothing Event will interview with a judge to discuss their exhibit.
2. All participants must fill out the Awardrobe Clothing Event Report form to give to the judge before starting the interview. This can be found at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event>
3. A photo of participant in the outfit must be submitted along with the report form.
4. Certain classes may require receipts as proof of purchase.
5. A commentary is also required to be turned in on a SEPARATE document for the Fashion Show.
6. On the report form, youth should list design elements and art principles – see “Exhibit Building General Rules”.
7. Only seniors are selected to attend the Iowa State Fair Awardrobe Event in one of the four categories.
8. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a static 4-H exhibit.

FASHION REVUE

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

12100 Fashion Review

CLOTHING SELECTION

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member’s goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend’s modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

12200 Clothing Selection

\$20 CHALLENGE

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

12300 \$20 Challenge Event

INNOVATIVE DESIGN

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

12400 Innovative Design

Quick RESOURCES for 4-H Exhibits:



Livestock:

YQCA Training Required by July 1:

www.yqcaprogram.org

(Birthdate is as of Jan. 1, 2024)

Drug Affidavids

[Beef](#)

[Horse](#)

[Meat Goat](#)

[Sheep](#)

[Swine](#)

Static Exhibits:

Exhibit Tip Sheets

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>

Food & Nutrition:

Foods for Iowa Fairs:

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434.pdf>

Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs

[Safe Frosting for Iowa 4-H Fairs](#)

Thrifty Meal Challenge

<https://iastate.app.box.com/s/q3h4416amafgbjsqzlpb1yx4cs9xb0l>

Photography:

Photography Label

<https://iastate.app.box.com/v/webdoc4HP5220Word>

Communications:

4-H Poster Exhibit Report Form

[4-H Poster Exhibit Report Form](#)

Fashion Show

Awardrobe Clothing Event

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/awardrobe-clothing-event>

Senior Clothing Event Report

[4H 3813 4-H Senior Clothing Event Report Form.](#)

Junior / Intermediate Report Form

<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/Product/16984>

Copy Right

Use of Copyright & Trademark Material:

[Use of Copyright and Trademark Material](#)

Pinterest to Original Source in 3 Easy Steps:

[Pinterest to Original Source in 3 Easy Steps](#)

Using Artificial Intelligence Tools in Iowa 4-H

<https://iastate.app.box.com/s/q3h4416amafgbjsqzlpb1yx4cs9xb0l>

Forms Included on next pages

Goal Sheet



4-H Exhibit Goal Form

Class #:

Class Name:

Exhibitor Name: _____

Year's in 4-H: _____ / Clover Kids: _____

Club: _____

Years in Project Area: _____

Exhibit Title: _____

of Pieces: _____

Brief Description:

1. **Exhibit Goals: What did you plan to learn or do?**

2. **What steps did you take to learn or meet your goals?**

Explain what you did in detail so that the judge can understand what you did and the steps you used to make your exhibit.

*For baked items, attach the ~~receipe~~ ~~recipe~~

3. **What are the most important things you learned?**

Explain any challenges and how you were able to solve ~~them, new~~ skills developed, how gathered information was used, ~~etc...~~

4. If this exhibit is a Visual Arts, Home Improvement, or Clothing Exhibit please include Elements & Principles of design. (Circle 2 or more and explain how they apply)

Design Elements:				
Line	Shapes	Texture	Emphasis	Color
Design Principles:				
Unity	Space	Rhythm	Proportion	Balance

5. What did you like or dislike about your project?

6. Please add any additional information you want the judge to know about your project that did not fit in any of the questions above.

Example: Cost of supplies & materials, pictures, future project plans, etc.

7. **COPYRIGHT:** To avoid copyright infringement list the original sources you used for your exhibit (books, magazines, *websites, people and projects you've seen in a store, etc.) if applicable.

**Do not site Pinterest, Google, etc... as the source. They are search engines and not the original source. You will need to find the original source.*

Grundy County Fair King & Queen

2026 King & Queen Candidates Needed!

The Grundy County Fair Board is now accepting applications for the **2026 King and Queen Contest**. If you're a community – minded teen or young adult ready to represent Grundy County with pride, this is your moment to shine.

Eligibility Requirements:

- **Age:** 16-21 years old as of August 7, 2025
- **Residency:** Must live in Grundy County or adjoining county if most activities are in Grundy County.
- **Status:** Must never have been married or had children.
- **Involvement:** Must be active in at least one service organization (e.g. 4-H, FFA, Church Group, Girl Scouts)
- **State Fair Rules:** No professional models or past State Fair Finalists may compete.

Key Dates:

- **Application Deadline:** July 5, 2026
Contact Allyson Graves at Allyson.dinsdale5@gmail.com or 319-215-5309
- **Judging:** Sunday, July 12 at 2:00 PM (Location TBA)
- **Crowning:** Monday, July 20, 2026
- **Fair Week Duties:** July 20-25, 2026
- **Iowa State Fair Queen Contest:** August 5-9, 2025

Scholarships:

- Fair Queen: \$250.00
- Fair King: \$150

Past Royalty Highlights:

- 2025: Riah Schrage & Daniel Hommel
- 2024: Sarah O'Donnell & Will Rogers
- 2023: Cora Berends
- 2022: Bell Rogers & Andrew Hommel
- 2021: Ella Hommel
- 2020: Deidra Green
- 2019: Karli Wilhau
- 2018: Westin Hansen
- 2017: Addie Johnston & Rhett Ehmen
- 2016: Jurane Lizer



Special Recognition:

Grundy County proudly celebrates Riah Schrage, the 2025 Iowa State Fair Queen! Her achievement shines a spotlight on the strength and spirit of our local youth!



Grundy County Fair 2026 Open Class Exhibits

Grundy County Fairgrounds, 1308 4th St, Grundy Center, Iowa 50638
Superintendents: Diane Adair & Judy Freed

OPEN CLASS EXHIBIT INFORMATION

Entry Forms & Tags:

Forms: Available to print from www.grundycountyfair.com and select 2026 Open Class Fair Book or Pick up at the Grundy County Extension Office, 703 F Avenue; Suite 1, Grundy Center. Office Hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 am – 12:00 pm on Friday. Cost: \$2.00 for printed entry form and instructions

Entry Tags: FREE and available at the Grundy County Extension Office

Open Class Building:

Exhibit Check In:	Monday, July 20	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
	Tuesday, July 21	7:30 am – 9:30 am
Building Hours:	Tuesday, July 21	TBD based on Judging
	Wednesday, July 22	9:00 am - 8:00 pm
	Thursday, July 23	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
	Friday, July 24	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
	Saturday, July 25	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Exhibit Release Time:	Saturday, July 26	12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
	<i>Exhibits MUST be picked up during this time! If you are unable to pick up your project, please make arrangement for someone else to check out your exhibits on your behalf.</i>	

General Open Class Rules:

1. Classes are open to anyone who wishes to exhibit with one exception, 4-H & FFA members cannot enter the same exhibit in non-livestock projects in both 4-H & FFA classes and open classes.
2. **All entry forms must be signed, tags completed and firmly attached to the exhibit by the exhibitor before arriving at the building.**
3. Entry Forms MUST include name and phone number of the person who will be picking up exhibits at check out. When using more than one entry form please label them 1 of 2, 2 of 2 in the top right corner.
4. Exhibits entered must have been made with in the last two years.
5. The superintendents and assistants reserve the right to reclassify an item or split classes.
6. Ribbons will be given to all participating. Each item will be judged on its own merit, receiving a blue, red or white ribbon, regardless of how many are in the class. Best of Show \$5.00, Purple \$3.00, Blue- \$2, Red- \$1 and White- \$.50.

Open class superintendents are not responsible for broken or damaged goods.

Horticulture

Vegetable & Fruit Classes:

1. All exhibits must be brought on a sturdy paper plate or cardboard and covered with a plastic bag.
2. Entries must be home grown.
3. For information on how to prepare vegetables for exhibit and judging criteria, ask for the "[Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit](#)" at the Extension Office.
4. Please include description of entry on the tag (specify variety if known).

Vegetables, Herbs, & Fruit

Limit of one exhibit of each variety.

For Example: You can bring 1 exhibit of green bean, 1 exhibit of yellow beans and 1 exhibit of purple beans.

Vegetables

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----|---|
| 101 | Asparagus – 3 spears | 122 | Peas (Edible) – 6 pods |
| 102 | Beets – 3 specimen | 123 | Peppers (Bell or Sweet)– 2 specimen |
| 103 | Broccoli – 3" head | 124 | Peppers (Hot)– 2 specimen |
| 104 | Cabbage – 1 head | 125 | Potatoes – 3 |
| 105 | Carrots – 3 specimen | 126 | Pumpkin – 1 |
| 106 | Cauliflower – 1 head | 127 | Radish – 5 specimen |
| 107 | Celery – 1 bunch | 128 | Snap Beans – 6 pods |
| 108 | Cucumber– 3 pickling (2-3") | 129 | Spinach – 1 plant |
| 109 | Cucumber – 3 dill size (4-6") | 130 | Squash – 2 summer |
| 110 | Cucumber–3 slicing (6"or larger) | 131 | Squash – 1 winter |
| 111 | Dried Onions - 3 | 132 | Sweet Corn – 2 ears |
| 112 | Eggplant – 1 specimen | 133 | Turnips – 3 specimen |
| 113 | Garlic – 3 specimen | 134 | Zucchini – 2 |
| 114 | Green Onions - 5 | 135 | Other Vegetable not already listed (specify) |
| 115 | Kale-1 plant | 136 | Vegetable Basket Display
Basket must include 5 or more vegetables, attractively displayed.
Basket cannot be larger than one-half bushel size |
| 116 | Kohlrabi – 2 specimen | | |
| 117 | Lettuce – 1 plant | | |
| 118 | Lima Beans – 6 pods | | |
| 119 | Okra – 3 | | |
| 120 | Parsnips - 3 | | |
| 121 | Peas – 6 pods | | |

Herbs

1 sprig (4-6 inches long) per bottle.

- 151 Basil
- 152 Cilantro
- 153 Chives– 6 sprigs in water
- 154 Dill – 2 head
- 155 Oregano
- 156 Parsley
- 157 Mint
- 158 Thyme
- 159 Rosemary
- 160 Other Herbs – not already listed (specify)

VEGETABLES & FRUIT FEATURE CLASS:

- 137 Feature Class Theme-
Biggest Zucchini (by weight)

Fruits

- 201 Muskmelon – 1
- 202 Raspberry – 10 specimen
- 203 Rhubarb – 3 stalks
- 204 Tomatoes – 3 specimen
- 205 Tomatoes (Cherry, Pear and/or Grape) –
10 specimen
- 206 Watermelon - 1
- 207 Other Fruit not already listed. Please specify.

Flowers and Flower Arrangement

1. For information about exhibiting and judging flowers and house plants ask for "[Preparing Cut Flowers and House Plants for Exhibit](#)" at the Extension Office.
2. Plants will not be watered unless you include instructions on back of your entry tag.
3. Clear glass vases must be used for spike, sprays or standards. No plastic or colored vases.
4. All plant materials must be fresh or dried. See Fine Arts class #618 for artificial arrangements.

What do you mean Spike, Spray or Standard?

- Spike:** A lengthened flower cluster in which the florets are stem-less.
- Spray:** A main stem with side branches and blooms on all sides.
- Standard (round form):** Round-form flowers that are exhibited as a single flower at the tip of a stem.

Flower & Flower Arrangements

- 301 **Garden Flower Spike**
- 302 **Garden Flower Spray**
- 303 **Garden Flower Standard**
- 304 **Gone Wild** – Arrangement of wild flowers
- 305 **Shoebooty** – A plant or flower arrangements in a shoe or boot
- 306 **Green Thumb Arrangement** – An arrangement of foilage (no flowers)
- 307 **Mini Me** – Miniature arrangement under 6 inches high
- 308 **Fall Harvest** – Arrangement of yellow and/or orange flowers
- 309 **Weathered Beauty** – Fresh flowers with weathered wood
- 310 **"Iowa the Corn State"** – An arrangement of fresh flowers or dried plant material with any part of the corn plant and or ear.
- 311 **Kitchen Sunshine** – Any kind of fresh flowers in kitchen container
- 312 **Rustic Arrangements** – Arrangement of flowers in a rustic container
- 313 **Holiday Fair** – Container must be a holiday container, ex. Christmas, Easter, etc.
- 314 **White on White** – White Flowers, White Container
- 315 **Tea Time** – Fresh flowers arranged in a tea pot
- 316 **Coffee Time** – Fresh flowers arranged in a coffee mug or cup
- 317 **Home Grown Dried Arrangement**
- 318 **House Plants**
- 319 **Patio Plant**
- 320 **Container Flower Garden** – This includes more than 1 plant in a container
- 321 **Fairy Garden**
- 322 **Cut Flower Arrangement**
- 323 **Succulents**

Flowers & Flower Arrangement Feature Class

- 324 **Flowers & Flower Arrangement Feature Theme: All American**
Arrangement of flowers. Everything needs to be red, white and/or blue.

Home & Family Exhibits

Foods

1. All exhibits must be brought on a sturdy paper plate or covered cardboard in clear plastic bag.
2. Maximum of 4 different recipes per class. An unlimited number of entries is allowed in Class #427.
3. **EACH CLASS MUST INCLUDE RECIPE!**
Recipe must be attached to the exhibit.
4. Preserved Foods **MUST** have a "Food Preservation Label". Labels can be picked up at the Extension Office.
The following information must be included on the label:
 - a. Method of preservation
 - b. Processed Time
 - c. Date Processed
 - d. Current UDSA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation methods must be used. (Check at County Extension Office for recommended practices or call ISU Hotline 1-800-262-3804 for current researched information.) Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label, vI-991201-WB/SSA.
 - e. All jars must be displayed without rings.
5. No cream cheese or item that needs refrigeration.
6. A sample of baked goods will be displayed after judging.

Foods

Breads & Rolls

- 401 Yeast Bread – 1 Loaf
- 402 Bread Machine – 1 Loaf
- 403 Yeast Rolls – 7 Rolls
- 404 Muffins (7)
- 405 Quick Breads – 1 Loaf
- 406 Coffee Cake – 4 Servings

Cakes & Cupcakes

- 407 Layer Cakes – 1 Cake with Frosting
- 408 Cakes & Cupcakes -1 Cake or 4 Cupcakes
- 409 Decorated Cakes – Judged on decorating only

Cookies

- 410 Bar Cookies (7)
- 411 Chocolate Chip Cookies (7)
- 412 Drop Cookies (7)
- 413 Refrigerator & Roll Out Cookies (7)

Foods Feature Class

- 430 Foods Feature Theme: Family Favorite
Include a story about why it is your family favorite

Canned Foods

*Canned entries must be in a clear sealed jar.

- 414 Canned Fruits
- 415 Canned Vegetables
- 416 Canned Pickles
- 417 Canned Relishes
- 418 Canned Salsa
- 419 Canned Meat
- 420 Canned Soup, Stew, Sauce

Jams, Jellies & Preserves

- 421 Jams – 1 Clear Sealed Jar, not paraffin
- 422 Jellies – 1 Clear Sealed Jar, not paraffin
- 423 Preserves and Butters – 1 Clear Sealed Jar, not paraffin

Other Food Exhibits:

- 424 Candy (7 Pieces)
- 425 Pie – No Cream Pies
- 426 Dehydrated (Fruit, Vegetable, Herb, Pasta, Meat)
- 427 Special Diet Baked Item
- 428 Honey
- 429 Other Food Entry (Specify)

Textiles and Clothing

1. All classes must indicate whether the article is **original, kit or pattern** on the entry tag.
2. Please include a description on your entry. If machine quilted specify if the quilting was done by self or hired out.
3. No more than 4 items per class.

Quilted Items

(Include size & description on Entry Tag)

- 501 Machine Quilted
 - A: by Self
 - B: by 3rd Party
- 502 Hand Quilted
- 503 Machine Embroidery Quilt
- 504 Embroidery Quilt
- 505 Patchwork Quilt
- 506 Machine Applique Quilt
- 507 Hand Applique Quilt
- 508 Mixed Techniques
- 509 Tied Comforter
- 510 Other Quilted Item
- 511 Quilt For Display Only
(not Judged)

Afghan

- 512 Knitted Afghan
- 513 Crocheted Afghan
- 514 Other Afghan (Specify)

Wall Hangings

- 515 Framed
- 516 Unframed
- 517 Hoops
- 518 Latchhook
- 519 Other Wall Hanging

Counted Cross Stitch

Embroidery

- 520 Framed Item
- 521 Unframed Item
- 522 Other Cross Stitch

Embroidery & Needlework

- 523 Needlework
- 524 Embroidery
- 525 Machine Embroidery
- 526 Needlepoint

Knitting & Crochet

- 527 Knitting
- 528 Machine Knitting
- 529 Crochet with Yarn
- 530 Crochet with Thread

Pillows

- 531 Quilted Pillow
- 532 Pieced Pillow
- 533 Crochet Pillow
- 534 Other Pillow

Fabric Crafts

- 535 Stuffed Toys
- 536 Rag Crafts
- 537 Padded
- 538 Jewelry
- 539 Doll Clothes
- 540 Recycled Items
- 541 Other Fabric Crafts

Sewing for the Home

- 542 Curtains
- 543 Tablecloths
- 544 Placemats
- 545 Pillowcase
- 546 Apron
- 547 Other Home Decorating (Specify)

Accessories

- 548 Purses
- 549 Hat
- 550 Tote
- 551 Other Accessories (Specify)

Other Textiles

- 552 Tatting
- 553 Weaving (any item)
- 554 Felted Item
- 555 Fleece Blanket
- 556 Holiday Sewing
- 557 Serger Sewing
- 558 Novelties
- 559 Healthcare & Wellness Items
(ex. walker accessory, lap robe, receiving blanket, prayer shawl, etc...)
- 568 Other Textiles (Specify)

Continue to the next page for more Textiles & Clothing classes

Textiles & Clothing Continued...

Women's Clothing

- 569 Women's Blouse, Top or Shirt
- 570 Women's Pants – Any Length
- 571 Women's Casual Dress
- 572 Women's Formal Wear
- 573 Women's Jacket or Suit
- 574 Women's Sweatshirt (Decorated)
- 575 Women's T-Shirts
- 576 Women's Vests
- 577 Other Women's Clothing (Specify)

Other Clothing

- 578 Quilted Clothing
- 579 Toddler Clothing
- 580 Children's Clothing
- 581 Men's Clothing
- 582 Recycled Clothing Items
- 583 Other Clothing Items

Textile's & Clothing Feature Class:

- 584 Textiles & Clothing Feature Theme: All American

Woodworking

Woodworking

- 801 Refinishing Wooden Articles
- 802 Indoor Woodworking
- 803 Outdoor Woodworking
- 804 Wooden Toys
- 805 Wood Carving
- 806 Wood Burning
- 807 Wood Lawn Ornaments
- 808 Repurposed Wood Article
- 809 Other Woodworking

FEATURE WOODWORKING CLASS:

- 810 Feature Class Theme: All American

Fine Arts

1. Indicate whether the article is an **original design or from a pattern or kit** on entry tag.
2. **Copyrighted materials** and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copy-righted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in fine arts exhibit is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark hold-er/owner.
3. All art items need to be ready for display before checking in at entry table.
4. No Collections (ex. Coin Collection)
5. No more than 4 Entries per class.

Painting

- 601 Oil Painting
- 602 Acrylic Painting
- 603 Watercolor Painting
- 604 Other Painting (Specify)

Zendoodles

- 605 Zendoodle Coloring Page
- 606 Other Zendoodles (specify)

Drawing

- 607 Drawing – Charcoal
- 608 Drawing – Pencil
- 609 Drawing – Specify Other

Scrapbooking

No more than 2 exhibits in each class.
Layouts must have page protector.

- 610 1 page Scrapbook Layout
- 611 2 page Scrapbook Layout
- 612 Theme Album (examples: baby album, Christmas album, etc.)

Lego Creations

Legos must be submitted on a Lego board or in a container for ease of handling for display and judging

- 613 Legos or Other Building Bricks – Kit
- 614 Legos or Other Building Bricks– Original Design

Fine Arts

- 615 Ceramics
- 616 Dolls
- 617 Christmas Tree Ornaments
- 618 Holiday Decoration
- 619 Stenciled Item
- 620 Artificial or Dried Flower Arrangements
- 621 Repurposed Creation
- 622 Creative Writing
- 623 Shadow Box Arrangement
- 624 Skin Care Item
- 625 Creative Cards (must be a set of 3 cards)
- 626 Cricut Creations
Cricut machine must be to used create this exhibit
- 627 Creative Jewelry (any necklace, earrings, bracelets or a jewelry made by exhibitor, must have a tag attached to the jewelry with exhibitor's name and phone number, all jewelry exhibits must be inside a small clear plastic bag)
- 628 String Art
- 629 Models (ex. Cars, Rockets, Etc.)
- 630 Stain Glass
- 631 Leather
- 632 Diamond Art
- 633 Metal Creation
- 634 Other Arts & Crafts (Specify)

FEATURE FINE ARTS CLASS

- 640 Fine Arts Feature Theme: All American

Photography

1. All photography entries must be 5"x7" in size or larger
2. The photo must be matted, framed, or mounted. (Photos printed on canvas are not eligible)
3. No more than 3 per class
4. Photos can be taken with any camera, cell phone or tablet.
5. Basic Editing Techniques are acceptable for any of the above normal classes. Some examples of basic editing include; cropping, sharpening, dodging, burning, increasing saturation, increasing contrast and removing dust spots. Be careful NOT to over-sharpen or over-saturate your photos. Photos must be from a single image. Objects from another photo cannot be added to your original image. (Exception to this rule are Sepia & Dramatic Computer Enhanced Classes)
6. **Please select class & letter based on your age:**
Y – Youth up to age 12, I – Intermediates age 13-18, A – Adult 19 and up.

Black & White

701 A I Y	Black & White People
702 A I Y	Black & White Landscape
703 A I Y	Black & White Things & Still Life
704 A I Y	Black & White Plants, Flowers & Trees
705 A I Y	Black & White Animals, Insects & Wildlife
706 A I Y	Black & White Action Photo

Color

710 A I Y	Color People photo
711 A I Y	Color Landscape
712 A I Y	Color Things & Still Life
713 A I Y	Color Plants, Flowers & Trees
714 A I Y	Color Animals, Insects & Wildlife
715 A I Y	Color Action Photo
716 A I Y	Sepia Photos

Digitally Computer Enhanced

Any photo that has been edited beyond the basic editing techniques described in Rule #5.

720 A I Y	Digitally Enhanced
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Series

A series is a group of three to five related photos that tell a story. Include a description of the photos on an index card or separate sheet. It should be mounted as one piece.

725 A I Y	Photo Series
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Printed Photo Book

Themed Photo book that tells a story using photos. Ex. Vacation Highlights, Sports Highlights, Fun day with Friends, etc.

730 A I Y	Printed Theme Photo Book
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Drone Photo

Photo taken using a Drone

740 A I Y	Drone Photo
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FEATURE PHOTO THEME: IOWA Landmark

Any photo representing the feature photo theme.

743 A I Y	Feature Photo
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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Sponsored by:



Enter any photo representing a Soil and Water Conservation Practice in Grundy County.

Examples: Waterways, Prairieland, Ponds, Structures, Wetlands, Strip-Till, No-Till, Cover Crops, Tree Planting, Etc. Photos will need to have a description of where the photo was taken in Grundy County. Contact Jim Everts at 319-239-6492 with any questions.

Prizes will be awarded for the top three photos in each age division.

First Place: \$25.00 / Second Place \$15.00 / Third Place \$10.00

Rules

1. All photography entries must be 5"x7" in size or larger
2. The photo must be matted, framed, or mounted. (Photos printed on canvas are not eligible)
3. Photos can be taken with any camera, cell phone or tablet.
4. Basic Editing Techniques are acceptable for any of the above normal classes. Some examples of basic editing include; cropping, sharpening, dodging, burning, increasing saturation, increasing contrast and removing dust spots. Be careful NOT to over-sharpen or over-saturate your photos. Photos must be from a single image. Objects from another photo cannot be added to your original image.

Please select class & letter based on your age:

800 Y (Youth up to age 12)

800 I (Intermediate age 13-18)

800 A (Adult 19 & Up)

2026 Open Class Entry Instructions

Home, Family, and Horticulture Exhibits

Any Exhibit lost or damaged during the fair are the liability of the exhibitor.

ENTRY FORM:

1. Complete a paper Open Class Entry Form. Entry forms can be found at www.grundycountyfair.com
2. Entry Instructions:
 - On the paper form in the top right corner please put an X by Adult or if Youth enter (K-12). If youth, please add the age as of entry day.
 - You must fill in your name, phone number and address.
 - You must include the Class # (ex. 502), Class Name (ex. Hand Quilted), & a brief description of your entry. (ex. Yellow & Black Bee Pattern Quilt)



___ Youth (K-12)
Grade ___
___ Adult

ENTRY TAG:

1. Use the Open Class Entry Tag.
 - In the top right corner please put an X by Adult or Youth.
2. Attach a completed Entry Tag to each exhibit.
 - No.: Leave Blank
 - Division: Leave Blank
 - Class: Use the class number in book (ex. 502:Hand Quilted)
 - Entry: Provide a brief description of your entry
 - Name: Exhibitor Name
 - Address: Exhibitor Phone #

ENTRY TAG

No. _____

Division _____

Class _____

Entry _____

THE NAME UNDER THIS
FLAP MUST NOT BE
EXPOSED UNTIL
AFTER JUDGING

FOLD HERE

Name _____

Address _____

#4 STAATS MT PLEASANT, IOWA
800-553-1853
info@staatsawards.com www.staatsawards.com

ENTRY DAY OPTIONS:

Deliver your entries & entry form to the Open Class building on the Fairgrounds Monday, July 20, between 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm or Tuesday, July 21 between 7:30 am – 9:30 am

EXHIBITS RELEASED:

All exhibits are released on Saturday, July 25 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Exhibitors who remove their exhibits prior to release time without proper consent of the Executive Committees will not be allowed to exhibit at the 2027 Grundy County Fair.

All exhibits **MUST** be picked up by 2:30 pm. If you are unable to pick up your own projects, please make other arrangements and include a name and phone number on your entry form of the person who will be picking up your project.

