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4-H & FFA Fair Book



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Pre-Fair Deadlines

Feb. 1st	Market beef identification closes in 4-H Online and Fair Entry
Mar. 31st	4-H enrollment closes
May 15th	Livestock identification closes in 4-H Online and Fair Entry (4-H and FFA Only)
May 15th	Deadline for all county fair livestock exhibitors to complete YQCA training
June 15th	All 4-H, FFA, & K-3rd livestock entries due by 4:30 p.m. in https://hardin.fairentry.com
July 1st	State Fair 4-H Livestock and Horticulture entries due in https://hardin.fairentry.com
July 1st	All Department B entries due by 4:30 p.m. in https://hardin.fairentry.com
July 6th	Department B Horticulture entries due by 4:30 p.m. in https://hardin.fairentry.com

MONDAY, JUNE 29th

5:00 p.m. - Fair Set-Up

TUESDAY, JULY 7th

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. — Conference Judging & Communications Exhibits (except Working Exhibits), Youth Building, Fairgrounds. Entry time 8:30 a.m. Club schedule will be sent out via newsletter.

9 p.m. — All trailered livestock stalled. (Exception: Feeder Pens, Horses, and bucket calves).

9 p.m. — All poultry and rabbits must be stalled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8th

7:30 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Market Swine Weigh-in

8 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Market & Breeding Sheep and Market & Breeding Meat Goat Check-in and Weigh-in

9 a.m. — Youth Building opens

9 a.m. — Weigh-in of 4-H & FFA Market and 4-H & FFA Breeding Beef, Show Ring

9 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Horse/Pony Show – Groups 1-4, & Yearling Longe Line and In-Hand Trail, Horse Arena

12:30 p.m. — Rabbit Judging (south end of Show Ring); Youth Rabbit Show for Grades K-3 will immediately follow.

2-4 p.m. — Clover Kids Project Sharing, 4-H Working Exhibits, Clover Kids Creation Station, Coloring Contest, and other activities, Youth Building

3 p.m. — Poultry Show, Poultry Barn

8 p.m. — Youth Building closes

9 p.m. — 4-H & FFA Feeder Cattle and Horses must be stalled

THURSDAY, JULY 9th

8 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Swine Show, Show Ring

9 a.m. — Youth Building opens

10 a.m. — Veggie 500

11 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Dog Agility Show, Horse Arena

TBA — Ultrasound Market Beef Carcass

1:30 p.m. — Dairy Goat Show followed by Dairy Cattle Show, Show Ring

3 p.m. — 4-H & FFA Dog Rally Show & Clover Kids Dog Show, Community Building

3 p.m. — 4-H & FFA Fitting & Showmanship Contest, Show Ring

4:30 p.m. — 4-H Style Show and Share the Fun, Youth Building

6 p.m. — Bucket/Bottle Calves and Youth Goats and Lambs must be stalled

8 p.m. — Youth Building closes

FRIDAY, JULY 10th

8 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Breeding and Market Meat Goat Judging; Breeding and Market Sheep Judging immediately after Meat Goat Show; Youth Sheep & Goat Show for Grades K-3 will immediately follow the Sheep Show.
9 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Feeder Cattle Pens Appraised
9 a.m. — Youth Building opens
11 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Dog Obedience Show, Community Building
12 p.m. — Bucket/Bottle Calf family picnic
1 p.m. — Bucket/Bottle Calf & Youth Lamb and Goat Parade and Interviews
1 p.m. — Livestock Judging Contest
8 p.m. — Youth Building closes

SATURDAY, JULY 11th

8:30 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Beef Breeding Heifer Show - 1/2 hour following completion of 4-H & FFA Beef Breeding Show – 4-H & FFA Market Beef Show - followed by Top Rate of Gain, Club Group of 5, and 4-H & FFA Feeder Cattle Pen results announced
9 a.m. — Youth Building opens
11 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Dog Barn Hunt Show & Celebrity Dog Show, Community Building
1 p.m. — 4-H & FFA Dog Trick Show, Community Building (following Barn Hunt Show)
3 p.m. — Bucket/Bottle Calf Show will begin (if Market Beef Show runs later than 3 p.m., BBC Show will begin immediately following)
8 p.m. — Youth Building closes

SUNDAY, JULY 12th

9:00 a.m. — Worship Service – Show Ring
9:00 a.m. — 4-H & FFA Horse/Pony Show – Groups 5-11, Horse Arena
11 a.m. — Youth Building opens
2:30 p.m. — 4-H & FFA Pet Show, Show Ring; Youth Pet Show will immediately follow 4-H & FFA Pet Show
4 p.m. — Supreme 4-H & FFA Showmanship Contest, Herdsmanship Contest Winners, 4-H Scholarship Awards followed by Parade of Champions and Ribbon Auction
5:00-6:00 p.m. — Youth Building Closed
6 p.m. — Release of all exhibits in Youth Building, and Open Class exhibits
7 p.m. — Release and load out of all livestock

MONDAY, JULY 13st

9:00 a.m. — Post Fair Clean-up – EVERYONE welcome!

DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES, & LEADERS

Hardin County Agricultural Society Board Members

Dale Jass, President	Scott Bahr, Treasurer	Connie Mesch	Amber Wiese
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	Lindsay Lancaster	Jason Steiner	

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Maggie Allen, Secretary	Crystal Doering	

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Dena Zoske, Chair	Kaitlyn Bartling	Cheryl Mannerter
Crystal Doering, Liaison	Dustin Hadley	Rachel Mosher
Paige Granzow, Liaison	Carrie Last	Martin Steiner

Eligible Hardin County 4-H Clubs

Alden Active Achievers: Philip Jass, LaRae Johnson, Lindsay Lancaster	Ellis Jackson Ag. Stars: Sarah Gilbert, Mindy Rodamaker
Buckeye's Best: Brittany Spindler, Paige Vierkandt	E-NP Bearcats: Andrea Brown, Ted Mosher, Amanda Ryan
Concord Sherman Challengers: Eugene Larson, Linda Larson	HC Rough Riders: Martha Steding, Megan Warburton
Eldora Eagles: Sara Balvanz, Aliana Ingebritson, Jessica Kies, Teresa Perry, Nicky Williams,	Steamboat Steamers: Barry & Sarah Scott
	Tipton Grant Toppers: Chad & Dena Zoske
	Union Whitten Hustlers: Rachel Fulton, Mollee Patten

Eligible Hardin County Clover Kids Clubs

ABC Clover Kids: Emily Klaffke, Paige Vierkandt	Hubbard Radcliffe Clover Kids: Dena Zoske
Eldora Eagles Clover Kids: Becky Young, Jessica Johnston	Steamboat Steamers: Dennise Smith
	Union Whitten Hustlers Clover Kids: Jordan Hobson

Hardin County 4-H Project Areas

Beef Feeder Pens: Harris and Dianna Haywood
Dog: Martin Steiner, Nolen Steiner, Jada Staples, Amanda Ryan
Horse: Matha Steding, Aspyr Rinay, Mackenzie Deeringer

Eligible Hardin County FFA Chapters

AGWSR: James Abbas, Caden Sporleder	Iowa Falls – Alden FFA: Kaitlyn Bartling
BCLUW FFA: Frannie Brown	South Hardin FFA: Greg Pfantz, Michaela Berg

Hardin County Extension and Outreach Staff

Missy Crawford	Jacob Fjeld	Kylie Willems
Teresa Stansbury	Anne Tedore	Katelyn Baltes

GENERAL INFORMATION & RULES

General Information

The Hardin County Fair Office is located on the fairgrounds. General information, entry information, a telephone, and supplies are located in this office.

Campers, visitors, exhibitors, and others are requested to leave directions as to their location on the grounds at the Secretary's Office.

The Fair will be open to visitors from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. each day of the Fair.

The display buildings will remain open Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Exhibits need to be removed from the building at 6 p.m., Sunday.

Rules And Regulations

Exhibitors are requested to familiarize themselves with all the rules of the fair applicable to their exhibits.

Violation of Rules

Any person who violates any of the following or special rules will forfeit all privileges and premiums and be subject to such penalty as the governing Board may order.

Interpretation of Rules

The Hardin County Agricultural Society reserves to its Executive Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard hereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with or incident to the Fair.

The Fair Association will not be responsible for errors in this book, but should any occur, same will be interpreted by the Executive Board.

Amending Rules

The Hardin County Agricultural Society reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as the Executive Committee in its judgment may determine.

Rights of the Board

The directors of the Hardin County Agricultural Society reserve the right to cancel the fair or a portion of the fair and withdraw any or all premiums should any unforeseen circumstance occur, which in the judgment of the directors would make it advisable to do so. All premiums offered and contracts made are made with this understanding.

In the event of conflict in general and special rules, the latter will govern.

The Fair Association reserves the right to limit the number of entries if space thereof is unavailable. The Association will endeavor to arrange for space for all qualified exhibitors. However, if present accommodations are exhausted, the Association reserves the right to close entries at that time.

If, for any reason whatsoever, the general receipts of the Hardin County Agricultural Society are reduced or diminished to such an extent after all expenses are paid that all premiums cannot be paid in full, the said Society reserves the right to prorate premiums among the successful competitors.

Liability Responsibilities

The Hardin County Agricultural Society will use diligence to insure the safety of stock or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done, or arising from any animal or articles on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Hardin County Agricultural Society thereof against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto.

It is understood that the Hardin County Agricultural Society will use every precaution in the management of the livestock exhibiting, races, entertainment, and in any other activities in the Fairgrounds. It is further understood that said Association will in no way be responsible for any damage resulting from such activities, or from injuries of any kind whatsoever to the exhibitor, exhibits or visitors attending the Fair.

The grounds and buildings will be under the protection of our day and night watchmen.

Individuals should check their own insurance policies regarding off-farm liability.

Articles Entered by Express or Mail

Small articles entered may be sent by express or mailed to the secretary, but in no case will such packages be received or placed on exhibition until all charges are prepaid. Entries for exhibits intended to be sent either by express or mail should be made in ample time before the closing date to enable the clerks to record entries and mail entry tags to exhibitors, which tags must be securely attached each and every article or sample before being placed inside the package. Exhibitors should at the time of making entries, indicate how and by what express companies, articles will be sent and whether they desire same to be returned. The Fair Association will in no case assume or pay for transportation charges on livestock or articles sent for exhibit.

Firms or Corporations

Exhibitor's ticket will be made out in the name of the person or firm in whose name the entry is made and is not transferable. Should an exhibitor, firm or corporation enter an animal or article in any name other than that of a bona fide owner, or attempt to perpetuate a fraud in the misrepresenting of any factor in the exhibition of said animal or article, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for or receive any premiums, and said person or persons may, at the option of the Board, be barred from further showing, and any of the premiums previously awarded may be forfeited.

Ground Leases, Spaces, and Buildings

All ground leases or space contracts, unless otherwise specified, will expire with the close of the Fair each year, and all temporarily buildings, frames, booths, etc., must be removed within 15 days after Fair closes, otherwise they will become the property of the Hardin County Agricultural Society. Space including stalls and pens assigned and not occupied by 9 p.m. of the first day of the Fair will be forfeited, as well as all fees previously paid. No persons shall be permitted to distribute advertising matter upon the grounds except from their places of business or exhibit.

Refreshment Stands, Lunch Booths, and Others

All refreshment stands, lunch booths or other stands must be substantial in structure and neat in appearance. They must be supplied with and sell only good, wholesome food and pure, honest goods at a reasonable price. Such price is to be in a conspicuous place and approved by the Fair management.

Concessions and Privileges

The Hardin County Agricultural Society authorizes the letting of only such privileges or concessions as are required to supply the necessary wants of the people, or that may add to their comfort, convenience or pleasure, but under no circumstances will privileges of a questionable nature, or of a demoralizing tendency, be let or in any manner tolerated upon the grounds, or in the buildings; nor will any privileges be permitted where the business is conducted in other than a legitimate and tradeline manner.

The Hardin County Agricultural Society will use every precaution to guard against extortion in any form practiced upon the patrons of the Fair. The violation of this rule by any concessionaire will cause the forfeiture of any contract, money paid, or expulsion from the grounds as management may direct. Purchasers of privileges must keep their spaces in a sanitary condition by removing therefrom any filth, refuse and placing the same in the garbage can provided by the management where the sanitarian department employees may get to it with ease. Each concessionaire must confine himself to the space assigned. Failure to do so will submit him to forfeiture of his privilege, without reimbursement. Concessionaires and exhibitors must pay for electric current used and for connection for same. All current used for light power, etc., during the period of the Fair will be collected for by the secretary.

Superintendents

It is the duty of the superintendent to be on the grounds early in the morning of the first and each succeeding day of the Fair. They are to be ready to arrange the animals and articles entered for exhibition so as to exhibit to the best advantage to the spectators, as well as to the judges. The superintendent shall have complete charge of assigning stalls and pens. No pens will be considered taken until paid for. Each superintendent will give instructions to the awarding judge before latter enters upon his or her duties. It shall be the duty of each superintendent at the close of the Fair to make a detailed report to the secretary of the expenses incurred by him/her in his/her department.

Judges

No person who is an exhibitor can act as judge in a class or lot in which he or she is showing. The judges are required to read carefully the general rules and all special rules under the head of the department or class in which they are to serve, and especially note and mark those rules bearing on the classes to be adjudicated by them. Ignorance of rules is inexcusable with a judge. Judges may withhold First Premium, if, in their judgment the best exhibit in the class is not worthy of a prize. It is a goal of the Fair Association to encourage exhibitors to attain increasing excellence in the development of their exhibits. Therefore, a judge may only award ribbons that are earned or if warranted, none at all. For example, if the highest quality in a class is third premium, that is what the judge awards. First and second premium, then, would not be given. The judges and persons acting as clerk to the judge must use special care, after award has been made, to see that the same is properly entered in the Award Book, for it is upon this entry that awards are made. Fill in awards as required upon the forms used.

The Hardin County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) will not be liable for any errors made by clerks in placing exhibitors' numbers receiving awards in judges' books. All premiums will be paid as shown in the books. The judges and superintendent of the department must sign the Award Book at the close of each class, immediately after

all awards in said class have been made, before delivering to the secretary. UNWORTHY EXHIBITS

Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy exhibit. It is the intention of the Association that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given any animal or article that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there be competition or not.

Method of Awarding

No premium will be awarded to any entry that has not been properly entered or classified.

Entry fees will be used to pay premiums.

Questions by a judge concerning the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot shall be reported to the superintendent in charge for a ruling.

The superintendents must observe and enforce all rules governing exhibits in their departments.

When the meaning or application of a rule is challenged or is in doubt, the superintendent in charge shall interpret the rule or its application. This ruling is to be recorded in writing along with a description of the challenge. Submit this information to the fair office when Award Books are returned to the fair office.

The cost of re-issuance of a premium check will be charged to the exhibitor.

Decision of The Judges Is Final

The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except where mistakes, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion not discovered at the time of the award is apparent. In such cases, the case may be appealed to the Executive Committee, from whose decision there can be no appeal. The decision of the official veterinarian and judge as to the soundness of an animal shall be final.

Protests

When a protest is made as to the eligibility of an animal or article to compete in any class, it must be made in writing, signed and filed with the secretary before noon of the day following the one on which the class was shown, accompanied by a \$50 cash deposit. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. All expenses of proof must be paid by the party filing the protest.

Appeals

No complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent, or have overlooked an animal or article, will be considered by the management. The right of an exhibitor to appeal from the decision of a judge to the Fair Association will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged with the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another. Appeals from the decision of a judge or superintendent in charge must be made in writing and must contain specific charges, stating at length the facts relied upon, or the rule violated, and naming the witnesses and their addresses by whom proof is to be made. A question of dispute or differences not provided for under those rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Premiums and Awards

Competition for premiums in Open Classes is open to the State of Iowa unless otherwise stated.

All premiums will be prorated and will be paid based only on official show results.

Special prizes will not be given for classes that do not conform to the regular classification of the department in which they belong, unless satisfactory to the secretary and superintendent of the department in which they are offered.

The Following ribbon colors will be used in designating awards:

Open Class Premiums and Awards

First Premium...Blue

Second Premium...Red

Third Premium...White

4-H and FFA Premiums and Awards

First Premium... Purple

Second Premium...Blue

Third Premium...Red

Fourth Premium...White

General Entry Requirements

4-H, FFA, and K-3 livestock entries must be submitted online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com> by 4:30 p.m. on June 15th.

4-H and FFA Department B entries must be made online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com> by 4:30 p.m. on July 1st.

4-H, FFA, and K-3 Exhibitors must meet their respective exhibit's required deadlines.

No animals or articles will be allowed to compete for that are not named and numbered in premium list.

Animals or articles not listed may be displayed upon approval of the department superintendent.

A request may be made to Hardin County Extension or The Youth Development Committee to make provisions considering adding or eliminating classes for future years.

Any animal or article entered in the wrong class must be changed to the proper class by the Secretary's Office before showing, or on order of the secretary will be ruled out.

Under no conditions will entries in additional classes, or substitutions, be permitted on preparation day.

After having properly entered their animals or articles, exhibitors must make delivery to the superintendent of the department, so that their exhibits may be in the right places and properly ticketed at the time specified by another section of the general or in the special rules governing the department or division in which entries were made.

Exhibitors are required to attend to their animals or articles during the fair.

Gate keepers and security police may detain any person or persons leaving the fairgrounds with any animal or static exhibit before release time. If early release is necessary, an early release statement must be signed by the secretary.

Age divisions will be determined by the previously completed grade. Exhibitors shall submit entries following the age divisions as listed:

- Juniors 4th, 5th, 6th grades
- Intermediates 7th, 8th grades
- Seniors 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades
- Post High School (See General Rule #5)

Livestock Exhibition Requirements

To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be bona fide property of exhibitors, and all animals entered for competition, except where otherwise specified, must be owned by exhibitor at the time of making entry. Registry certificates of ownership or transfer must be produced, if required, showing the exhibitor to be the owner.

Livestock owned jointly, except where otherwise specified, must be shown in only one individual's name, and must be considered as one entry. Animals from such entries can be shown by only one individual. (Exception: Horses special rule of dual ownership - see horse rules.)

Exhibitors making entries and not exhibiting or showing shall forfeit all fees paid for stalls and pen space, and their space may be reassigned. No refunds will be made for any reason, except by action of the Fair Secretary.

Exhibitors shall not display ribbons or other premium markings previously won until after the judges have passed awards in that class.

Parents are not allowed in the show ring or at the judges' table when their children are the class - except if an unsafe or emergency situation occurs. Youth will only be allowed in the show ring while they are showing livestock.

All livestock must remain stalled until 7 p.m. on the closing day of the fair. Animals exhibiting in National Junior Show sanctioned by National Breed Association may be dismissed when approved by superintendent. Exhibitors must show proof of registration to the Extension Office by the entry deadline. Early dismissal must be approved by the fair secretary.

All livestock failing to appear by the final call for their class will be reported to the fair secretary.

All animals must exhibit in the class in which they entered unless a class change is approved by the respective superintendent.

Unauthorized Withdrawal of Exhibits

1st OFFENSE - Premiums will be forfeited and a one year ban on showing an exhibit at the Fair will be imposed.

2nd OFFENSE AND ANY THEREAFTER - Permanent ban on showing and forfeit of premiums.

Written permission for early withdrawal must be obtained from department superintendent and presented to fair secretary.

Stalls and Pen Fees

The following rates must be paid online with entries by the entry deadline on <https://hardin.fairentry.com>
Classes not requiring entry fees (Ex. Showmanship, Horsemanship, K-3rd Livestock, etc.) will not award premiums.

4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf	\$3.00 per head
Dairy Cattle and Goat	\$5.00 per head
Market & Breeding Beef	\$5.00 per head
Cow/Calf Pairs	\$5.00 per pair
Feeder Pens	\$8.00 per pen
Horse/Pony	\$2.00 per class
Horse Stall	\$30.00 per stall (No Tack Stalls; See Division 12)
Swine	\$3.00 per head
Sheep and Meat Goats	\$3.00 per head
Poultry	\$1.00 per head
Rabbits	\$1.00 per head
Dogs & Pets	\$1.00 per class
K-3 Livestock	No Entry/ Stalling Fee

Health Requirements

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

- ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.
- No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa-origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA FAIR, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
- Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
- Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age coming in from out of state used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.

SWINE

- All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are official identification tags.
- Swine originating outside of Iowa. All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.
- Swine exhibition requirements. "Swine exhibition" means an exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.
- Swine exhibition report required. The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.

SHEEP AND GOATS

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

POULTRY AND BIRDS

- All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION I .B) Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.
- However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot high solid partition.

DOGS AND CATS

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

FARM DEER

- Accredited veterinarians must be approved to administer tuberculosis tests on Cervidae.
- "Cervidae" means all animals belonging to the cervidae family, and "CWD susceptible cervidae" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk and moose. Native Iowa Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification.
- All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:
 - "All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year."

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

4-H, FFA & Youth (K-3) Livestock General Rules

General Rules

1. 4-H, FFA, and K-3 entries must be submitted online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com> by 4:30 p.m. on June 15th. No late entries will be accepted.
2. Exhibitors must be regularly enrolled and meet the membership requirements in a Hardin County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
3. 4-H members must be enrolled in 4-H Online by March 31st to have entries approved.
4. All beef, bottle calf, dairy, goat, swine, sheep, rabbits, poultry exhibitors must be certified in the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program by the time of entry to exhibit at the Hardin County Fair.
5. Chapter Membership may only exist in the school which provides the Agricultural Education Course of Study. FFA chapter advisor(s) and Agricultural Education instructor(s) must be the same person(s). (National FFA Constitution, Article X, Section B)
 - a. Grades 7-8
 - i. Enroll in an Agricultural Education program for at least a portion of a school year in grades 7 or 8.
 - ii. Document satisfactory plans for Supervised Agricultural Experience(s).
 - iii. Maintain records of Supervised Agricultural Experience(s) which are available for review by the chapter FFA advisor within 48 hrs. of request.
 - iv. Membership in the Iowa FFA Association, the National FFA Organization, and the local chapter may be initiated no earlier than the first day of 7th grade.
 - b. Grades 9-12
 - i. For high school students who were not FFA Members in 7th or 8th grade, membership may be initiated no earlier than the first day student(s) are enrolled in the high school Agricultural Education Course of Study.
 - ii. For high school students who were FFA members in 7th or 8th grade, continuous membership may be maintained.
 - iii. To initiate or maintain FFA membership in high school, students must be enrolled in an Agricultural Education Course of Study (Board Policy #21) which documents the equivalent of at least 0.5 units for each year in high school.
 - c. After Graduation from High School
 - i. FFA members are eligible to exhibit under the direction of the FFA chapter that holds their membership until FFA Membership Eligibility ceases.
 - ii. FFA Membership Eligibility ceases November 30th following the fourth National FFA Convention after a student graduates from high school or at 23 years of age, whichever comes first (Iowa FFA Constitution, Article IV, Section B).
 - iii. FFA members may retain eligibility after graduation from high school only if they were an FFA member during their Senior (last) year in high school. (Board Policy #21)
 - iv. FFA members may not transfer membership after graduation from high school, he or she may only retain membership in the school that provided his or her Agricultural Education Course of Study. (Board Policy #19)
6. An animal may be exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member if it has been individually identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th. FFA projects must have been enrolled with the Vocational-Agriculture Instructor. All market beef, sheep, and goats must have been tagged and weighed at official weigh station.

7. All livestock must meet the identification criteria listed in the 4-H 202 document.
8. All 4-H & FFA exhibitors must pay entry fees. NO refunds on entry fees or pen/stall fees will be paid. Pens/ Stalls will be reassigned if animal does not show by the respective superintendent.
9. All livestock must be shown by the exhibitor. In event of two exhibits in a class, or sickness or injury, a 4-H or FFA member enrolled in Hardin County may show the exhibit upon approval of the division superintendent.
10. The 4-H or FFA member will care for and groom his/her own animals. 4-H and FFA members may accept help in fitting and grooming their livestock, but must be actively involved in preparation of their livestock for the show ring. Any exceptions must be approved by the fairboard.
11. All exhibits will be placed on a merit basis into purple, blue, red or white ribbon groups.
12. Only 4-H and FFA-affiliated shirts with sleeves or plain white sleeved shirts may be worn by exhibitors in the show ring unless designated by department rules. Dress codes are enforced by Superintendents and ring stewards.
13. Members will be required to have shields covering blades and belts on fan motors and compressors. Members will be asked to remove all equipment deemed unsafe from the fairgrounds. Only one fan per head of livestock allowed. Only hanging fans are allowed; no alley fans allowed.
14. Any animal exhibited must be available for use in the livestock judging contest.
15. All exhibitors must comply with general, division, and health requirement rules of the Hardin County Fair.
16. Exhibits must be in place by dates and times stated in division or general rules.
17. All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibits will be released at 7 p.m. on Sunday.
18. Livestock barns will be closed to all exhibitors and visitors between the hours of 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. No sleeping overnight on the grounds.
19. All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced. Positive tests, except for residues which are within FDA tolerance levels, will result in forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums, and sale price.
20. All animals will be subject to DNA sampling and testing, or retinal imaging, to determine an animal's identity.
21. No unnatural means of providing animal feed or water (i.e., stomach pump, IV, drenching) will be allowed except by order of the official fair veterinarian. Anyone observed engaging in these activities will be immediately disqualified from all exhibitions at the fair.
22. No appliances are allowed in any of the barns at the fairgrounds.
23. All pens/stalls/cages must be cleaned out and left in their original condition, and exhibitors must check out with their superintendent, before leaving the fairgrounds on Sunday. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of premium money and/or horse stall deposit, if applicable.
24. 4-H/FFA record books need to be completed and turned into your 4-H club leaders, FFA advisor, or County Extension Office by Sept. 10th in order to receive your fair premium check. The purpose of this is to promote record keeping and responsibility in your projects for the entire year.
 - a. 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, and Extension Staff will maintain a list of record books turned in and report them to the Hardin County Fair Board at hardincofair@heartofiowa.net. Failure to turn in your will result in a forfeiture of all premiums for the current year.
25. Once an exhibiting animal has entered the fairgrounds it will not leave the grounds or be loaded on and off a trailer on the fairgrounds, prior to livestock release Sunday night. Early Dismissal will only be granted by superintendents with the approval of the Fair Board. Non-stalling animal exhibits must follow their respective arrival and dismissal times.
26. Any animal showing evidence of sharp practices or physical modifications including, but not limited to, surgical removal, filling with oil, air, etc., or unnatural weight enhancement will be barred from the show or disqualified, and premiums forfeited.

Department 1: 4-H & FFA Market Beef

Superintendent - Danny Bradshaw

Market Beef Rules

1. Market calves must have been weighed and ear tagged at an officially designated weigh station to be eligible to show. All calves must have approved ear tags at fair weigh-in.
2. All market beef must be identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by February 1st.
3. Market Beef entries for this class must be made online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com>; submit the ear tag number with fair entry. Animals must have approved 4-H or FFA ear tag.
4. All Market Beef animals must be on the grounds and stalled by 9 p.m. Tuesday. Market Beef will be weighed in starting at 9 a.m. Wednesday.
5. An exhibitor may nominate a maximum of ten Market Beef animals for exhibit purposes and from these may exhibit a total of four Market Beef. All four may be exhibited in the carcass class. However, if a fourth Market Beef is exhibited, a minimum of at least one must be entered in the carcass class.
6. Any Market Beef having the permanent central incisor teeth up in wear are not eligible to show. Such animals are considered as having reached an age beyond that consistent with the intent and purposes of this show.
7. No re-weights will be made.
8. FEEDER CLASSES - Market steers weighing less than 900 pounds will show in one class as feeder cattle. Miniature breeds are exempt.
9. FEEDER CLASSES - Market Heifers weighing less than 850 pounds will show in one class as feeder cattle. Miniature breeds are exempt.
10. FEEDER CATTLE will not be eligible for any championships, although ribbons and premiums will be awarded.
11. Market steers and heifers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish, weight for frame size and gainability.
12. Rate of gain information will be calculated on each Market Beef and worn by members when showing. Only steers with 2.3 pounds per day or better rate of gain will be eligible for a purple or blue ribbon, and 2.1 pounds for market heifers. A 3% shrink factor, due to hauling loss, has been reflected in these figures. ADG will be [Fair wt. - beginning wt.] divided by days on test. Miniature breeds are exempt.
13. The order of show will be posted prior to the show.
14. Painting, dyeing and use of color agents on beef animals will disqualify the exhibit. No artificial tail heads or tail fins will be permitted.
15. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only.
16. Grooming chutes and other equipment must be confined to designated areas.
17. Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised calves will be entered and shown in their respective classes. They will be recognized at that time and the highest placing animal in each class will be eligible for Champion Bred/Born and Raised Market Beef.
18. There will be no tie outs.
19. All animal information must be given to the superintendent by check-in.
20. The Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association requires the registration papers to be in the name of the exhibitor. 4-H agrees with this but will allow papers that show a logical family association.
21. For breed classes, a steer must conform to that particular breed's standards listed in the Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association rules below:
 - a. AMERICAN ABERDEEN
 - i. All animals must be registered solely in the Junior Exhibitor's name, have readable tattoo's and registration papers or digital papers in hand at check in.
 - ii. For more breed requirements contact Kevin Litchfield 515-432-8441.

- iii. Breeding females must have 50% or greater American Aberdeen as their makeup. Steers must have 25% or greater of American Aberdeen as their makeup.
 - iv. Fullblood– 100% American Aberdeen registered.
 - v. Percentage Female – 50% – 99.9%
 - vi. Percentage Steers – 25% – 99.9%
- b. AMERICAN BLUE CATTLE
 - i. Steers and Heifers must be at least 50% or higher American Blue.
 - ii. Registration papers must be in hand at time of check-in and in the junior exhibitor’s name only.
 - iii. All animals must have a readable tattoo.
 - iv. Juniors between the ages of 8 and 20 years of age as of January 1st of current year may show.
- c. ANGUS
 - i. Steers and heifers must have registration papers or digital papers; no fax copies will be accepted. Papers must be in the junior exhibitor’s name.
 - ii. All animals must have readable tattoos.
 - iii. All exhibitors must follow the rules of the American Angus Association.
 - iv. Juniors between the ages of 8 and 20 years of age as of January 1st of current year may show.
- d. BUELINGO
 - i. Body color black or red with a clearly defined, continuous white belt. The belt to be of medium width, beginning behind the shoulder and extending nearly to the hips.
 - ii. Registration Papers Required
 - iii. VIEW STANDARDS OF PERFECTIONVIEW SCORECARD
- e. CHAROLAIS
 - i. Steers must be at least 50% or higher.
 - ii. The steer must have a certificate of recordation with the AICA and be 100% owned by the junior and in the exhibitor’s name only.
 - iii. Purebred heifers registration papers must be 100% owned by the junior and in the exhibitor’s name only.
- f. CHAROLAIS PERCENTAGE HEIFER
 - i. Percentage heifers must be composed of at least 50% and no more than 15/16 Charolais.
 - ii. Heifers must have a certificate of recordation with the AICA and it must be 100% owned by the junior and in the junior exhibitor’s name only.
- g. CHIANINA
 - i. All percentages of Chiangus, Chianina, Chimaine, Chiford and CAX (steers & heifers) that are able to be registered are eligible.
 - ii. They must be registered in the exhibitors name and have papers/digital copy in hand at check-in.
- h. GELBVIEH
 - i. Steers must be 50% Gelbvieh or more and exhibitor must have an official Gelbvieh breeder affidavit. Affidavits may be obtained from the American Gelbvieh Association website www.gelbvieh.org or contacting the AGA at 303-465-BEEF.
 - ii. Females must be registered and at least 75% Gelbvieh.
 - iii. Registration papers need to be in the exhibitor’s name.
- i. GELBVIEH BALANCERS
 - i. Are 25% to 75% Gelbvieh with the balance Angus or Red Angus.
 - ii. Registration papers need to be in the exhibitor’s name.

- j. HEREFORDS
 - i. PLEASE make sure you check your registration papers for entries in Polled or Horned Division.
 - ii. Hereford steers must have registration papers, no certificates will be accepted.
 - iii. UPDATED FOR 2026: Hereford steers shown in IJBBA shows, including the IJHA Preview Show, do not need to be DNA certified/parent verified to both sire and dam. However, if you plan to exhibit your Hereford steer at the Junior National Hereford Show or any NJHA show, please note that your steer will need a DNA profile and parent verified to both the sire and dam prior to entry.
 - iv. Digital papers accepted
- k. POLLED HEREFORDS
 - i. We are one association, but will have two separate heifer shows, steers will be shown polled & horned as one division.
 - ii. Heifers must have registration papers.
 - iii. Steers must have registration papers, no certificates will be accepted.
 - iv. Animals may be co-owned with siblings, provided each junior owner is an individual National Junior Hereford member and a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association for the current year.
 - v. All exhibitors must follow the rules of the American Junior Hereford Association.
- l. HORNED HEREFORDS
 - i. We are one association, but will have two separate heifer shows, steers will be shown polled & horned as one division.
 - ii. Heifers must have registration papers.
 - iii. Steers must have registration papers, no certificates will be accepted.
 - iv. Animals may be co-owned with siblings, provided each junior owner is an individual National Junior Hereford member and a member of the Iowa Junior Hereford Association for the current year.
 - v. All exhibitors must follow the rules of the American Junior Hereford Association.
 - vi. Digital papers accepted.
- m. LIMOUSIN
 - i. All steers that qualify for registration with NALF as a percentage, purebred or Lim-Flex are eligible to show.
 - ii. Heifers must be 75% or greater Limousin blood and have an orange NALF registration paper.
 - iii. Must have registration papers in hand at check-in and be in the exhibitor's name.
 - iv. Must be a member of the Iowa Junior Limousin Association and pay an annual member fee of \$10.
- n. LIM-FLEX FEMALES
 - i. Females registered as Lim-Flex with a purple NALF registration certificate will be eligible to compete.
 - ii. 75% Lim-Flex females are not eligible for the Limousin female show.
 - iii. Must have registration papers in hand at check-in and be in the exhibitor's name.
 - iv. Must be a member of the Iowa Junior Limousin Association and pay an annual member fee of \$10.
- o. MAINE-ANJOU
 - i. Fullblood heifers will include 100% Maine-Anjou females.
 - ii. MaineTainer heifers will include ¼ to 5/8 Maine-Anjou females and have a GREEN registration paper.

- iii. High Percentage heifers will include 75% and above females and have a BROWN registration paper.
- iv. Maine-Angus heifers will have between 3/8 Maine-Anjou to 5/8 Maine-Anjou blood and have between 3/8 registered Angus to 5/8 registered Angus and/or registered Red Angus blood. All Maine-Angus females must be TH and PHA Free by either parents or test and have an AMAA-issued Maine-Angus BLUE registration paper. All qualifying individuals WILL BE predominately solid black or red in color. White Markings are ONLY allowed on the underline and switch of the tail. Maine-Angus CANNOT show as MaineTainer.
- v. Steers must be at least 1/4 blood Maine-Anjou, all steers will show as Maine Anjou steers.
- vi. If heifers are purchased at the Iowa Beef Expo and desire to show in the junior show, they must have been purchased through the Maine-Anjou sale.
- vii. All exhibitors must have original registration papers OR digital registration papers (not a copy of the pedigree) in hand at time of check-in and papers need to be solely in the junior exhibitor's name.
- viii. All animals must have legible and correct tattoos. Exhibitor's must be a member of the Iowa Junior Maine-Anjou Association and pay a \$10.00 annual fee.
- ix. All exhibitors must follow the rules of the American Junior Maine-Anjou Association.
- p. MINIATURE HEREFORD (POLLED & HORNED)
 - i. Miniature Herefords will show both polled and horned heifers together and polled and horned steers together.
 - ii. Heifers & Steers must have registration paper or digital paper in hand at time of check-in, they must be registered by the American Hereford Association (AHA) and be out of an AHA registered sire and dam.
 - iii. Animals may be co-owned with siblings, or within the family farm name. If the animal is in the family farm name it must be proven that the junior exhibitor is either a son or daughter of owners of the family farm.
 - iv. Heifers and steers will be measured, and Heifers may be no greater than 45" tall at the hip and steers may be no greater than 48" at the hip.
 - v. PLEASE make sure you check your registration papers and height requirements.
- q. RED ANGUS
 - i. Steers must be 50% or more Red Angus from one registered parent, be predominately red in color and display sufficient breed characteristics, which match % of registration.
 - ii. Heifers must be 87% or higher Red Angus.
 - iii. Steer & Heifer exhibitors must have registration papers from the National Red Angus Association, must be in hand AND in the exhibitors name.
 - iv. Exhibitor must be a paid member in the Iowa Junior Red Angus Association.
- r. FOUNDATION RED ANGUS HEIFER
 - i. Must be between 50 and 86% Red Angus and from one registered parent, be predominately red in color and display sufficient breed characteristics.
 - ii. Must have registration papers from the National Red Angus Association, must be in hand AND in the exhibitors name.
 - iii. Exhibitor must be a paid member in the Iowa Junior Red Angus Association.
- s. SALERS
 - i. Animals must be 50% or more Salers with either the dam or sire being registered.
 - ii. Both steers and heifers must have registration papers and the papers must be in the name of the junior exhibitor.
- t. SALERS – OPTIMIZERS

- i. Both steers and heifers must have registration papers and the papers must be in the name of the junior exhibitor.
- u. SHORTHORN
 - i. All exhibitors MUST be a paid member in the Iowa Junior Shorthorn Association and have paid yearly dues of \$20 to be exhibiting and/or earning any IJBBA Shorthorn breed points.
 - ii. Heifers and Steers MUST be at least 15/16 to be exhibited as a Purebred Shorthorn.
 - iii. All heifers and steers must be registered SOLELY in the junior exhibitor's name. (no farm names)
 - iv. Animals may be DNA tested at any time throughout the year to verify parentage.
 - v. All exhibitors must have original registration papers OR a digital registration paper (not the pedigree) in hand at the time of check-in.
 - vi. All heifers and steers must have a readable tattoo.
- v. SHORTHORN PLUS
 - i. All exhibitors MUST be a paid member in the Iowa Junior Shorthorn Association and have paid yearly dues of \$20 to be exhibiting and/or earning any IJBBA ShorthornPlus breed points.
 - ii. Heifers MUST be between 1/2 (50%) and 7/8 Shorthorn and must have an appendix registration to be exhibited as a ShorthornPlus.
 - iii. Steers MUST be between 1/4 (25%) and 7/8 Shorthorn and have an appendix registration to be exhibited as a ShorthornPlus.
 - iv. All heifers and steers must be registered SOLELY in the junior exhibitor's name. (no farm names)
 - v. Animals may be DNA tested at any time throughout the year to verify parentage.
 - vi. All exhibitors must have original registration papers OR a digital registration paper (not the pedigree) in hand at the time of check-in.
 - vii. All heifers and steers must have a readable tattoo.
- w. SIMMENTAL
 - i. Purebred heifers 7/8 and above.
 - ii. Percentage heifers at least 1/2 but not yet reaching 7/8.
 - iii. Steers at least 1/2 blood or higher.
 - iv. Registration paper must be in hand or viewed on exhibitor's digital device from American Simmental Association's (ASA) Herdbook website. Animal must be registered in the junior's name, immediate family member, or family farm name that the junior is an authorized member of on the ASA account.
 - v. Animals may be DNA tested at any time throughout the year to verify parentage. Parentage DNA must be on file with American Simmental Association for animals to be verified as meeting minimum % Simmental for the division in which they are being shown.
- x. SIMBRAH FEMALES
 - i. 5/8 SM – 3/8 BR and must have registration paper in hand.
 - ii. Registration paper must be in hand or have digital paper and in the junior's name, immediate family, or family farm name that the junior is an authorized member of.
 - iii. All year-end award winners may be DNA parentage verified at any time.
- y. SOUTH DEVON
 - i. Heifers and Steers must be 1/4 or higher and have registration papers.
 - ii. Animals do not need to be out of a South Devon sire.
 - iii. Papers must be in hand at check-in.

- iv. Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name.
- 22. To be eligible for a breed division, breed information must have been provided to Hardin County Extension when nominated by February 1st on 4-H Online (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA.)
- 23. All steers not meeting breed eligibility rules must be entered in the crossbred class. Registration papers or breeder certificate must be presented at fair weigh-in.
- 24. Appropriate weight groups will be established after weigh-in for each class.
- 25. The Grand, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd Overall, 4th Overall, and 5th Overall Market Beef will be selected from the following groups:
 - a. Carcass Calves
 - b. Market Heifers
 - c. Purebred Steers – each breed division
 - d. Crossbred Steers - each weight division
 - e. Returning Bucket/Bottle Calves shown last year (4-H and FFA only)
 - f. In addition, a Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised Champion will be selected.
- 26. Exhibitors must attend the exhibitor meeting, which will be held on Wednesday immediately prior to the weigh-ins.
- 27. If less than two head of one breed check-in at the Fair, all of that breed's steers will be shown in the All Other Breeds Class.
- 28. Returning bucket/ bottle calves will only be eligible for exhibition the year following their bucket/bottle calf entry. Animals must be shown by the same exhibitor both years.
- 29. All market beef are automatically entered in the rate of gain contest.
- 30. Prospect Market Beef will not compete for Grand Champion Market Animal.
- 31. Market Beef will be divided into the following classes:

CLASS NO.

20248 Prospect Market Beef

CLASS NO.

20230 Market heifers (all crosses and breeds)	20237 Returning Bucket/Bottle Calves
20231 Crossbred steer	20239 Maine Anjou steers
20232 Angus steers	20230 Miniature Hereford steers
20233 Charolais steers	20231 Red Angus steers
20234 Chianina steers	20232 Salers steers
20235 Gelbvieh steers	20233 Shorthorn steers
20236 Hereford/Polled Hereford steers	20234 Shorthorn Plus steers
20237 Limousin steers	20235 Simmental steers
20238 Aberdeen Angus Steers	20236 All other breeds steers (British or Continental)

Carcass Contest Rules

1. Each exhibitor may enter up to four head in the carcass class. Carcass class cattle can also be entered in market beef classes, which means those cattle can be shown at halter twice.
2. Entries for this class must be made online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com> by June 15th in addition to regular entries.
3. First and second place winners in this class are eligible to show for the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef.
4. Cattle will be measured at the fair using real-time ultrasound.

5. Carcass calves will be shown as a class, and the results of the carcass data will be announced at that time.
6. Carcass calves will be placed based on a combined carcass and gain score, using value of meat produced, not based on visual evaluation.
7. Carcass calves will be placed according to carcass data.

CLASS NO.

20280 Carcass Steers and Heifers

Club Group of Five Rules

1. This exhibit will be made up of five steers and/or market heifers exhibited by members of one club.
2. One group per club.
3. Entry is required by one exhibitor.
4. The top three clubs will be awarded.

CLASS NO.

20281 - Club group of 5

Department 2: 4-H & FFA Cattle Feeder Pen

Superintendent - Dianna & Harris Haywood

Cattle Feeder Pen Rules

1. Exhibitors must submit a satisfactorily completed feed record to the 4-H & FFA Livestock Committee at fair time to be eligible to exhibit. This record must include purchase receipt and scale weight slips from date of county weigh-in.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to one pen of not more than four to ten head. Animals must have an approved USDA ear tag.
3. Animals must be in their pens by 9 p.m. Wednesday.
4. Each exhibit shall be placed into a purple, blue, red or white ribbon group according to the merit on the basis of the following score card:
 - a. Cost and sale price margin.
 - b. Rate of daily gain.
 - c. Lot uniformity and quality, rating on hoof
 - d. Feed efficiency and cost
5. Entry fee is \$8 for the pen.
6. Rate of gain information will be calculated on each 4-H & FFA cattle feeder pen project and posted, along with weight, on each stall card. Only steers with 2.4 pounds per day or better gain will be eligible for a purple or blue ribbon. A 3% shrink factor will be provided due to hauling loss. ADG will be [(Fair weight x .03) - beginning weight] divided by days on test.

CLASS NO.

20290 4-H & FFA Cattle Feeder Pens

Department 3: 4-H & FFA Breeding Beef

Superintendent – Danny Bradshaw

Breeding Beef Rules

1. Heifers intended for Market purposes are ineligible. Entries are open to Breeding Beef that have been identified 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
2. Two methods of identification are required for all breeding heifers. A tattoo is required for ALL heifers - includes registered AND commercial heifers (calthood vaccination number cannot be used as the main tattoo identifier), and one of the following ADDITIONAL methods of ID is required as a secondary method: registration number (if the animal is registered), or calthood vaccination number, or official Iowa 4-H or FFA ear tag.
3. Entries will be shown based on whether they are registered (purebred) or commercial. Ages, tattoos and registration papers will be checked at weigh-in for all purebreds.
4. Animals must be in their stalls by 9 p.m. Tuesday.
5. Entries are open to purebred, registered Angus, Charolais, Hereford, Polled Hereford, Chianina or Shorthorn Heifers. Also, Limousin, Maine-Anjou, Gelbvieh, and Simmental heifers which are registered and have 75% or more of their breeding from their respective breeds. Registration papers and ear tattoos are required on all purebred animals and will be checked. Any registration accepted by the Chianina Association will determine the eligibility of Chianina heifers. The Shorthorn Plus heifers must be between 1/2 and 7/8 Shorthorn.
6. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
7. The youngest class will be shown first with heifers put in order of age as the class starts - with the youngest animal first.
8. A limit of four heifers per exhibitor, plus two cow/calf pairs.
9. Beef breeding heifers will be weighed, and weights and birth dates will be recorded to calculate weight per day of age for use by the judge.
10. Grooming chutes and other equipment must be confined to designated areas.
11. At the discretion of the superintendent, classes may be further subdivided by age groups into more workable numbers.
12. The Champion Registered Heifers, Commercial Heifers, Champion Returning Bucket/Bottle will compete for The Grand, Reserve Grand Champion, 3rd Overall, 4th Overall, and 5th Overall Breeding Beef.
13. If less than two head of one breed check-in at the Fair, all of that breed's heifers will be shown in the All Other Breeds Class.

CLASS NO.

(Calved September 1, 2024 - May 15, 2026)

20100 Angus	20103 Chianina
20108 Aberdeen Angus	20111 Miniature Hereford
20116 Shorthorn Plus	20119 All other breeds
20101 Charolais	20104 Gelbvieh 20112 Red Angus
20109 High % Maine-Anjou	20120 Commercial - Non Registered
20117 Simmental	20105 Hereford 20113 Red Angus Foundation
20102 Charolais Cross	20121 Returning Bucket/Bottle Calf
20110 Maintainer	20106 Limousin 20114 Salers
20118 Foundation Simmental	20107 Lim-Flex 20115 Shorthorn

Cow Calf Pair & Prospect Rules

1. Entries in the Cow-Calf classes may consist of a cow that has shown as a yearling beef heifer by the member and/or an animal purchased as a cow.
2. Cow-calf classes will show for Champion Cow-Calf, but are not eligible for Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer.
3. In the Cow-Calf class, calves must be born before May 15th of the current year.
4. Heifer or bull calves shown in the Cow-Calf class can be entered in Prospect Class but they MUST be entered in the Prospect Class in <https://hardin.fairentry.com>.
5. Prospect calves must be born between January 1st and May 15th of the current year.
6. Prospect animals will not compete for Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer.

CLASS NO.

20190 Any cow with calf at side - Registered

20191 Any cow with calf at side - Commercial

CLASS NO.

20200 Registered Prospect Heifer

20201 Commercial Prospect Heifer

20202 Prospect Bull Class

Beef Showmanship

CLASS NO.

(While Showmanship class entry is not required by June 15th, entry is required at fair weigh-in/check-in.)

20901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6

20902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8

20903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Department 4: Bucket/ Bottle Calf

Superintendent - Tom Ingebritson

Department 4A: 4-H & FFA Bucket/ Bottle Calf Rules

1. This division is open to any 4-H or FFA member. Age divisions based on previous grade completed.
2. Entries are open only to calves that have been identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
3. All calves must be tagged with an official USDA tag, and tag numbers must be listed on each animal entry. Calves without official tags will not enter the fairgrounds. Tags are purchasable through Hardin County Extension and Outreach.
4. Any newborn or orphan calf (steer or heifer, dairy or beef) that is calved between March 1st and May 14th, may be shown.
5. Calves must be stalled on the fairgrounds by 6 p.m. Thursday
6. If purchased, the calf must be purchased and in possession of exhibitor within two weeks of birth.
7. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed (no nursing).
8. Calves will be shown at halter.
9. Classes divided by age of youth.
10. Each exhibitor will be interviewed regarding management and care of their calf.
11. 4-H and FFA Judging will be based on:
 - a. What exhibitor has learned about care and raising of the calf.
 - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the calf.
 - c. General health, condition and management of the calf and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
 - d. A completed workbook, available from the Hardin Co. Ext. Office is due at animal check-in.
 - e. Confirmation and quality of the calf is NOT to be considered.
12. Each age class will be judged separately, and one winner will be chosen in the junior, intermediate and senior class. The respective winner from each class will compete for an Overall Champion Bucket/ Bottle Calf.
13. Bucket/ bottle calves can only exhibit in the Bucket/Bottle Calf division of the Hardin County Fair.

CLASS NO.

20301 4-6 grade

20302 7-8 grade

20303 9-12 grade

Department 4B: Clover Kids Bucket/ Bottle Calf Rules

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. All calves must be tagged with an official USDA tag, and tag numbers must be listed on each animal entry. Calves without official tags will not enter the fairgrounds. Tags are purchasable through Hardin County Extension and Outreach.
3. Any newborn or orphan calf (steer or heifer, dairy or beef) that is calved between March 1st and May 31st, may be shown.
4. Calves must be stalled on the fairgrounds by 6 p.m. Thursday.

5. If purchased, the calf must be purchased and in possession of exhibitor within two weeks of birth.
6. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed (no nursing).
7. Calves will be shown at halter.
8. Classes divided by age of youth.
9. Entries are subject to all general livestock rules.
10. The K-3 grade classes are non-competitive.
11. Bucket/ Bottle calves can only exhibit in the Bucket/ Bottle Calf division of the Hardin County Fair.
12. No entry fee and no premium will be paid in division 4B.

CLASS NO.

Kindergarten – Bottle/ Bucket Calf

1st Grade – Bottle/ Bucket Calf

2nd Grade – Bottle/ Bucket Calf

3rd Grade – Bottle/ Bucket Calf

Department 5: 4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle

Superintendent - Philip Jass

Dairy Cattle Rules

1. Heifers may be either purebred or grade. Entries are open only to dairy cattle that have been identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
2. All dairy cattle must have TWO of the following ID options completed by May 15th: official tattoo, registration number (all levels of registry are acceptable), official DHIA metal tag, photos uploaded (2 photos: right side, left side). "Farm tags" are not an acceptable method of official ID.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to four entries.
4. Cows currently milking will be allowed to come on day of show and may go back home following show. However, they will be required to pay regular stall fees and must be entered the same as heifers, online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com>, due June 15th.

CLASS NO.

- 21100 4-H & FFA HEIFER CALVES (Born Dec. 1, 2025, and after - but at least 6 months old)
- 21101 SR. HEIFER CALVES (Born Sept. 1, 2025, to Nov. 30, 2025)
- 21102 JR. YEARLING HEIFER (Born March 1, 2025, to Aug. 31, 2025)
- 21103 SR. YEARLING HEIFER (Born Sept. 1, 2024, to Feb. 28, 2025)
- 21104 TWO-YEAR-OLD COWS (Born Sept. 1, 2023, to Aug. 31, 2024)
- 21105 THREE- and FOUR-YEAR-OLD COWS (Born Sept. 1, 2022, to Aug. 31, 2023)
- 21106 AGED COWS (Born before Sept. 1, 2022)

Dairy Cattle Showmanship

(While Showmanship class entry is not required by June 15th, entry is required at fair weigh-in/check-in.)

- 21901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6
- 21902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8
- 21903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Department 6: 4-H & FFA Dairy Goat

Superintendent – Philip Jass

Dairy Goat Rules

1. Entries are open to dairy goats that have been identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
2. Each exhibitor may show two animals in each class but no more than six goats in the show.
3. Dairy goats 24 months of age or older, which have never freshened, shall not be shown.
4. Dairy goats currently milking will be allowed to come on the day of the show and may go back home following the show. However, they will be required to pay regular stall fees and must be entered by the entry deadline.
5. Registration papers for purebreds must be available at fair for the superintendent to verify.
6. Goats must be shown with collar or chain.
7. Horns must be tipped blunt before arrival on the fairgrounds.
8. No muzzles are allowed.
9. A Junior Doe is a doe under 24 months of age that is not in milk and has never freshened. A Senior Doe is a doe in milk or that has freshened.
10. Premiums are prorated.
11. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship and must show their own animal.

CLASS NO.

Classes Offered Below In These Divisions (Grades, Recorded Grades, Alpine, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Toggenburg, All Other):

22100 Senior Milking Does, over 4 years that have freshened or are in milk.

22101 Senior Milking Does, over 2 years and under 4 years that have freshened or are in milk.

22102 Senior Milking Does, under 2 years that have freshened or are in milk.

22103 Junior Does, between 1 and 2 years that have never freshened.

22104 Junior Does under 1 year that have never freshened.

22105 Pigmy Does/ Dairy Wethers (Ribbon class only – will not compete for Champion or Reserve Champion)

Dairy Goat Showmanship

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship class entry is required with submission of entries.

22901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6

22902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8

22903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

22904: Post-High School FFA, Return Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12, has previously won senior showmanship)

Department 7A, 7B, 8A, & 8B: Swine

Superintendents - Ted Mosher and Derek Brown

The Swine classes for the Hardin County Fair include Crossbred and Purebred Market classes, Crossbred and Purebred Breeding Gilt classes, and Showmanship classes. Each of these divisions has a section before the class listing that gives specific rules for that section.

The General Swine Rules for Divisions 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B lists rules for all the county swine classes.

General Rules for Divisions 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B

1. Each Swine Exhibitor may bring a maximum of ten pigs to the Hardin County Fair. Of these ten pigs, a maximum of six entries allowed per division. Divisions include, Crossbred Market, Purebred Market, Crossbred Breeding Gilts, and Purebred Breeding Gilts.
2. Entries are open to swine that have been identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th
3. An individual pig may only be entered in one division. Gilts may not be double entered in market and breeding classes.
4. By May 15th, all pigs must be notched in both ears using the Universal Ear Notching System (sometimes called the National Ear Notching System) and must be tagged with an official 4-H (or FFA) tag bearing the US shield and identified in 4HOnline or Fair Entry.
 - a. No fresh ear notches will be permitted. The decision regarding fresh ear notches will be the swine committee; decision is final.
5. All pigs must be checked into their pens by 9 p.m. on Tuesday.
6. All pigs will be weighed at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday. There will be no re-weighing of pigs.
7. There are no restrictions on ending weight for pigs.
8. Exhibitors must show their own pigs in the ring unless exhibitors have more than one pig in the same class. The pig must be exhibited by another eligible 4-H or FFA member.
9. The Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Barrow, the Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Gilt, and the Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Market Pig will compete for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pigs.
10. The Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt and the Champion and Reserve Purebred Breeding Gilt will compete for the Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt.
11. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified to exhibit.
12. Swine exhibitors must sign and present an owner's affidavit that the animals being exhibited did not originate from a quarantined herd and, to the best of their knowledge; swine dysentery has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months.
13. Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised Swine will be entered and shown in their respective classes. They will be recognized at that time and the highest placing animal in each class will be eligible for Champion Bred/Born and Raised Market Swine.

DIVISIONS 7A, 7B: 4-H & FFA Market Swine

7A: Crossbred Market Swine

1. See General Rules for Divisions 7A for additional requirements.
2. Market pigs may be gilts or barrows in any combination.
3. All pigs must be weighed at the fairgrounds. They will be placed in classes divided by sex and weight.
4. Minimum weight to be eligible for the championship drive is 220 pounds.

5. The first and second place winners of each weight class (meeting rule 4 eligibility) will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Gilt and Champion and Reserve Champion Barrow.
6. The Champions and Reserve Champions from division 7A & 7B will compete for Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Pig.

7B: Purebred Market Swine

1. See General Rules for Division 7B for additional requirements.
2. All purebred market pigs may be gilts or barrows in any combination.
3. All pigs must be weighed at the fairgrounds. They will be placed in classes divided by breed and weight.
4. Registration papers must be presented at weigh-in; if not presented, that animal will be placed in the appropriate crossbred class.
5. If a breed has three or more pigs represented, a class will be made for that breed.
6. If a breed has less than three pigs, these individuals will show in an All Other Breeds class divided by weight.
7. Purebred market classes will not be divided by sex.
8. Minimum weight to be eligible for the championship drive is 220 pounds.
9. The first and second place winners of each purebred class (meeting rule 8 eligibility) will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Pig.
10. The Champions and Reserve Champions from divisions 7A & 7B will compete for Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion Market Pig.

Class No.

26200 Market Pigs

DIVISIONS 8A, 8B: 4-H and FFA Breeding Gilt

8A: Crossbred Breeding Gilt

1. See General Rules for Division 8A for additional requirements.
2. Breeding Gilts will be weighed at the fairgrounds with classes divided by weight.
3. The first and second place winners in each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt.
4. The Champions and Reserve Champions from divisions 8A & 8B will compete for Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt.

8B: Purebred Breeding Gilt

1. See General Rules for Division 8B for additional requirements.
2. Purebred Breeding Gilts will be weighed at the fairgrounds with classes divided by weight.
3. Registration papers must be presented at weigh-in; if not presented, that animal will be placed in the appropriate crossbred class.
4. If a breed has three or more pigs represented, a class will be made for that breed.
5. If a breed has less than three pigs, these pigs will show in an All Other Breeds class divided by weight.
6. The first and second place winners in each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt.

7. The Champions and Reserve Champions from division 8A & 8B will compete for Overall Champion and Overall Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt.

CLASS NO.

26100 Breeding Gilts

Swine Showmanship

1. Youth select one pig to show in the contest.
2. Each youth must show his or her own pig. No substitute showman allowed.
3. Senior youth show first; Intermediate youth, second; and Junior youth, last. This order was established so that younger youth have the opportunity to learn principles of showmanship by watching older youth show their animals.
4. Showmanship classes are based on grade as of last Sept. 1st. Senior showmen are youth in grades 9-12. Intermediate showmen are youth in grades 7-8. Junior showmen are youth in grades 4-6. See Division 17 for further explanation.

(While Showmanship class entry is not required by June 15th, entry is required at fair weigh-in/check-in.)

26901 Junior (4-6 grades)

26902 Intermediate (7-8 grades)

26903 Senior (9-12 grades)

DIVISION 8C: Youth Pig Project

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. This class is open to any child kindergarten through 3rd grade, living in Hardin County. Grades are based Sept. 1st of the previous year.
3. Each K-3 grade exhibitor may bring one market pig of their own.
4. No entry fee and no premium will be paid for K-3rd.
5. A parent or senior 4-H/FFA member should be close by the show ring to assist K-3rd grade exhibitors, if needed.
6. The Youth Pig Project is non-competitive.
7. Division 8C is not 4-H or Clover Kids affiliated.

CLASS NO.

(K-3) Youth Pig Project - (bringing own pig)

Department 10: Sheep
Superintendent – Philip Jass

Department 10A: 4-H & FFA Market Lamb Rules

1. 4-H and FFA market lambs must have been weighed and ear tagged at an official, designated weigh station in the spring to be eligible to show. A maximum of 15 market lambs may be weighed in at the weigh-in site.
2. Entries are only open to animals identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
 - a. Exhibition is limited to the identified animals selected by the exhibitor at the time of entry. No substitution of animals, identified or otherwise, will be allowed.
3. Entries in the market lamb class shall be lambs born after Jan. 1st of the current year.
4. All market lambs to be stalled by 9 p.m. Tuesday.
5. No buck lambs are allowed.
6. A member may enter and show a maximum of six head of market lambs. Weight groups will be established.
7. Lambs shown in market classes may not be shown in Purebred or Commercial Ewe classes
8. Lambs weighing less than 90 pounds are put into a class (Feeder Lambs) and are not eligible for championships.
9. No grooming, clipping of lambs on the fairgrounds. Prior to coming to the fair, lambs must be slick shorn. Failure to comply could be grounds for disqualification.
10. Cable sheep halters are prohibited from use at the fair.
11. Halters are not allowed on sheep in the show ring, with the exception of first year, junior 4-H members.
12. No muzzles are allowed.
13. Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised Sheep must be identified at spring weigh-in and will be entered and shown in their respective classes. They will be recognized at that time and the highest placing animal in each division will be eligible for Champion Bred/Born and Raised.
14. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship and must show their own animal.
15. All market lambs are automatically entered in the rate of gain contest. The top ten rate of gain will be recognized.
16. Sheep and meat goats will alternate show schedules each year, with sheep exhibiting first on even years and meat goats exhibiting first on odd years.
 - a. Within each show, breeding animals will exhibit first in even years, and market animals in odd years.

CLASS NO.

25200 Individual Market Lambs

25201 White and Speckled Faced Individual Market Lambs

25290 Pen of 3

25291 Club Group of 5 Market Lambs

Department 10B: 4-H & FFA Breeding Sheep Rules

1. Each exhibitor may show no more than two entries per class.
2. Entries are only open to animals identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
 - a. Exhibition is limited to the identified animals selected by the exhibitor at the time of entry. No substitution of animals, identified or otherwise, will be allowed.

3. Entries in ewe lamb classes shall be born on or after Jan. 1st this year. Yearling Ewes shall be born between Sept. 1, 2024 and Dec. 31, 2025.
4. Market lambs are NOT eligible for these classes, and these animals may not show in market classes.
5. Registration papers will be required and checked on all purebred sheep during Market Sheep weigh-in.
6. All Breeding Sheep to be stalled by 9 p.m. Tuesday.
7. No grooming, clipping of sheep on the fairgrounds. Prior to coming to the fair, lambs must be slick shorn. Failure to comply could be grounds for disqualification.
8. Cable sheep halters are prohibited from use at the fair.
9. Halters are not allowed on sheep in the show ring, with the exception of first year, junior 4-H members
10. No muzzles are allowed.
11. All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. To register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG.
12. Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised Sheep must be identified at spring weigh-in (breeding sheep not attending weigh-in must be identified at fair check-in) and will be entered and shown in their respective classes. They will be recognized at that time and the highest placing animal in each division will be eligible for Champion Bred/Born and Raised.
13. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship and must show their own animal.

CLASS NO.

25100 Purebred Ewe Lamb

25101 Purebred Yearling Ewe (specify breed)

25102 Purebred - Other Breeds (Colored Wool) Ewe Lamb

25103 Purebred - Other Breeds (Colored Wool) Yearling Ewe

25104 Black Faced Commercial Ewe

25105 White or Speckle Faced Commercial Ewe

25106 Commercial Yearling Ewe

25107 - Foundation Flock - Return of ewe, shown previously as a ewe lamb - with her offspring. Market Lambs are eligible to be shown in this class.

Sheep Showmanship

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP CLASS NO.

Showmanship class entry must be submitted with animal entries.

25901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6

25902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8

25903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

25904: Post-High School FFA, Return Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12, has previously won senior showmanship)

Sheep Costume

SHEEP COSTUME CLASS NO.

25905 Junior Costume- grades 4, 5, 6

25906 Intermediate Costume- grades 7,8

25907 Senior Costume- grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Department 10C: Youth Lamb Class Rules

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. K-3 Lamb Exhibitors should be enrolled in Hardin County Clover Kids. If not, please contact the Hardin County Extension Office for more information.
3. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based Sept. 1st of the previous year.
 4. Lambs shown will be spring lambs from the current year.
4. Lambs must be ewes or weathers.
5. All lambs will be shown with halters and shortened lead ropes.
6. Lambs must have an ear tag identified on entries. Lambs do not need a starting weight.
7. Lambs must be under the care of the member by the time of entry.
8. Lambs will be provided with a pen and stalled at the fair.
9. All entries will be paraded in the show ring. All contestants will receive ribbons.
10. No entry fee or no premium money will be paid.

CLASS NO.

(K-3) Youth Lamb & Goat

Department 11: Meat Goat

Superintendent – Philip Jass

Department 11A: 4-H & FFA Market Meat Goat Rules

1. Market meat goats may be does or wethers. However, a doe can only be shown as market or breeding, not both.
2. All 4-H and FFA meat goats must have been weighed and ear tagged at an official, designated weigh station in the spring to be eligible to show. A maximum of 10 meat goats (market and breeding combined) may be weighed in at the weigh-in site.
3. Entries are only open to animals identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
 - a. Exhibition is limited to the identified animals selected by the exhibitor at the time of entry. No substitution of animals, identified or otherwise, will be allowed.
4. All meat goats will need to be stalled by 9 p.m. Tuesday. Meat goats will weigh in on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to bring up to eight meat goats (four market meat goats and four breeding meat goats) to the Hardin County Fair. All breeds are eligible.
6. Meat goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use show halters, collars or collar with a short lead when showing. Pronged collars are prohibited. Rope halter are prohibited in the show ring.
7. Weight Limit: Wethers must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds. Anything below that will not be eligible for exhibition. Wethers will be divided into divisions by weight.
8. Age: Market meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in; any goat having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified. All goats will be mouthed for age at fair check-in.
9. Horns: Exhibitor will be required to have horns tipped blunt (not less than the diameter of a dime at the ends) on all market goats before arrival on the grounds. Tipping or removal of horns is not allowed on the grounds and will result in disqualification.
10. Hair: All market meat goats must be uniformly clipped with 3/8-inch length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding the tail, prior to arrival on the grounds. All meat goats must arrive clipped and show ready. No clipping of goats will be allowed on the fair grounds. Failure to comply could be grounds for disqualification.
11. The 4-H and FFA Meat Goat Show will be a no-fit show. No use of adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols or powder products allowed. Exhibitors in violation will be disqualified.
12. No muzzles are allowed.
13. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the Meat Goat Show.
14. Hardin County Bred/Born and Raised Meat Goats will be entered and shown in their respective classes. They will be recognized at that time and the highest placing animal in each division will be eligible for Champion Bred/Born and Raised.
15. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship and must show their own animal.
16. All market meat goat will automatically be entered in the rate of gain contest. The top five rate of gain will be recognized.
17. Sheep and meat goats will alternate show schedules each year, with sheep exhibiting first on even years and meat goats exhibiting first on odd years.
 - a. Within each show, breeding animals will exhibit first in even years, and market animals in odd years.

CLASS NO.
23200 Market Meat Goat

Department 11B: 4-H & FFA Breeding Meat Goat Rules

1. Breeding meat goat classes are limited to does.
2. Entries are only open to animals identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
 - a. Exhibition is limited to the identified animals selected by the exhibitor at the time of entry. No substitution of animals, identified or otherwise, will be allowed.
3. Breeding does do not need to be weighed at spring weigh-in. A maximum of 10 (market and breeding combined) breeding meat goats may be identified.
4. All meat goats will need to be stalled by 9 p.m. Tuesday. Meat goats will check in on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m.
5. Each exhibitor is allowed to bring up to eight meat goats (four market meat goats and four breeding meat goats) to the Hardin County Fair. All breeds are eligible.
6. Meat goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors may use show halters, collars or collar with a short lead when showing. Pronged collars are prohibited. Rope halter are prohibited in the show ring.
7. Age: Breeding meat goats must have appropriate teeth in normal positions (based on birth date) at time of check-in. Goats will be placed in appropriate class based on mouthed age. All goats will be mouthed for age at fair check-in.
8. Hair: All breeding meat goats must arrive clipped and show ready. No clipping of goats will be allowed on the fair grounds. Failure to comply could be grounds for disqualification.
9. The 4-H and FFA Meat Goat Show will be a no-fit show. No use of adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols or powder products allowed. Exhibitors in violation will be disqualified.
10. No muzzles are allowed.
11. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the Meat Goat Show.
12. All sexually intact goats must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or an official tattoo registered with the USDA. To register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG.
13. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship and must show their own animal.

CLASS NO.
23101 – Does, 3-12 months old (kid teeth in place and weaned)
23102 – Does, 12-24 months old (first year teeth only)
23103 – Does, over 24 months old (second set of teeth in place)
Mouthed age takes precedence over birth date.

Meat Goat Showmanship

1. Showmanship classes will be the last classes in the order of the show.
2. Exhibitors select one meat goat to show in contest.
3. Each youth must show their own meat goat. No substitute showmen allowed.

4. Senior youth show first, followed by Intermediate, and then Juniors. This order was established so that younger exhibitors have the opportunity to learn principles of showmanship by watching older youth show their animals.
5. Showmanship classes are based on grade as of Sept. 1st of the previous year.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship class entry is required by June 17th

23901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6

23902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8

23903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

23904: Post-High School FFA, Return Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12, has previously won senior showmanship)

Department 11C: Youth Meat Goat Class Rules

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. K-3 Goat Exhibitors should be enrolled in Hardin County Clover Kids. Contact the Hardin County Extension Office for information.
3. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based on Sept. 1st of the previous year.
4. Meat goats shown must be spring meat goats from the current year.
5. Goats must be does or wethers.
6. All meat goats will be shown with halters and shortened lead ropes.
7. Meat goats must have an ear tag identified on entries.
8. Goats must be under the care of the member by the time of entry.
9. Goats will be provided with a pen and stalled at the fair.
10. All entries will be paraded in the show ring. All contestants will receive ribbons.
11. No entry fee and no premium money will be paid.

CLASS NO.

(K-3) Youth Lamb & Goat

Department 12: 4-H & FFA Light Horse, Ponies, Mules, & Donkeys

Superintendent – Martha Steding

Horse, Ponies, Mules, & Donkeys General Rules

1. Entries are open to horses, ponies, mules and donkeys that have been identified in 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th. Photos for identification are required of all horses, showing right side, left side, front view and rear view.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry in each class. No stallions may be entered. Ages of horses or ponies shall be based on Jan. 1st of the current year. A horse may be shown only once per class. Multiple members of the same family can show the same horse.
3. Entries in the halter classes will be judged on conformation, general appearance and action. Entries in the performance classes will be shown under saddle and judged on manner, way of going and performance (at walk, trot and loop for Pleasure class).
4. In the halter classes, yearling ponies shall measure 52 inches or under; 2-year-old ponies shall measure 53 inches or under, and all other ponies 57 inches or under.
5. Exhibitors in all Western classes are to wear a front button or snap long-sleeved, collared shirt of any color (including white). No Farm logos and limited advertisements should be displayed on shirts. The following is prohibited: zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments or bling of any kind including, but not limited to, sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirt must be tucked in. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required. Western boots must be worn (Fashion heels are prohibited.) English class requires a helmet and hard sole boots with heels. Spurs are optional. Chaps are not to be worn in any Western class. Exhibitors participating in showmanship at halter will wear attire appropriate to the type of pony or horse being shown using the above rules as a guide. Horse Helmet Policy: By Jan. 1, 2005, all 4-H related horse events across the state of Iowa will require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving - every time, every ride.
6. Exhibitors in the halter classes shall use no whips and shall refrain from excessive noise.
7. Artificial tails may be used and color will be allowed on horses as long as it does not change the natural color pattern of the horse.
8. Contestants shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep his or her horse under control or be excused from the ring. Courtesy is mandatory - no exceptions.
9. 4-H and FFA members are expected to groom and show their animals without assistance from other persons outside of family members.
10. The Trail class shall include at least five and not more than ten of the obstacles as listed for this class in 4-H-511C (Rev.) A Guide for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa. The judges shall have the right to ask for additional work from any horse.
11. In the Ranch Horse class, a standard pattern will be performed.
12. Stalls will be available for exhibitors during the fair. No tack stalls allowed. Stalls must be requested/claimed at the time of fair entry at www.fairentry.com, and can be found under the horse entry tab. Horse stalls will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. If stalled, horses must arrive by Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and remain until livestock release time on Sunday; if stall is vacated before release exhibitors may be denied stalling in the future. A deposit to reserve the stall in the form of a check payable to Hardin County Agricultural Society in the amount of \$30 per stall is required. This check is to be separate from fair entry fees and is due at the time of fair entry. The check will be returned to the check's maker following the fair, provided the exhibitor has cleaned out their stall.
13. Exhibitors may bring horses, ponies, mules or donkeys the day of the show (Wednesday or Sunday) by 8 a.m. if not stalled and take them home following judging that same day.

14. Remember: Riding and exercising must be done in the horse arena by the exhibitor only, with a helmet on the exhibitor.
15. All exhibitors are required to show in Showmanship. If showing in riding classes, Horsemanship is also required
16. Exhibitors must have attended a minimum of four Horse Project Classes to be eligible to show.
17. It is strongly suggested that horses are current on their 5-way (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Eastern & Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus), Rabies, and West Nile vaccinations and deworming.
18. Halter class horses must be owned. They cannot be leased.
19. Champion Performance Exhibitor will be calculated based on points earned through groups 5-9 by one horse.
20. High Point Exhibitor will be calculated based on points earned through groups 1-9.
21. Group 9 classes will be broken by exhibitor age.
22. A Grand and Reserve will be selected in Groups 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10.
23. Exhibitors may wear a 4-H or FFA-affiliated T-shirt when exhibiting in groups 8 and 11, at the discretion of the judge and horse superintendent.
24. Post-High School Showmanship entries will be limited to members in grades 9th – 12th having already competed in or won supreme showmanship. Winners in this class will not qualify for supreme showmanship.
25. First-year members are encouraged to show in the Walk/Trot only.
26. Horses may only exhibit in one of either Trail Riding or In-Hand Trail

Group 1 - Showmanship

- 31901: Post-High School
- 31902: Sr. Showmanship (grades 9-12)
- 31903: Int. Showmanship (grades 7 and 8)
- 31904: Jr. Showmanship (grades 4-6)

Group 2 - Horses

- 31100: Horses - 3-year-olds and over mares
- 31101: Horses - 3-year-olds and over geldings
- 31102: Horses - 2-year-olds
- 31103: Horses – Yearlings
- 31108 Yearling Longe Line

Group 3 - Ponies – 56 Inches and Under

- 31104: Ponies - 3-year-olds and over
- 31105: Ponies -2-year-olds
- 31106: Ponies -Yearling
- 31107: Ponies -Miniature Horse - All ages

Group 4 - Mules & Donkeys

- 31109 Donkeys and Mules - All ages

Group 5 - Horsemanship

31200: Post-High School FFA Western Horsemanship
31201: Sr. Western Horsemanship
31202: Int. Western Horsemanship
31203: Jr. Western Horsemanship

Group 6 - Walk Trot

31300: Post High School FFA Walk-Trot
31301: Senior Walk-Trot
31302: Intermediate Walk-Trot
31303: Junior Walk-Trot

Group 7 - Pleasure

31400: Post-High School FFA Western Pleasure
31401: Senior Western Pleasure
31402: Intermediate Western Pleasure
31403: Junior Western Pleasure
31204: Hunter Under Saddle

Group 8 - Patterned Performance

31404: Ranch Horse
31500: Trail Riding
31504: In-hand Trail

Group 9 - Timed Events

31600: Poles
31602: Barrels
31700: Texas Flag

Group 10 - Driving

31604: Obstacle Driving Class
31605: Open Cart - Single
31606: Horse Hitch

Group 11 - Games

31701: Egg and Spoon
31702: Tandem bareback
31703: Costume Class
31704: Horse Stall Decorating Class

Department 13: Dogs

Superintendent - Martin Steiner

General Rules for Department 13

1. Entries are only open to dogs that have been identified 4hOnline (4-H) or Fair Entry (FFA) by May 15th.
 - a. A written copy of proof of vaccination for rabies and distemper by a vet must be submitted at the time of Dog Identification by May 15th.
 - b. Dogs must go through a 4-H dog obedience class to be eligible to be shown by 4-H/FFA members.
 - c. Dog entries are due June 15th.
2. All dogs must be on leash. Dogs must not be taken near other livestock or into exhibit building on the fairgrounds.
3. Dogs will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought and returned home on the day of the show.
4. More than one child in a family can use the same dog during the same year, but both exhibitors cannot enter the same class.
5. Highpoint Dog will consider exhibitor scores in Obedience, Rally, and Showmanship.

Department 13 A: Dogs Obedience and Handling Rules

1. An exhibitor may win Showmanship one time only in each of the three grade divisions. Previous Showmanship winners may participate in the returning Showmanship class.
2. To win a blue ribbon in any class except Showmanship, a dog must score 170 points or more.
3. Parent/ Alumni Showmanship is open to any parent, alumni, or audience member who would like to exhibit a dog already in the Hardin County Dog Project.
 - a. A donation of \$5.00 to the Hardin County Dog project should be paid to participate
 - b. Pre-registration is available at fairentry.com or can be completed at the fair office.
4. Classes are listed in order of novice to advanced. Once a dog has advanced a class, it cannot enter a less advanced class. A dog can show in Class 30106 and up for two consecutive years unless the dog wins a class, then it must move up.
5. The Celebrity Dog Show class is open to any local business or donor wanting to show support for the Hardin County Dog Project.
 - a. A donation of \$100.00 (split between the Hardin County Fairboard and Hardin County Dog Project) should be paid prior to the event.
 - b. Participants have the opportunity to partner with local exhibitors and attend dog training classes prior to the Hardin County Fair.
 - c. Contact Dog Project Leader, Martin Steiner, or Hardin County Extension and Outreach for additional details.
 - d. Pre-registration is available at fairentry.com or can be completed at the fair office.
6. A description of classes:

Beginner Novice A - For dogs and exhibitors in the first year of dog obedience training. Dogs will be judged on their ability to heel on leash, figure 8 on leash, sit for examination on leash, sit and stay while handler walks around the ring, and recall off leash. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair.

Beginner Novice B - For dogs in first year of dog obedience training and exhibitors who have completed more than one year of obedience training. Also to be used for dogs returning to the fair with a new (first year) exhibitor. Exercises are the same in Beginner Novice A class. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.d. degree prior to the fair.

Preferred Novice - Dogs will be judged on their ability to heel on and off leash, figure 8 on leash, stand for examination off leash, Stay (sit or down). Sit Stay - get your leash. Recall off leash. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair. Preferred Novice A class- a handler /Dog team may enter this class 1 year. Preferred Novice B class- a handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score.

Novice A - Dogs will heel on and off leash, figure 8 on leash, stand for examination off leash, recall off leash, sit stay- get your leash, group exercise of sit for one minute, and stay down for one minute off leash. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair.

Novice B - Exercises same as listed in Novice A Class. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.D. degree prior to the fair.

Graduate Novice A - Obedience - This class is open to exhibitors of three or more years who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H dog obedience show in the Novice A or B at the previous year's 4-H Dog Show. However, a qualifying score is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and do a figure 8 exercise off leash, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over broad jump, recall over high jump, and Stay - get leash (sit, down). Dogs entered in this class cannot be entered in previous listed classes. Open to dogs that do not have any CDX degree.

Graduate Novice B - Obedience - For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A at the previous year's 4-H Dog Show. Exercises same as listed in Graduate Novice A class. Open to dogs that do not have any CDX degree. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in previous listed classes

Open - Obedience - This class is open to exhibitors of three or more years who have achieved a qualifying score in the Graduate Novice class at the previous year's 4-H Dog Show. However, a qualifying score in Pre-Novice, Novice or Graduate Novice is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and figure 8 off leash, command discrimination, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, over the high jump, broad jump and Stay -get your leash (sit, down). Dogs entered in this class may not enter previous listed classes.

Utility - Exercises are: signal exercise, scent discrimination (two articles), directed retrieve, directed jumping and moving stand.

Costume Class - participant and animal should wear costumes that match or have the same "theme". Champion will be chosen by the audience.

Rally Classes - the objective of Rally is to recognize dogs that have been trained to behave in the home, in public, and in the presence of distraction. There will be a 10 min. familiarization time prior to judging. Copies of the course will be given to exhibitors at that time.

CLASS NO.

30101 Beginner Novice A

30102 Beginner Novice B

30103 Preferred Novice A

30104 Preferred Novice B

30105 Novice A
30106 Novice B
30107 Graduate Novice A
30108 Graduate Novice B
30109 Open
30120 Utility
30130 Costume

DOG SHOWMANSHIP

30202 Senior Showmanship (grades 9-12)
30201 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7-8)
30200 Junior Showmanship (grades 4-6)
30203 Returning Showmanship (grades 5-12)
30204 Parent/ Alumni Showmanship

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30205 Celebrity Dog Show

Department 13 B: Dog Agility

1. Dogs may enter these classes after receiving a qualifying score in Obedience Class 30101 or 30102.
2. Scoring for all agility classes will be based on performance and course time.
3. 4-Her/dog team may enter either a Agility class or Jumper with Weaves or a combo of the appropriate classes for their training level. With a maximum of 2 classes per team in this division.
4. Each 4-Her/dog team will be allowed 3 tries at an obstacle during the course run.
5. If the dog exits the ring, the exhibitor will be finished at that time. The exhibitor/dog team will be allowed to return to the ring at the end of the day and will receive one lower ribbon placing for the run. If the dog exits the ring a second time, the team will be disqualified.
6. Agility classes will use a variety of equipment which may include any of the following: 12' dog walk, 9' A-frame, 12' teeter, single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, weave poles, panel jumps, broad jump, tunnel, pause table, & tire jump.
7. Jumpers with Weaves Classes will use equipment which may include any of the following: single jumps, double jumps, triple jumps, weave poles, panel jump, broad jump, tunnel, & tire jump 8.A dog who has received an agility title in a sanctioned show such as AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club) MUST compete in Open Classes 9.Dogs must wear flat buckle collars or run without a collar. No choke chains.
8. A description of classes:

Beginners Agility A - For dogs and exhibitors in their first year of dog agility training. Dogs may follow a course on leash or use a grab tab

Beginners Agility B - For dogs in their second year of agility training but have a new handler or for exhibitors that have trained a dog in agility before, but this is the first year for the dog. Dogs may follow a course on leash or use a grab tab

Novice Agility - For dogs in their second year of training. Dogs will follow a course off leash

Open Agility - For dogs who have been in training for three years or more or have received an agility title. Dogs will follow a course off leash.

Beginner JWW A - For dogs and exhibitors in their first year of dog agility training. Dogs may follow a course on leash or use a grab tab

Beginner JWW B - For dogs in their second year of agility training but have a new handler or for exhibitors that have trained a dog in agility before, but this is the first year for the dog. Dogs may follow a course on leash or use a grab tab

Novice JWW - For dogs in their second year of training. Dogs will follow a course off leash

Open JWW - For dogs who have been in training for three years or more or have received an agility title. Dogs will follow a course off leash.

CLASS NO.

30301 Beginner Agility A

30302 Beginner Agility B

30303 Novice Agility

30304 Open Agility

30305 Beginner JWW A

30306 Beginner JWW B

30307 Novice JWW

30308 Open JWW

Department 13 C: Rally

1. A dog who has received any Rally Novice title in any sanctioned show such as AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club), etc., must compete in Rally Advanced.
2. A Description of Classes

Novice Rally A - For dogs not ready to work off leash. Dogs may enter this class up to 3 years and all exercises are judged on leash. The class will involve between 10 and 15 stations. (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of 3 and maximum of 5 stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands, or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. There will be no jumps in this class. AKC Novice signs will be used.

Novice Rally B - For dogs in first year of dog obedience training and exhibitors who have completed more than one year of obedience training. Also to be used for dogs returning to the fair with a new (first year) exhibitor. Exercises are the same in Beginner Novice A class. Dogs cannot have an AKC C.D. or UKC C.d. degree prior to the fair.

Rally Advanced - For dogs with 2 or more years in Rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Intermediate title (AKC, UKC, etc.). There is no limit on the number of years an exhibitor/dog combination can compete in this class. All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (Start and Finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have a minimum

of three advanced level stations plus one required jump. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands, or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Advanced level signs will be used.

CLASS NO.

30401 Novice Rally A

30402 Novice Rally B

30403 Rally Advanced

Department 13 D: Barn Hunt

1. Eligibility Criteria: A dog may enter these classes after receiving a qualifying score in Obedience Class 30101 or Class 30102 in the previous year.
2. All dogs will run “naked”, without collar or harness
3. The Barn Hunt Association is recognized as the governing body for this sport. All rules regarding course design, what handlers may and may not do, rat wrangling, handling the rat tubes and any other rules not specified here will refer to the Official Barn Hunt Association Competitor Rulebook. The Superintendent will have a copy or it can be found at www.barnhunt.com.
4. A Qualifying Score will be the same as a “pass” of a Barn Hunt official class.
5. A description of classes:

Barn Hunt Novice A

1. For a dog in the first year of Barn Hunt Training. A dog may enter Barn Hunt Novice A if that dog has not yet attained the Novice title (RATN). Dogs entering Barn Hunt Novice A may, but are not required to, have an Instinct Title.
2. Course time allowed: Two minutes
3. Start Box location: One flat side not less than three feet nor more than four feet from, and directly in front of, the opening to an Official Tunnel.
4. Tube specifications: One empty tube, one litter tube, one rat tube. At least one tube of any type must be elevated. All tubes may be elevated. Tubes must be at least 18" apart.
5. Required elements within course time allowed: Execute a Climb. Complete an Official Tunnel. Correctly indicate one live Rat tube. These elements can be accomplished in any order.

Barn Hunt Novice B

1. Eligibility Criteria: Dogs may enter Barn Hunt Novice B after receiving a qualifying score in Barn Hunt Novice A or once they have attained a RATN Title but don't wish to advance.
2. All rules same as Barn Hunt Novice A

Barn Hunt Open

1. Eligibility Criteria: Dogs may enter Barn Hunt Open after receiving a qualifying score in Barn Hunt Novice A or once they have attained a title of RATN
2. Course time allowed: Two minutes 30 seconds (2.30).
2. Start Box location: Anywhere on the course.
3. Tube specifications: One empty tube, two litter tubes, two rat tubes. At least one live rat tube must be elevated.
4. All tubes may be elevated. Tubes must be at least 18" apart.

5. Required elements within course time allowed: Execute a Climb. Complete an Official Tunnel. Correctly indicate two live Rat tubes. These elements can be accomplished in any order.

Barn Hunt Senior

1. Eligibility Criteria: Dogs may enter Senior after receiving a qualifying score in Barn Hunt Open or any time after they have attained the title of RATO.
2. Course time allowed: Three minutes 30 seconds (3:30).
3. Start Box location: Anywhere on the course.
4. Tube specifications: One empty tube, three litter tubes, four rat tubes. Tubes may be at any level. In some blinds, tube locations will be moderately challenging. Tubes must be at least 6" apart.
5. Required elements within course time allowed: Execute a Climb. Complete an Official Tunnel. Correctly indicate four live Rat tubes. These elements can be accomplished in any order.

Crazy 8s Class

1. Eligibility criteria: A dog may enter this class after receiving a qualifying score in Obedience Class 30101 or Class 30102. A dog must also receive a qualifying score in (30401) Barn Hunt Novice A OR attained the Novice title (RATN). Dogs entering may, but are not required to, have an Instinct title.
2. Course Time Allowed: 2 minutes.
3. Course Size: Master sized course. Judge may opt to use an existing Senior or Master course, modified as specified below, for Crazy 8s.
4. Bales: There must be at least one place on the course where at least two bales are grouped at the two-high level, touching or close enough to safely hide a tube at that level. Bales cannot be higher than 2-high.
5. Tube specifications: Eight live rat tubes. Four litter tubes. At least one live rat tube must be elevated. Tubes must be at least 6" apart.
6. Crazy 8s Scoring: All general regular class rules apply.
7. Special scoring:
 - a. 10 points per correct rat call.
 - b. 10 points for tunnel
 - c. 10 points for climb.
 - d. Points are acquired until all rats are found and tunnel and climb are completed, or until "Time" is called. A Clean Run (100 points) is awarded when there is no fault called and all 8 rats are found, plus climb and tunnel executed in two minutes or less. A Clean Run which is completed in 1:45 or less (rounded down to the nearest second) earns a bonus of 5 points. The Judge will call "BONUS". A Clean Run which is completed in 1:30 or less earns a second bonus of 5 points. The Judge will call "SUPER BONUS". No more than 10 total bonus points per run are allowed. Total possible points per run are 110.
 - e. Penalties (in addition to all general Barn Hunt penalties) are: ▪ Failure to Tunnel -20 points. ▪ Failure to climb -20 points. ▪ First incorrect rat call (litter or no tube) -20 points. ▪ No rats found or second incorrect rat call (litter or no tube) NQ score (dog shown a rat before exit).
 - f. To receive a qualifying score, the dog must find at least one rat and have a cumulative score of 10 points or over. Zero and negative scores are not used.
8. Crazy 8s Judging and Faults
 - a. After calling RAT on an incorrect litter tube, if the falsely called litter tube is lifted from the straw prior to the Judge's verbal call of FAULT, the tube is to be removed from the ring. If the tube has not yet been lifted from the straw when the Judge calls FAULT, the tube must remain in place. If the handler has touched their dog after calling Rat and before the Judge calls FAULT, no touching penalty is assessed even if the tube remains in place.
 - b. There are no tiebreakers allowed in Crazy 8s.

CLASS NO.

30501 Barn Hunt Novice A

30502 Barn Hunt Novice B

30503 Barn Hunt Open

30504 Barn Hunt Senior

30505 Barn Hunt Crazy 8s

Department 13 E: Trick Dog

1. Eligibility Criteria: A dog may enter these classes after receiving a qualifying score in Obedience Class 30101 or Class 30102 in the previous year.
2. Judge will be a AKC Evaluator. Passing Score in class will also result in a AKC Trick Dog Title.

Trick Dog Novice

Requirements: Dogs must perform 10 tricks from Novice List.

Novice List:

Balance beam (walk on board a few inches off floor) Bark on cue (“Speak”) Crawl (dog on belly, crawls at least 3 body lengths) Fetch it (ball, etc., 10 ft. away, bring to handler within 2 ft) Find it (find treat or scent item hidden under 1 cup or object) Get your _____. (Leash, brush, name of toy) Get in (gets in box) Sits in box (on cue) Get on (gets on low platform or step - 4 paws) Hand signals (Choose one: down, sit, or come) High five Hold (3 seconds) Jump (thru a low hoop or over a low bar) Kennel up (go in crate, stay in until released) Kiss (point to cheek or back of hand) Paws up (2 front paws on low stool or step) Push-ups (sit, down, sit, down, sit, down) Shake hands Spin in circle Touch it (hand or target stick) Tunnel (agility tunnel or child’s tunnel)

Other: Handler’s choice

Other: Handler’s choice

Trick Dog Intermediate

Requirements: Dogs must have a Novice Title and perform 10 tricks from the intermediate list

Intermediate List

Balance on ball or foam exercise peanut. Balance treat on nose or head (e.g., dog biscuit) Carry (such as basket or another object) Catch (soft toy, soft ball, treat, etc.) Close door Close drawer Crawl (at least 5 body lengths-may use food/toy lure) Fetch it (20 ft. away and deliver to hand) Flyball (run to, push, get ball) Game (manipulates interactive canine game) Go find (handler hides, dog goes and finds) Go to your place (to bed/mat, crate from 10 ft.) Hand signals (Sit, down, come, stand. Total of 3.) Head down Heeling with automatic sit Jump through handler’s circled arms (or over handler’s leg) Leg weave (weave around handler’s legs) Open door Open drawer (cloth pull handler) Paws up (on handler’s arm) Pull a toy on a string or rope Push button/key to make sound Remove object from box/ toy mailbox Ring bell, doorbell mounted on wood Rollover Shell game (“Find it” - treat or scent item under 1 of 3 cups) Sit pretty (sit up or sit w/ head tilted) Teeter totter (may use agility equip. in Intermediate) Touch lamp Wave good-bye/hello Weave poles (may use food or toy lure - 6 weave poles) Wobble board

Other: Handler’s choice #1

Other: Handler’s choice #2

CLASS NO.

30601 Trick Dog Novice

30602 Trick Dog Intermediate

Department 13 F Clover Kids Dog

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. K-3 Dog Exhibitors should be enrolled in Hardin County Clover Kids. Contact the Hardin County Extension Office for information.
3. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based on Sept. 1st of the previous year.
4. Participating Clover Kids must ID their dogs in 4-H Online with a current rabies certificate prior to exhibition or attending Clover Kids dog classes.
5. This non-competitive class will give youth the chance to share their dog projects and what they have learned during dog classes.
6. Clover Kids dogs must meet all requirements of the dog department and general livestock exhibition rules.

Department 14: PETS

Superintendent – Amber Wiese

4-H & FFA Pet Rules

1. All 4-H and FFA members enrolled in the pet project are eligible to exhibit in the pet show.
2. Entries for this class must be made online at <https://hardin.fairentry.com> by June 15th.
3. To be eligible for the small pet show, the member may not have exhibited the pet in any other department of the Fair this year — includes rabbits, dogs, poultry and youth class pets.
4. Animals must be checked in with the superintendent 1/2 hour before the show.
5. All pets must come on a leash, in a box, a cage or a bowl.
6. All exhibitors are responsible for the health and safety of their pet.
7. NO WILD ANIMALS. It is illegal under Iowa law to capture or keep any game animal, fur animal or game birds.
8. An exhibitor is limited to entering two pets.
9. Cats and dogs three months and older must have a current official rabies certificate given by a veterinarian.
10. Pets include cats, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, fish, turtles, birds, dogs (not 4-H dog training program) and other small pets.
11. Pets will be released immediately after the show.
12. Pets in this class will be judged on appearance, health and member's knowledge of caring, handling and feeding of the pet. A workbook, available at the Hardin County Extension Office, should also be completed and presented to the judge for evaluation for class 32100.
13. No swine of any kind is allowed in this division — pot bellied pigs, small pigs, Chinese pigs, etc.

CLASS NO.

32100 - Pets

32101 - Pet Costume

Department 14B: YOUTH PETS

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based Sept. 1st of the previous year.
3. All participants exhibiting cats or dogs must present a current rabies certificate.
4. Participants are encouraged to exhibit in both classes.
5. No entry fee or premium money will be made in this Division. All participants will receive a ribbon.
6. An exhibitor is limited to entering two pets in each class.
7. All animals must follow health rules as stated in the general rules or respective species division.

CLASS NO.

Youth Pet

Youth Pet Costume

Department 15: Poultry

Superintendent - Doug Gillmore & Amber Wiese

DIVISION 15A: 4-H & FFA Poultry

1. Poultry exhibits must be part of the member's 4-H or FFA project.
2. Classes 24420 through 24411 must be a pen of 3. Limit 1 pen per class.
3. Birds must be caged Tuesday, by 9 p.m. Pullorum testing will be conducted on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and must be complete before caging birds in barn.
4. Exhibitors are expected to feed and care for their own exhibits.
5. No birds will be permitted to enter the show which appear to be diseased or lousy. All birds must be pullorum tested - see health rules.
6. Production poultry will be judged for: uniformity, maturity - age considered, development, handling qualities, pigmentation, molt and general conformation to breed characteristics.
7. Market poultry will be judged for health and vigor, fleshing, feathering, conformation, skin condition and uniformity.
8. Other poultry will be judged by the comparison method, using the American Standard of Perfection.
9. Herdsmanship will be checked. Cages are provided. Entry fee: \$1.00 per bird.
10. Contact superintendent with questions on classes, rules, etc.
11. Release time for exhibits is 7 p.m. Sunday.
12. All classes receive premium which is prorated.

CLASS NO.

MARKET POULTRY (HEAVY BREED) - PEN OF 3 BIRDS

24000 Broilers - individual bird weight of 3.0 - 6.0 pounds will be termed light weight and 6.1 - 9.0 pounds will be termed heavyweight. Class will be specified by the heaviest bird.

PRODUCTION POULTRY - PEN OF 3 BIRDS

24010 Laying hens

24011 Production pullets - white egg breeds

24012 Production pullets - brown or tinted egg breeds

FANCY BREEDING STOCK

No limit of number of breeds exhibited. [List breed, sex and variety (color) of each entry on an attached sheet]

24020 Bantams

24021 Large Fowl

24022 Miscellaneous Fowl (guineas, pigeons, pheasant)

24023 Water Fowl

24024 Turkey

WATER FOWL - JUDGED ON MEAT QUALITY

24030 Ducks - pen of 2

24031 Geese - pen of 2

TURKEYS - JUDGED ON MEAT QUALITY

24040 Turkeys - pen of 2

OTHER BIRDS

24180 - Other Name on tag

Poultry Poster Contest

1. Anything promoting poultry.
 2. Size of standard poster board or no larger than 22"x28".
 3. Divisions - Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
- 24150 Poultry Poster - Junior
24160 Poultry Poster - Intermediate
24170 Poultry Poster - Senior

Poultry Showmanship

(While Showmanship class entry is not required by June 15th, entry is required at fair weigh-in/check-in.)

- 24901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6
24902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8
24903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Department 15B: Youth Poultry

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based Sept. 1st of the previous year.
3. Any type of fowl may be exhibited.
4. Birds must be caged Tuesday, by 9 p.m. Pullorum testing will be conducted on Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and must be complete before caging birds in barn.
5. No entry fee and no premium and money. All participants will receive a ribbon.
6. Contact superintendent with questions on classes, rules, etc.
7. Release time for exhibits is 7 p.m., Sunday.

CLASS NO.

(K-3) Youth Poultry

Department 16A: Rabbits

Superintendent – Doug Gillmore & Amber Wiese

Department 16A Rabbits

1. Exhibitor must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA Rabbit Project.
2. Exhibitors may enter up to five animals per class.
3. Rabbits must be caged Tuesday, by 9 p.m.
4. All rabbits are to be tattooed in left ear.
5. Rabbits do not need to be identified prior to making entries. Breed, colors and markings, LE tattoo, birthdate, and sex are required on entries.
6. Cages will be furnished. Entry fee: \$1.00 per animal.
7. Herdsmanship will be checked.
8. Contact superintendent for questions on classes, rules, etc.
9. List breed of each fancy rabbit on entry form.
10. Release time for exhibits will be at 7 p.m., Sunday.
11. Exhibitors are expected to feed and care for their own exhibits.
12. Only intact rabbits can be entered.
13. No rabbits can be entered that appear to be diseased.
14. No lactating doe with litter can be brought to the fair. Does should have weaned 30 days prior to the fair.

CLASS NO.

27000 Meat Pen - Three rabbits not over 10 weeks of age or over 5.5 pounds each. To look as alike as possible.

27001 Single fryer - not over 10 weeks of age or over 5.5 pounds. Does NOT have to part of a meat pen. Limit of 2.

FANCY RABBIT - Dutch, Florida White, Havana, Mini Lop, Polish, Rex, Mini Rex, Silver Marten.

27200 Jr. Buck - less than 6 months of age

27201 Jr. Doe - less than 6 months of age

27202 Sr. Buck - over 6 months of age

27203 Sr. Doe - over 6 months of age

COMMERCIAL (Meat type animal) Californian, Flemish Giant, New Zealand, Satin.

27300 Jr. Buck - under 6 months

27301 Jr. Doe - under 6 months

27302 Intermediate Buck – 6 to 8 months

27303 Intermediate Doe – 6 to 8 months

27304 Sr. Buck – over 8 months

27305 Sr. Doe – over 8 months

Note: Jr & Intermediates which exceed maximum weight limits may be shown in higher classifications.

Other Rabbit Classes

27307 Fur Class – best coat of fur. Choose from rabbits you have shown in previous classes. Limit of 2.

27308 Costumed Rabbit - costume of your choice. Dress just before judging.

RABBIT POSTER CONTEST

1. Anything promoting rabbits.
2. Size of standard poster board or no larger than 22"x28".
3. Divisions - Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

27400 Rabbit Poster - Junior
27401 Rabbit Poster - Intermediate
27402 Rabbit Poster - Senior

Rabbit Showmanship

(While Showmanship class entry is not required by June 15th, entry is required at fair weigh-in/check-in.)

27901 Junior Showmanship - grades 4, 5, 6
27902 Intermediate Showmanship - grades 7, 8
27903 Senior Showmanship - grades 9, 10, 11, 12

Department 16B: Youth Rabbits

1. All entries must be made at www.fairentry.com by June 15th.
2. This class is open to any Hardin County Clover Kid. Grades are based on Sept. 1st of the previous year.
3. Rabbits will be brought to the fairgrounds on the afternoon of the show. Rabbits should come to the fairgrounds in a cage or box. Rabbits can also be cage for the duration of the fair if specified on entries.
4. Animals should be checked in with the superintendent before the show. The animals will be released immediately after the show.
5. Rabbits will be judged on appearance, health and member's knowledge of caring, handling and feeding of the animals.
6. No entry fee and no premium and money. All participants will receive a ribbon.
7. Limit one entry.

CLASS NO.

(K-3) Youth Rabbit

Department 17: Showmanship

Showmanship Rules

1. 4-H and FFA members showing their own animals/fowl are eligible to compete for showmanship.
2. Seniors (9-12 grades) may compete, provided they have not previously won showmanship for that species, and provided they choose to compete.
3. Showmanship contests are usually judged on the basis of:
 - a. Appearance of the animal - condition, grooming, clipping, training, cleanliness, etc.
 - b. Appearance of the exhibitor's clothes, neat appearance, clean, appropriate dress, poise, attentiveness, cooperation, courteous, sportsmanlike.
 - c. Showing animal in ring - Enters show ring with animal at proper time and place, with suitable equipment. Keeps an eye on animal and is also aware of position of judge; not distracted; poses and moves animal properly. Responds to requests of judge and officials; courteous, sportsmanlike.
4. Showmanship is divided into three categories as follow:
 - a. Junior ... Grades 4, 5, 6
 - b. Intermediate ... Grades 7, 8
 - c. Senior ... Grades 9, 10, 11, 12
5. Senior categories are expected to participate in the Supreme Showmanship Contest. Exhibitor is to show their own animal.
6. Showmanship entries are required of all participants in the following species. Showmanship entries within these species must be submitted with animal entries.
 - a. Sheep
 - b. Meat Goat
 - c. Dairy Goat
 - d. Horse
7. Entries in the following species may submitted with animal entries, or an exhibitor may sign up for showmanship no later than the end of animal check-in.
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy Cattle
 - c. Poultry
 - d. Rabbit
 - e. Swine

Supreme Showmanship

1. The 4-H or FFA senior showmanship winner of beef, dairy, horse and pony, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, dog, meat goat, and dairy goat, showmanship contests (grades 9, 10, 11, 12 as of last Sept. 1st) will compete for Supreme Showman on Sunday.
2. Each showman will furnish their contest animal, and each will take turns showing all animals in the contest. Substitution of show animal must be approved by the Supreme Showmanship judges.
3. Exhibitors will have three minutes with the judge in their own species; they will rotate species and have two minutes with each judge.
4. The showman receiving the highest total score from the judges' cards will be declared Supreme Showman. If a tie occurs the judges will break the tie.
5. A member may win the Supreme Showmanship contest only once.
6. Winning Supreme Showmanship eliminates any further Showmanship activity.
7. If an exhibitor is not present, but the species is present at the fairgrounds, the superintendent will provide/find an animal to represent the species.

8. Forfeiting the award does count as the one opportunity to participate in Supreme Showmanship contest for that exhibitor.

Department 18: Herdsmanship

Herdsmanship will be under close supervision and held to high standards for animals to have clean stalls, pens, or cages, in addition to being fed in a timely manner, and having access to fresh water. Each club will be scored daily in each species, and results posted. There will be a monetary award for each stalled species at the fair.

Herdsmanship Judging Criteria

- CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS AND STALLS OPEN - (50)
 - Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place. Animals securely tied or penned. Manure removed and deposited in proper place. Grooming chutes and stands removed when not in use. Alleys swept clean, free of dust and bedding.
- ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT - (10)
 - Exhibits lined up in attractive manner, tack and equipment stored in an appropriate location, and overall appearance)
- APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS - (15)
 - Animals clean and brushed. Animals in stalls or pens between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- STALL CARDS - (5)
 - Readable from alley. Neatly arranged. Clean and complete.
- ATTENDANTS - (20)
 - Courtesy of the attendants and others in area. At least one attendant present 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

Department 19: Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendents – Hardin County FFA Advisors

1. JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE DIVISION Grades 4-8
 - a. Open to individuals enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter who have not entered the ninth grade.
 - b. 4-H and FFA members can register as individuals and teams.
2. SENIOR DIVISION Grades 9-12
 - a. Open to all individuals enrolled in a 4-H Club or FFA Chapter who have entered the ninth grade but are not past their first summer after high school graduation.
 - b. 4-H and FFA members will register as individuals and teams.
3. OPEN DIVISION
 - a. Open to anyone not enrolled in 4-H or FFA (Youth and Adult).
4. AWARDS
 - a. Ribbons will be awarded to the top 10 individuals in each division.
 - b. The top individual in the Junior/Intermediate division will be recognized.
 - c. The top individual in the Senior division will be recognized.
 - d. The top junior and senior teams will be recognized.

Department 20: RIBBON AUCTION

Superintendents: Dianna Haywood, Jim Othsiemer, Kevin Johnson

Ribbon Auction Guidelines

1. Hardin County Ribbon Auction Committee and Hardin County Extension and Outreach will clerk the auction, collect money, and make distribution to youth and 4-H Fund.
2. Auctioneers donate their services.
3. The Extension Office and Ribbon Auction Committee prepares sale order.
4. Order of auction will be rotated each year.
5. All ribbon bids must be paid within 7-14 days of the sale.
6. The Ribbon Auction Committee under advisement of the Superintendents will decide which classes qualify for ribbons.
7. Each species must have 10 or more entries to receive more than one ribbon.
8. The ribbon auction serves as a bonus to the exhibitors as an encouragement for raising, fitting, and showing their livestock projects. The ribbon buyer will receive a ribbon. The exhibitor gives this to the buyer immediately after the ribbon is sold. Volunteers will lead the animal out of the ring while the exhibitor hands the ribbon to the buyer and personally thanks them.
9. No change of ownership of animals occurs. Only the ribbon placing earned at the various classes is offered for sale. The exhibitors have the opportunity to market their animals as they see fit.
10. Exhibitors will participate in a Parade of Champions with their animal(s) that have earned the ribbons immediately before the ribbon auction begins. The exhibitor must be present at the auction if his or her ribbon is sold. An exhibitor must get permission from the Extension Staff to be excused from attending the auction. If the exhibitor is not present at the auction and permission has not been received from the Extension Staff, the ribbon will not be offered for sale.
11. 25% commission will be withheld from the exhibitor's ribbon sale for the Hardin County 4-H Endowment, awards, and scholarships.
12. If an animal wins in more than one auction spot, only one ribbon may be auctioned.
13. The following ribbons will be auctioned:
 - a. Market Beef (7)
 - i. Grand Champion Market Beef
 - ii. Reserve Champion Market Beef
 - iii. Third Place Market Beef
 - iv. Fourth Place Market Beef
 - v. Fifth Place Market Beef
 - vi. Top Rate of Gain
 - vii. Champion Carcass
 - b. Cattle Feeder Pen (1)
 - i. Champion Feeder Pen
 - c. Sheep (6)
 - i. Champion Market Lamb
 - ii. Reserve Champion Market Lamb
 - iii. Champion Breeding Ewe
 - iv. Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe
 - v. 1st place Rate of Gain
 - vi. Champion Hardin County Born, Bred & Raised
 1. Breeding Ewe – Even Years
 2. Market Lamb – Odd Years

- d. Swine (7)
 - i. Champion Crossbred Barrow
 - ii. Reserve Champion Crossbred Barrow
 - iii. Champion Crossbred Market Gilt
 - iv. Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Gilt
 - v. Champion Purebred Market Hog
 - vi. Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt
 - vii. Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt
- e. Horse (3)
 - i. High Point Exhibitor
 - ii. Champion Pleasure Horse
 - iii. Champion Performance Exhibitor
- f. Dairy Cattle (1)
 - i. Grand Champion Dairy
- g. Dairy Goat (1)
 - i. Grand Champion Dairy Goat
- h. Breeding Beef (5)
 - i. Grand Champion Breeding Heifer
 - ii. Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer
 - iii. 3rd Overall Breeding Heifer
 - iv. 4th Overall Breeding Heifer
 - v. 5th Overall Breeding Heifer
- i. Dog (2)
 - i. Barn Hunt
 - ii. Agility
- j. Rabbit (2)
 - i. Best of Show
 - ii. Meat Pen of Three
- k. Poultry (3)
 - i. Best of Show
 - ii. Meat Pen of Three
 - iii. Production Poultry Pen of Three
- l. Pet (1)
 - i. Champion Pet
- m. Bucket Calf (1)
 - i. Champion Bucket Calf

Department B – Conference Judging

General Rules

1. Enter exhibits <http://hardin.fairentry.com> by July 1st at 4:30 PM.
2. Judging will be on Tuesday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All exhibits must remain until 6 p.m. on Sunday.
3. Entry fee is \$1 per exhibit.
4. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th-grade members.
5. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
6. 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.
7. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
8. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
 - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
 - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
9. 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)
 - a. State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - b. State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - c. Iowa Noxious weed list: Iowa Code Section 317.1A (2022) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia
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 www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets.
12. 14. 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:
 - a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned?
 - d. NOTE: Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communication classes.

- e. 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.
13. All judges' decisions are final.
14. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number and exhibitor's name.
15. Premium money in Department B will be paid after completing record books. 4-H/FFA record books need to be completed and turned in to club leaders or FFA advisor by Sept. 10th to receive your fair premium check. The purpose of this is to promote record-keeping and responsibility in your projects for the entire year. 4-H leaders and FFA advisors will maintain a list of record books turned in and report them to the Hardin County Fair Board at hardincofair@heartofiowa.net. Failure to turn in your record book by Sept. 10th will result in a forfeiture of all premiums for the current year. Checks not cashed by Dec. 31st, will be considered forfeited to the Hardin County Agricultural Society.
16. All exhibitors are expected to have read and agreed to the Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code of Ethics found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/files/documents/lhethicscode.pdf>

Other Exhibit Information

- 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
- The Hardin County 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, etc.

Class 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, llamas, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, etc. Ownership of an animal is not required.

10120 Veterinary Science - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

Horticulture

To exhibit vegetables, refer to “Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit” (4H-462) for general guidelines.
To exhibit flowers, refer to “Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants For Exhibit” (4H-464).

Garden Exhibits

- 40102 **Beans**, any variety, 6 specimens
- 40103 **Beets**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40104 **Cabbage**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40105 **Cantaloupe**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40106 **Carrots**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40107 **Cucumber**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40108 **Eggplant**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40109 **Honeydew Melon**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40110 **Onions**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40111 **Peppers**, any variety, 2 specimens
- 40112 **Potatoes**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40113 **Pumpkin**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40114 **Squash**, any variety, 1 specimen
- 40115 **Sweet Corn**, 2 ears exhibited with husks open on 1 side
- 40116 **Tomato**, any variety, 3 specimens
- 40117 **Watermelon**, any variety (large or small), 1 specimen
- 40118 **Any other kind of vegetable**, not included in any previously named class, 3 specimens

Herbs

- 40401 **Any herb**, 3 sprigs in bottle of water
- 40402 **Collection of 4 different herb species**, to be displayed in separate bottles of water.

Specimens should include 3 sprigs with stems of adequate length for each species. Collection MUST include species information on a card provided.

Ornamentals

40301 Pumpkin, decorated, woody stem, any full pumpkin decorated with other vegetables, paint or other material. No carving. 1 specimen.

40302 Pumpkin or Gourd, miniature, 3 specimens

40303 Vegetable Container Display - The vegetable display must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. For this class, herbs will count as vegetable crops. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than four items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, four tomatoes would constitute one vegetable, e.g., one large red slicing, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato and one processing tomato. The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container. The vegetables should be prepared for exhibit as instructed in 4H-462,

“Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit.” Any decorative basket, box or other decorative container not larger than one-half bushel in size can be used. The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement

Miscellaneous: Fruit & Flower Exhibits

Exhibitor may enter up to 5 different kinds of fruits. No exhibitor shall make more than one entry in any kind of fruit.

40601 Small fruits (1/2 pint of fruit), i.e. strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, gooseberry, other edible small fruit.

40602 Fruits - Entries of 3 fruits (the same kind) on a plate. Apples, pears, etc. Miscellaneous Flower Exhibits

40603 Exhibitor may enter up to 5 different kinds of flowers. No exhibitor shall make more than one entry in any kind of flower. Examples: gladiolus 1 spike; bachelor button, 3 stems; cosmos, 3 stems; daisy, 3 blooms.

40604 Flowers/Plant/Fruit - Any flower or plant (cut or potted) or any fruit specimen (pear, plum, apple, etc.) Only one specimen of each variety.

40605 Flower Arrangement – Any flower (cut or potted) arranged with at least three varieties.

The Iowa State Fair 4-H Horticulture Show is a unique opportunity for 4-Hers to exhibit the product of their gardening labor. Exhibitors need not exhibit horticulture exhibits at the county fair to participate in the Iowa State Fair 4-H show. If a 4-H member would like to exhibit herbs and vegetables at the Iowa State Fair, they must make their entry to the Hardin County Extension Office by July 1. More detailed entry information can be found in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book at <https://www.iowastatefair.org>.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

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

10210 Crop Production and Plant Science - An exhibit that shows learning about growth, use, and value of field crops; plant growth; soils and soil fertility; or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.

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

10222 Entomology – An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning 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, or 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 and Horticulture.)

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 is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)

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

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

Creative Arts

10310 Music – An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition, arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

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

Photography Special Rules:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. The finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches.
 - a. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11.
 - b. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
2. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
3. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally.
 - a. 4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.
 - b. Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
4. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.
5. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
6. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
7. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
8. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
9. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

10340 Creative Photography – A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple photographs. Must include original photograph(s).

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matting.
2. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.

4. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.
5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
6. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

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 – 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.

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

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

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>.

Family and Consumer Sciences

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

10420 Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments and 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 and Accessories – Purchased garments or accessories that show learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans

10424 Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits – Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:

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

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

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

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

10445 Food and Nutrition: Educational Display – An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See Food and Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.

Food and Nutrition Special Rules:

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Preserved Food 4-H Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.
8. Preserved foods exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 - 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

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

10460 Home Improvement – An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving, and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

Home Improvement Special Rules:

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

10470 Sewing and Needle Arts – 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 construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

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

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 and Consumer Science class listed.

Special Exhibition: Thrifty Meal Challenge

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains
 - a. Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
6. The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches x 28 inches or 20 inches x 30 inches) that includes the following:
 - a. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - b. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
 - c. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
 - d. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
 - e. The completed Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing. For more information about this special challenge, please go <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.

Personal Development

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, or visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, 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 member's 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.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
7. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

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

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.

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?

Science, Engineering, and Technology (SET)

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

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

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 of 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). Note: A conference judging opportunity for exhibitors of repaired or restored tractors in Class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. (Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times.) Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 23, after 7 p.m. 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 – An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

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

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

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

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rules:

2. 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.
3. 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.

4. Due to available space, vehicles may be displayed outdoors as necessary.

4-H Communication Events

11100 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 (5th and 6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes.
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 at the Iowa State Fair.
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 of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

11200 Working Exhibit – 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 participants/teams 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 at the Iowa State Fair.
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

11300 Share-The-Fun – Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in the current year. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
 - a. At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in the current year.
 - b. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.
5. General judge's comments for the entire show will occur at the Iowa State Fair. No individual conference with the judge will occur.

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking – Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in the current year.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two (2) entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
 - i. 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:
 - i. Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - ii. 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).
 - iii. Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
 - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county 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.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic.
 - b. Knowledge of the subject.
 - c. Organization of material.
 - d. Power of expression.
 - e. Voice.
 - f. Stage presence.
 - g. General effect.
 - h. Response to questions.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

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Poster Communication Special Rules:

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3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Each poster must have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
7. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
9. All 4-H Communication Posters will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments.

4-H Awardrobe and Clothing Events

General Overview

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with only one entry per year. Participants may be selected to participate in any one of the four classes, even if they participated in that class in previous years.
2. Each county may send the following number of participants in each class to represent their county, selected from each of the county’s events: a. Fashion Revue Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume). b. \$20 Challenge Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume). c. Clothing Selection Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume). d. Innovative Design Class: Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
3. The categories in each class are simply for entry limit purposes. All entries in each class will be judged together.
4. Participants must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9 – 12 the same year as the event).
5. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.
6. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created, and accessories, to the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.

7. Participants should submit only the materials requested for each class (report form and photo – for ALL classes - plus a receipt for \$20 challenge). If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
8. Participant report forms must be uploaded by county staff no later than August 6. Participants should abide by county deadlines for submitting paperwork for entry. Report form responses may be in an alternate format or handwritten if preferred by the participant.
9. Requests for class or group time changes will be honored as availability allows through August 6. Requests made after August 6 cannot be accommodated due to our printing deadlines.
10. A \$30 registration fee is required for each participant entry. Counties will be billed following the Iowa State Fair.
11. All participants must participate in all Awardrobe Clothing Event activities at the times scheduled for their county unless the 4-H member is involved in another Iowa State Fair 4-H activity at the same time with a non-flexible schedule. Pre-approval is required prior to July 31. Participants must attend the runway show to be eligible for awards.

12100 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.

12200 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.

12300 The \$20 Challenge

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.

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

12400 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.

Challenge Classes

The following form is for signing up to receive materials for challenge classes. Bag of Scraps, Bucket of Junk, Tallest Cornstalk, and the Film Photography Challenge all require additional materials provided by Hardin County 4-H. Completing this form is not an entry for the Hardin County Fair, but rather a sign-up to receive materials. Supplies are limited! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/gaeggWWh6QGvaaJg8>

Bag of Scraps

1. Bag of Scraps materials may be picked up at the Hardin County Extension Office during their regular business hours, Monday through Thursday.
2. Exhibit must be a sewn item created primarily from the fabric scraps provided in the official challenge bag.
3. An item can be functional, decorative, or wearable.
4. The majority of the project must be constructed using the provided fabric scraps.
5. Additional materials such as thread, buttons, zippers, elastic, interfacing, and stuffing are allowed.
6. No additional fabric may be added beyond what is included in the provided bag.
7. Use of all scraps is not required; however, exhibitors are encouraged to use as much of the provided material as possible.
8. Scrap fabric may be cut, combined, or altered in any way.

Bucket of Junk

1. Exhibit must be a welded project created from the materials provided in the official challenge bucket.
2. Projects may be functional or decorative (e.g., sculptures, yard art, etc.).
3. Welding is required as part of the construction process.
4. Finishing techniques such as painting, grinding, polishing, or sealing are allowed.
5. No additional materials may be added.
6. The bucket itself may not be used as part of the exhibit.
7. Not all materials are required to be used.
8. All exhibits must be safe for public display (no sharp edges, loose parts, or hazards).

Tallest Cornstalk

1. Exhibit must be a single corn plant grown from the seed provided for the challenge.
2. Corn must be grown in the official bucket provided.
3. Exhibitors may use any soil, substrate, or growing medium within the bucket.
4. Fertilizers, soil amendments, and additives are allowed.
5. No additional seeds may be used.
6. Only one plant may be grown and exhibited per entry.
7. Height will be measured from the base of the stalk at soil level to the highest point of the plant.
8. Cornstalk must be intact and attached to the roots in the bucket at the time of judging.
9. No artificial supports may extend the natural height of the plant at the time of measurement.

Film Photography Challenge

1. Exhibit must be a photograph taken by the exhibitor using the disposable camera provided for the challenge.
2. Photos may be of any subject matter.
3. Each exhibitor may submit one final photograph.
4. Photograph must be selected from the prints developed from the provided camera.
5. Cropping or trimming of the printed photo is allowed; digital editing or alteration is not permitted.
6. Participants will receive materials during the designated workshop session.

7. A second workshop session will be held for participants to review prints and select their final photograph.
8. Final exhibit must be appropriate for public display and prepared according to general photography exhibit guidelines.

Recipe Challenge

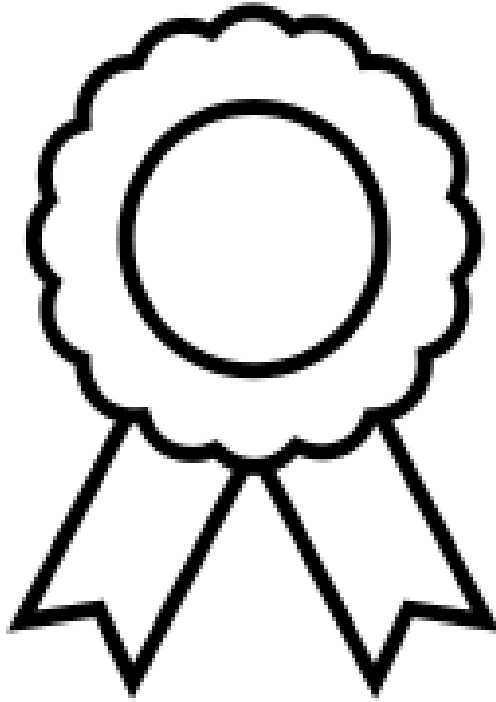
1. Exhibit must be cinnamon-sugar doughnut muffins prepared using the provided recipe.
 - a. View Recipe: <https://www.kingarthurbaking.com/recipes/cinnamon-sugar-doughnut-muffins-recipe>
2. Recipe must include all ingredients, measurements, and preparation instructions.
3. The exhibitor must prepare the exhibit.
4. The final product must comply with the 2026 Food for Iowa Fairs guidelines and the general Food & Nutrition rules.

Clover Kids Marble Maze

1. This challenge class is only open to Clover Kids members and should be brought to Clover Kids Sharing Day. No pre-entry is required for Clover Kids Sharing Day
2. The exhibit must be a marble maze designed to guide a marble from a start point to an end point.
3. Mazes may be constructed from any materials such as cardboard, wood, paper, plastic, or recycled items.
4. There are no size restrictions; however, the exhibitor must be able to hold and move the maze to guide the marble through it.
5. The Clover Kids member should primarily construct the exhibit with appropriate assistance.
6. Exhibitors should be prepared to demonstrate how their mazes work.

Clover Kids Recipe Challenge

1. This challenge class is only open to Clover Kids members and should be brought to Clover Kids Sharing Day. No pre-entry is required for Clover Kids Sharing Day
2. Exhibit must be M&M cookies prepared using the provided recipe.
 - a. View Recipe: <https://www.iheartnaptime.net/best-mm-cookies/#h-ingredients>
3. Exhibit should include a sample of the finished cookies.
4. Exhibit should be primarily prepared by the Clover Kids member with appropriate assistance.
5. Exhibit must be safe and appropriate for public display and follow general food exhibit guidelines.



OPEN CLASS 2026

FAIR BOOK

JULY 8-12

General Open Class Rules:

1. Please bring your entries and payments to the Open Class Building. Entry tags will be provided. You may bring your entries Tuesday from 6-8pm or Wednesday from 7:30-9:30am to the Open Class Building.
2. All entry tags should be firmly attached to exhibits to avoid errors and for proper judging. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to enter each exhibit in the most appropriate class and have each item correctly labeled or tagged.
3. No entry will be accepted for premiums unless listed in this fair book.
4. When there is no competition, the judge shall award premiums according to merit.
5. Entries are open to anyone who wishes to exhibit, regardless of their county, state, or country of residence.
6. An item entered once in open class is ineligible to be entered again.
7. All exhibits must remain in place until 6 p.m. Sunday. Exhibits may be removed from 6 – 8 p.m. Sunday or from 9-10 a.m. on Monday.
8. The building will be locked during judging on Wednesday morning.
9. Do not tape entry bags closed.
10. Premiums: 1st - \$2.00, 2nd - \$1.50, 3rd - \$1.00

ADULT DIVISION: AGES 19 AND UP (use first number in each class listing)

TEEN DIVISION: AGES 13 - 18 (use middle number in each class listing)

YOUTH DIVISION: AGES 12 AND UNDER (use third number in each class listing)

OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT A – Visual Arts

DEPARTMENT D – Fruits and Vegetables

DEPARTMENT E – Flowers

DEPARTMENT F – Photography

DEPARTMENT G – Textiles

DEPARTMENT H – Culinary

DEPARTMENT I – Hobbies, Crafts and Collections

Department A: Visual Arts

1. In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.
2. All work should be original, not a kit.
3. Exhibitors may show up to two entries in each class. Attach entry tag to front, bottom right corner on artwork.
4. Please cover signature with drafting tape or paper, which will be removed following judging.
5. The judge shall award premiums according to merit in each class.
6. The superintendents and helpers will use care and safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but they will not be held liable for any loss or damage that may occur before or during the duration of the fair.
7. The professional class may only be entered by a professional. A professional is a person who has had artwork published or teaches in this field.
8. Art work must be the original piece and cannot be a print.
9. Work will be judged on:
 - a. Planning, originality and idea expressed 30
 - b. Technical craftsmanship 40

- c. Composition 10
- d. Final preparation and framing/matting 10
- e. How it displays in a normal setting 10

In general the various visual art categories, including different methods of drawing and painting, and graphic design are judged on technical merit of craftsmanship, artistic originality, how well they express an idea, how well the image is composed and how readily it could be hung or placed in a normal setting. Keep in mind, visual arts are very subjective and the best guide is to produce some work of value to you after the competition is finished.

Additional class for any age - Hardin County Fair Art. This has to be something drawn or created out of material or subject within the fairgrounds. It will be judged on the last day of the fair by the Fair Board. Any winners may be used in future advertising for the Hardin County Fair. Bring your entries to the fair office.

Premiums: 1st - \$2.00, 2nd - \$1.50, 3rd - \$1.00

ADULT DIVISION: 19 and up

TEENAGE DIVISION: 13 – 18

YOUTH DIVISION: 12 and under

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1001	501	1	Abstract
1002	502	2	Acrylic, gouache, animals
1003	503	3	Acrylic, gouache, land & seascapes
1004	504	4	Acrylic, gouache, people
1005	505	5	Acrylic, still life (arranged objects)
1006	506	6	Acrylic, gouache, other
1007	507	7	charcoal
1008	508	8	chalk & pastels
1009	509	9	ink
1010	510	10	Graphic arts, original computer design art
1011	511	11	pencil, colored pencil, marker
1012	512	12	Airbrush
1013	513	13	Calligraphy – including computer aided designs
1014	514	14	Oil, animals
1015	515	15	Oil, land & seascapes
1016	516	16	Oil, people
1017	517	17	Oil, still life (arranged objects)
1018	518	18	Oil, other
1019	519	19	Portrait, any
1020	520	20	Watercolors, animals
1021	521	21	Watercolors, land & seascapes
1022	522	22	Watercolors, people
1023	523	23	Watercolors, still life (arranged objects)
1024	524	24	Watercolors, other
1025	525	25	Other (barn boards, saws, wood, tile, metal, welding, etc.)
1026	526	26	Mixed media – art that has more than one medium or material used
1027	527	27	Assemblage (collage)
1028	528	28	Coloring page - does not need to be framed

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best of Show Adult, Teenage & Junior Paintings - Rosette
Sweepstakes (most blue ribbons) Paintings – Rosette

Department D: Open Fruits & Vegetables

1. In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.
2. Only one person is allowed to enter out of a family garden. Variety, condition and quality of fruit will be considered in all fruit judging: table quality and freshness are also considered.
3. Maturity and keeping quality of vegetables will be considered in all vegetable judging. Awards will be made on the basis of quality and attractiveness of display. Follow instructions in 4-H-462, County Extension Office. All entries should indicate what variety is represented (i.e., "Better Boy" tomato, "Kennebec" potatoes, etc.)
4. Exhibitors are limited to two entries in each class, unless otherwise notes.
5. Classification shall be as follows:
 - a. A plate of apples and pears shall consist of three specimens; or, if crab apples, five specimens.
 - b. A display of table vegetables shall consist of not less than six varieties of one each. Awards will be made on the basis of quality and attractiveness of display. Vegetables may be washed, if desired; onions shall not be peeled, cut tops off of onions and beets, stems should not be removed from apples, Display tomatoes without stems. Sweet corn may be entered in the husk, but husk must be removed from one side of ear. Freshness at judging time is important.

FRUIT:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1029	529	29	Plate of apples, 3 specimens
1030	530	30	Plate of tree fruit, 3 specimens
1031	531	31	Grapes, bunch
1032	532	32	Other fruit

VEGETABLES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1033	533	33	Bean, lima, 6 specimens
1034	534	34	Beans, pole, green, 6 specimens
1035	535	35	Bean, snap, 6 specimens
1036	536	36	Beets, 6 specimens
1037	537	37	Carrots, regular, 3 specimens
1038	538	38	Cucumber, pickling, 3 specimens
1039	539	39	Cucumber, slicing, 3 specimens
1040	540	40	Eggplant
1041	541	41	Kohlrabi or turnips, 2 specimens
1042	542	42	Onions, 3 specimens
1043	543	43	Peas, 6 pods
1044	544	44	Peppers, sweet, 3 specimens
1045	545	45	Peppers, hot, 3 specimens
1046	546	46	Potatoes, 3 specimens
1047	547	47	Squash, summer, 1 specimen

1048	548	48	Squash, zucchini, 1 specimen
1049	549	49	Sweet corn, 3 ears
1050	550	50	Tomatoes, red, 3 specimens
1051	551	51	Tomatoes, yellow, 3 specimens
1052	552	52	Tomatoes, cherry or grape tomatoes, 3 specimens
1053	553	53	Any other vegetable
1054	554	54	Freak of nature
1055	555	55	Display of table vegetables, (See Rule #5)
1056	556	56	Fruit or vegetable work of art

HERBS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1057	557	57	Dill, 2 heads
1058	558	58	Parsley, 3 sprigs
1059	559	59	Any other herb

Department E: Open Flowers

In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.

Container grown plants must have been in possession of the exhibitor for not less than three months, with the exception of multiple plantings, which must have been grown together for at least six weeks. Double potting is permitted. Cut horticulture specimens, with foliage attached where so grown, are to be exhibited in clear glass containers that have no lettering or decorations to detract from beauty of the specimen. A small amount of plant material, Styrofoam, clear plastic or wooden block may be used to prop or wedge cut specimen upright. All properties, containers, vases, etc., should be plainly marked with the owner's name and address on the bottom. The fair superintendent assumes no responsibility for damage or loss of property.

CUT FLOWER SPECIMENS:

Specimens will be judged on:

Cultural perfection:	According to type	35
Color	Typical, clear and bright	20
Form and size	Typical growth habit	20
Condition and grooming		15
Staging and labeling		10

Name of variety increases specimen's value when judging cut flowers specimens, with foliage attached where so grown. Specimens are to be exhibited in clear glass containers that have no lettering or decoration to detract from the beauty of the specimen. Container should be suitable to the size of the exhibit.

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1060	560	60	Bachelor Button, 3 stems
1061	561	61	Bells of Ireland, 3 stems
1062	562	62	Calendula, 3 blooms
1063	563	63	Cannas, 1 spike
1064	564	64	Carnation, 3 stems

1065	565	65	Chrysanthemums, any variety, 3 stems
1066	566	66	Cleome, 3 stems
1067	567	67	Cosmos, 3 stems
1068	568	68	Coxcomb, crested, 1 head
1069	569	69	Coxcomb, feathered, 3 spikes
1070	570	70	Dahlia, small, blooms under 3 inches, 3 stems
1071	571	71	Dahlia, medium, 3 inches, 1 bloom disbudded
1072	572	72	Dahlia, large, over 7 inches, 1 bloom disbudded
1073	573	73	Daisy, 3 blooms
1074	574	74	Daisy, Gloriosa, 3 blooms
1075	575	75	Delphinium, 1 spike
1076	576	76	Gailardia, 3 blooms
1077	577	77	Geranium, 3 stems
1078	578	78	Gladiolus, 1 spike
1079	579	79	Gladiolus, two-tone, 1 spike
1080	580	80	Larkspur, 3 stems
1081	581	81	Hemercallis (Day Lily), 1 stem
1082	582	82	Tiger Lily, other than "Day", 1 stem
1083	583	83	Lily, Asian or Oriental, 1 scape
1085	585	85	Lily, other than listed
1086	586	86	Marigold, 1 1/2" and under, 3 sprays
1087	587	87	Marigold, 1 1/2" - 3", 3 sprays
1088	588	88	Marigold, over 3 inches, 3 sprays
1089	589	89	Nasturtion, 5 blooms
1090	590	90	Pansies, 5 blooms
1091	591	91	Petunias, single, 3 sprays
1092	592	92	Petunias, double, any color, 3 sprays
1093	593	93	Phlox, annual, 5 stems
1094	594	94	Phlox, perennial, 3 stems
1095	595	95	Rose, hybrid tea, 1 bloom
1096	596	96	Rose, Polyantho, Floribunda, 1 spray
1097	597	97	Rose, miniature, 1 spray
1098	598	98	Rose, other than listed, type and name of rose must appear on tag
1099	599	99	Snapgradon, 5 spikes
1100	600	100	Sunflower, decorative, 3 blooms
1101	601	101	Sunflower, largest head grown this season
1102	602	102	Sweet peas, 5 stems
1103	603	103	Verbena, 5 stems
1104	604	104	Violas, 5 sprays
1105	605	105	Zinnias, dahlia type, dwarf, under 2", 5 blooms
1106	606	106	Zinnias, dahlia type, medium, 2 - 4 1/2 ", 3 blooms
1107	607	107	Zinnias, dahlia type, giant over 4 1/2", 1 blooms
1108	608	108	Zinnias, cactus flowered, medium, 1 1/2" - 4", 3 blooms
1109	609	109	Zinnias, cactus flowered, giant over 4", 1 blooms
1110	610	110	any other flower not listed, name must appear on tag
1111	611	111	Collection of garden flowers; name must appear on tag more variables of flowers displayed in a large vase or basket and attach a list of the flowers included

NATIVE FLOWERS: (Exhibit is to be from your own native flower garden, not from roadsides or parks.)

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1112	612	112	Black-eyed Susan, 3 stems
1113	613	113	Cone Flower, 3 stems
1114	614	114	Liatris, 3 stems
1115	615	115	Yarrow, 3 stems
1116	616	116	Any other NATIVE Iowa flower, 3 stems

POTTED HOUSEPLANTS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1117	617	117	African Violet
1118	618	118	Begonia
1119	619	119	Geranium, single or double flowered
1120	620	120	Cactus
1121	621	121	Fern
1122	622	122	Foliage
1123	623	123	Impatiens/Sultana
1124	624	124	Ivy
1125	625	125	Philodendron
1126	626	126	Pothos
1127	627	127	Sedum
1128	628	128	House plant, other than listed, name of plant must appear on tag
1129	629	129	Hanging planter
1130	630	130	Indoor planter, 3 or more varieties
1131	631	131	Planter with three or more varieties of outdoor plants

ARTISTIC DESIGN:

No artificial flowers, foliage or fruit permitted. Accessories permitted as stated. Fresh plant material must be used unless designated otherwise. Noxious weeds are prohibited.

In artistic arrangement classes, entry tag should be placed under edge of the container of base so it is visible, but does not detract from the arrangement.

Scale of points for judging design:

Conformance	15
Design	35
Distinction	15
Suitability of materials for type, placement or occasion	20
Creativity and expression	15

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1132	632	132	This I like - all fresh material
1133	633	133	Attic treasures, arrangement of fresh and/or dried plant material in antique container
1134	634	134	Arrangement of foliage (no flowers)
1135	635	135	Autumn gold - arrangement of yellow and/or orange flowers
1136	636	136	Small beauties - an arrangement of fresh material, not over 7" in any dimension
1137	637	137	Beauty in common things - dried material common to Hardin County; may use weathered wood (noxious weeds prohibited)

1138	638	138	Summer treasurers - an arrangement of dry materials, not over 7" in any dimension
1139	639	139	"Iowa, the Corn State" - an arrangement of fresh flowers or dried plant material with any part of the corn plant and/or ear
1140	640	140	Fall fantasy - dried material, may be painted or gilded (accessory permitted)
1141	641	141	Weathered beauty - fresh flowers with weathered wood
1142	642	142	Harvest wreath - an arrangement of dried plant material on a wreath of the exhibitor's choice; accessories permitted
1143	643	143	Majestic beauty - an arrangement for church altar

Department F: Photography

In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.

1. All work must be original.
2. Exhibitors may show one entry in each class.
3. All photographs must be mounted or matted. NO GLASS. Photos must be no smaller than 5" x 7" and no larger than 11" x 14". 4. The judge shall award premiums according to merit in each class.
4. The superintendents and helpers will use care and safety of entries after their arrival and placement, but they will not be held liable for any loss or damage that may occur before or during the duration of the fair.
5. Sepia photos should be placed in color category

In general photography is judged on technical merit of craftsmanship, artistic originality, how well they express an idea, how well the image is composed and how readily it could be hung or placed in a normal setting. Keep in mind, visual arts are very subjective and the best guide is to produce some work of value to you after the competition is finished.

Premiums: 1st - \$2.00, 2nd - \$1.50, 3rd - \$1.00

ADULT DIVISION: 19 and up

TEENAGE DIVISION: 13 - 18

YOUTH DIVISION: 12 and under

PHOTOGRAPHY:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1144	644	144	Animals, insects and wildlife, color
1145	645	145	Architecture, statues and sculpture, color
1146	646	146	Flowers, trees and other plant life, color
1147	647	147	Land & seascapes, color
1148	648	148	People, color
1149	649	149	Snapshot story, color (3-6 pictures, mounted together to tell a story)
1150	650	150	Digitally altered - Dramatically computer enhanced or radically altered photos.
1151	651	151	Still life (hand arranged objects), black & white or color.
1152	652	152	Other (actions or events), color
1153	653	153	Animals, insects and wildlife, black and white
1154	654	154	Architecture, statues and sculpture, black and white
1155	655	155	Flowers, black & white
1156	656	156	Land & seascapes, black & white

1157	657	157	People, black & white
1158	658	158	Snapshot story, black & white (3-6 pictures, mounted together to tell a story).
1159	659	159	2026 – “Green” (Each year a new color of the year will be announced for this class. The predominant color of the photo should be green.)
1160	660	160	Theme of the Year: 2026 – “Music” (Each year a new theme category will be announced. The main subject of the theme photo should fit the category. The photo may be color or black and white.)
1161	661	161	Other (actions or events), black & white
1162	662	162	Hardin County Feature (subject must be taken within Hardin County), black & white or color
1163	663	163	Weather
1164	664	164	Scrapbook page - Birthdays
1165	665	165	Scrapbook page - Holidays
1166	666	166	Scrapbook page - Vacation
1167	667	167	Scrapbook page - other

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best of Show Adult, Teenage & Junior Photography – Rosette
 Sweepstakes (most blue ribbons) Photography – Rosette

Department G: Textiles

In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.

1. Exhibitors are limited to no more than three entries in each class. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor unless the specific class indicates otherwise.
2. Unfinished or soiled articles will not be accepted.
3. Each entry is allowed a single side of a 3 inch by 5 inch index card (or equivalent) providing printed, word processed (12 point font), or typed information about the exhibit that includes pertinent detail such as fiber content, process, experience (i.e., first knit project), inspiration, history, or related information that will assist the judging in assessing the exhibit. Photos to explain the process of exhibit may be included on the card. The card should be attached to the exhibit in such a way that it does not interfere with judging or displaying the item.
4. Kits may be entered, but only in the Kit class and noted as such. No kits are allowed in any other class.
5. Judging takes place on Wednesday beginning at 10 am.

CROCHET WORK:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1168	668	168	Crochet afghan or blanket, baby and full-size
1169	669	169	Crochet shawl or prayer shawl
1170	670	170	Crochet household accessory (centerpiece, doily, rug, curtains, table linens, placemat, potholder, dishcloth, etc.)
1171	671	171	Crochet edging and Insertions, as part of an item or as a separate entry
1172	672	172	Crochet holiday item
1173	673	173	Crochet item made from hand spun yarn

1174	674	174	Crochet item for charity (donation to silent auction or other fundraiser or for a cause, e.g., hat for chemotherapy patient, hat for premature baby, prayer shawl)
1175	675	175	Crochet fashion accessory, i.e., gloves/mittens, socks, hats, scarves, slippers for baby, child, or adult
1176	676	176	Crochet ensemble (two or more related items, e.g., sweater and booties; sweater, booties, and cap; scarf and hat; scarf, hat and mittens; set of placemats)
1177	677	177	Crochet apparel item (other than fashion accessory) for baby, child, or adult, i.e., sweater, dress, vest, skirt
1178	678	178	Crochet clothes for doll or stuffed animal, or crocheted stuffed toy
1179	679	179	Any item that combines knitting and crocheting (repeat in knitting class with the same number)
1180	680	80	Any crochet item not listed

KNITTING:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1181	681	181	Knit Afghan or blanket, baby and full-size
1182	682	182	Knit holiday item
1183	683	183	Knit shawl or prayer shawl
1184	684	184	Knit household accessory item (placemat, doily, curtain, rug, potholder, dishcloth, etc.)
1185	685	185	Knit apparel, i.e., sweater, dress, vest, or other for any size (baby, child, adult)
1186	686	186	Knit fashion accessory, i.e., mittens/gloves, scarf, hat, socks, slippers, or other for baby, child, or adult
1187	687	187	Knit lace Item
1188	688	188	Knit ensemble (two or more related items, e.g., sweater and booties; sweater, booties, and cap; scarf and hat; scarf, hat, and mittens; set of placemats)
1189	689	189	Knit item made from hand spun yarn
1190	690	190	Knit item for charity (donation to silent auction or other fundraiser or for a cause, e.g., hat for chemotherapy patient, hat for premature baby, prayer shawl)
1191	691	191	Any item that combines knitting and crocheting (repeat from crochet class with the same number)
1192	692	192	Other knitted item

SURFACE EMBROIDERY: (includes all stamped designs)

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1193	693	193	Picture
1194	694	194	Pillowcase
1195	695	195	Towels
1196	696	196	Tablecloth
1197	697	197	Doily, placement
1198	698	198	Crewel, embroidery
1199	699	199	Candle wicking
1200	700	200	Chicken tracks
1201	701	201	Ribbon embroidery
1202	702	202	Combination of embroidery techniques

DECORATIVE NEEDLEWORK:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1203	703	203	Counted cross stitch sampler, entry must contain at least 3 of the following elements:

1204	704	204	alphabet, numerals, design/picture, floral elements, verse, border or other. Wall hanging or bell pull (not framed)
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(For the next 4 classes, add 1 length and 1 width of the stitched area to determine size and class.)

1205	705	205	Framed picture - under 8 inches
1206	706	206	Framed picture - 8" to 20"
1207	707	207	Framed picture - 20" to 32"
1208	708	208	Framed Picture - over 32"
1209	709	209	Pillow
1210	710	210	Tablecloth
1211	711	211	Article using waste canvas
1212	712	212	Hardanger
1213	713	213	Holiday item using any technique
1214	714	214	Other decorative needlework
1215	715	215	Duplicate stitch
1216	716	216	Tatting
1217	717	217	Needlepoint
1218	718	218	Net lace weaving

QUILT: (Stitching refers to both piecing and quilting stitches)

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1219	719	219	Quilt or coverlet, machine stitched entirely by 1 person using patchwork, appliqued, or embroidered techniques
1220	720	220	Quilt or coverlet, machine stitched entirely by 2 or more persons using patchwork, appliqued, or embroidered techniques
1221	721	221	Quilt or Coverlet, hand stitched entirely by 1 person using patchwork, appliqued, or embroidered techniques
1222	722	222	Quilt or Coverlet, hand stitched entirely by 2 or more persons using patchwork, appliqued, or embroidered techniques
1223	723	223	Wall Hanging, patchwork, applique, embroidered, cross-stitch, or other
1224	724	224	Quilt or Coverlet, using any technique or combining techniques and combining both hand and machine sewing
1224B	724B	224B	Baby quilt
1225	725	225	Table topper or runner (either hand- or machined-stitched, patchwork, applique, embroidered, crossstitch, or other)
1226	726	226	Quilted clothing item or accessory (quilting judged)
1227	727	227	Miniature quilt (blocks must be equally reduced from original size)

CLOTHING: (Sewn in any size to fit infant/toddler, child, or adult)

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1228	728	228	Bib
1229	729	229	Nightwear, robe
1230	730	230	Coat, cape or jacket
1231	731	231	Dress or jumper
1232	732	232	Onesie

1233	733	233	Recycled garment
1234	734	234	Decorated sweatshirt
1235	735	235	Decorated T-shirt
1236	736	236	Apron
1237	737	237	Vest
1238	738	238	Pants
1239	739	239	Top
1240	740	240	Skirt
1241	741	241	Two or three-piece outfit, i.e., dress and jacket, pants and jacket, or pants, jacket, and shirt/blouse or baby dress, diaper cover, and cap
1242	742	242	Special occasion wear - casual
1243	743	243	Special occasion wear - formal
1244	744	244	Special occasion wear - work attire
1245	745	245	Costume Sewn for event, holiday, or activity, i.e., community celebration, Halloween, or community theatre production
1246	746	246	Any accessory (headband, purse, bag, backpack, hat, etc.)

SEWN ITEM OTHER THAN CLOTHING:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1247	747	247	Tailored Pillow - no ruffle, no cross stitch, 4 sq. corners 1248 748 248 Decorative pillow - no cross stitch
1249	749	249	Stuffed toy - jointed
1250	750	250	Stuffed toy - non-jointed
1251	751	251	Best dressed toy
1252	752	252	Polar fleece blanket, shawl, or throw (includes some machine or hand sewing)
1253	753	253	Doll clothes
1254	754	254	tem made with flannel (burp cloth, blanket, etc.)
1255	755	255	Hair accessory
1256	756	256	Any other sewn item not listed

NOVELTIES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1257	757	257	Item made from materials raised, found, or produced in Hardin County
1258	758	258	Item started by someone else and finished/repared by the exhibitor (for example, a quilt made from quilt squares purchased at an antique store; an afghan completed from a partial project found at a garage sale)
1259	759	259	Fashion accessory made from non-textile components
1260	760	260	Polar fleece blanket, shawl, or throw
1261	761	261	Hand spun yarn
1262	762	262	Fiber to finished project
1263	763	263	Textile item made from a kit (must be noted on entry tag)

WEAVING:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1264	764	264	Woven fashion accessory - belt, tie, scarf, poncho, shawl, or other item
1265	765	265	Woven apparel
1266	766	266	Woven household Item or home accessory: drapes, placemats, towels, wall hanging, rug, blanket, throw, or other household item

1267	767	267	Weaving, other than listed
1268	768	268	Woven holiday item
1269	769	269	Woven item made from handspun yarn

FELTING:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1270	770	270	Handmade textile (knitted, crocheted, or woven) and wet felted item, flat or three-dimensional
1271	771	271	Felted item made from purchased fabric
1272	772	272	Nuno or needle felted item
1273	773	273	Item combining two or more felting techniques

SURFACE EMBELLISHMENT (Purchased textiles may be embellished in this grouping):

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1274	774	274	Item with beadwork as surface embellishment
1275	775	275	Item hand dyed or hand printed (other than stencil embellishment)
1276	776	76	Item with appliqué or embroidery embellishment
1277	777	277	Item with needle felted embellishment
1278	778	278	Item combining more than one surface embellishment technique (dyed and beaded, printed and needle felted, etc.)than one surface embellishment technique (dyed and beaded, printed and needle felted, etc.)

SPECIAL AWARDS: TBA

Department H: Open Culinary

1. In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.
2. Exhibitors may enter up to two items in each class. All articles must be the work of the exhibitor and completed since last county fair.
3. All canned goods, jams, jellies and preserves must have been canned since the last county fair and exhibited in standard jars no larger than a quart. Jams, jellies, preserves and pickles may be opened. Honey should not be sealed. **NOTHING ELSE WILL BE OPENED.**
4. All cakes are to be unfrosted, except decorated, and placed on heavy cardboard covered with white paper or foil. Cardboard must be one inch larger than pan in which product was baked. Items that require refrigeration, like cream fillings, cream pies, cheeses, custards, etc., will not be accepted, judged or displayed. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are entered, whether tasted or not.
5. A plate of cookies, muffins, bars, candy or rolls shall consist of three and should be displayed on paper plates.
6. Package mixes must not be used.
7. Yeast bread should be baked in standard size pans and displayed on heavy cardboard an inch larger than loaf with tag attached. Bread should be at least 24 hours old when judged.
8. Quick breads should be baked in appropriate size pans. (Approximately 4x5x10" or 7.5x3.5x2.25")
9. Decorated cakes will be sold and a photo for exhibit will be posted.
10. Label jellies and jams with the kind.

11. If exhibit is unusual, please include a recipe or label with any unusual ingredients. All baked goods must be placed in plastic bags or may be fastened with a twist tie, but not sealed. After filling out your entry tag, also put the tag inside the bag. Do not tape on the outside.
12. The judge will select a sweepstakes winner from blue ribbon winners.
13. There will be a bake sale from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday night. Any perishable foods (including pies, breads, rolls, cookies, candies, muffins, bars brought to be judged will be sold at the bake sale. Samples of each will be on display in open class. Proceeds will benefit the open class department. If desired, bring an additional plate of three cookies, muffins, rolls, candy, bars, etc. (not judged) to be sold at the bake sale along with your judged items. (Optional) Remaining bake sale items not purchased on Wednesday evening will be sold on Thursday morning.

CAKES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1279	779	279	Angel food
1280	780	280	Decorated
1281	781	281	Any other cake 1285 785 285 Cupcakes, unfrosted

COOKIES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1287	787	287	Bar cookies, any kind, baked
1288	788	288	Unbaked bar or cookie
1289	789	289	Chocolate brownie
1290	790	290	Chocolate chip
1291	791	291	Drop cookies, any kind
1292	792	292	Fancy, filled or decorated
1293	793	293	Molasses cookies
1294	794	294	Monster or peanut butter cookies
1296	796	296	Sugar, rolled and cut
1297	797	297	Cookies, other than named

BREAD AND ROLLS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1298	798	298	Bread, quick,
1299	799	299	Bread, yeast
1300	800	300	Rolls, cinnamon, unfrosted, pecan or caramel (yeast)
1301	801	301	Rolls, pan, (3 on plate)
1302	802	302	Muffins (3 on plate)
1303	803	303	Other breads or rolls, includes sourdough
1303B	803B	303B	Scones or biscuits

JAMS & BUTTERS: Jam - contains the whole fruit slightly crushed and has the same brilliance and color of jelly, but softer, no paraffin on top.

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1304	804	304	Grape or plum
1305	805	305	Berry
1306	806	306	Jam or butter other than listed

JELLY: Jelly - Beautiful color, translucent, tender enough to cut easily with a spoon, yet firm enough to hold its shape when turned from the glass.

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1307	807	307	Apple
1308	808	308	Grape
1309	809	309	Berry
1310	810	310	Jelly other than named

SAUCES/TOPPINGS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1311	811	311	Tomato, salsa included
1312	812	312	Condiments, including ketchup
1313	813	313	Honey
1314	814	314	Sauces, other than listed or toppings
1315	815	315	Spaghetti sauce
1316	816	316	Syrups, list flavor on entry tag

CANNED FRUIT:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1317	817	317	Applesauce
1318	818	318	Cherries
1319	819	319	Cherry juice
1320	820	320	Peaches
1321	821	21	Pears
1322	822	322	Grape juice
1323	823	323	Juice other than named, including V-8
1324	824	324	Pie filling
1325	825	325	Fruit other than named

CANNED VEGETABLES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1326	826	326	Beans
1327	827	327	Beets
1328	828	328	Carrots
1330	830	330	Sauerkraut
1331	831	331	Tomatoes, juice
1332	832	332	Tomatoes, whole
1333	833	333	Vegetables, other than named

CANNED MEAT/SOUP:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1334	834	334	Beef
1335	835	335	Pork
1336	836	336	Chicken/turkey
1337	837	337	Soup - any kind

PICKLES & RELISH:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1338	838	338	Beets

1339	839	339	Bread and butter
1340	840	340	Cucumber, sweet
1341	841	341	Cucumber, dill
1342	842	342	Relish
1344	844	344	Pickles other than named

MISCELLANEOUS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1345	845	345	Candy
1346	846	346	Heritage food- Can include any old time favorite, i.e. sourdough bread or a favorite recipe from Grandma. Include an index card with a short description of where you acquired the recipe.
1347	847	347	Culinary Theme of the Year- 2026 "Peanut Butter" Each year a new theme category will be announced. The food theme for the year must be a primary ingredient in the final product. The food must not need refrigeration. It may be a cake, cookies, bread or rolls, sauce, candy or pie.

PIE:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1348	848	348	Fruit
1349	849	349	Nut
1350	850	350	Pie other than named

NOVELTIES:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1351	851	351	Trail or snack mix, or granola
1352	852	352	Popcorn creation
1354	854	354	Novelty other than named

PARTY PLAN: Prepare a menu & one place setting (Including silverware) for a special occasion. Both will be judged

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1355	855	355	Elegant dining
1356	856	356	Holiday
1357	857	357	Picnic
1358	858	358	Special occasion (birthday, anniversary, graduation, other)

RECIPE BOOK OR COLLECTION:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1359	859	359	Handwritten or typed. Judged on neatness, creativity and variety

Department I: Hobbies, Crafts, and Collections

In addition to the specific rules listed here, the General Open Class Rules found at the beginning of the Open Class Section also apply.

1. Exhibitors are limited to no more than three entries in each class. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor unless the specific class indicates otherwise. The exhibit must have been completed in the past 12 months. This department is open to amateurs only.
2. Unfinished or soiled articles will not be accepted.
3. Kits may be entered, but only in the kit class and noted as such. No kits are allowed in any other class.

HOBBIES, CRAFTS, and COLLECTIONS:

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Teen</u>	<u>Youth</u>	
1360	860	360	Plastic, canvas
1361	861	361	Latch hook
1362	862	362	Tin punch
1363	863	363	Tole & decorative painting
1364	864	364	Stencil on any textile item (See Dept. I, for other stenciled items)
1365	865	365	Macrame'
1366	866	366	Rubber band Art
1367	867	367	Parachute cord Art
1368	868	368	String art
1369	869	369	Basketry
1370	870	370	Decorated container: pencil box, jewelry box, or other
1371	871	371	Garden decorative item: stake, stone, planter, hanging craft (suncatcher, chimes, etc.)
1372	872	372	Garden decorative house: bird, bat, butterfly, or other
1373	873	373	Decoration - seasonal
1374	874	374	Decoration - Christmas
1375	875	375	Decoration - any other holiday
1376	876	376	Artificial flower arrangement
1377	877	377	Woodworking
1378	878	378	Ceramic
1379	879	379	Leather
1380	880	380	Stained glass
1381	881	381	Stencil on any item other than a textile (see Department G craft area for stenciled textile items)
1382	882	382	Toy
1383	883	383	Wood article made from scratch
1384	884	384	Wood article made from a kit (must be noted on entry tag)
1385	885	385	Jewelry, i.e., necklace, earrings (one pair), ring, bracelet, hair ornament, or other
1386	886	386	Set of two or more pieces of jewelry (earrings and necklaces, bracelet and earrings, etc.)
1387	887	387	Recycled or repurposed project (examples: tin can, glass)
1388	888	388	Paper crafts (examples: origami, hand-made card, etc.)
1389	889	389	Item made from materials raised, found, or produced in Hardin County
1390	890	390	Item started by someone else and finished/repared by the exhibitor (for example, a project found in an estate and repaired or refinished by the exhibitor)
1391	891	391	Party Favors: May baskets, Valentines, nut cups (1 each of 3 kinds/3 different examples of 1 kind)

1392	892	392	Stamp art
1393	893	393	Diamond art
1393B	893B	393B	Resin art
1394	894	394	Original LEGO creation
1395	895	395	Lego creation from a kit
1396	896	396	Original creation using a building set (other than LEGO)
1397	897	397	Model – glued: car, truck, space, or other
			1398 898 398 Model – snap fit: car, truck, space, or other
1399	899	399	Skin care item (soap, lotion, bath salt, etc.)
1400	900	400	Item made from hand-made paper
			1401 901 401 Pressed flower item
1402	902	402	Hobby collection*: antique items (i.e., salt/pepper shakers, small tools, spoons, etc.)
1403	903	403	Hobby collection*: contemporary items (i.e., key chains, pencils, etc.)
1404	904	404	Hobby collection*: creative items handmade by exhibitor
1405	905	405	Hobby collection*: Miniatures
1406	906	406	Craft from a kit
1407	907	407	Pet treat, accessory or toy

* Collections must include 3 to 6 items. Display will be a part of the judging. A written report (printed or word-processed on one 3" X 5" card, 12 point font) describing how the collection began or was put together would be helpful. Collection exhibits should not exceed 18" X 24".

Questions? Call Whitney Jass, Fair Secretary, 641-373-4809

We Salute Last Year's Fair Boosters and invite YOU to join us in 2026!

The Program: Since 2002, businesses and individuals from across the area have invested in the Booster Program helping finance major improvements at the fairgrounds. Recent projects include restoration of the grandstand. Plans for other projects wait for additional funding. The Benefits: In addition to the pride and satisfaction of helping build a better county fair, Boosters receive a package of tickets to fair events that far exceeds the face value of the tickets. And tickets can be used by employees, customers, family members or in marketing promotions. It's a true investment with a return of lots of fun at the fair for all ages. For more information about joining the Fair Booster Program, contact Whitney at 641-373-4809, check out website at www.hardincountyfair.net or email: hardincofair@heartofiowa.net

Hardin County Fair Parade

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 at 6 PM Line-up will be at 4:30 p.m. north of Eldora's old Fareway on 14th Street. No Entry Fee. Parade begins at 6 pm, rain or shine. If you have any questions, please contact: Whitney Jass, (641) 373-4809 or the Hardin Co. Fair Office at (641) 858-3901.

2026 Hardin County Fair Queen Contest

Please read carefully!!!

Application link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1s2tcevPrtiXQzjBz7EM9E-7t1QZtQ2RaNw66U_IZEyM/prefill

Rules for Qualification for the 2026 Hardin County Fair Queen Competition

1. Any female who has won a previous title for (Miss Community Service, First Runner-Up, or Miss Hardin County Fair Queen) is NOT eligible to compete after they have won a title.
2. Any female is eligible to apply to compete for the Miss Hardin County Fair Queen Title. Following the rules listed below.
3. **You do NOT have to be a town representative to be a candidate for the queen contest!**
4. Applications are open to the first 15 contestants beginning June 1st, 2026, and are due by July 1st, 2026.
5. Contestants must reside in Hardin County with the ONLY exception for those who reside in adjoining counties and the majority of their activities take place in Hardin County.
6. Must be at least 16 years of age, but not older than 21 years of age on the first day of the Iowa State Fair (August 13th, 2026).
7. Contestants must be unmarried and must never have been married.
8. Contestants must have no children.
9. Each contestant must be actively involved in at least one service organization in her community, i.e.: church group or program, Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc. Eligibility IS NOT limited to 4-H.
10. Only the Hardin County Fair Queen will be eligible to represent Hardin County at the Iowa State Fair. (Alternates will be considered in order of selection in the event the Queen is unable to participate.)
11. If the Queen is crowned knowing that she is unable to stay throughout the Hardin County Fair and the Iowa State Fair, she must forfeit her title and all the awards associated with it to the first runner-up. She may then accept the title and awards of the first runner-up.
12. The Hardin County Fair Queen contestants are expected to attend all activities required and perform all responsibilities at the Hardin County Fair.
13. No professional models are eligible (anyone who is employed in a job where modeling is a primary part of that job presently)

Must be present for the following: Judging will be **Wednesday, July 8th of 2026 @ 8am**

The Little Miss and Mr. Hardin County contest is brand new this year! We are seeking Little Miss and Mr. Hardin County Candidates. Are you a Hardin County resident? Are you a Clover Kids Member? Are you between the ages of 5 and 10? Application links are open to the first 15 male and 15 female Clover Club Members on June 1st, 2026, and will close July 1st, 2026. Please contest rules carefully!

Application link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1V8cJBx-zjupWfb4CblZ0keb0dREAEmitDlblrhrWW-O/prefill>

**Rules for Qualification for the
Little Mr. and Miss Hardin County Fair 2026**

1. Any K-3rd Hardin County Clover Club MALE or FEMALE member is eligible.
2. Once a contestant has been chosen for the Little Mr. or Miss Hardin County Fair, he/she will NOT be eligible to run again.
3. A winner will be chosen (drawn out of a bucket) on coronation night before the announcement of Miss Hardin County Fair Queen.
4. Must be PRESENT to win.
5. Applications are open to the first 15 MALE and 15 FEMALE K-3rd Hardin County Clover Club members.
6. Applications are open June 1st, 2026, and applications close on July 1st, 2026.
7. To enter please fill out the following and email it back to (hardincofairqueencontest@gmail.com)
 - a. First name, Last name
 - b. Parents Names
 - c. Age / Grade
 - d. Clover Club Name
 - e. Current Town

Coronation:

- A parent must be present to help guide Little Mr./Miss contestants on and off stage.
- The current Hardin County Fair Queen will draw a name out of a bucket to be crowned Little Mr./Miss

Parade:

- All applicants may ride on the parade float. Parent volunteers are welcome to ride along.
- If raining or inclement weather NO float will take place.

Awards:

- The winner of Little Mr. receives an adjustable ball cap, a t-shirt, and car magnets.
- The winner of Little Miss receives a crown, sash, and car magnets.
- The winner of Little Mr./Miss will be welcome to tag along with the Hardin County Fair Queen/Little Miss at all activities throughout the year.

The Hardin County Fair Queen Committee reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may deem necessary.

Questions, please contact: (hardincofairqueencontest@gmail.com) OR Natalie Mosch: 641-373-3333, Jordan Hobson: 641-750-4301, or Taylor Johnson: 641-373-0775