

# 2009 Linn County Fair



## 4-H Objectives For the Linn County Fair

### For 4-H Youth:

- To provide a setting that encourages 4-H'ers to further demonstrate, learn, and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management, and/or marketing of their 4-H accomplishments.
- To assist in the continuing life skill development of 4-H'ers in the areas of self concept, communication, decision making, learning how to learn, coping with change, citizenship, and leadership.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to participate in a variety of program opportunities beyond the county level.
- To provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.

### For Public:

- To create an updated, comprehensive image of Iowa's 4-H Youth Development program to the fair public.
- To provide a showcase for accomplishments of 4-H'ers.
- To stimulate interest and learn new ideas from the variety of 4-H projects and experiences available.

## General Rules & Regulations

1. The Linn County Fair Board and Linn County Extension will not be held responsible for any participant's accident or loss. Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property which may occur.  
The Linn County Fair Board and Linn County Extension will exercise due care for the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival, but will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, etc. All participants exhibit at their own risk.
2. The Linn County 4-H and FFA Fair is conducted by Iowa State University Extension Service in Linn County and the Linn County Fair Board in cooperation with Agriculture Education Departments at Alburnett, Central City, Linn-Mar and North Linn Community Schools.
3. Fair entry forms are available from 4-H organizational leaders. FFA members should request them from their instructor or the Extension Office. **These should be brought to the fair at the time of department entry. Exception: Horse/Pony 4-H and FFA due to Extension Office by June 15, 2009.**
4. **All exhibitors should wear a 4-H or FFA related shirt or a green or white shirt during judging and auction.**
5. Only such signs, decorations, and ribbons as approved by the Linn County Fair Board shall be used.
6. All exhibitors at the Linn County Fair must comply with the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

## Eligibility of Exhibitors

### 4-H/FFA

7. 4-H members must be enrolled in a project by **MARCH 15, 2009** to exhibit entries in the Linn County Fair. Agriculture Science instructors will certify the eligibility of FFA participants and students in agriculture education.
8. 4-H'ers and FFA members may exhibit at the fair the first summer following high school graduation.
9. All exhibitors must be in 4th grade or above by September 15, 2008. Associate members (3rd graders) may enter only in the Building Division and have a maximum of three exhibits.
10. Grade divisions are: Juniors - 4th, 5th, 6th grade; Intermediate - 7th and 8th grade; Seniors - 9th - 12th grade.  
Any Linn County resident can show in the Open Class. See Fair Board Open Class section.

### Clover Kids

Clover Kids, children in grades K-2 as of September 15, 2008 may bring up to 3 items for display purposes only. Each item will receive a recognition ribbon. Items are not conference judged. Items may be brought to the Clover Kid check in station on Wednesday July 8, 2009. Entry tags must be completed. See schedule for time of release.

## Early Removal of Exhibits

11. Exhibitors will not receive premium money for exhibits removed early. In addition they will not be eligible to exhibit in next year's fair in that project area.

## Protests

12. All judge's decisions are final, except in proven cases of mistake, fraud or misrepresentation not discovered at the time of the award.
13. Protests of any nature must be in writing, signed and dated and filed with the superintendent of the department from which the complaint arises. Issues of animal eligibility must be submitted before the judging begins. All complaints will be given consideration by the superintendent and/or the appropriate committee.
14. It is the responsibility of the department superintendent to determine eligibility of exhibits in that department. The decisions of the superintendent in this regard are final, subject to State Fair regulations.

## Evaluation

Evaluation of exhibits is designed to be a learning experience for the exhibitor. Judges are selected on the basis of their knowledge of a project area and their ability to evaluate that project. It is the responsibility of the judge to point out good qualities of the exhibit and to make suggestions as to improvements needed or desired. Judges must evaluate each exhibit based on its individual merit.

**State Fair:** The exhibit meets all standards. The exhibitor has clearly stated an appropriate learning goal and included accurate information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary.

**Blue:** The exhibit has exceeded the minimum standards. The exhibitor has clearly stated an appropriate learning goal, included information on how and what was learned in preparing the exhibit. The exhibit shows good workmanship.

**Red:** The exhibit has met the minimum standards and shows effort by the exhibitor, but has room for improvement in one or more areas of workmanship. The exhibitor needs to improve the learning goal statement and/or information on what was learned in preparing the exhibit.

**White:** The exhibit does not meet all of the minimum standards and expected quality of workmanship. Improvements are recommended in the learning goal statement, finished exhibit and the information on what was learned in preparing the exhibit.

Only the exhibitor will be allowed in the immediate judging areas.

The exhibitor should be prepared to verbally answer the following questions about the exhibit:

- What was your goal(s)?
- How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?
- What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
- Do you have ideas of what you would like to do in this project area next year?

## Premiums

The Linn County Fair Association provides 4-H and FFA premiums.

2008 premiums will be Blue \$3.00, Red \$2.00 and White \$1.00.

Animal Showmanship premiums for Senior, Intermediate and Junior classes will be:

1<sup>st</sup> \$5.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3.00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1.00.

Communications premiums will be Excellence \$7.50, Merit \$5.00 and Participation \$2.50.

All premium money will go directly to the club with a list itemizing how much each member should receive. The club can then decide how to distribute the premiums. All premium checks must be cashed by December 1, 2008.

## Iowa Youth Code Of Ethics

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

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

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

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

## Animal Division

### Rules and Regulations

**Note:** All General Rules & Regulations apply.

1. Violation of the rules and regulations will be evaluated by the department committee. This may result in disqualification of the exhibit from showing and/or selling in that project area.
2. A member may have only **ONE ENTRY PER CLASS** unless otherwise stated in that department.
3. **All exhibitors please indicate how many animals of each species you will be bringing to the fair.** Use the Animal Exhibit Reservation Form found on the Linn County 4-H webpage. Send or bring to the Linn County Extension Office, 3279 7 Ave., Suite 140, Marion, IA 52302 **by July 3,**

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4. All animals must be in the member's care from the time the animal becomes the project as stated on the appropriate identification form.
5. **OWNERSHIP:** All animals must be owned by the 4-H or FFA member or in partnership with a family member. See exceptions under HORSE/PONY DEPARTMENT and DOG DEPARTMENT. Members may be asked to show a cancelled check or written agreement to prove ownership.
6. All animals must be identified to an individual 4-H or FFA member using a 4-H animal identification form. All regulations on the 4-H identification form will be enforced. This report form must be on file at the Linn County Extension Office by **May 15, 2009**.
7. Ear tag numbers, tattoos, and registration numbers listed on entry forms must correspond to those listed on the 4-H animal identification form.
8. All exhibits must be in place and remain on the grounds according to the times listed on the schedule unless released by the department committee. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE STALLED PRIOR TO STATED ENTRY TIMES.** Conflicts with other shows will be considered by the appropriate department committee. One dock will be reserved for commercial hauls.
9. Animals shall be kept in stalls, pens or kennels except for feeding and showing. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Board at a charge of \$5.00 per head for beef and dairy and \$2.00 for other animals. Fee must be paid at time of entry. NO STRAW is allowed because of the fire hazard it creates.
10. **All animals must be under control while on the fairgrounds.** Animal behavior will be evaluated by department committee and exhibitors may be asked to remove the animal from the fairgrounds.
11. Safety should be everyone's PRIMARY CONCERN. No unshielded fans (blades, belts, or other hazardous equipment) are allowed to be used on the fairgrounds. There will be **NO** allowance for fans placed in any of the cattle aisles. The use of butt fans is prohibited.
12. It is the intent that the exhibitors take responsibility for caring and grooming their own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the exhibitor learn new skills and be done by an immediate family member (father, mother, brother, sister, grandparent), legal guardian, Linn County 4-H club leader, current Linn County 4-H or FFA member, or department committee member. Any exceptions must be pre-approved by the department committee and an Extension staff member.
13. Only 4-H, FFA members and show officials are permitted in the show ring while classes are being judged. Violations of this rule might result in disqualification of the exhibitor.
14. Only those persons authorized by the Fair Board will be allowed to stay overnight on the fairgrounds. Barn lights and fans will be turned out at 10:00 p.m.
15. **All members exhibit at their own risk. (See General Rule #1)**
16. Substitute Showman: All animals must be shown by the owner except in cases of sickness, military service, other 4-H commitments, or when a member has more than one animal in a class. The exhibitor may select another *Linn County 4-H or FFA member* to show his/her exhibit. The substitute showman must be approved by the department superintendent.

## Herdsmanship

- This is a club or chapter activity.
- Rules will be posted in each barn.
- Judging is based on the member's conduct and courteousness to the public, cleanliness of stalls and alleys, animal's appearance and comfort (hay, water, etc.), stall cards in place and attendants watching exhibits.
- Exhibitors should have the alley or aisle near their exhibit clean and swept at all times.
- All livestock exhibitors are expected to clean out their stall area within two hours of the release of exhibit. Before leaving, dairy, sheep and swine exhibitors must have a herdsmanship card signed by their project committee.
- Golden Scoop Awards will be given for herdsmanship for each of the following species: dairy, beef, goat, sheep, and swine.

### Reminders to animal exhibitors

- Check labels, and make sure you have observed all withdrawal times for medication and feed additives prior to the fair.
- Give your animal enough food and water at adequate intervals. Remember, as the temperature climbs, animals need more water.
- Provide your animal with clean, dry bedding.
- Keep your animal clean.
- **Keep the barn and surrounding areas clean. Place used bedding, manure and feed in designated areas.**
- Handle your animal with care at all time. Only you or someone who knows your animal, such as your parent, brother, or sister should handle your animal. People who are not familiar with animals will be walking around. Please be aware of them.
- If your animal shows signs of illness or is injured, notify the superintendent in your department or the fair office so the veterinarian on call can be contacted.
- Plan a schedule with other 4-H'ers or FFA members so at least one attendant is with your animals during the times the fair is open to the public.
- Be courteous to the public. Take pride in yourself and your project by knowing your facts and answering questions about how you care for your animals at home and at the fair. Many people are at the fair to learn.

### Showmanship Classes

1. The purpose of these classes is to create more interest in and a better knowledge of exhibiting livestock. The animal's ribbon placing is not a factor.
2. Judging will be based on the showman's...
  - Appearance, poise and calmness.
  - Showing skills, including:
    - Control of animal
    - Continuous attention to instruction
  - Ability to stand and move animal as requested, showing animal to its best advantage.
  - Knowledge of the animal, its care and management.
3. All exhibitors are eligible to participate. Such participation is not counted in the member's exhibit limit in the department.
4. **The member must show an animal for which they have filed a 4-H animal identification form.**
5. Showmanship classes will be divided as follows (see exception for Dog Department):
  - **Advanced**—All exhibitors who previously have won first place in their current age division may participate **ONLY in this class**. The advanced class will be held before the regular showmanship classes to help other members learn showmanship techniques.
  - **Seniors**—Grades 9-12

- **Intermediates**—Grades 7-8

- **Juniors**—Grades 4-6

6. If there are not 5 entries per age division, classes may be combined at the discretion of the project committee.

7. Premiums for Senior, Intermediate and Junior classes will be: 1st - \$5.00; 2nd - \$3.00; 3rd - \$1.00. Winners in Advanced Class will receive ribbons.

## Livestock Auction

- The auction will be Monday July 13, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. beginning in the cattle show ring and continuing in the swine show ring. A bidder's lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the rabbit barn.
- Livestock exhibitors should actively recruit buyers.
- Each beef exhibitor may sell up to three of their market steers and/or market heifers.
- Each poultry exhibitor may sell one bird.
- Each sheep exhibitor may sell one market lamb. This lamb must be designated at the fair weigh-in. Those members who later have a lamb selected as champion may change their choice.
- Each swine exhibitor may sell one pig. This will be the exhibitor's heaviest pig, unless the exhibitor has a champion pig. **No exceptions.**
- Department committees will solicit bids from buyers for other market sheep and swine exhibits.
- Each member selling livestock in the auction will pay \$2.00 per animal. **Members should be prepared to pay their \$2.00 on Auction Day. Special Note for Beef Exhibitors: Each beef member selling in the auction will pay \$7.00 per animal.**
- All feed/water must be taken away from beef going to auction by 9:00 a.m. on Monday.
- Commercial haulers have priority. One dock will be reserved for commercial haulers.
- Each seller is to stay with his/her animal until it is picked up.
- There will be transportation to the lockers for all buyers.
- Appropriate attire must be worn by all those selling. (See General Rule #4)

## Health Requirements

### For Exhibition Of Animals, Poultry and Birds

No individual health certificates will be required on animals or poultry exhibited at a county fair, 4-H and/or FFA Exhibition unless stated in department rules, but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian.

*Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.*

**NOTE: evidence of WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESSSES or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.**

### Swine

Swine exhibitors at county fairs that do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, must sign and present an owner 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. **Any animals exhibiting visible clinical signs of atrophic rhinitis will not be allowed to show.**

### Goats

All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo.

### Dogs and Cats

All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies certificate and distemper shot. Dogs must have a Parvo shot. Cats and dogs showing signs of parasites will be excused from the fairgrounds.

### Poultry

All poultry exhibited must come from US 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. Reputable hatcheries can and will provide certificates of Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks upon request when chicks are purchased.

### Sheep

All sexually intact sheep must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag.

***The decision of the official show veterinarian will be final.***

***Special Thanks to the Linn County Veterinarian's Association for their help during the fair.***