

2011 Linn County Fair



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 7th Avenue, Suite 140, Marion, IA 52302 **by June 15, 2011.**
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, 2011.**
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 to be determined later. Bedding fees will be due and collected by the Fairboard. **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.
17. All members exhibiting a meat animal or food producing animal are **required** to take a FSQA class annually or the FSQA test.

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. Linn County Extension will not be responsible for animals if the packer finds evidence of incomplete withdrawal from medication or improper drug use in an animal sent to slaughter. If drugs are found but we are unable to obtain information to trace it back to specific animal, the deduction may be spread across all hogs marketed. In addition families need to be aware that packers may report the presence of drugs to federal inspectors.
- Give your animal enough food and water at adequate intervals. Remember, as the temperature climbs, animals need more water.

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- 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 11, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. beginning in the cattle show arena and continuing in the sheep & swine show ring. A bidder's lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. in the small animal building.
- Livestock exhibitors should actively recruit buyers.
- Each beef exhibitor may sell up to two of their market steers and/or market heifers.
- Each poultry exhibitor may sell one pen of meat birds.
- 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 8am on Monday.
- Commercial haulers have priority.
- 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.

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NOTE: evidence of WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESES 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.