

Livestock Exhibits

Weigh-in livestock on the designated date prior to fair. Breeding beef must also attend Heifer Tattooing.

Turn in all livestock ID forms and animal location disclosures by May 15.

Return livestock affidavits the week before the fair to the extension office.

Beginning the weekend before the fair, bedding can be placed in appropriate stalls.

Bring animals to the county fair on the day specified.

Also bring necessary supplies, such as:

-feed, water buckets, hose, grooming supplies, fans, etc.

On check-in day, weigh in livestock at the given time for that species. Breeding beef will also be checked-in at another location other than the scale to check tattoos. Horses will be checked-in outside the horse barn.

Report to the 4-H office to receive stall cards and exhibitor numbers.

Tie-out time for cattle is 7:30 p.m.

Be certain animals are clean the day of the show.

Wear a clean 4-H or FFA t-shirt and clean jeans to exhibit in.

Livestock shown in:

Pavilion- cattle, B/B calf, bottle lamb, swine, sheep, horse (Thursday), meat goat, dairy

Sale Ring- rabbits

Poultry Barn- poultry

Outdoor Arena- horse (Friday)

Check in with superintendents when entering the pavilion with each animal.

Superintendents will line up exhibitors prior to entering the show ring.

Check the photo schedule located in the pavilion, 4-H building, Exhibit Hall, and 4-H Building for day and time of species photos for the Oskaloosa Herald.

Report which animals you would like to sell to an extension staff member by the designated date and time.

State fair entries are due July 1. 4-Her must have completed 5th grade in order to be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair.

The Day of the Show

All livestock must be exhibited by the owner, unless sickness prevails or two animals owned by the member are shown in one class. In either case, another member will be permitted to show for the owner. If a member assists another member exhibiting livestock, both persons must wear the exhibitor number of the livestock owner. Associate members may NOT show livestock for another 4-Her.

SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN– Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal or animals defeats one of the important objectives of a 4-H /FFA work. Hence, the management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except for in extreme cases.

Beef:

Wash cattle the morning of the show. Report to the pavilion when class is called. Superintendents will line up exhibitors in order for the show. Market beef will receive a sticker that states the rate of gain. The sticker is to be placed on the left arm. The leading exhibitor will walk into the show ring and stop in front of the ring assistant. The next exhibitor will line up to the right of the exhibitor in front of them. The judge will then have the cattle walk. The front exhibitor will then begin to walk behind the rest of the cattle and circle around. The exhibitor will then stop perpendicular to how they were lined up the first time in front of the ring assistant. The judge will make his final selection and line the cattle up the way they were when they first come into the ring. Leave the ring when the ring assistant advises you to. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

Meat Goat:

Prior to showing, wash your goats. Pick up a show order in the pavilion to find which class you are in. Return to barn and wait until class is called. When the appropriate class is called, report to the pavilion. Once arriving at the pavilion, check in with a superintendent. The superintendent will place a rate of gain sticker of the left arm and line exhibitors up for the next class. Meat goats must be shown with a collar, but may be shown with or without a leash. The judge will announce when he would like the goats to walk. He will then place them in placing order. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

Poultry:

Attend the chicken washing behind the sheep barn a couple of days before the show. Bring your own soap and towels. The day of the show, locate a show order to find which class you are in. When your class is called, bring your chicken to the exhibiting cages between the rabbits and the poultry. The judge will come to each cage to judge poultry.

Sheep:

Wash sheep prior to the show. Find a show order to determine which class you are in. Bring the correct lamb to the pavilion when the classes are called or when they get close. The superintendents will line up exhibitors in the correct show order. Exhibitors will then walk into the show ring and set up their lambs. The judge will have 4-H/FFA members walk the sheep and set them back up. Sheep will then be placed by the judge and set up as they were when they came into the ring.

Horse:

Wash and groom horse prior to the show. Report to the pavilion when your class is called. A superintendent will be at the gate to line you up and tell you when to go in. When entering the show ring, walk to the judge. The judge will tell you when to trot. Another superintendent will line you up by the other horses. The judge will walk around and look at every horse again and write down your number and placing. When your name is called, leave the arena. You may want to double check with superintendents that you have the correct bit.

Rabbit:

The day of the show, pick up exhibitor number and pin it to your shirt. Meet with a superintendent to take the written showmanship test (not required). Pick up a show order in the sale ring. Classes will be called in the sale ring only. Get rabbit when class prior to your class is showing. Wait for your class to be called. Enter the show ring with the correct sex of your breed. Set your rabbit on the judging table to allow the judge to observe the rabbit. Winners of each breed will be announced and winners from each class will be brought back up for division winner. A best of show will be determined from the best of each division.

Swine:

Wash swine prior to the show. Enter the pavilion when your class is announced. There are to be no parents or guardians in the show ring. Rate of gain stickers will be provided to exhibitors when entering the pavilion. If your rate of gain sticker is incorrect, do NOT enter the show ring. Speak with a superintendent or an extension staff member to make any necessary corrections. Enter the holding area until your class is permitted to enter the show ring. Always face the judge when showing, but keep an eye on your pig. Top placing pigs will be penned in the show ring. If your pig is not penned after the judge has completed class placements, you may exit the pavilion and re-pen your pig in the swine barn. Ribbon placing will then be given to the penned pigs. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

Bucket/Bottle Calf and Bottle Lamb:

Record books need to be turned in by date specified. Interviews will be conducted the day before the show. Do not bring your project to the interview. Wash your project the day of the show. B/B calves will be shown after the beef show. The show order is as follows; senior, intermediate, junior. B/B calves will be shown like cattle, except an announcer will ask them questions about their project. Bottle lambs will be shown the same as sheep. They too will have an announcer asking a question about their project. Bottle lambs have two classes. The first class will consist of juniors. The second class will consist of intermediates and seniors. Ribbon placings will be given out. Pictures will be taken immediately after exiting the pavilion of the winners.

Dairy:

Dairy cattle will show prior to dairy goats. Exhibitors must wear a 4-H/FFA shirt and white pants. All livestock must be clean upon arriving to the pavilion. Superintendents will instruct you once you enter the pavilion. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

There will be no parental or guardian help in the show ring unless sickness or disability requires assistance from parent/guardian/club member. Only the ring assistant will help exhibitors.