

4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL PROJECT GENERAL RULES

1. The management will use diligence to insure the safety of exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case will be responsible for any losses, injury or damage that may occur.
2. All exhibitors must be members of a Clarke County 4-H or FFA chapter. 4-H or FFA members must be properly enrolled according to the rules of the respective organizations. 4-H members must have completed fourth grade and be enrolled in the appropriate project to show livestock. All 4-H exhibitors must attend four club meetings between August 1 and the Saturday before the fair begins.
3. All FFA and 4-H exhibitors at the Clarke County Fair will follow the 4-H grade eligibility rule. An exhibitor becomes ineligible to exhibit at the county upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
4. Advance livestock entries are due at the county extension office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 1. Late entries will be assessed the regular entry fee, and a \$5 penalty fee per species. No premium money will be paid for late entries. After Wednesday, July 8 no late entries are accepted. Livestock arriving at the fair that has not been pre-entered will be returned home, with the exception that swine will be taken to slaughter or returned home with pseudorabies testing required as the State of Iowa mandates.
5. Exhibits must be in place by the following times:
Dogs – Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 a.m.
Beef, dairy, goats, horses, sheep and swine - Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 p.m.
Pets – Thursday, July 23, 8:45 a.m.
Poultry and rabbits – Thursday, July 23, 9:00 a.m.

Beef, dairy, goats, horses, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine cannot arrive on the fairgrounds before 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday. Stalls/pens will be assigned in advance.
6. Removal of an exhibit by exhibitor before release time will automatically forfeit any premium he or she may have earned. The exhibitor also gives up the right to exhibit that species the following year at the Clarke County Fair.
7. Entry fees will be charged at the time entries are turned in at the Extension Office, deadline Wednesday, July 1st. Entry fees are: \$7.00/head for cattle (including bedding); \$7.00/per horse (includes one bag of bedding per stall); \$1.00/head for goats, sheep and swine; 75 cents/dog/class for dogs; and 50 cents/class for pets, poultry and rabbits. This is not a stall rental fee.
8. If there are less than three exhibits in any class, the judge shall make the award according to the merits of the exhibits.
9. A Fair board Supervisor and Superintendent will be assigned to each livestock division. If you have any problems or questions in that division, consult them.
10. Protest procedure: All protests must be submitted to a fair board member in writing within 24 hours of the incident with a non-refundable \$100.00 deposit per protest. The fair board will hear and decide on the protest. The fair board's ruling is final.
11. All livestock must be fed and cared for by exhibitors. Each exhibitor will furnish his/her own feed, bedding (unless otherwise noted) and equipment, and keep his/her own pens and stalls. Wood chips are the provided bedding in the cattle and horse barns and no alternative bedding will be allowed.
12. Exhibitors are responsible for removal of all bedding and manure during and at the end of the County Fair. Fair Board may withhold premiums if stalls are not cleaned up at the end of the fair.

13. 4-H and FFA members must show their own livestock with the exception of conflicts with school activities as approved by the fair board. If two or more animals are called for at the same time, the assistance of some other member may be obtained. If an exhibitor has a physical injury or disability that puts them at risk in the show ring, consult your 4-H or FFA leader and the fair board as to the allowable assistance. This allows time to discuss the needs and to consult with the judge prior to the show.
14. All exhibitors will wear 4-H or FFA shirts or a white shirt with FFA or 4-H emblem while showing, except horse exhibitors. (See horse section.)
15. Exhibitor competing for showmanship must own the animal he/she is showing. (See Horse and Dog Sections for specifics in their division.)
16. No one but exhibitors, judges, and officials in the livestock ring during judging.
17. Decision of the judge is final.
18. All livestock must be in the stalls by 8:00 a.m. each day and cannot be tied out until 8:30 p.m. Members not adhering to this rule may be asked to remove their project from the fairgrounds and forfeit any premium money won.
19. All breeding beef and dairy, breeding sheep, breeding goats, dogs (obedience show) and horses must be properly identified by May 15, 2009. Breeding swine must be properly identified by April 30, 2009. Market animals are identified at the respective weigh-in dates. If female beef, goats, sheep and swine are weighed-in and breeding ID'ed by the deadlines the exhibitor can choose which class they desire at the time of fair entry (July 1, 2009). Identification deadlines are absolute; there is **no late** identification of beef, dairy, dogs, goats, horses, sheep or swine. Rabbits and poultry are identified at fair entry time.
20. Every exhibitor and his/her parent/guardian must sign the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics at the time of fair entry.
21. Only immediate family members (parent/guardian, brothers, sisters, grandparents, or a member's spouse), 4-H leader, FFA advisor, and other enrolled 4-H/FFA members can assist exhibitors in grooming their animals while on the fairgrounds. This applies only to the preparation time prior to the 4-H/FFA shows and does not apply to the time following the 4-H/FFA shows and prior to the open shows.
22. A Clarke County Fair Superintendent has the right to combine classes when only one or two animals are entered in a class, in order to enhance the over all show.
23. The Executive Committee of the Fair Board shall have the final right to interpret, to amend and add to the rules.
24. No commercial advertising allowed on fair board property in or around stalls or elsewhere without the written permission of the fair board.
25. All exhibitors showing cattle (beef or dairy), goats (dairy, meat or novelty), poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine must be Food Safety Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified.