



## 4-H SHOWS



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### OBJECTIVES, GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST, LIVESTOCK LIABILITY

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#### OBJECTIVES OF THE SHOW

1. To select for recognition those animals, articles or exhibits which best represent recommended standards.
2. To provide an opportunity for youth to measure their progress and skills against accepted standards.
3. To assist youth in their personal development and character growth in honesty, integrity, responsibility, creativity, citizenship and leadership skills.
4. To provide an opportunity for youth to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.
5. To stimulate interest and learn how ideas from the variety of projects that 4-H offers.
6. To provide a showcase for the accomplishments of our youth.

#### GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All entries must be the work of active 4-H club members who have had their enrollment forms in the Extension Office before May 15, 2010.
2. A 4-H exhibitor must have completed 4th grade or above and must not have graduated from high school before December 2009 to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
3. Each exhibit must be the work of the exhibitor during the current 4-H year.
4. The exhibit must be an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of a project through 4-H.
5. 4-H members are expected to wear a 4-H shirt (or a plain shirt with a 4-H emblem) when exhibiting in any department except the Clothing Program and Communications Program.
6. No pre-entries are required on any exhibit building project.
7. Members are expected to be present for conference judging. Parents and leaders are also welcome to hear comments. If a member is unable to be present for conference judging, they must contact the Extension Office prior to judging day.
8. No advertising materials are allowed in the 4-H exhibit area.
9. Grades listed below are those completed in the current school year.  
Junior....completed grades 4, 5 or 6  
Intermediate ... completed grades 7, 8 or 9  
Senior...completed grades 10, 11 or 12
10. Premiums will be issued to each member. Any discrepancies need to be reported to the Henry County Extension Office by August 15.

## STATEMENT OF REGULATIONS

We have tried to make all rules in this show simple, fair and correct. However, we realize that in making rules, misunderstandings are liable to creep in. We, therefore, reserve the Project Department Committees the right to interpret rules where any questions are raised. THEIR DECISION WILL BE FINAL.

### POST FAIR CLEAN-UP

ALL CLUBS will be responsible for post fair clean-up. This includes: disassembling show ring, gate panels, clean-up, etc. Each club should have a minimum of three members and three adults. Clean-up will begin after each department is finished. Any youth who fail to clean up their pens will forfeit their premium.

### HERDSMANSHIP

All livestock exhibitors are required to maintain their quarters as orderly as possible and must keep the part of the building they occupy neat and attractive. All clubs/chapters as well as individual members will compete in the herdsmanship contest.

#### Responsibility

Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders, advisors or parents.

#### Judging

A committee will be chosen to judge herdsmanship. There will be a separate division for beef, sheep, swine, dairy & dairy goats, and poultry & rabbits.

#### Basis of Ratings

Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanship:

Animals: clean at all times with proper grooming, feeding, bedding and care apparent.

Stalls/Pens: clean and neat; bedding clean and fresh; feed and feed pans and buckets clean and in place. Club signs should be appropriate for the exhibit.

Tack and feed area: kept clean and neatly arranged.

Alleys: exhibitor's share of alley area kept clean; kept free of equipment; dust kept under control with proper sweeping and/or sprinkling.

Exhibitors: be friendly and knowledgeable about your project.

Pre-fair clean-up and post fair clean-up participation.

#### Times of Judging

Herdsmanship will be checked daily for the duration of the fair except the day of the show.

The highest scoring club in each area will receive a cash award and 4-H club name on a plaque presented at Awards Night.

### 4-H HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

All 4-H livestock clubs (Horse, Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Rabbit & Poultry) will be automatically entered in the Herdsmanship Contest. Judges will be volunteers. Superintendents of each area will help organize the contest.

Herdsmanship will be judged each day except on show day and will be divided by species: Beef, Bucket Calf, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine.

Club Rabbit & Poultry Area Score Card

- Cleanliness of club exhibit 45%
- Neatness & completeness 15%  
of stall card for each animal
- Arrangement of exhibit 40%
- TOTAL 100%

All Other Livestock score Card

- Cleanliness of club exhibit 30%
- Arrangement of exhibit 30%  
(incl. feed, straw & show equipment)
- Cleanliness & appearance 20%  
of animals
- Neatness and completeness 20%  
of stall card for each animal
- TOTAL 100%

LIVESTOCK LIABILITY

The Henry County Fair Board, ISU Henry County Extension, Henry County Pork Council and the Henry County Cattlemen, as sponsors of the fair livestock shows; owners and exhibitors of fair livestock entries, are not liable for the damages, injury or death suffered by a participant or spectator resulting for the inherent risks of fair animal activity.

In the case of death or injury to a domesticated animal exhibited by a 4-H member, or open livestock exhibitor, the Henry County Fair Board, the ISU Henry County Extension Office and department chairpersons/volunteer members are not to be held responsible.

ACCOMMODATING 4-H'ers WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Henry County Fair Board and the ISU Henry County Extension Program (4-H) are available to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital or family status.

4-hers with disabilities needing special accommodations should contact the Henry County Extension Office at least two weeks prior to the fair. A plan will be developed to meet the 4-H member's needs in cooperation with the member, parents, 4-H leader/volunteer, and Extension personnel.

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