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Iowa 4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.

Iowa 4-H Vision

Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.

Animal Identification Changes

You can register your animals at any time using 4-H Online 2.0. Only FFA members will use Google Forms. All animals, except market beef, must be entered by the 4-H/ FFA member before the end of the day on **May 15, 2021**. If you do not enter your animal into 4-H Online 2.0 or the FFA Google Form by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, it will not be eligible to be exhibited at county and/or state fair! This is a statewide change, we appreciate your understanding.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO ID YOUR ANIMALS!

Now is also a great time to complete your YQCA training. Everyone needs to complete YQCA each year. You will complete the course for the age you turned in 2020. Cost to complete YQCA is \$12.00, additional details can be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

Clover Kids Corner

April's theme is "Roller Coasters".

Clover Kids groups are back to meeting in person. Masks/face coverings are required unless a written doctor's note is provided. All groups will practice 6' physical distancing mitigation efforts. At-Home Clover Kids members may pick their bags up from the tote outside of the Extension office at anytime.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Brainard at vermeerA@iastate.edu or 641-673-5841 ext. 28.

4-H Honor Council

The next Honor Council meeting will be held on Sunday, April 18 at 3:00 PM. We will be tie dying our shirts, so please wear old clothes & shoes. If you are unable to attend, please let Amy, Megan, or Trisha know in advance.

New 4-H Members

New 4-H members, who have not been in Mahaska County 4-H in the past, have until May 15, 2021 to enroll and pay their registration fee and be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Please note that the 75% attendance policy will apply, so attendance at all club activities from the time of enrollment until July 1 is very important!

4-H Club Attendance Policy

Mahaska County has a 75% attendance policy in place for 4-H members of community and special-interest clubs. Members attending at least 75% of their clubs' meetings, activities, and/or pre-approved 4-H experiences will have eligibility to exhibit at the county fair. Clubs can set their own parameters within the 75% policy. We recommend that if members are part of an *additional* special-interest club, like Honor Council, that their attendance combined for both will count toward the 75%.

Fairgrounds Service Project

Is your club looking for a fun service project? The Southern Iowa Fair Board is looking for someone to work in the flower bed to the south of the Free Stage. It needs more rock put down, flowers/plants put in, and weeds pulled. If your club is interested in this project, please contact Erica at 641-673-7004 or sifair@mahaska.org.

Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time. Deadline to complete the Code of Conduct, either paper form or electronic form, is May 15, 2021. This form must be submitted in order for 4-H members to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-code-good-conduct-form> to learn more.

Welcome back, Courtney!



We are very excited to have Courtney Van Donselaar join us as our 4-H Summer Assistant again this year. Courtney will graduate with her Associate's Degree soon and is excited to be back with the Extension office and working with youth!

Courtney will be coordinating our Summer Fun Day Camps. A full Summer Fun Day Camp list will be released in mid-April. Summer Fun Day Camps are open to those who have completed Kindergarten-8th grade. Courtney will also assist with the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair.

Maker Monday Workshops!

We will continue to hold Maker Mondays on the first Monday of each month from 5:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension office. Maker Mondays are FREE & open to anyone in 4th-12th grade. Some meetings may change due to COVID-19 restrictions. Check our website and 4-H : Mahaska County, Iowa Facebook page for details as they are released!

April 12—Catapult Physics

Note the date change! We'll learn about basic physics and build our own marshmallow catapults! Limit 12.

May 3—Sphero Coding

We'll use the Sphero robots to learn about coding and we'll hold a few challenges along the way! Limit 10.

RSVP is due by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before the session. 5 RSVPs are required to hold a session. 4-H Families can register for these events through 4-H Online. Login to 4-H Online 2.0 (v2.4honline.com) and click on Events in the column on the left. Click Register and select the events you want to register for!

4-H Maker Lab

The 4-H Maker Lab is now open to the public. Anyone can call the Extension office or email Amy at vermeerA@iastate.edu to set up a time to come in and use the Maker Lab. Amy will be available to assist with the various products in the lab, including robots, 3D printers, sewing machines, Cricut Maker machine, and more. Cost is \$5.00 per family per visit, but we can set up a plan with frequent visitors to make it more affordable. Fees will be used to cover the cost of materials in the Maker Lab.

Would you like to use the Cricut machine to cut vinyl or heat transfer vinyl for fair exhibits? We've got you covered! Would you like to 3D print something (smaller projects only), we've got you covered! Minimal fees will be charged to cover materials. We have a lot of resources in our 4-H Maker Lab that can help you prepare your county fair exhibits.

Want to learn more? Contact Amy Brainard, Mahaska County Youth Coordinator at vermeerA@iastate.edu or call 641-673-5841.

Maker Club

The 4-H Maker Club is a special-interest 4-H club that focuses on STEM, hands-on learning, career exploration, and more. This club will meet on the third Thursday of each month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meetings will primarily be held at the Extension office, but some field trips may be held depending on COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. The **FINAL Maker Club meeting of the year will be held on April 15 at the Extension office in the 4-H Room. The topic will be Industrial Technology with guest speakers from William Penn!** Pre-registration is required and we must have at least 5 registrations in to hold the meeting. This club will meet throughout the year. Cost to join is \$10.00 per session. Please let Amy know if you have any questions or if you'd like to join; call 641-673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Spring Leader Meeting

We will hold our annual Spring Leader Meeting on **Wednesday, May 12 from 6:00-7:00 PM** in the Auditorium at the Extension office. We plan to hand out printed fair rule booklets and other fair forms at this meeting, as well as answer questions. RSVP is required by May 3rd.

Family Feature

Would you like to be spotlighted on our social media accounts?
Would you like to nominate someone to be spotlighted?
We know we have some amazing 4-H families in our county and we want to recognize you for that!
Complete the 4-H Family Feature/Spotlight form at <https://tinyurl.com/4Hfeature>. Keep an eye out for 4-H Family Features on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages!

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State 4-H Youth Conference in Ames



This year's State 4-H Youth Conference will look a bit different, but it will be happening **IN-PERSON!** Each area of the state has been assigned a day for State Conference attendance. The Central date is **Wednesday, June 30.**

Registration opens on April 1 and the deadline is June 1. Registration is first come, first serve (only 130 slots available per day). Youth will not be allowed to register for a day outside of their area's assigned day (Mahaska is Central). There will be a waiting list opportunity. Youth on the waiting list will be notified by June 10 of area availability. Registration fee is \$50.00. All Mahaska County 4-H Honor Council members can attend at **NO COST**, we've got you covered! Transportation options will be provided, routes and stop details are coming soon. This will be an affordable option, cost (if any) is TBA.

Animal Science Round-up will not follow area registration, they will register on the day that their species is offered (TBD). Animal Science Round-up is first come, first serve for each species. A youth may not register for Round-up **AND** Youth Conference, they must choose one.

If interested, please contact Amy to be added to the Interested List. Those on the Interested List will be contacted first with finalized details. Contact Amy at 641-673-5841 ext. 28 or vermeerA@iastate.edu.

Pop Tabs for Jacy 2021

The 2020-21 State 4-H Council wants to carry on Jacy McAlexander's [legacy of service](#) through its annual pop tab collection initiative. Jacy was a 2017-18 State Council member who passed away in 2018 following his courageous battle with Ewing's Sarcoma. The goal is 2,021 pop tabs, as Jacy would have turned 21 in September 2021. We will collect pop tabs at the Extension office and get them to the State Council during Iowa 4-H Youth Conference this summer.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) Trip

For summer 2021, National 4-H Council is considering a 4-5 week, once a week virtual program, where delegates will take part in workshops and simulations with the large group and work with their delegations or workshop groups throughout the week offline on various activities and projects. The program will be delegate-focused, with an action plan process. Workshops will have elements of current CWF curriculum, as well as possible additions from the CWF:PI program. Final pricing has not been set; however, CWF will most likely be in the \$150-200 range. The Mahaska County Extension Council is willing to pay a portion of this fee for our delegates. Due to COVID-19, there has been a delay in registration opening. Please contact the Extension office if you'd like to be on the Interested List to receive more information as it is set and shared with 4-H Staff. Some details about the 2021 Virtual Experience can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/cwf>.

Static Exhibit Judging at Fair

Static exhibit judging will be held on Saturday, July 17. We will offer conference (in-person) and non-conference (drop off) judging this year. If you would like to request non-conference judging, please contact Amy Brainard at vermeerA@iastate.edu by June 15. Non-conference exhibits will be dropped off at the individually assigned time between 10:00 AM-Noon. Judges will judge the non-conference exhibits prior to the in-person conference judging. If selecting non-conference judging, written comment sheets will be provided. If selecting in-person conference judging, written comment sheets will not be provided. Each club will be assigned a time for in-person conference judging.

Saturday Exhibit Judging Schedule:

- 1:00-1:15 PM – 4-H Honor Council
- 1:00-2:00 PM – K-3 Clover Kids Judging at Clover Kids booth
- 1:25-1:55 PM – Harrison Hustlers, Heartland Helpers
- 2:00-2:30 PM – Independent 4-H, Jefferson Go-Getters, Leighton Strivers
- 2:45-3:30 PM – Mahaska Masters, Mahaska Livestock Special-Interest Club, Maker Club, M&M Peppy Pals
- 3:45-4:15 PM – Spring Creek Achievers, West Des Moines Livewires, Adams Champs
- 4:30-5:30 PM – Cedar Livestock, Garfield Boosters
- 5:30-6:30 PM—State Fair Selection

Upcoming Livestock Weigh-in

SAVE THE DATE:

Sheep & Meat Goat—Saturday, May 1st 8:00-10:00 AM Fair Scale

Bucket/Bottle Animal Birthdates

Bucket/Bottle Calves must be born between:

February 1 and April 30, 2021

Bottle Lambs & Goats must be born between:

January 1 and April 30, 2021

All bucket/bottle animals must be in the youth exhibitor's possession within two weeks of the animal's birth and must be bottle/bucket fed. Packets for Bucket/Bottle animals are now available! Check our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information> for the latest packets/livestock news.

All bucket/bottle animals must be identified in 4hOnline by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2021. You may identify more than one bucket/bottle animal, but may only exhibit one of each at the fair. Bucket/Bottle Calves, Bottle Lambs, and Goats do not need to attend a weigh-in.

If you are looking for a B/B Calf, please call Mahaska Vet Clinic (641-673-0431). They currently have 3 looking for new homes!

Class Exhibiting Requirements

Mahaska County 4-H has a policy for classes and shows for the county fair. In order to hold a show at the Southern Iowa Fair, we must have a **minimum of 3 youth from 2 different families (4-H or FFA)** registered to exhibit a particular species. Don't forget that animals must be registered in 4hOnline by May 15, 2021. Classes with fewer than 3 exhibitors from 2 different families will be placed on hold for the current year. Classes will be determined after all ID information has been received on May 15. If classes meet the minimum requirement by identification in May, the show(s) will be held.

Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting

All livestock superintendents are invited to attend the Pre-Fair meeting to set stall assignments on **Thursday, July 8 at 7:00 PM** in the DAV Building. Note that this is 2 weeks before fair!

Tentative Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 17

1:00 PM-5:30 PM - Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building. State fair selection to follow

Monday, July 19

7:00-10:00 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale

9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in at cages

10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages

10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Weigh-in & ultrasound at scale

10:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens

11:00 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale

1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns

1:00-2:00 PM - Myotonic Goat Check-in at pens

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama & Alpaca Show in Pavilion

4:00-5:00 PM - Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls

5:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, & Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion

5:30-7:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

by 6:00 PM - Dairy check-in at stalls with Superintendents

by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at stalls with Superintendents

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 AM - Poultry Show in Sale Ring

9:00-1:00 PM - Communications: Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, Extemporaneous Speaking, & Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage

1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences in Fair Board Office

2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building

3:00-4:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Interviews

4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns

6:00 PM - Mandatory Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area

6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion

9:00 AM-Noon - POSSIBLE Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage

11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion

12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion

12:30-2:15 PM - Dairy Cattle & Goat Show in Pavilion

1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews

2:30-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM - Auction Animal Verification in Fair Board Office – by 5:00 PM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 22

8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion

1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion

2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion

5:00 PM - Farm Bureau sponsored BBQ in Free Stage

Friday, July 23

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena, will follow K-3 Open Horse Show

10:00 AM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage

1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Sale Ring

2:00-4:00 PM - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Sale Ring

5:00 PM - Supreme Showmanship Contest (2020 & 2021) in Pavilion

Saturday, July 24

4-H Office will be CLOSED

8:00 AM - Livestock Ribbon Auction (following Buyer's Breakfast) in Sale Ring

12:00 PM - ALL Livestock & Non-Livestock Exhibits Released (*no early release due to weather*)

Sunday, July 25

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM

Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

This schedule is subject to change due to pandemic restrictions, conflicts, and weather. 9

Market Broiler Poultry Project

Deadline to register is April 15, 2021

4-H & FFA members who pre-register will receive 10 free broiler chicks to show at the county fair. Please keep in mind that broiler chicks are quite messy, need adequate space, and will cost about \$7-10 per bird to feed out until butchering time. Processing is the responsibility of the participant. Register with Sarah Hol at 641-660-2696 or email her at holskitchen@yahoo.com.

Horse Clinics & Ride Night Requirement

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, donkeys, or mules at the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair must complete **at least 1 clinic and 2 ride nights to gain eligibility at the county fair**. This requirement is subject to change due to 2021 COVID-19 best practices.

Clinic & Ride Night Dates and Topics are below:

April 6—Halter/Showmanship Clinic

April 20—Ride Night

May 4—Western Pleasure Clinic

May 18—Ride Night

June 1—Trail Clinic

June 12—4-H & FFA Invitational Show

June 15—Ride Night

July 6—Speed Games Clinic

Vet Check Date TBD

All clinics & ride nights will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds—Outdoor Arena from 6:30-7:30 PM. You may arrive early and stay later, but must have your horse and participate from 6:30-7:30 PM for credit.

If you have any questions about the Horse Project Area, please contact a Horse Superintendent listed below:

Jennifer Fynaardt—jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com, 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields—fieldsL599@gmail.com, 563-212-2905

Heather Angle-Gardner—h_ponygirl@yahoo.com, 641-777-2334

FFA Animal Identification

FFA members will once again use Google Forms to identify their animals for the fair. The Google Forms are NOW OPEN!

FFA Animal IDs are due May 15, 2021 (with the exception of Market Beef as outlined on page 1 of this newsletter). Forms can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

Iowa 4-H Guidance & Expectations

March 11, 2021

Iowa 4-H is providing program specific expectations and recommendations that are meant to strengthen and complement ISU and ISU Extension and Outreach expectations and guidance. Please refer to the Open for Iowa resources and further details. Be knowledgeable of the most recent Iowa Governor's public health proclamation and enhanced public health measures. Be aware of local ordinances and directives that may impact your planning and program delivery.

Note: Face coverings are required through May 8, 2021 for indoor programming and outdoors when distance cannot be maintained.

In-Person Club Meetings, Programs, and Events:

1. All participants in the gathering must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group (family) or individual attending alone.
2. Face coverings are required when physical distance cannot be maintained. (Exceptions: See Open for Iowa)
3. Remind participants to say home if they are sick and follow safety guidelines.
4. Continue to implement hygiene practices and other reasonable safety measures consistent with Open for Iowa guidance for all gatherings.
5. Consider pre-registration for all meetings and events to ensure attendance limits/location capacity limits are not exceeded.
6. Clubs must maintain a record of ALL meeting attendees, including guests and parents.
7. Do not share supplies (ex. Provide a pair of scissors for each member)
8. Educational activities including food preparation must follow Open for Iowa recommendations.
9. Food at meetings may NOT be potluck and should be limited to pre-packaged and/or catered food. Please see Open for Iowa page.
10. It is expected that facilities, have adequate facilities and/or equipment for handwashing/hand sanitizers.
11. The willingness of 4-H youth and families to participate in an in-person event may vary. They may still prefer virtual or other online participation at this point. Continue to provide online educational program and event participation options

Food Update (February 16, 2021) In general, all food & nutrition *educational* demonstrations are allowed including when 4-H members lead the demonstration. This update does not lift any restrictions on food for hospitality purposes. Preparing food for sale is not allowed under the general county liability policy, however, a separate special event policy can be purchased that protects the county from food borne illness claims. Contact the Extension office for special event policy details.

Pre-Fair Barn Clean-up

Last year's barn clean-up and set-up night was a great success! We will hold the work night on Thursday, July 15 from 5:00-7:00 PM in the barns on the fairgrounds. We hope to have a To-Do list for each barn. Some barns may require more work than others. Stall Assignments will be posted in each barn at 7:00 PM.

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Southern Iowa Fair Contact Info

If you would like to inquire about camping, renting a fairgrounds building, or exhibiting in the Open Class at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Erica Antolik at the Southern Iowa Fair office at 641-673-7004 or email sifair@mahaska.org.

Fair Help Me Guide

Anyone new to 4-H or needing a refresher will want to check out the Mahaska County Fair Help Me Guide. This guide is currently being updated and will be posted to the website and available at the Extension office in early May.

4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets will be printed and provided to the club leaders at the Spring Leader Training on May 12. Only those who requested a copy will be provided with a printed copy. The booklet will be accessible on our 4-H App. Currently, the Mahaska County 4-H app is available from the Google Play Store, but the Apple Store app is still under review. The updated fair booklet will be uploaded to www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms as soon as it is finished.

YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock/animal exhibitors—4-H & FFA. *Excludes Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, & Pet.*

WE WILL NOT OFFER AN IN-PERSON YQCA TRAINING.

FSQA is no longer being utilized. YQCA is a yearly online interactive training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by scheduled appointment). Cost to take the online training is \$12.00 each year. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/about/curriculum>.

A Help Sheet is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2020, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.

Carcass Beef Contest Details

If you identified a carcass beef project at the December weigh-in, please mark the following dates on your calendar!
June 8 - 9 AM—Live Evaluation at Fairgrounds Scale
June 15 - 1 PM—Locker Evaluation at Leighton Locker

Bucket'o'Junk Contest

Bucket'o'Junk Registration opened on Monday, March 15. We still have slots available! To reserve a bucket, you must call or stop in to reserve your spot. Online or email responses will not be accepted. Registrations will be accepted first to call/come in, first reserved. We have 12 buckets total this year. This contest is open to 4-H & FFA. 10 buckets are available for 4-H and 2 buckets are available for FFA (Oskaloosa, North Mahaska, Agri-Power, & Pella Christian). Full details will be provided after registering. Our phone number is 641-673-5841, please do not call the Superintendents or staff cell phones to reserve your bucket. Call the Extension office or stop in to officially reserve a bucket. If you participated in Bucket'o'Junk in 2020, you will not be eligible again until 2022.

4-H Accommodations

Any program participants needing accommodations for participation in any 4-H activities is asked to complete a 4-H Accommodations form for each year of participation. The 4-H Accommodations form can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/how-do-i-enroll-4-h-club>. If assistance is needed to complete the 4-H Accommodation form, please call 641-673-5841 or email vermeerA@iastate.edu.

FairEntry Opening this Spring

We will once again use FairEntry for 4-H & FFA animal and static exhibit entries for the Southern Iowa Fair. We are in the process of setting up this year's fair and will let families, leaders, and FFA Advisors know when the system is ready to begin accepting entries. Animals **MUST BE IDENTIFIED** IN 4-H ONLINE or on the FFA ID GOOGLE FORMS by May 15 for any animals to be eligible to be exhibited at the fair. Don't forget to complete your YQCA training if you plan to exhibit Rabbit, Poultry, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Meat Goats, or Myotonic Goats. YQCA is not required for Horse, Llama/Alpaca, Dog, or Pets.

Livestock Summary Guide

The updated summary is now available at the Extension office, on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/Livestock%20Summary%2020-21.pdf> and in the Mahaska County 4-H app. This graph contains information about every species of animals you're able to exhibit at the county fair. It includes weigh-in & identification info, animal requirements, specific health requirements, YQCA training requirements, exhibit limits, and fair requirements. It is a helpful guide for any 4-H or FFA member planning to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair. Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/Livestock%20Summary%2020-21.pdf>.

Rabbit Tattoo Clinic May 3

Anyone with rabbits that need tattooed for fair identification purposes can attend the clinic on **Saturday, May 1** between **9:00-10:00 AM** in the Maintenance Shop on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. Adam Antolik, Rabbit Superintendent, will be present to answer questions and to tattoo rabbits. Rabbits that are already tattooed do not need to attend this clinic. Youth are not required to attend this clinic, it is just an option available to families. Please note that the Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in will be happening at the same time. Please park in the grassy area to the east of the 4-H Building or in the grass parking area. Please allow space for the livestock trailers to get through.

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in

Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in—Saturday, May 1 8:00-10:00 AM
Southern Iowa Fairgrounds Scale

Tags are \$3.00 each. State Fair Verification is \$5.00/hd. Breeding Lambs & Goats do not need to attend this weigh-in, unless you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Retinal Images will need to be taken on all lambs & goats going to the Iowa State Fair. All Lambs & Goats **MUST** be entered into 4-H Online by the families by May 15. Bottle Lambs & Bottle Goats are not required to attend the weigh-in.



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