

# JULY 2021

## SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR

"WHERE GREAT MEMORIES ARE MADE"

### JULY 19-24, 2021



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### 2021 Southern Iowa Fair

**PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER  
THOROUGHLY IF YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND THE SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR!**

A complete fair schedule of 4-H Events can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

If anything changes between this newsletter being released and the fair, posters will be up around the grounds. Signs and posters at the fair will contain the latest details regarding those fair events.

Please note that Static Exhibit Judging will be held on SATURDAY, July 17 between 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall and 4-H Building. The 4-H Building located south of the Sheriff's Posse (surrounding the 4-H Office) is for Animals, Ag & Natural Resources, and Science, Engineering, & Technology Exhibits only. All other exhibits, including Photography will be entered in the Exhibit Hall north of the Free Stage.

### 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.*

## Clover Kids Corner - County Fair Edition

All Clover Kids June Fun Day Participants were provided with information regarding exhibition at the Southern Iowa Fair. If you were unable to attend the Fun Day and plan to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Sara at saram2@iastate.edu and 641-673-5841 ext. 11.

Clover Kids Members are eligible to participate in the Southern Iowa Fair. They may bring up to 5 exhibits in the Exhibit Hall and Pets in the Pet Show. Pets must be pre-registered in 4-H Online and in FairEntry to be eligible.

Exhibit judging will take place on Saturday, July 17 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. Exhibits will be brought directly to the Clover Kids display area in the back of the Exhibit Hall. Clover Kids may bring exhibits similar to those our 4-H members bring, but may not use kits. For example, a Clover Kids member may bring a picture frame made out of craft sticks, a matted photo they have taken this year, chocolate chip cookies, fresh picked green beans, or a birdhouse. They may not bring items from a purchased craft kit, like those at Walmart and craft stores.

All Exhibit Hall exhibits will stay on display in the Exhibit Hall until Noon on Saturday, July 24. Exhibits **must** be picked up by 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 25 (building will be open from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday).

Clover Kids bringing Pets for the Pet Show will check in by 10:00 AM at the Free Stage on Friday, July 23. Pet Show details can be found on page 28 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet. Clover Kids are on their annual break and will begin again in October. Enrollment for Clover Kids will begin in September.

## 4-H Honor Council

The next Honor Council meeting will be held on Saturday, July 10 at 2:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend, please let Amy, Megan, or Trisha know in advance.

## 4-H Youth Staff Changes

As a reminder - If you have any 4-H member, Clover Kids member, Southern Iowa Fair, or Iowa State Fair questions, please contact Sara Martindale, 4-H Youth Coordinator, at [saram2@iastate.edu](mailto:saram2@iastate.edu) or 641-673-5841 ext. 11. Amy is continuing to help Sara, but questions should be directed to Sara now.

Amy should be contacted with questions regarding non-member events, like StoryWalk®, Read Across the Fair, Invent STEM, Invent Tent, school enrichment, day camps, and Ricochet. Amy can be reached at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) or 641-673-5841 ext. 28. This is the final month that Amy will be preparing the 4-H Newsletter.

## StoryWalk® Happening This Summer!

We are bringing a fun opportunity to the county fair this summer! We'll have our StoryWalk® of Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt by Kate Messner set up on **Wednesday, July 21 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** The StoryWalk® will be set up outside of the barns and around the pavilion loop.

To participate, check in at the 4-H Office anytime between 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. and enjoy reading the story. This activity is formatted for families with younger children, but is fun for anyone. We'll draw for prizes from all of the completed entries.

We are working on plans for other StoryWalk® books and hope to continue holding these events throughout the county in 2021-22!



## Read Across the Fair

Another fun event being held at the Southern Iowa Fair is the Read Across the Fair activity. Between 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, you can stop by the Exhibit Hall to read My Family's Dairy Farm by Katie Olthoff. We will have 5 Trivia Questions with stations to check in at. We will have prizes at each station! This event is a partnership between Iowa 4-H & Iowa Ag Literacy Foundation.

## 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

Preordered booklets are available to pick up from the Extension office. You can access the fair rule booklet online at [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms).

## 4-H Exhibit Tip Sheets

Tip Sheets are available to help 4-H'ers as they prepare their exhibits for fair. The tip sheets give 4-H'ers an idea of what the judges use when evaluating fair exhibits. Visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets) to access.

## Fair Phone Number for 4-H

If you need to reach us during the fair and are not on the fairgrounds, you may call 641-676-1750 to reach one of our staff members or volunteers from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM on Monday-Friday of fair week. If you want to leave a message for us after hours, please leave a voicemail. You can also leave a voicemail on Lea's voicemail at the Extension office at 641-673-5841 ext. 10. Sara, Amy, Courtney, & Megan will not be checking their Extension office voicemails during the fair.

## Important Southern Iowa Fair Info

Please read all of the signs posted on the fairgrounds for the latest details, requirements, schedule, etc. Last minute changes may occur due to weather, conflicts, and unforeseen issues. ATVs, Gators, golf carts, etc. are not to be used on the fairgrounds. Fair Board members will be the only individuals permitted to use them due to the work they need to do throughout the fair week.

Please do not use tape on any of the building metal. Due to heat, it leaves a sticky film on the metal, which attracts dust. If you hang signs and put wire, twine, string, etc. in the rafters, you must remove it after the fair is over. Leftover materials hanging from the ceiling cause issues for boat and camper storage in those buildings in the off-season.

## Fair Form Website

If you are looking for forms, help sheets, or other resources as you prepare to exhibit under 4-H at the Southern Iowa Fair, please visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms).

## Fair Help Me Guide

This guide is helpful for new families or those needing a refresher. It is on our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms) and printed copies are available at the Extension office.

## Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting

All animal 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! *Bucket/Bottle Calf, Bottle Goat, and Bottle Lamb Superintendents may attend this meeting, but we will not have official entry numbers until packets are turned in and FairEntry is completed on July 9.*

## Exhibit Building Clean-up & Set-up

Saturday, July 10

3:00-5:00 PM

Southern Iowa Fairgrounds

Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

We will meet in the Exhibit Hall to start cleaning and setting up exhibit display areas, judging tables, and chairs and will eventually move to the 4-H Building to do the same.

Clubs are encouraged to stop by and help the Honor Council with this project. Many hands will make for light and quick work!

## 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.

*This newsletter was prepared and written by  
Amy Brainard, Mahaska County Youth Outreach Coordinator.*

## FairEntry Deadlines

Animals must have been entered in FairEntry by July 1 to be eligible to be exhibited at the Southern Iowa Fair.

Bucket/Bottle Calf, Goat, & Lamb entries must be in FairEntry by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 9.

Static Exhibit entries must be in FairEntry by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 15.

Access the FairEntry Help Sheet at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms>.

Southern Iowa Fair FairEntry Link: <https://southerniowafair.fairentry.com>

## 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. 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 has been 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 PM - Exhibit Buildings Close

5:30-6:30 PM - State Fair Selection

## Trash Barrels Need Painted

If you like to paint and are looking for a fun pre-fair project to do, please contact Erica at 641-673-7004 or [sifair@mahaska.org](mailto:sifair@mahaska.org) to make arrangements to pick up a trash barrel. A lot of our painted trash barrels at the fairgrounds are scratched and need a fresh coat of paint. You're welcome to paint the barrels a solid color or paint designs/words on the barrels. Please make arrangements for this project with Erica Antolik at the number or email above.

## Hall Monitoring at the Fair

Each 4-H club and Clover Kids group has been assigned a time to monitor the Exhibit Hall or 4-H Building on the fairgrounds. The schedule can be found on page 59 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet. Clubs will need to sign-in and wear name badges during monitoring. The sign-in sheets and name badges (sticker labels) can be found inside a black clipboard on the wall next to the interior door to the 4-H office, inside of the 4-H Building (near the black display case). Please enter the 4-H Building through the main overhead door. Clubs must cover their assigned time and any clubs that do not sign-in and cover their assigned times will not be eligible for the Hall Monitoring Award. Clubs covering shifts in the larger Exhibit Hall are asked to tally the Bucket'o'Junk People's Choice votes during their shift. Instructions for Bucket'o'Junk People's Choice votes can be found in the box under the Bucket'o'Junk display table. Clubs can feel free to provide an activity in the Exhibit Hall or 4-H Building during their monitoring time. Additional details about Hall Monitoring can be found on page 58 of our rule booklet.

## 4-H Office at Fair

The 4-H Office will be open on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM during fair week. We will be closed on Saturday. Our office phone number is 641-676-1750. You will NOT get your stall cards or exhibitor numbers from inside of the 4-H Office this year. Details about stall cards & exhibitor numbers can be found on page 8. Staff may be in the office working after hours but are not expected to answer the door or phones after 5.

## Communications Event Video

If you plan to participate in the Communications Event at the Southern Iowa Fair, check out the Communications Tips & Tricks video Abby created last year. It is a very helpful resource when working on your Communications Event Entry. Check it out at <https://youtu.be/xyrjvz0AERc>.

## Bucket'o'Junk Judging

All entries will be judged in the 4-H Building (the smaller building next to the 4-H Office) on **Saturday, July 17** during the assigned club judging time. Please bring your Bucket'o'Junk exhibit, bucket, and any leftover pieces to the 4-H Building. Please have an exhibit goal sheet with each exhibit, additional photos are helpful but not required. If you had an adult mentor help you, they are welcome to be present during judging.

The Bucket'o'Junk exhibit must be listed on your exhibit entry form. Once your exhibit is judged and if it is not being held back for State Fair Consideration, please bring it over to the larger Exhibit Hall for display.

We will be holding People's Choice Voting this year in the Exhibit Hall where the Bucket'o'Junk exhibits will be on display. Votes will be tallied each day and the winner will be announced in the August 4-H Newsletter and on our Facebook page after the fair.

## Exhibitor Numbers & Stall Cards

You will NOT get your stall card or exhibitor number from the 4-H Office this year. You can find those items on the black case outside of the 4-H Office door within the 4-H Building. You will have access to these items while the 4-H Building is open to the public, so please plan accordingly. Stall cards and exhibitor numbers will be self-serve like they were in 2020. Each 4-H, Clover Kids, & FFA Member has a specific number assigned to them, so please use the exhibitor number list in the binder to find the appropriate number. If you are in 4-H & FFA, please find the number associated with the organization you'll be exhibiting under for each particular show. If you need another number, there will be blanks in the back of the box that you can write on. Exhibitor numbers are NOT required for Swine - staff will pin those on you as you enter the show ring.



## 4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2021, 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.

## Fair Award Winner Photos

If you have won an award for a 4-H or FFA show at the Southern Iowa Fair, please either email a photo of you with your award and/or exhibit(s) to Amy at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) by August 1st, or stop by the 4-H Office to schedule a time to have your photo taken by our staff/volunteers. Additional fair photos can be emailed to Amy to be added to our 2021 Southern Iowa Fair album on our 4-H Facebook page. We cannot guarantee same-day uploading due to our busy & unpredictable schedules during fair week.

## Supreme Showmanship Sponsors

We are still collecting donations for the 2020-2021 Supreme Showmanship event. If you would like to become a sponsor for the Supreme Showmanship Contest at the fair, please contact Sara at the Extension office by July 15. Minimum sponsorship is \$25.00. All donors will be recognized at the Supreme Showmanship Contest.

## Mahaska County 4-H App

The Mahaska County 4-H App is available in the Google Play Store! Just search for Mahaska County 4-H (you'll see the red ISU Extension and Outreach logo and small clover). This app is FREE and includes direct links to many, many helpful resources, including the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet, newsletter, YQCA, 4hOnline, Facebook, and more! We are working to get it in the Apple Store - check our Facebook page for an announcement when/if we get it working!

## 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](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu).

## Fair Cash Out Details

The Southern Iowa Fair Board has graciously taken over the 4-H & FFA Fair Expenses. They will be taking care of the premiums and Fair Cash Out this year. Please look for signs posted around the fairgrounds with details regarding the 4-H & FFA Fair Cash Out.

## Livestock & Special Events Entry Form

This form is NOT NEEDED now that we are using FairEntry. We will calculate premiums using the FairEntry system.

## Post-Fair Clean-up Day

The Southern Iowa Fair Board is hosting a Fair Clean-up Day on Sunday, July 25 starting at 1:00 p.m. We would love to have your help cleaning up the grounds and taking down signs, wires, & twine, pulling staples, pressure washing, etc. We will be working in the barns and exhibit buildings, so stop by one of those locations to find out what needs to be done.

## Post-Fair Meeting

Save the date for the Post-Fair meeting on Monday, August 2nd from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Mahaska County Extension office. Fair comments will be shared, reviewed, and discussed at this meeting. RSVP is not required.

## Trailer Parking

If you plan to leave your truck and/or trailer on the grounds, please park to the west of the racetrack along the fence. The Fair Board does not want anything parked and left behind the swine and beef barns.

## NO ATVs, Rangers, etc. at fair

The Fair Board has asked that NO ATVs, Rangers, golf carts, etc. be on the fairgrounds for the safety of fair-goers.

## Fair Parking Passes

If you would like to purchase a parking pass for the week of the fair, those may be purchased for \$12.00 in the Fair Office (Administration Building) on the fairgrounds at any time.

## 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](mailto:sifair@mahaska.org).

## Free Event Ticket at Fair

Mahaska County 4-H & FFA members will receive 1 free ticket to the Caleb Hammond Memorial Race on Tuesday, July 20. Tickets are being provided by the Southern Iowa Fair Board, please thank them! You can get your ticket in the Fair Office (Administration Office) during the fair.

## No Tape on Doors

The Fair Board has asked that no tape be put on any barn or building doors at the fairgrounds. The tape reacts with the heat and sun to create sticky and discolored spots.

## NO PARKING AREAS

There will be NO PARKING allowed on the south side of the Advanced Feeder/Bucket/Bottle Calf Barn near the scale - this is a loading/unloading zone only!

## Southern Iowa Fair Meals

Thank you to the following sponsors who are providing free meals during the Southern Iowa Fair. As we become aware of more meals/giveaways, we'll be sure to share in the newsletter and on Facebook.

### Monday, July 19

5:00-7:00 PM: Key Coop BBQ for 4-H & FFA Families & Volunteers in the grassy area west of the Free Stage & Exhibit Hall.

### Tuesday, July 20

5:00 PM: Free Meal for Families sponsored by Wyffels Hybrids near the Pavilion

### Thursday, July 22

7:00 AM: FS sponsored Pancake Breakfast near Pavilion

5:00-7:00 PM: Farm Bureau sponsored BBQ in the Free Stage

## Free Youth Activities at Fair

We will be offering some really fun hands-on activities for youth during the Southern Iowa Fair!

### Tuesday, July 20

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent with Amy near 4-H Building

### Wednesday, July 21

9:00 AM-3:00 PM - StoryWalk® Check in at 4-H Office

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent with Amy near 4-H Building

2:30-3:30 PM - Kids' Activity with Suzette near 4-H Building

### Thursday, July 22

10:30-11:30 AM - Invent Tent with Amy near 4-H Building

2:30-3:30 PM - Kids' Activity with Suzette near 4-H Building

### Friday, July 23

11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Kids' Activity with Suzette near 4-H Bldg.

11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Read Across the Fair in Exhibit Hall

2:00-3:00 PM - Invent STEM Challenge at Free Stage

## Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest

The Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest will be held on Friday, July 23. Registration is 1:30-2:00 PM and the event is 2:00-4:00 PM. Details can be found on pages 23-24 of the rule booklet.

## 4-H County Fair Schedule

Saturday, July 17

1:00 PM-6:00 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  
5:00-7:00 PM - Key Coop sponsored BBQ west of Free Stage/Exhibit Hall  
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 Event Judging: Share-the-Fun, Educ. Pres, Extemp. Spkg. in Free Stage  
10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Invent Tent near 4-H Building  
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  
5:00 PM - Free Meal for Families sponsored by Wyffels Hybrids near Pavilion  
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 - Communications Working Exhibit Judging in Free Stage  
9:00 AM-3:00 PM - StoryWalk "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" - Check-in at 4-H Office  
10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Invent Tent near 4-H Building  
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  
2:30-3:30 PM - Free Family Activities for Raising School Ready Readers near 4-H Building  
2:30-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion  
5:00 PM - Auction Exhibitor Verification in Fair Board Office – by 5:00 PM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
5:00-7:00 PM - Sheriff Posse & Reserve Fundraiser Meal near Pavilion  
6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

Thursday, July 22

7:00 AM - Free Pancake Breakfast sponsored by FS east of Pavilion  
8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion  
10:30-11:30 AM - Free Kids' Invent Tent near 4-H Building  
1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion  
2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion  
2:30-3:30 PM - Free Family Activities for Raising School Ready Readers near 4-H Building  
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  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Free Family Activities for Raising School Ready Readers near 4-H Building  
11:00 AM-2:00 PM - Read Across the Fair Activities in Exhibit Hall  
12:00-4:00 PM - Supreme Showmanship Contest in Pavilion  
1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Sale Ring  
2:00-3:00 PM - Invent STEM Challenge for 4th-12th graders in Free Stage  
2:00-4:00 PM - Livestock Judging Clinic & Contest in Sale Ring

Saturday, July 24

4-H Office will be CLOSED  
8:00 AM - Livestock Ribbon Auction 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

## Southern Iowa Fair Exhibitor Auction

The Fair Board will be hosting an Exhibitor's Auction at the 2021 Southern Iowa Fair. Each animal exhibitor will make one trip through the auction ring. (ex. The 4-H/FFA member shows a market pig and a market steer, they make one trip through the ring). Each 4-H/FFA member will be responsible to market their own animal after the fair. In order to participate in the auction, you must keep your animal on the fairgrounds the week of the fair and not go home until Saturday at Noon or after. If you choose to leave before the release time, you will not be able to go through the auction.

Species included with this year's auction: Swine, Swine Pen of 3, Bucket Bottle Calf, Bucket Bottle Lamb, Bucket Bottle Goat, Goats, Beef, Advanced Feeder Cattle, Sheep, Poultry, Meat Goat, Sheep Pen of 3, Rabbits & Horses. The sale order will be sorted by champions and reserve champions by species. If you have the Champion Market Steer and also showed a market hog, you make one trip in the ring in the Champion spot. If you have multiple animals, it's still one trip to the ring with one winning bid.

If you have any questions, please contact [641-673-7004](tel:641-673-7004) or email Erica at [sifair@mahaska.org](mailto:sifair@mahaska.org).

## Herdsmanship

If you will exhibit stalled/caged animals at the Southern Iowa Fair, you will be expected to keep your pens/cages/stalls clean throughout the week. You are also expected to feed, water, and care for your animals throughout the week. We will hold a Herdsmanship Contest at the fair. Every 4-H & FFA exhibitor with a stalled/caged animal will be scored once per day on the cleanliness of their animal and stall/cage area. Clubs/Chapters with the highest points per specie by the end of the week will receive a special club premium and top individuals will be noted each day with the individual who has received the most votes being awarded a special award after the fair. Full details about Herdsmanship can be found on page 37 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet.

## Auction Verification at Fair

Those planning to participate in the Exhibitor Auction at the fair must verify participation in the Fair Office (Administration Office) by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 21.

NOTE that the auction is an Exhibitor Auction for ALL species due to market and the pandemic. Details about the Auction can be found on page 14 of this newsletter or by asking in the Fair Administration Office during fair week or by calling 641-673-7004.

## 4-H T-shirts

4-H members must wear 4-H t-shirts while exhibiting at the fair. The basic Mahaska County 4-H t-shirts and Mahaska County 4-H distressed design are available for \$15.00 and come in black with white ink, green with white ink, and white with green ink. You can purchase them at the Extension office until July 16 and anytime during the fair. We have a limited supply of Adult Small-Large in stock and will receive more, including XL & 2XL shirts before the fair.

## Static Exhibit State Fair Meeting

Anyone with an Iowa State Fair selected static exhibit, including Communications event, is asked to attend the State Fair Exhibitor's Meeting on Thursday, July 22 from 4:00-4:15 PM in the 4-H Building. We will briefly go over exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair and provide you with an exhibitor's letter. We will also need to know if your exhibit has special instructions for set-up, care, maintenance, etc. and if your exhibit is too large for us to haul.

## Static Exhibit Ribbon Clarification

Purple 4-H Ribbons mean that the exhibit is Iowa State Fair CONSIDERED, not selected. A judge has decided that the exhibit and goal sheet are state fair quality, but will go against other exhibits in the project area to actually be selected. Blue 4-H Ribbons mean that the exhibit is high quality, but not considered for the State Fair. It is possible that a judge can change a blue ribbon to purple during the State Fair selection process. It is not common, but it is possible. The State Fair selection process is closed to the public. Exhibitors will find out if their exhibit was selected on Monday morning, July 19.

## Mahaska County Goal Sheet

The Mahaska County Goal Sheet is a standard form that all 4-H members must use for their non-livestock exhibits (except photography and posters). This form is available at the Extension office and on our website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms>. The goal sheet contains three questions that must be answered. All Visual Arts, Home Improvement, and Clothing/Sewing exhibits must also include explanations of Design Elements and/or Art Principles as described in the fair booklet. You may either type or handwrite (in ink) your goal sheets; however, Intermediates and Seniors should plan to type their goal sheets with full, complete sentences. These forms must be completed prior to arriving at the fair on Saturday, July 17th. The minimum you have to do is the Goal Sheet, but you should plan to add photos, detailed steps you took to go from goal to completed exhibit, fabric swatches, budget/costs, etc. Completed forms should be attached to your exhibits, as well as an entry tag. If you aren't sure what to expect for static exhibit judging, please visit with other experienced club members, your leaders, or call Amy at 641-673-5841 ext. 28.

## 4-H Horticulture Judging

Any 4-H member planning to exhibit Horticulture at the fair must attend 4-H Horticulture Judging between 2:00-4:00 PM in the 4-H Building on Tuesday, July 20. Exhibitors may begin signing in at 1:30 PM, but must be signed in by 3:00 PM. Full details about Horticulture Judging can be found on pages 52-54 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet. This class is different from 4-H Exhibits Class 10230 Horticulture under Agriculture & Natural Resources. *What's the difference?*

Class 10230 is an exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, small fruits, vegetable and flower gardens, and landscape design, these exhibits are judged by the Ag & Natural Resources judge on Saturday.

4-H Horticulture Judging on Tuesday includes fresh garden crops, cut flowers and herbs, and other arrangements, berries, as well as the special "Melon Head", Most Unusual Vegetable, and Garden Journal classes.

If you have any last-minute additions to your Hort entries, you're welcome to add those when you check-in. Please know the variety/cultivar of your entry and include that information in your exhibit goal sheet. 4-H Horticulture uses their own Entry Form, please have this form completed prior to arriving to the fair on Tuesday.



## Preparing Exhibits for the Fair

As you prepare your exhibit for the Southern Iowa Fair, please remember to fill out a **goal card** and **entry tag** for each exhibit you will bring (prior to arriving at the fair). An entry tag must be attached to each exhibit, as well as a goal card. You may tie, pin, or tape the entry tags and goal cards to your exhibits. Many exhibitors put their goal sheet into a sheet protector and run the entry tag through the punched hole in the sheet protector to tie onto the exhibit.

The Exhibit Entry Form will need to be filled out to list all exhibits that will be judged on Saturday, July 17. All of these items can be found at the Extension office and on our website listed on page 16. It will be helpful if you have one sheet for your exhibits in the Exhibit Hall and a separate sheet for your exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Building. We will use these to keep track of ribbon placings and premiums to input data into the FairEntry system.

**Food & Nutrition Exhibits** must fit the requirements to be eligible to be judged. A helpful guide has been posted to the Extension Store and can be downloaded from: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>. All canned foods must include a 4-H Canned Food Label (available at the Extension office and on our website).

As you prepare any exhibits for the fair, if you have any questions, please contact your leader, a superintendent listed in the fair rule booklet, or the Extension office at 641-673-5841. Results will be posted on our website and on our Facebook page at the end of the day on Saturday.

## 4-H Communications Event

Communications Event Exhibitors will receive a packet in the mail the week before the fair.

Communications: Educational Presentations, Share-the-Fun, & Extemporaneous Speaking will be held on Tuesday, July 20, starting at 9:00 AM and Communications: Working Exhibits will be held on Wednesday, July 21, starting at 9:00 AM.

We would love to have a large crowd for our Communications Events this year, please invite friends and family members to be in the audience and participate in the Working Exhibits. For more information, please call a 4-H Communications Superintendent:

Karen Adams (295-6633) or Diane Stewart (295-5833)

## Livestock Drug Affidavits

Livestock Affidavits are only due for Horses in 2021. Due to the auction switching to an Exhibitor Auction, we will not need the affidavits for any other species. Forms can be obtained at the Extension office and online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

## Horse Clinics & Ride Night Requirements

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.

Tuesday, July 6 - Speed Games Clinic

Tuesday, July 13 - Final Ride Night

Tuesday, July 13 - Deadline to turn in write-ups for credit

Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM - Vet Check. If you do not attend this free vet check, you must provide the superintendents with CVIs prior to unloading at the fair.

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](mailto:jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com), 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields—[fieldsL599@gmail.com](mailto:fieldsL599@gmail.com), 563-212-2905

Heather Angle-Gardner—[h\\_ponygirl@yahoo.com](mailto:h_ponygirl@yahoo.com), 641-777-2334

## Horse Exhibitor Arm Bands & Guides

Horse Exhibitors needing arm bands can purchase them prior to the fair at the Extension office and in the 4-H Office during the fair. Cost for arm bands is \$3.00.

Equine Guides for exhibiting in Iowa are also available from a Horse Superintendent for \$10.50 apiece. The guide can also be downloaded for free from, <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/430>.

## Fair Board Committees

*These numbers are only to be called in the case of a facility emergency during the fair.*

### **Sheep/Poultry/Rabbit Barn**

Todd Rikken (641-891-2676) & Adam Antolik (641-660-4860)

### **All Beef Barns**

Shawn Van Engelenhoven (641-660-3213) &  
Holly Padgett (641-226-0060)

### **Advanced Feeder & Bucket/Bottle Barn**

Todd Rikken (641-891-2676) & Kim Koellner (641-799-5236)

### **Swine Barn**

Jimmy McCrea (641-660-7791) & Guthry Vroegh (641-295-1016)

### **Meat Goat Barn**

Holly Padgett (641-226-0060) & Kim Koellner (641-799-5236)

### **Horse Barns & Arena**

Guthry Vroegh (641-295-1016) &  
Jeremy Lobberecht (641-660-3640)

### **Pavilion**

Shawn Van Engelenhoven (641-660-3213),  
Andy Antolik (641-660-7793),  
& Jeremy Lobberecht (641-660-3640)

### **Sale Ring**

Jimmy McCrea (641-660-7791) & Troy DeMoney (641-660-4771)

### **Grounds/Campground/Electrical**

Keith Ringlestein (641-660-0937) &  
Bruce Veenstra (641-660-0856)

In case of fire, please call 911 and notify Sheriff's Posse & Fair Board immediately. In case of inclement weather, please follow fairgrounds protocol and take shelter in the safety area nearest your location.

## Bedding & Mulch for Barns

4-H & FFA members are responsible for purchasing and placing their own bedding and mulch. Some clubs help with purchasing and placement of the mulch in the cattle barn, please visit with your club leader for more details. Bedding will be available to purchase at the fair or you may bring your own. Bedding disposal is located south of the new Beef Barn near the beef tie out area. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping their stalls/cages clean. Please clear all bedding at the end of the fair.

We have been informed that bedding is down in the new Beef Barn from a recent event, if you get assigned the new Beef Barn. If you have questions, please contact the Fair Board at 641-673-7004.

## Southern Iowa Fair Animal Info

### **Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, & Goat Exhibitors...**

All Bucket/Bottle Calf, Lamb, & Goat participants will complete a face-to-face interview with judges at the fair. The interview schedule will be posted in the barns at the fair and posted to our 4-H Facebook page.

#### **Bucket/Bottle Calf Schedule:**

Check-in: Mon, July 19 by 6:00 PM in B/B Barn

Interviews: Wed, July 21 between 1:00-3:00 PM in Fair Board office

Judging: Thurs, July 22 at 1:00 PM in Pavilion

#### **Bottle Lamb & Goat Schedule:**

Check-in: Mon, July 19 from 1:00-2:00 PM in barn

Interviews: Tues, July 20 scheduled 3:00-4:30 PM in Fair Board office

Judging: Wed, July 21 at 11:30 AM (Goats) and 12:00 PM (Lambs) in Pavilion

### **Dairy Cattle & Goat Exhibitors...**

Dairy will check-in at the stalls by 6:00 PM on Monday, July 19.

Please check-in with dairy superintendent, Sarah Hol (660-2696).

The Dairy Show will take place on Wednesday, July 21 from 12:30 to approx. 2:15 PM in the Pavilion.

### **Llama Exhibitors...**

Llamas will check-in, show, and go home. Trailers can be parked near the Pavilion during the show, but must be moved at the end of the show. Check-in begins at 1:00 PM on Monday, July 19 and the show will begin at 2:00 PM in the Pavilion. Photos of award winners will be taken at the photo backdrop on the east side of the Pavilion immediately following the show. Photos will be taken by an Honor Council member working the Llama Show.

### **Poultry Exhibitors...**

Please read the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet for full details about exhibiting Poultry and all of the class options. Check-in will take place on Monday, July 19 from 9:00-11:00 AM. The show will take place on Tuesday, July 20 starting at 9:00 AM in the Sale Ring. Please note that only 8 poultry entries are permitted per individual exhibitor.

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### Rabbit Exhibitors...

All rabbits being brought to the fair must have tattoos in their ears. Rabbits with fresh tattoos will not be allowed to check-in. Rabbit Check-in will take place on Monday, July 19 from 10:00 AM-Noon in the Rabbit Barn. If you have any questions about rabbits or exhibiting rabbits at the fair, please contact Adam Antolik at 641-660-4860 or MaKayla Stittsworth at 641-660-9637. Please note that only 10 rabbit entries are permitted per exhibitor. The Rabbit Show will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at 6:30 PM in the Sale Ring.

### Meat Goat Exhibitors...

Weigh-in will be on Monday, July 19 from 4:00-5:00 PM. Breeding Meat Goat Check-in will be held at 5:00 PM in the barn. Breeding paperwork must be presented at that time, absolutely no exceptions! The Meat Goat show will be held on Wednesday, July 21 at 2:30 PM (or immediately following the Dairy Show) in the Pavilion.

### Swine Exhibitors...

Weigh-in will be on Monday, July 19 at 7:00 AM at the scale. The Swine Show will take place on Tuesday, July 20 at 6:00 PM (weather permitting) in the Pavilion. All Swine Exhibitors must complete the Swine Going Home form and turn it in to the 4-H Office by 4:30 PM on Friday, July 23. This information is required by the Iowa Department of Ag & Land Stewardship! Full details about exhibiting swine can be found starting on page 35 of the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet.

### Dog Exhibitors...

Dogs participating in the 4-H Dog Show at the fair must have been identified in 4-H Online and entered in FairEntry & exhibitors must have completed the required number of classes. The Dog Show will be held on Monday, July 19 at 5:00 PM. *Please be aware that the Beef Weigh-in will be taking place at the same time as the show, please stay near the Pavilion and be aware of the nearby cattle.*

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### Beef Exhibitors...

Beef Weigh-in will be held on Monday, July 19 from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Scale. Breeding Beef will check-in at the back of the Bucket/Bottle Barn. The Beef Show will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 8:00 AM in the Pavilion. All haltered cattle must go to tie outs at 7:30 PM each night. *Please note that the Dog Show will be happening at the same time as weigh-in/check-in, please be cautious and courteous—especially with stock trailers. Pull trailers in on the south side of the barns to unload.*

### Advanced Feeder Pen (Beef & Lamb) Exhibitors...

Advanced Beef will weigh-in and get scanned on Monday, July 19 at 10:00 AM (Please do not arrive late as we have a small window to weigh & scan prior to the Sheep Weigh-in). Advanced Lambs will weigh and scan during the Derby Lamb Weigh-in and Scanning. Advanced Feeder Interviews will be held on Monday, July 19 at 10:30 AM at the pens. Advanced Feeder Conference Discussion will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at 1:00 PM in the Fair Board Office. *Please email final records to Sara Martindale at saram2@iastate.edu and turn in printed final care records at the weigh-in.*

### Sheep Exhibitors...

Sheep Weigh-in and Derby Scanning will be on Monday, July 19 after the Feeder Pen Weigh-in (approx. 10:30 AM). Derby Lambs will be confirmed and scanned during this weigh-in. The Sheep Show will take place on Wednesday, July 21 at 8:00 AM in the Pavilion. Bottle Lamb & Goats will show AFTER the Sheep Show.

### Myotonic Goat Exhibitors...

Check-in will be on Monday, July 19 from 1:00-2:00 PM at the stalls. The show will be held on Thursday, July 22 at 2:00 PM in the Pavilion.

## Sheep & Goat Scrapie Tag Requirements

**IF YOU ARE GOING TO EXHIBIT SHEEP AND/OR GOATS AT THE SOUTHERN IOWA FAIR, PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY!**

Animals arriving at the fair without scrapie tags in place will not be permitted to be exhibited!

**Sheep & Goats (Meat, Dairy, Myotonic) -**

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA 1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA 1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a scrapie tag may be used, but a scrapie tag is not required.

## Cattle Showmanship Videos

If you plan to exhibit cattle at the Southern Iowa Fair, please check out the Mahaska County 4-H Beef Showmanship videos located on our 4-H YouTube channel! These videos were created by the Livestock Special Interest 4-H Club in 2020 and are very helpful as you prepare for the county fair! Check them out at <https://youtu.be/2QYQiq1HQSo>.

## Check Your Cattle!

The Beef Superintendents would like to remind you to be on the lookout for warts and/or ringworm. If you're needing help with a remedy, please contact a Beef Superintendent. Also, don't forget that No Fit calves cannot be clipped prior to fair. If they have been clipped, they can be shown at the fair but will be moved to the market steer or commercial heifer class.

## Swine Rule Clarification

We have received some questions regarding Swine Class Rules for Purebreds. Rule 19: Each pig may only be shown once. Exhibitors wishing to compete in market classes must show one pig in the derby class to be eligible to compete in the market classes. **One pig may be entered in the gilt class, choose either Commercial Gilt or Purebred Commercial Gilt.** This gilt must be designated at the fair weigh-in, on July 19. An exhibitor bringing a single hog to fair will not be eligible for the market classes. They must show in either the commercial gilt or derby pig classes. Youth will choose one gilt and exhibit either as Commercial or Purebred.



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