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## 4-H Family Focus Newsletter October-November 2021

### Washington County 4-H

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*From the desk of your CYC. . . FALL! What a fun, busy time with tons of energy in the air at football games and farm fields. AND with the new 4-H year underway. I believe 4-H makes a difference in the lives of people—all people who are a part of it—and so we should be shouting from the rooftops all fall to get our friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors involved. We will find room for anyone who wants to be a member or who wants to positively impact the youth of Washington County. This 4-H program is a place where you can do that! Please spend some extra energy this fall sharing your 4-H story and why you believe in it. Why do you invest your time with us? Why will other youth and adults BOTH grow in this program? I love to see our 4-Hers grow and be successful—let's invite others to do the same! ~Amy*

## Celebrate 4-H

- Tell somebody about 4-H, even adults
- Invite a friend to join...if every 4-H'er had a friend join, we would have over 1000 4-H'ers in Washington County!
- Wear your 4-H t-shirt proudly
- Learn about a new project area
- Make posters or displays for businesses
- Make sure your community knows what 4-H is all about!  
**HAVE FUN!**



### Dates to Remember

4-H PROUD shirt orders due to Extension	Nov. 1
4-H re-enrollments due to 4hOnline to be listed on 4-H PROUD sweatshirt	Nov. 1
Rabbit & Cavy Open Show—day of register - Wash Co Fairgrounds—9 am	Nov. 6
Awards Celebration 3 p.m. - KC Hall in Washing-	Nov 7
Single Source Steer Class Registration Due	Nov. 10
New Volunteer Training in Washington. Pre-registration required, 6pm-9pm	Nov. 11
Youth Committee Mtg - Ext Office - 6:00 pm	Nov. 11
County Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.—Extension Office	Nov. 22
Project Extravaganza, 9 a.m.—noon. Pre-registrations required. Info coming soon!	Dec. 4
Leaders pick up 4-H PROUD shirt orders, 9 am– noon	Dec. 4
Youth Committee Mtg—6 p.m.—Extension Office	Dec. 9
Beef Weigh In—Kalona Sale Barn—8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.	Dec. 11

Prepared by:  
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4-H/Youth Coordinator



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**315** youth are enrolled now

Has your family done that  
important step for the year?

**V2.4honline.com**

### **Iowa Exhibitor Code of Ethics & Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth & Families**

We will continue to stand by the important expectations on these documents and expect those to be signed by each 4-H family during the registration process in 4hOnline. Those documents are included in print in this newsletter for review as well. Parents, please read, share, coach and teach those important values and standards with your family as they participate in 4-H events.

### **4-H Medical Release forms**

Please make sure health information is up to date and accurate when enrolling through 4hOnline. This is an important safety aspect of our program to help ensure youth are safe.



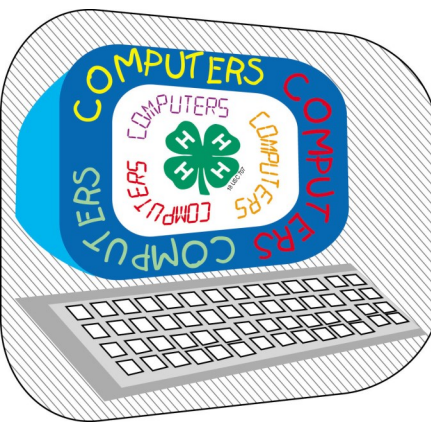
### **November 1 Deadlines:**

- Enrollment Fee due to leaders:  
\$5 = Clover Kid  
\$8 = 4-H member
- Online enrollment DONE through family email accounts.

## **It's time to get PLUGGED IN with 4-H !**

4hOnline is ready for youth enrollments for the 2021-2022 4-H year. <http://v2.4honline.com>

Leaders have been given help sheets to guide families through this process. But at any point, please contact the Extension Office with questions and we will get you 'PLUGGED IN' to what all 4-H has to offer!



All families must have an active email account **they check routinely** for this program to work well. This email will be used to log into the 4hOnline program, to enter enrollment information, to

identify livestock, to confirm weigh-ins, to register for State Fair and to get county 4-H communication.

**This email will be important for  
your connection and communication  
to Washington County 4-H.**

Please contact the Washington County Extension Office, 319-653-4811, or email Amy at [amygreen@iastate.edu](mailto:amygreen@iastate.edu) if you need to change or update your family's email.

# **SAVE the DATE December 4**

## **4-H Winter Project Extravaganza**

**Watch for workshop details and registration the end of October**





# 4-H Awards Celebration

**November 7, 3 p.m.**

**KC Hall in Washington**

***All good things should be celebrated and now is the time! We have so much good to celebrate—our 4-Hers, our learning, our growing family, our dedicated volunteers  
JOIN US !***

**Who:** 4-H'ers, Parents, Leaders, Alumni, Friends ... Everyone is welcome!

**What:** An afternoon of recognition and time together celebrating as Washington County 4-H family with awards ceremony, desserts and FUN!

**How to prepare:**

- 4-Hers should wear their 4-H shirt
- The entire family is welcome *Keep in mind it will be approximately two hours.*
- Bring a dozen cut dessert bars or cookies to share *Youth Committee will mix and match all desserts to prepare platters for each table to enjoy at intermission and beyond.*
- Bring cameras, clappers and smiles !

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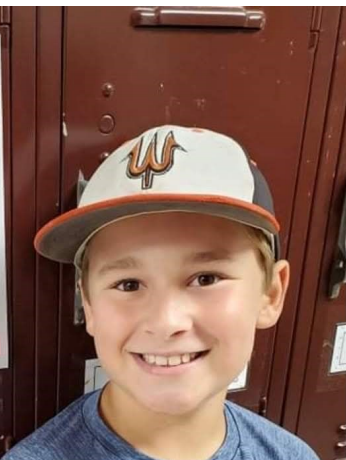
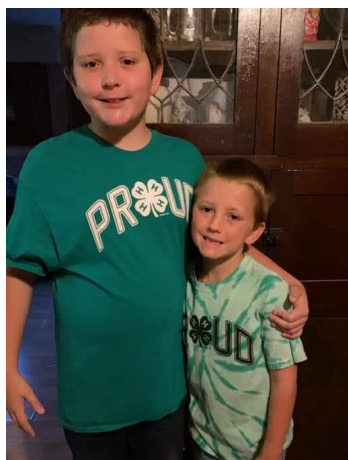
## Thanks for helping us celebrate National 4-H Week

It was fun seeing everyone in action all week. Follow "Washington County 4-H—Iowa" to see pictures of 4-Hers in action all year long!

### CONTEST WINNERS:

Receive free 4-H PROUD sweatshirt and VIP seats to awards night

Locker Signs = Piper Malichky  
4hOnline Enrollment = Peyton Yeggy  
Chalk the Walk = Sydney Williams  
Wear it Wednesday = Mason Schneider  
Flashback Friday = Kaitlin Martin



Get enrolled in 4-H by November 1 because. . .

## YOUR NAME WILL BE ON THE 4-H SWEATSHIRT!!!

*YOU are an IMPORTANT part of THIS program and we want the whole world to know it.*

Front

(adult)



Front

(youth)



**Great to show  
you are  
4-H PROUD!**

**Perfect for:**

- Members
- Volunteers
- Parents
- Grandparents
- Alumni
- ANYONE who ❤️ 4-H!

**\$35**

Youth and Adult Sizes  
Available

Order & money due

**November 1** to  
club leader or Washington  
County Extension Office.

Back



\*\*\* The clover will be filled with the names of all current 4-H and Clover Kid members and volunteers enrolled in by November 1. **GET ENROLLED NOW** at <http://v2.4honline.com>.

Contact any 4-H Club leader, Clover Kid leader or the Washington County Extension Office to place your order. Money due at time of order. Shirts will be available for pick up December 4 (**just in time for Christmas gifts. Hint hint hint**) and at December 4-H club meetings.

*Proceeds collected will support Washington County 4-H programs, scholarships and enrollment fees.*





# 2021 Go-Getters 4H Youth Rabbit & Cavy Club



**Double Rabbit/Single Cavy Show – Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 9:00 am**  
**Commercial Exhibit Hall – Washington Co. Fairgrounds, 611 IA-1, Washington, IA 52353**  
**Day of Show Entry**

**Judges – Rabbits:** Mike Avesing (IA), John Grimm (IA), Harry Boots (IA), Steve Zaruba (IA),  
Theresa Christen (WI), Gene Gillispie (MO), and Sue Gillispie (MO).  
**Cavies:** Gene Gillispie (MO).

**Show Secretary** – Teresa Todd, 1401 E. Main Street, Washington, IA, 52353, 319-653-2450, [gogetrabbit@gmail.com](mailto:gogetrabbit@gmail.com)

**Show Superintendent** – John Wagner, 2075 290<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, IA, 52353, 319-461-4853, [cuppingwings@yahoo.com](mailto:cuppingwings@yahoo.com)

**Awards** – Open and Youth – Best in Show, Best 4 Class, Best 6 Class, BOB/BOSB (only sanctioned breeds)

**Entry Fees** – Single Show – Rabbit/Cavy/Meat Pen/Fryer \$3.50

Double Show – Rabbit/Meat Pen/Fryer \$6.00 (fee covers both shows)

Fur – \$1.50 per rabbit per show

**Breed Sanctions** – 4 Class – Dutch (Y), Florida White (O/Y), Havana (Y), Himalayan (O/Y), Jersey Woolly (O), Lionhead (O/Y),  
Mini Lop (O), Mini Rex (O/Y), Mini Satin (O/Y), Netherland Dwarf (O/Y), Polish (O/Y), Rex (O/Y), Tan (O).  
6 Class – Californian (O), Champagne D'Argent (O/Y), Flemish Giant (O), New Zealand (O/Y), Satin (O/Y)

## Show Rules

1. This show will be governed by the latest ARBA rules.
2. On Friday, November 5, the show room will be open from 5:00-9:00 pm for early drop-offs.
3. NOTE!! On Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Florida White, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, New Zealand, and Satin are starting breeds. All starting breed entries close for the first show at 8:00 am. Entry for all other breeds will continue thereafter. Judging will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Second show will begin at the completion of the first show. All entries for the second show must be finalized prior to the start of the second show. Youth to follow open whenever possible. The showroom will be open by 6:00 am.
4. ARBA 1 piece entry blanks or computer entry sheets will be accepted – ARBA 2-piece remark cards will be used. Do not forget – 2 shows require 2 sets of remark cards! Indicate youth entries with a “Y1” or “Y2” on remark cards for Shows 1 and 2, respectively. All entry blanks or sheets and remark cards must be complete and legible and include a current legible E-MAIL address to provide exhibitors with their show reports and legs.
5. All entries – open and youth – must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the rabbit's left ear. This includes meat pens and single fryers. This also includes permanent ear tags on cavies' left ear. EAR NUMBERS/TAGS ON ENTRY SHEET AND REMARK CARDS MUST MATCH – THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS!
6. Go-Getters 4H Youth Rabbit & Cavy Club (GYRCC) reserves the right to add or substitute judges in case of the inability of the hired judge(s) to act.
7. There will be no breeding in the show room.
8. Diseased animals will not be permitted in the show building.
9. No one is allowed behind the show tables except duly appointed officials.
10. GYRCC will not be responsible for loss to fire or theft but will try to protect you and your property.
11. GYRCC reserves the right to refuse any entries for whatever reason it feels to be necessary.
12. PARENTS: KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE, KEEP ANY CHILDREN WITH YOU, AND KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING! YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE THEY DO.
13. NO SMOKING IN THE SHOW ROOM. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE SHOW ROOM. THE SHOW ROOM IS A WEAPON-FREE ZONE.
14. Youth may show in both open and youth, but MAY NOT show the SAME rabbit in the SAME show.
15. Youth rabbits are to be shown and handled by youth only.
16. No vendor may set up in show room without permission from either the Show Secretary or Superintendent. Deadline to request permission is October 22, 2021.
17. GYRCC will not accept entries from exhibitors who live within the ARBA RHDV2 lockdown areas.

Camping will be available at the fairgrounds. \$15 dollars a night per campsite. Contact the Superintendent for more information (see above contact info). Concessions provided by the rabbit club will be available in the 4H Exhibit Building (Basement of the Extension Office). Bathrooms will be located in the concession area, south of the show ring, and portable restrooms will be located next to the show ring. Wolfe Animal Supply (1-800-205-6929) will be able to fill your equipment needs. Don't miss the raffle table where you can win rabbit food, supplies, and much more!

OFFICIAL ARBA SANCTIONED SHOWS – OPEN & YOUTH - Eric Stewart, Executive Director; PO Box 400; Knox PA 16232, [www.arba.net](http://www.arba.net). Dues: Youth \$12.00 per year or \$30.00 for 3 years, Adult \$20.00 per year or \$50.00 for 3 years, Two Adult Combination \$30.00 per year or \$75.00 for 3 years - 99<sup>th</sup> ARBA NATIONAL CONVENTION, Reno, NV – October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 2nd, 2022  
OFFICIAL IOWA STATE SANCTIONED SHOWS – OPEN & YOUTH – Tracie Pearce, PO Box 363, Leon IA 50144. Dues: Youth \$6.00, Adult \$10.00, Two Party Same address \$13.00, Family \$13.00 + \$2.50 for each youth





# IOWA EXHIBITOR YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the Code of Ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications, and be free of violative drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this Code of Ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its Premium Book.

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Exhibitor's Signature (Required)

Date

Exhibitor's Name (Print)

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Parent/Guardian's Signature (Required)

Date

Parent/Guardian's (Print)

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## **Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development**

# **Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families**

The Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct applies and will be enforced with 4-H youth, 4-H parents/guardians, and 4-H families.

- While participating in or attending a 4-H sponsored program (e.g. club meeting, project meeting, activity, event, learning opportunity).
- While participating in or attending a 4-H event or while on premises used for 4-H purposes (e.g. County Fair, State Fair, show ring, exhibit building, barn, food stand).
- While representing Iowa 4-H to the public
- Additional programs, events, or opportunities may have additional rules and expectations.
- At all times throughout a 4-H youth's participation when behavior outside of the Iowa 4-H puts youth at risk or has the potential to put youth at risk.

The opportunity to participate in and/or volunteer with Iowa 4-H is a privilege and honor, not a right. All youth participants and parents/guardians supporting their child's participation in 4-H are expected to review and agree to abide by the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct before becoming involved with Iowa 4-H.

1. I understand that the Iowa 4-H Youth Development program is a non-formal education program in which I have a choice to participate. I accept my responsibility to engage in program activities and to excuse myself from this program if it does not meet my personal learning objectives. I recognize the organization has the responsibility and authority to remove youth who are disruptive to the 4-H Youth Development program, violate the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct, the standards of the 4-H Pledge and Motto or federal, state or local laws.
2. I accept my responsibility to represent the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development program by holding myself to the standards of the 4-H pledge and motto. I will refrain from behavior that negatively represents myself, my family, my community, 4-H or Iowa State University. I will act in a respectful and responsible manner during all 4-H programs.
3. I acknowledge that the 4-H program utilizes competition related to project work as a tool for learning. I will ensure that my project exhibits are appropriate and respectful. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship, encourage this behavior in others, and not allow this behavior to detract from the learning experience. I will not let my personal desire to win overshadow the needs of the group.
4. I accept my personal responsibility to be informed and follow the policies, rules, and deadlines established by Iowa 4-H. I will not cheat, lie, knowingly furnish false information, deceive, or otherwise engage in dishonest, unethical or illegal behaviors. I will not encourage others to disregard or intentionally violate conditions of Iowa 4-H participation.
5. I will comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the performance of their duties. I will not obstruct or disrupt any 4-H program or encourage others to engage in such conduct. I understand that a judge's decision is final.
6. I will strive to be a positive role model. I will treat youth, parents, volunteers, extension and outreach staff, judges and others with respect, courtesy and consideration.
7. I will communicate (oral, written and electronic) in an open, honest, respectful manner in all



situations involving the 4-H program. I will refrain from communication that is negative, offensive, destructive or hurtful to others. I will refrain from sharing private matters in a public group setting.

8. I will promote a spirit of inclusion and welcome participation of individuals from all backgrounds. I will not engage in or tolerate harassment in any form, (For example bullying, slander, put-downs, insults, taunting, name calling, yelling, profane language, sexual innuendos and other comments or hostile behaviors likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.)
9. I will ensure a safe environment for myself and others by not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: emotionally, mentally, physically, socially, verbally or non-verbally.
10. I will not possess, offer, or use tobacco, electronic smoking devices (including but not limited to e-cigs, vapes, juuls), alcohol or illegal substances. I will not attend 4-H programs under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
11. I will respect the property of others. I will not use, abuse, or take another individual's personal belongings. I will not damage facilities.

Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will be addressed by the Iowa 4-H Program, the local County Extension District, or their appointed representatives. Infractions to the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct will result in consequences. The consequences may range from a verbal warning to the loss of privileges (e.g. participation at the event or future events, forfeiture of awards or other forms of recognition, forfeiture of positions of leadership, limitation on volunteer responsibilities) to full removal from the Iowa 4-H Program.

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# WASHINGTON COUNTY BEEF NEWS

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

**Market Beef Weigh-in**  
December 11, 2021  
8:30 a.m.—11 a.m.  
Kalona Sale Barn

*\*\*watch for more information in November about beef weigh-in. Properly Completed pre-weigh forms go in for a prize drawing!!*

## Questions

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2223 250th St  
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Monday—Friday  
8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

## Greetings from the Beef Department!

*Whew the summer went fast and we are now well into fall!*

*Congratulations to everyone who participated at County Fair and State Fair! I hope the goals you set at the beginning of the year were achieved. Washington County is so blessed to have the kids, the families, the staff, the fair board and all the volunteers that participate in this project - Everyone should be SO PROUD!*

*Time to look ahead to next year and beginning a new beef project. The beef project area is one that takes investment of time and work all year long and it starts now in the fall selecting prospect calves for breeding or market projects for the coming year. We want to reach out to you throughout the year more to provide resources and reminders that are specific to those with beef project in mind.*

*~Stephanie and Lyle Sexton*

*beef superintendents*

### **In this newsletter:**

- *Fall Action Steps and Tips*
- *Small Breed Division Explanation*
- *Single Source Steer Class Sign-up*
- *Learning Resource Page*

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# Single Source Steer Class

This class was started in the Market Beef Show 2015- 2016.

**Sponsored by Washington County Cattlemen Association**

## **Who can participate:**

- *both beginning and advanced beef showman*

## **This class is unique because:**

- *One buyer will purchase calves from the same source, so calves will have a like breeding background. This will provide a common ground start for participants.*
- *Calves will be purchased at weigh-in with a random tag draw.*
- *No adhesives or paint will be allowed in grooming for the Single Source Steer class. Clipping is optional but will not be part of the judging criteria. Calves will be checked upon entering the show ring.*

**Nov 10 registration deadline  
with \$500 deposit due**

## **Class details:**

1. Participants must register by November 10 to the Extension Office with a \$500 deposit made to Washington County Extension. This deposit is nonrefundable.
2. Participants can have more than one calf in this class, but they will count in their limit of 3 market calves for county fair exhibition.
3. Calves will be pre-conditioned with implants and vaccinations before December weigh-in.
4. Participants are required to pay the balance at the December weigh-in. Calves will be purchased at approximately 600-650 pounds and priced at current market value.
5. Calves must be halter broke and shown in the Single Source Steer class during the market beef show. Winners will be eligible for the Grand Champion drive and calves may be fit with adhesives and/or paint in the Grand Champion drive, however, fitting is not required.
6. Calves must also be entered in the Carcass Class which in past years has a \$15 fee due at scan time (Monday of fair). In previous years this was covered by a sponsor and may be again.
7. Participants will be encouraged to attend the educational field trip (date TBA) to help build knowledge in beef production and build contacts within the beef industry. Examples: feed lot tour, cow calf operation, packer tour, sale barn.
8. At the start of the show it will be explained by a Washington County Cattlemen member how this class is unique.
9. Cash prizes will be given by Washington County Cattlemen as are donated by sponsors.
10. Other specifics will be decided as the class develops with the assistance of a sub-committee and Washington County Cattlemen.



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# Fall Action Steps for Beef Projects

## Set Goals:

Each animal may have a different goal which then will mean different routine/action steps. Remember as you set goals, they should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely. **Is your goal this year to:**

- Win the show or win a class, which class?
- Go to State Fair for the experience or be competitive, how competitive?
- Win Rate of Gain; sell pounds across the scale or have a targeted weight?
- Participate in Single Source.
- Show a breeding heifer or show a breeding heifer to make a cow?
- Win showmanship.

Whatever the goal is, make it a meaningful one then WRITE IT DOWN and put it in front of you - on the frig, above the door or in the barn. Remember what “you get out of the goal, is what you put in to it”. No one is going to do the work for you - YOU NEED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. Take ownership and be responsible for all the little things that are required to accomplish the goal.

## No Matter the Goal You Should be Doing This Now:

- Plan a budget. Do you want to buy a project or use a family raised animal?
- Have an area that is easy to work in for the family and the animal. What spaces need prepared now on your farm?
- Halter break EARLY rather than later. Schedule that barn time on your family calendar now.
- Develop a routine depending on the goal set above. Get that routine on the calendar.
- If new to the project area, find a mentor from your club or asking the Extension Office and then ask lots of questions, make connections, start that relationship and learning right away.
- Keep good records of expenses, feed, medications. Get an app on your phone, clipboard hung in the barn, paper forms from the Extension Office—whatever your system, decide it and get it set up for when that project arrives on your farm under your care.

## 4-H Records:

- [General 4-H Record Keeping Information and Forms](#)
- [Livestock Project Record Keeping Forms](#)

Follow Along with Beef Superintendents as they prepare their own animals for competition. They share step by step, tips, and photos in the complete October Beef Newsletter.



# Small Breeds Division

## Check out this beef division for #washfair22!

Small Breed Division Breeds: *requirements will follow Beef Breeds Association requirements*

- Mini Hereford, American Aberdeen – (sometimes called Lowline/Mini Angus), Mini Dexter, Mini Belted Galloway, Mini Zebu, Mini Jersey, Belfair, Mini Scottish Highland.



E. Statler, 6', with 3/4 Aberdeen, 1/4 Mini Hereford.



A. Statler with her Aberdeen in '19 champion drive.



'20 Aberdeen, '20 Mini Hereford, '19 Aberdeen.

### Small Breeds Division—MARKET

- Must have a breed certificate/registration paper showing breed, sire name, and sire registration number or
- Must have a signed affidavit from producer verifying steer may be registered.  
\*\*a or b will be checked at fair weigh-in.
- No minimum weight or rate of gain requirements.
- Calves will be weighed in and tagged with market beef animals at December weigh-in.
- The small breeds division will include all small breeds in one class. Must have a combination of at least three total small breed animals to make the class, otherwise animals will show in the All Other Breeds class.

### Small Breeds Division—BREEDING BEEF

- Will follow all rules of the registered breed heifers.
- The small breeds division will include all small breeds in one class. Must have a combination of at least three total small breed animals to make the class, otherwise animals will show in the All Other Breeds class.

***“We love our small framed herd and anyone is welcome to call me with questions or come and see our set up,” - Jeremy Statler, father of two 4-Hers. “We are happy to help others get connected to calves too if needed.”***

Statlers shared some benefits for their family to explore and then expand into raising and showing small breeds:

- Easier for your kids to handle – typically mature at 750 – 1,000 lbs as opposed to 1,200 – 1,600 for full sized. Very docile by nature
- Feed Efficient – takes less space and land to raise. Estimated to take .5 – 1 acres/cow for small framed vs 1.8 acres for full size animals.
- Grass fed efficient – Can finish on grass/hay and with very little grain and produce superior quality meat in a size that is perfect to butcher for an average family
- Easier on your land – their more compact size does less damage to your pasture and holding areas. Less manure.





# Beef Resource Page

## Learning Resources:

Stock Show University Classes - <https://www.sullivansupply.com/stock-show-u/>  
Stockshowstories.com - <https://stockshowstories.com/>  
Before The Banner by Jon Gevelinger  
ISU Extension Beef Specialist– Patrick Wall <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/ag/people/patrick-wall>  
Iowa 4-H Beef Page <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/beef>  
Beef 4-H Project Hot Sheet <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15267>

**Feed Companies:** Know the goal of your beef projects, share that with the feed departments and then select feed to help reach those goals. It's almost important to consider how did you project perform last year? What did you learn from the judge this year? Talk with them about the appropriate changes to make in feed along the way as well.

Ace-N-More - <https://www.acehardware.com/store-details/14880>  
Agri-Way Partners - <https://www.agriwaypartners.com/>  
DeKalb Feeds/Hueber Feed LLC – <https://hueberfeeds.com/>  
Kent Feeds - <https://kentfeeds.com/>  
Orscheln - <https://www.orschelnfarmhome.com>  
Purina Feeds - <https://www.purinamills.com/cattle-feed>  
Riverside Feed and Grain - <https://www.facebook.com/riversidegrain/>  
Show Rite Feeds - <https://www.showrite.com/>  
Sunglo Feeds - <https://www.sunglofeeds.com/>  
Sure Champ Feeds - <https://surechamp.com/>  
Stutzmans - <https://stutzmans.com/>  
Umbarger Feeds - <https://umbargerandsons.com/>  
Vision Ag - <http://www.keotafarmerscoop.com/>  
Wellman Produce - <https://www.facebook.com/WellmanProduceCo/>

## Show Supply Companies:

Ace-N-More - <https://www.acehardware.com/store-details/14880>  
Garman Show Supply - <https://www.facebook.com/garmanshowsupply/>  
Nasco - <https://www.enasco.com/>  
Orscheln - <https://www.orschelnfarmhome.com>  
Premier 1 Supplies - <https://www.premier1supplies.com/>  
Pro-Fit Show Supply - <https://pro-fitsupply.com/>  
QC Supply - <https://www.qcsupply.com/>  
Sullivan Supply - <https://www.sullivansupply.com/>  
Valley Vet - <https://www.valleyvet.com/>  
Vittetoe Inc (Show Stopper) - <https://www.showstopperequipment.com/>  
Weaver Livestock Supplies - <https://www.thewinnersbrand.com/>

**Vet Client Relationships:** Make sure to have a working relationship with your local veterinarian so they are also a resource to you when needed .

*\*\* We apologize, in advance, if companies were left off. Please contact the Extension Office so it can be added for future Beef Newsletters.*

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Stephanie and Lyle live between Ainsworth and Riverside where they farm and specialize in seedstock cattle production. They have two sons, Ty and Keiffer and a daughter-in-law Ashley. Lyle, being born and raised in Washington County has been involved with the 4-H community from very early in life. Stephanie has been thoroughly immersed since the two of them moved back to the area in 1993. "We are passionate about 4-H and this youth environment. There is no better way to raise kids than within 4-H. So many life skills and values are encouraged and developed within this community. We look forward to continuing to keep the Washington County Fair as one of the best in the state."



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