

The Broadcast

*Benton County 4-H Monthly Newsletter
for 4-H Members, Leaders, and Volunteers*

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FAIRENTRY deadline for ALL animals or projects to be exhibited is June 30

Updated 4-H/FFA Exhibit Event Strategy, FAQ & Fair Book Changes AVAILABLE NOW at extension.iastate.edu/benton/4h

Face Coverings recommended for exhibitors and exhibitor support system at Benton County Exhibit Events in July

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CYC Message

As I craft this newsletter during what should have been Benton County 4-H's fair week, I can't help but mourn what would have been the busiest, most exhilarating week of the year for a CYC. This week, like all others, will pass quickly and we will be that much closer to our adapted 4-H and FFA Exhibit events in July. I understand the challenges and anxiety that come with the adapted schedule and events and I know exhibitors, families and volunteers have many unanswered questions. Please use this newsletter as an opportunity to learn more about the opportunities being planned in Benton County and resources available as the Exhibit Events near. 4-H families and volunteers should feel empowered to contact 4-H Staff at the Extension Office to ask questions about events and find encouragement! See you soon!

Stalling/Project Entry Fees

All stalling and entry fees have been waived for the 4-H/FFA Exhibit Events in July.

Premiums

Please take time to thank the following generous donors for partnering with the Fair Board to fund premiums this year: Benton County 4-H Foundation, Benton County Friends of 4-H, Beck's Hybrids, Titan Machinery and Iowa Corn Growers District 6.

Deadlines & Important Dates

ITEMS IN RED ON THIS PAGE HAVE BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19.

 **All 4-H/FFA Exhibit Events are closed to the public.**

6/30: Fair Entry Deadline & Communication Project Report Forms Due

7/1: Animal Science Academy, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

7/6: B/B Report Due

7/9: B/B Calf & Lamb Phone Interviews

 **7/11:** Awardrobe & Communication Judging

 **7/15:** Static Project Scheduled Drop Off & Non-Conference Exhibit Judging

 **7/16:** Static Project Scheduled Pick Up

 **7/16:** 4-H/FFA Sheep & B/B Lamb Show

 **7/16:** 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show

 **7/16:** 4-H/FFA Dog & Pet Show

 **7/17:** 4-H/FFA Swine Show

 **7/17:** 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show

 **7/18:** 4-H/FFA Horse Performance Show

 **7/19:** 4-H/FFA Horse Fun Show

 **7/20:** 4-H/FFA Beef Show, B/B Show & Beef Auction

 **7/21:** 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Show

 **7/21:** 4-H/FFA Poultry Show

7/31-8/1: Linn-Benton Junior Camp

8/5: Serve and Slide at the NEIA Food Bank & Lost Island Water Park

8/7: 2020 Benton County Classic Youth Livestock Judging Contest

8/13-20 Iowa State Fair, please see pg. 4 for alternate 4-H/FFA Event Dates

8/30: **Save the Date!** Cloverbud 4-H Project Gallery Walk

9/1: **Save the Date!** Fall Leader's Meeting

9/25-27: 4-H THRIVE Mindfulness Retreat in Boone

Livestock Affidavits & Health Papers

Affidavits are required for sheep, swine, meat goat, market beef and horses at check in. Print affidavits from the Benton County Extension Website and bring the completed affidavits to check in.

All animals, poultry and birds intended for exhibition at the Benton County 4-H/FFA livestock events must meet the below requirements at the designated check in time and date. Health Papers must state that the animals are apparently free from symptoms of infections or communicable diseases as determined on clinical inspection by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days (14 days for sheep and 7 days for swine) prior to the date of exhibit event. P-T testing has been waived for poultry. Dogs and cats do not need health papers but must present a valid rabies certificate at check-in.

Find your species for Health Paper Requirements:

- Beef Cattle **Health papers within 30 days of event required.**
- Dairy Cattle **Health papers within 30 days of event required.**
- Meat or Dairy Goats **Health papers within 30 days of event required.**
- Dog or Cat **Valid rabies certificate required.**
- Horse or Pony **Health papers within 30 days of event required.**
- Pets **If not dog or cat, inspected by superintendent at check in: no papers required.**
- Poultry **Inspected by superintendent or vet at check in: no papers required.**
- Rabbit **Inspected by superintendent or vet at check in: no papers required.**
- Sheep **Health papers within 14 days of event required.**
- Swine **Health papers within 7 days of event required.**

Please contact your veterinarian ASAP for health papers!

Website Overview

4-H & Youth Tab: Newsletter Archives, **Fair Announcements**, Accommodation Docs

Member Info Tab: Upcoming Event Fliers, Livestock Info & Project Resources, Fair Entry Guides, Static Project Resources, 4-H Online Guides, Communication Event Info, Awardrobe Event Info, Record Book (to be updated)

Projects Tab: Project Hot Sheets

Volunteer Tab: 4-H Online Guides, Volunteer Position Descriptions, 4-H Leader Info, 4-H Club Resources

4-H/FFA Exhibitor Letters

Exhibitor letters will be mailed to each family for each species planned to show after the June 30 Fair Entry deadline. Exhibitor letters will include arrival, check-in and show times as well as guidance for the day of the show. Exhibitor meetings will likely be held by species superintendents the day of the show.

If at any time your family has unanswered questions, please contact 4-H Staff at the Extension Office or (if during the exhibit event) kindly ask a 4-H Committee Member or 4-H Staff Member for assistance.

These events and processes are new to all of us, let's work together to keep everyone on the same page and focused on the purpose of holding these events: **to give Benton County 4-H and FFA youth the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned about their livestock or static projects.**

4-H/FFA Youth Support at Exhibitor Events

All 4-H/FFA Exhibit Events are closed to the public this year. Group size will need to be carefully monitored to hold these events for our Benton County youth. **Exhibitor support will be limited to registered exhibitors plus a maximum of 8 essential, caring adults or supporting youth (siblings) per family.** For example, a family with two registered swine exhibitors will be allowed 10 people maximum at the event (2 exhibitors + 8 essential, caring adults or supporting youth = 10 total). More examples will be listed in the exhibitor letter for each event. Please do not invite the maximum allowance of 8 supporting individuals unless the exhibitor truly needs them present to have a positive learning experience at the livestock exhibit event.

Essential, caring adults, supporting youth and exhibitors must be identified at the gate to the fair grounds on the form included with the mailed exhibitor letter. Individuals not identified on the form will not be granted entrance to the event. An exhibitor showing multiple species can have different supporting individuals for each show, but they must be listed on the form that will be collected at the fair grounds gate. There must be one identification form presented per show event per family.

2020 Fair Special Addition

"Iowa State Fair" 4-H Livestock Schedule 2020, Fair Entry Help Sheet, Announcement Overview, Public Ticket Order Links: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock>
More info to come on advancement of Static, Awardrobe and Communication Projects.