4-H & FFA Fair Objectives

- To provide a setting that encourages members to further demonstrate, learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management and/or marketing of their accomplishments.
- To assist in empowering youth to reach their full potential in becoming productive citizens, outstanding communicators, effective leaders and successful learners.
- To provide an opportunity for members to measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards; as well as provide a showcase for their accomplishments.
- To provide an opportunity for members to participate in a variety of program opportunities.
- To provide an opportunity for members to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.
- To create an updated, comprehensive image of Iowa’s 4-H Youth Development Program and the Iowa FFA to the fair public.
- To stimulate interest and learn new ideas from the variety of projects and experiences available.

Cerro Gordo County 4-H & FFA General Rules

1. Exhibitors must currently be enrolled in a 4-H club or FFA chapter of Cerro Gordo County.
2. A 4-H member must be in at least fourth grade by the previous September 15. (Exception for Clover Kids Classes.)
3. No 4-H member may exhibit beyond the calendar year of their high school graduation.
4. FFA members in good standing with their chapter may exhibit up to three (3) National Congresses after graduation (age 21).
5. Exhibits are to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish a goal(s) determined by the member during the current 4-H year.
6. If a member has set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal, he/she may enter it at the fair provided the intent is that a predetermined goal is set. Evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be different and should prepare accordingly.
7. It is not recommended that 4-H & FFA members stay overnight on the fairgrounds unless camping.
8. All 4-H & FFA exhibitors are governed by the North Iowa General Rules and Regulations unless modified by 4-H & FFA rules.
9. All 4-H & FFA Livestock Entries are due in the online Fair Entry System by 11:59 p.m. June 15. ANY ENTRY AFTER JUNE 15 WILL BE ASSESSED A $5 LATE FEE PER CLASS ENTERED.
10. All exhibits will be released at times stated or forfeit premiums.
11. Any 4-H Building Exhibit that is to be judged on Monday, July 17, is strongly encouraged to be pre-entered by July 14.
12. There will be no cell phones allowed during any shows or contests. If your phone goes off, you will be docked to a white ribbon.
13. Due to safety, liability, and sportsmanship issues, no one is allowed in the show ring unless they have completed Grades 4-12 and are eligible to show in Cerro Gordo County. (Exception for Clover Kids Classes)
14. All exhibitors must wear a 4-H or FFA shirt when being judged in the 4-H Building or showing livestock. Exception: Horse project members see horse clothing rules.
15. Exhibitors showing market or meat animals (including all rabbits) need to certify in Food Safety and Quality Assurance by attending a workshop or taking a test by June 1 of the current year. Exhibitors who do not certify in FSQA will not be allowed to show.