

The 2019 CLARKE COUNTY FAIR

“Help Me” Guide

This guidebook is intended to help 4-H Families understand county fair and to give them some insight on the processes and procedures.

This is in no way a substitution for the Clarke County Fair 4-H & FFA Rule Booklet or Open Fair book. Please refer the fair book for all information on rules & regulations of the county fair, as well as department-specific guidelines and classes.

Places to Know

Clarke co. Extension office | 154 W. Jefferson Osceola, IA 50213 | (641) 342-3316

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/> | <https://www.facebook.com/4hClarkeCounty/>

Clarke Co. Fair Grounds | 2070 HWY 34 Osceola, IA 50213 | (641) 414-1817

<http://clarkecountyfairgrounds.org> | <https://www.facebook.com/ClarkeCountyFairgroundsEventCenterIowa/>

Clarke County Fair Information/Fair Book: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/clarke/>

4-H Online: <https://iowa.4honline.com>

Fair Entry: <http://ClarkeCountyFair-ia.fairentry.com>

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*See all Clarke County Fair Board names and responsibilities on page 5 of the 2019 Clarke County Fair Book

Dates to Know

September 1	4-H Enrollment/Re-enrollment Begins
December 15	Market Beef Weigh-in
January 1	4-H Animal ID Opens in Iowa 4-H Online
February 3	Dog Obedience Class Begins (Every Sunday tell County Fair)
April 13	Market Swine Weigh-in
May 4	Sheep/Goat Weigh-in
May 15	Animal Identification deadline **IMPORTANT**
June 1-July 1	Fair Entry Open **IMPORTANT**
June 14	Fair Queen/Prince/Princess Application, Fashion Review, Clothing Selection, \$15 Challenge deadline to CCEO
July 1	Bottle Animals, Rabbits, and Poultry deadline in 4-H Online and Fair Entry
July 1	Animal Fair Entries deadline on http://ClarkeCountyFair-Iowa.fairentry.com
July 1	Iowa State Fair Entries deadline
July 12	Exhibit Building (Static Exhibits) deadline in Fair Entry
July 14-22	Clarke County Fair
July 16	Drug Affidavit forms due at check-in
July 22	Livestock Auction
August 8-18	Iowa State Fair

To see the 2019 Clarke County Fair Schedule please check page 3 of the 2019 County Fair Book. Updated Version will be posted to Extension website in July.

Things to Know

How do I enter the county fair?

Step 1: Enroll in 4-H. To enroll in 4-H you must visit the 4-H Online website, and pay enrollment fees. You must attend at least four meetings from one 4-H club from August – July

Step 2: Identify your animals. All animals must be identified in order to be eligible to show at the county fair. Market beef, market swine (weigh-in is optional for market swine), and sheep and goats are all identified at weigh-ins (watch newsletter for weigh-in dates). All other animals must be identified in 4hOnline (<http://iowa.4honline.com>) by 11:59 PM on May 15.

PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO IDENTIFY YOUR ANIMALS, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!! This includes all animals except bottle animals, rabbits, and poultry. Those animals must be identified by July 1st. After attending a weigh-in, it is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to log in to 4hOnline to verify the animal information entered is correct. If anything is wrong, please call the Extension office at 342-3316 prior to May 15.

Step 3: Complete YQCA by May 15th. Quality Assurance certification is REQUIRED to exhibit livestock at the Clarke County Fair & Iowa State Fair for youth grades 4-12 exhibiting in the following departments:

Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit, Dairy Cattle, and Goats. Full details about completing YQCA can be found in the monthly 4-H newsletter or visit www.yqca.org

Step 4: Enter your animals for the fair by selecting your classes. <http://ClarkeCountyFair-Iowa.fairentry.com> To create entries, you will log in with your family's Iowa 4-H Online credentials. All of your child's pertinent information will transfer automatically from 4-H Online to Fair Entry. This will reduce data entry for your family. Also, all animals identified must be 4-H Online for them transfer to the FairEntry program.

ALL 4-H and FFA animal classes must be selected in Fair Entry by 11:59 p.m. on July 1st . There will be NO late entries accepted. Payment can be made online via credit card by 11:59 pm on July 1st . Cash/checks must be to the Clarke County Extension Office by the last business day before the deadline. NO late payments will be accepted.

Entering Static Exhibit (Building Exhibits): ENTRY DEADLINE: Friday, July 12th by 11:59 pm on Fair Entry website <http://clarkecountyfair-iowa.fairentry.com> *Clover kids do not have to enter their static exhibit projects* ENTRY FEE: \$1.00 per entry Payment can be made online via credit card by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 12th . If paying by Cash/Check your exhibits need to be in Fair Entry and payment needs to be to the Clarke County Extension Office by Friday, July 12th. Cash/Check payment can also be made at check-in time for static exhibits only.

Step 5: Exhibitors must have livestock in place by 8:00 PM on July Tuesday, July 16th. Please see 2019 Fair book for more details for each species. *Species may vary on times/dates

Static Exhibit (Building Exhibits) day is Monday, July 15th. Exhibitors will bring their exhibits during their club time. Club times are located in the fair book.

Where do I get my exhibitor number? All Clarke County 4-H'ers and FFA members are assigned an exhibitor number for the fair. Exhibitor numbers are printed on cardstock and pinned to the back of the youth's t-shirt when showing livestock. These numbers are how judges identify youth. Exhibitor numbers will be on a table in the show barn as soon as possible.

What should each of my static exhibits have when I get to the fair on Monday, July 15th?

Each exhibit must have an exhibit tag and goal sheet securely attached. Exhibit tags can be picked up at the Extension Office, and goal sheets can be homemade or found on our website. Exhibits may be checked in just before evaluation takes place at times designated for your club. Official Clarke County Fair shirts must be worn during judging. If exhibit is a baked good a recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.

Exhibitors are allowed to make their own goal sheet, or they are available for pick up at the extension office. They are also available on our website so families can print them from home. Photography uses the photography goal sheet. A written explanation (Goal Sheet), audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?

***Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.

Check out these tips sheets to help you fill out your goal sheet <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>

What should I expect on conference judging day? Monday, July 15th

Check-In: First you should check all your static exhibits in at the check-in table. Static judging is held in the exhibit building. Conference Judging takes place between the exhibitor and the judge only. Parents will be not be allowed in judging area. Judges will review the exhibit itself, along with the accompanying goal card or write-up, and also visit with you about what your goals are and what you learned through your exhibit and this project area. Exhibits will be displayed in your club's booth or, if selected, in the State Fair Selections booth.

Here are some tips:

- Smile
- Introduce yourself
- Explain what you wanted to learn or your goal
- Describe what you did or the steps you took to complete your project
- Tell what you learned that was new
- Tell about mistakes, errors, or trouble you had with the project.
- Remember, the most important part of conference judging is that you feel GOOD about your project!
- Say Thank You!

When do I pick my exhibits up from Exhibit Hall?

Exhibitors can pick up their Static Exhibits on Sunday, July 21st between 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM and Monday, July 22nd between 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM.

When can I bring my livestock home?

Livestock will stay at the fair until 8:00 PM on Sunday, July 21. Removal of an exhibit by exhibitor before release time will automatically forfeit any premium he or she may have earned. The exhibitor also gives up the right to exhibit that species the following year at the Clarke County Fair. Any livestock being sold in the auction must stay on the grounds until the auction on Monday. Please be sure to clean your stalls/pens thoroughly for the final Herdsmanship judging.

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