GENERAL:

- Entries in 4-H/FFA District divisions are welcomed from 4-Hers and FFA members from all counties in Iowa, and 4-Hers in the bottom two tier counties in Minnesota, Nebraska or South Dakota counties that border Iowa.
- No District Consumer Judging
- Read the schedule carefully, each year schedules can change for livestock exhibiting.
- Clay County Clubs must pay for entries at or before picking up passes and entry packets.
- It is the district youth exhibitor’s responsibility to ensure that they include paper copies of all ID’s available for each specie they have an entry in with their entries. These can be printed in 4-Honline from home or at your local office. If alternates are brought without paper copies of ID’s on hand prior to the start of fair in Clay County, substitutes will not be allowed to be made.
- County and District exhibitors will be asked to enter the 4-H beef and/or premium sale with their entry forms. Exhibitors who do not enter the sale(s) on their entry form will not be eligible later to join the sale. This entry is for being listed in the auction program and qualifying for premium bids, not for the marketing of livestock. There will be a $5 entry fee per exhibitor per specie.
- Sale substitutions are not allowed for standardized test appointments.

BEEF:

- Responsibility for grooming animals for show is primarily the responsibility of the exhibitor. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-Her learn new skills.
  a) All clipping, trimming and grooming must be done in the assigned blocking chute area. No blocking chutes will be allowed in the barn. Tent covers for the blocking chutes, that take extra space, will not be allowed.
  b) There shall be no graphite or dust of any kind used on any part of the animal.
  c) Upon violation of above rules, exhibitor is automatically disqualified from the show and forfeits all premium money.
- Maximum Entries: Three Market Beef, Three Breeding/Commercial Heifers, Four Prospect Calves
- Initial ID for all breeding and commercial heifers must be made by May 15th
- Special Award money, in addition to premiums paid on ribbon placing, is as follow for Champion Steer/Heifer and Reserve Champion Steer/Heifer Supreme Champion: +$50
  Supreme Reserve Champion: +$25
  County Champion: $50
  County Reserve Champion: $25
  District Champion: $50
  District Reserve Champion: $25
- Prospect Calf tags need to be numerical (numbers, not letters)

DOG:

- Please read through the class descriptions for Dog carefully, as most classes have been updated. Please feel free to speak with your project area leaders if you have questions about Dog showcasing.
HORSE
- Horses may be leased as 4-H projects. A lease form must be completed. May only lease one horse per 4-Her and only one horse may be exhibited.
- If a family includes more 4-Hers than horses, more than one 4-Her may identify the same horse.
- Armbands, ties, etc. are not available at Livestock Office
- Many class numbers have changed, see book

MEAT GOAT:
- To be eligible for sale, all market goats must have a scrapie tag in place regardless of sex.
- Breeding Does are not eligible for market.
- Goats must arrive for check-in with no covers.

POULTRY
- All classes are as per the current American Standard or Bantam Standard Book of Perfection. Fair book classes subject to change.
- All poultry must be owned by May 15th. Intent to participate in County Layers or County Broilers must be entered in Poultry ID section of 4-Honline. Identification of other poultry is optional as outlined in the Iowa 4-H 202.
- All entry cards are considered final when received by the Clay County Office. Mis-entered birds can be shown as-is for a reduced ribbon or may be scratched.
- All poultry must have proof they came from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks. If exhibitors own flock is not NPIP certified than they must have a negative U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition, and the test must be performed by an authorized tester. Hatchery receipt is not valid. No birds will be tested at the Clay County Fair
- Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded. First purple and second purple may return for overall championship judging.

RABBIT:
- All Rabbits must be identified with an ear tattoo (including meat rabbits) that is listed in 4-H online (or appropriate FFA/State identification forms) in order to show at the Clay County Fair by July 1st. Senior rabbits are to be identified by breed, color/variety, birth date, sex and tattoo. Junior rabbits and meat pens which are too young to be tattooed or not yet born by July 1, must be listed as “to be born” assigned a tattoo number, breed, sex and approximate birth date.
- Junior rabbits must meet minimum weight requirements.
- Certain breeds may be allowed to show in an older class due to weights. Refer to rule 9.
- In certain breeds, Junior and/or Intermediate rabbits exceeding maximum weight limits may bump to a higher class. These weight requirements are listed in the Standard of Perfection. All weight class changes must be done at check-in.
- District entries are carry cage only. County entries can show district classes. They must enter in a district show, but may show out of their cages.

SWINE:
- Commercial Gilts over 320lbs cannot sell
- Derby Swine: Beginning in 2016, the maximum beginning weight at weigh-in will be 70 lbs.
- Derby Swine Classes will be open to 4-H and FFA members

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SHEEP:

- Prize money, in addition to premium paid on ribbon placing:
  - **B.) Supreme Grand Champion Market Lamb** $200.00
  - **C.) Supreme Reserve Champion Market Lamb** $100.00
  - **D.) County Champion** $100.00
  - **E.) County Reserve Champion** $50.00

- Feeder lamb pens will consist of four head of lambs of ewes, wethers or mixed lambs. 4-H & FFA members may weigh-in 4 or 5 head per pen, but only show 4 head per pen at the Clay County Fair.

HUMAN SCIENCES:

- County human sciences and communications exhibits not entered at Achievement/Communications Fair may still be shown at the Clay County Fair. The new human sciences exhibits will be pencil judged and exhibit name placards in the 4-H Exhibit Building during the Clay County Fair will be hand written. These exhibits are not eligible for the Iowa State Fair.
- County human sciences exhibitors and communications exhibitors are eligible for a free 4-H exhibitor pass from the Clay County Fair. This pass will be available through the club leader only.
- Iowa State Fair Awardrobe Clothing Event participants may participate more than once in each clothing category. They may participate at the state level in only one area per year.
- A stipend will be available to any volunteer who will transport ALL the Iowa State Fair exhibits. In the unlikely event that transportation cannot be found, it’s possible that families will be required to find their own transportation for their exhibits.
- There is no reliable internet available in the 4-H Auditorium or Exhibit Building on the Clay County Fairgrounds, see fair book for presentation formatting requirements.
- Posies in a Pail: This exhibit may be donated to the Community Compassion Silent Auction if desired.
  - Members may use any white 5 gallon pail or container with no logo. The container size should be 10”-14” tall and 10”-12” wide. Pails will no longer be made available at the Extension Office.
- County Achievement/Communications Fair:
  - Each Clay County 4-H member may enter any number of presentations at Achievement/Communications Fair. Clay County 4-Hers are encouraged to also participate in the “County Day at the Fair” event on the first Sunday of the Clay County Fair. See the Schedule of Events for times. Additional premiums will not be awarded at this event.
  - All Clay County 4-H members are eligible for Clay County Fair District Event consideration. One presentation may be chosen for the District Educational Presentations Event at the Clay County Fair and up to six presentations can be chosen to represent Clay County at the Iowa State Fair.
  - In order to be eligible for Iowa State Fair consideration, junior participants in the Communications Program must have completed fifth grade and at least 80 percent of the participating group members must have completed 5th grade.
  - A presentation can NOT be chosen for District and for the Iowa State Fair competition during the same year.
  - Premiums will be awarded in most district communications events. County youth will not earn additional premiums for exhibiting at district communications.

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