

# 4-H & FFA

## 4-H & FFA Livestock Department

### RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors in this department are limited to Fremont County 4-H members and Fremont County FFA members in good standing.
2. A 4-H member is eligible through 12th grade (or that equivalent). A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit beyond the county level upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation. Note: In the event that a 4-H member has dropped out of high school, the 4-H member is only eligible to exhibit livestock through the calendar year that his/her class graduated.
3. 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock are required to be certified in YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals).
4. All livestock must be properly enrolled to show. 4-H members must identify their animals at v2.4Honline by May 15. **Exception:** Rabbits must be identified by July 1.
5. An animal may only be identified by one exhibitor. \*See the Dog and Horse sections of this publication for exceptions.
6. Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project. However, youth may identify separate animals in the same division. For example, a youth may ID market lambs A, B and C in 4-H, and market lambs D, E and F in FFA, or horses A and B in 4-H and horses C and D in FFA.
7. Animals identified as 4-H projects require ownership by the exhibitor or their immediate family. \*See the Horse section for exceptions.
8. 4-H animal projects are required to be in the personal possession and regular care of the 4-H member who owns/leases them. Under certain circumstances, animals can be physically housed at a nearby location and within a reasonable distance to the 4-H members place of residence, but the 4-H member must take an active and majority role in the daily care of the project animal(s). The County Youth Coordinator, or their designee, reserves the right to acquire housing location addresses at the beginning of the 4-H project year and make location visits as deemed necessary to ensure involvement of the 4-H member.
9. Weighing and tagging must be conducted under the direction of Extension staff. Weigh-in information can be collected on paper identification forms. Exhibitors are responsible for entering weigh-in information (i.e. tag, weight, etc.) into 4hOnline, where after, the Extension staff will confirm accuracy and completeness. Animals are not required to weigh-in at the county of residence, but county 4-H staff must be aware and approve animals attending a weigh-in outside the county. 4-H ear tags must be ordered through the State 4-H Office.
10. Market animals must have a premise ID upon identification. To apply for a premise ID, visit <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/premiseIdentificationProgram.asp>
11. County Fair entries are to be registered on FairEntry from June 1 to July 1.
12. All beef, sheep, goats, and swine must have a drug affidavit turned in to Extension Staff at County Fair weigh in.
13. **Livestock can NOT arrive early or be stalled in a barn before being checked over by a vet at that species designated weigh-in according to the fair schedule.** Shows will be held according to the Fair Schedule, but it is subject to change without notice.
14. **NEW THIS YEAR!** Families bringing in livestock will be asked to come through the North gate of the fairgrounds and line up between the show ring and McElroy Building to allow for easy pull up and back in to unload when it is your turn. Animals will be checked on the trailer.
15. All livestock must meet State Health Requirements, as stated in this book, before being eligible to

exhibit.

16. All pens, alleys and cages are to be cleaned by 9:00 am each morning and throughout the day.
17. Each barn will be responsible for hauling wood shavings, wood chips, and manure from the fairgrounds each day.
18. All exhibitors must provide their own feeding and watering equipment.
19. **Bedding must be purchased from the Fremont County Fair Board for a nominal fee.**
20. Generators are encouraged near the barns and in the designated grooming areas for use with grooming equipment.
21. The responsibility for grooming any 4-H animal for exhibition is primarily that of the exhibitor. Exhibitors are encouraged to develop the skills necessary to groom for competition prior to the fair. During the fair, all grooming must take place on the fairgrounds. If assistance is needed, the exhibitor must be present and actively involved. Assistance should be provided by a Fremont County 4-H member or volunteer who is committed to helping the exhibitor develop their grooming skills. Grooming is defined as any act of preparing the animal for the show-ring (trimming, clipping, shearing, blocking, etc.)
22. Exhibitors will wear an assigned number on their back for showing in all classes of each livestock section. The number is to be visible at all times.
23. All exhibitors must wear either a club t-shirt or a white shirt with a 4-H armband or chevron. FFA exhibitors of livestock must wear a white t-shirt or FFA t-shirt. Animal exhibitors (with the exception of Dogs, Cats & Pets exhibitors) are required to wear jeans or slacks. Horse show exhibitors must wear hard-soled shoes or boots for safety. Horse superintendents will determine if exhibitors wear white shirts with convertible collars or t-shirts with dark wash blue jeans free of frays and tears. Exhibitors should be prepared to wear either. No tuxedo or stand-up collars are allowed. Exhibitors riding saddle or hunt seat should wear appropriate attire. A 4-H armband is required. Armband is to be worn on left arm above the elbow. Wearing helmets is mandatory when mounted on the horse. Individuals assume the level of risk involved with their animal.
24. If an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, he or she may ask another 4-H or FFA member to show the extra entry. The substitute showman is to wear the exhibitor's number while showing.
25. Purple ribbons may be given in animal classes at the judge's decision, however all eligible to show grand and reserve champion must be purple ribbon quality.
26. Champion and reserve champion ribbons may be awarded in breeding classes at judge's discretion.
27. All exhibits to go through the Premium Sale at the fair must be listed with Fair Office by the deadline specified on the Fair Schedule.
28. The Fair Association and Chairpersons can check age and parentage of all animals.
29. Classes will be split as needed by superintendents.
30. If an exhibitor qualifies for another show through their participation at the Fremont County Fair, such as the Southwest Shootout Show, their exhibit must comply with the rules of that show.
31. Livestock barns must be cleaned by exhibitors immediately following the Premium Sale, or prior to checking out with the superintendent(s). This includes the removal of trash, manure, stall cards, signs, and all personal items. Cages and panels should be put away as instructed by superintendents.
32. To ensure everyone's safety, motorized equipment may only be used after the Premium Sale.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

1. **Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.**

2. All animals must be inspected when unloaded by an accredited veterinarian.
3. All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4-H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements.
4. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
5. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
6. If any animal receives medical treatment while at the fair, staff supervision and documentation (declaration of medication form) is required. This includes all medical treatments, medications or supplements administered to animals while on the fairgrounds. All medications and supplements that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used unless administered by the Official Fair Veterinarian.
7. **The decision of the Official Fair Veterinarian will be final.** This is in accordance with David D. Schmitt, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Iowa Department of Ag & Land Stewardship

#### Rabbits

- Rabbits are to be free from ear mites, sniffles, colds, or any undesirable health conditions.

#### Swine

- All swine must be inspected when unloaded by an accredited veterinarian.
- Sick pigs (fever, nasal discharge, cough or diarrhea) and pigs known to have been infected with any transmittable disease within 6 weeks of fair entry should not be unloaded.
- Exhibit officials should avoid entry into trailers. If officials enter the trailer to examine pigs, they must use disposable coveralls and boots, and properly dispose after each use.
- If a pig has diarrhea and is suspected to have a transmittable disease, the animal will immediately be removed from the fairgrounds.
- Exhibitors must be responsible observing their animals daily for signs of illness, which may include fever, nasal discharge, cough, and diarrhea.
- Swine exhibitors at county fairs that do not require a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection, must sign and present an owner affidavit that the animals being exhibited did not originate from a quarantined herd and to the best of their knowledge, swine dysentery has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months.
- All swine exhibited must be accompanied by a record of a negative pseudorabies test, the test having been performed within 30 days prior to show, for swine originating from a Stage 4 or lower status county, subject to 64.35(2). No pseudorabies testing is required for swine originating from a Stage 5 county (all counties in Iowa are Stage 5).
- The swine show is non-terminal. Exhibitors are allowed to take their exhibits home, but are encouraged to exercise caution, and quarantine hogs who have left their premise with the understanding that swine are highly susceptible to disease transfer. The Fair Board will not be held liable for any transfer of disease, injury, or any other distress or loss associated with fair exhibition.

#### Sheep & Goats

- All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678). All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678) or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824).

#### Poultry & Birds

- All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester.

## Dogs, Cats & Pets

- Rabies certificates for dogs and cats are required by July 1. Dogs and cats less than 12 weeks old are not eligible to receive the vaccine, and are, therefore, not eligible for exhibition.
- Three rounds of Distemper/Parvovirus/Adenovirus/Parainfluenza virus vaccine are highly encouraged for dogs.
- Feline Rhinotracheitis/Calicivirus/Panleukopenia Virus is highly encouraged for cats.
- A Coggins test is required for horses coming from out-of-state.
- No animal that is pregnant, nursing, or in heat, or with an infection or disease may enter the fairgrounds.

## Farm Deer

- Accredited veterinarians must be approved to administer tuberculosis tests on Cervidae.
- “Cervidae” means all animals belonging to the Cervidae family, and “CWD susceptible Cervidae” means whitetail deer, black tail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, and moose. Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification.
- All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:
  - A. CWD susceptible Cervidae: “All Cervidae on this certificate originate from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year.”
  - B. Other Cervidae. “All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year.”