4-H participation
What can you exhibit at fair?

4th - 12th Graders

Critters - Can show: beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horse, dog, cat, rabbit, poultry, pets.

- Must identify livestock as a 4-H project that you are working with.
- Id deadlines: Market beef – Feb. 1st, all other cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horse dog – May 15th, cat, rabbit, poultry, bucket bottle – June 15th
- Must make fair class entry by July 1st or pay $25 late fee.
- Premiums are paid by ribbon color. Some species can be sold at auction or highest ribbon placing sold at auction.
- See livestock fair book for show times and check-in/check-out information.

Non livestock: Exhibits that you don’t feed, water, or need daily care. Nothing alive.

- Can have 14 static exhibits judged. No more than 4 in one class. (Static is a non-performing, non-livestock exhibit. Not a skit, song, or presentation)
- Must make fair class entry by July 1st or pay $25 late fee.
- Must fill out the Exhibit Goal Sheet (available online or at the Extension Office)
- Must sit with a judge on Tuesday, July 21st to discuss your exhibit
- Can exhibit ANYTHING, as long as you can identify a goal and what you learned.
- Popular categories extra rules:
  - Photography – minimum size 4x6. Altered photos should include original. Can be mounted or un-mounted, but no frames. Use the 4-H Photo Exhibit Label.
  - Food & Nutrition – follow proper guidelines. Generally, only exhibit items that do not need to be refrigerated.

Can also show in:
Gardening: Including potted plants, cut flowers, and vegetables.

- No entry fee, premiums are paid by ribbon color
- Identify if you are participating in Gardening by July 1st but not required to identify what classes
- Additional help sheets are available explaining how to display, numbers of item to display, etc.
Clothing Event: Including selecting or making an outfit and modeling it for judges
- No entry fee, premiums are paid by ribbon color
- Identify if you are participating in Clothing Event by July 1st
- Clothing Selection – Purchasing an outfit
- $15 Challenger – Purchasing second hand outfit for less than $15 (must have receipt)
- Fashion Revue – Constructing a garment
- Clothing Event judging is Monday, July 13th, turn in additional paperwork prior to judging
- Awards and fashion show take place at fair on Saturday afternoon, July 26th

Communication Events: Including educational presentations, Share-The-Fun (talent show), Poster Communications, and Working exhibits.
- No entry fee, premiums are paid by ribbon color
- Can be done by groups or individually
- Educational presentations: Give a speech and/or presentation about a topic of your choice.
- Share-The-Fun: Skit, performance, song, dance... any talent show act.
- Working Exhibits: Instruct participants in making a small take home craft/snack.
- Poster Communications: Pick from theme categories (available in fairbook), create visual message, size requirements: minimum- 14’x20’, maximum- 15’x22’.

Find Livestock Identification Forms, Exhibit goal sheet, Fairbook, Additional forms, and Exhibit preparation help at our website:
http://www.extension.iastate.edu/hancock/4h/hancockcounty_districtfair