2021 Hardin County Fair
Conference Judging FAQs

Do I have to pre-enter exhibits for the fair?
Yes! Your static exhibits must be pre-entered online. Enter your exhibits at https://hardin.fairentry.com/ from May 20th to June 28 at 4:30 pm. We will print your entry tags and have them available for you to pick up at conference judging check-in.

What do I bring to Conference Judging Day?
1.) Your exhibit(s)
2.) Goal sheets or written goals (see below)
3.) Description of "elements and principles of design" (see below)
4.) Entry fee - $3 for the first ten exhibits, 25¢ for each additional exhibit

What are "goal sheets"?
"4-H exhibit goal sheets" (from June newsletter or https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1) should be completed for each project. The form may be retyped, and questions answered in an exhibit write-up (see below), but these questions must be answered:

1.) What was your exhibit goal?
2.) How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?
3.) What were the most important things that you learned that you learned as you worked toward your goal?

- ✓ Goals should be complete and well written, and should correlate with the class they are in.
- ✓ All exhibit areas, except photography, should have a goal sheet. Photography exhibits should use the photography label and do not need a goal sheet.

What are "elements and principles of design"
Specifically for visual arts, clothing, home improvement, and sewing & needle arts, elements of principles and design should be discussed.

Design elements are line, shape, form, color, and texture. Art principles are balance, proportion, rhythm, emphasis, and unity. Information on elements and principles of design for visual art can be found at: http://www.extension.iastate.edu/publications/4h634.pdf.

What is an "exhibit write-up"?
Some 4-Hers choose to do a "write-up" to share with the judge that tells about their goals and the story of their exhibit. Sometimes they include photos showing the processes they took to create the exhibit. The write up generally answers the three questions asked on the goal sheet, and elements and principals of design, if applicable. Often the write-up is presented in a binder or folder. Presenting the goals in this manner is not required. Remember, it is your exhibit...make it your own!

Where can I get a fair book?
At the Hardin County Extension Office, or https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1 or https://hardin.fairentry.com.

How do I know what class my exhibit goes in?
The first question you should ask yourself is, "what is my goal for this exhibit?" For example, *I would like to bring a pillow to the fair*. Was the goal to learn how to sew? Then it would enter the Sewing and Needle Arts class. Was the goal to coordinate a pillow with the rest of your bedroom décor? Then it would be Home Improvement.

What if I can't find a class for my exhibit?
If you are not able to find a class for your exhibit in the fair book, it may be included under Self Determined, class 10560. Please see the fair book.

How do I prepare my photo?
Read the photography rules carefully in your fair book for specifics of what size it should be and how it should be matted. You will need a photography label form, found on our website by
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1. Attach the photography label with tape to the back of the mat.

What do I wear when I bring my exhibits to be judged?
Conference judging day does not require any special attire, but 4-H shirts are encouraged.

Where can I get a 4-H t-shirt?
4-H t-shirts can be purchased at the extension office prior to the fair. During the fair, they can be purchased in the fair office.

What about copyrights & Pinterest?
Be aware of the rules for using copyrighted material. If copyright material is used it cannot be put on public display if permission has not been requested and received. Be sure that you properly cite any project ideas that you got from Pinterest as well. More information and help sheets can be found on our webpage at
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1.

Are my food exhibits acceptable?
Did you know you can't exhibit a pumpkin pie? What other types of food projects are unacceptable or acceptable? Please refer to our webpage, https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1 and review "Foods for Iowa Fairs…"

How do I prepare vegetables and flowers for exhibit?
Did you know that you shouldn't scrub the potatoes you are planning to exhibit at fair? Please take a moment to review all of the tips for exhibiting vegetables and flowers at fair. They can be found on our website
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1. Look under the "Horticulture" heading.

Making Entries Online: FairEntry FAQs

How do I enter my exhibits online?
To make Hardin County Fair Entries, go to: https://hardin.fairentry.com

What are the deadlines?
All animal entries due June 15th at 4:30 PM. Static Exhibits due June 28th at 4:30 PM

I forgot my 4HOnline email and or password information but need to do my entries online. How?
You will need to know the email associated with your account. You can then select "I forgot my password" and they will email you a new one. If you cannot recall the email address you used or need to change it, no problem. Simply contact the Hardin County Extension Office and we can help you out.

What if I submitted my entries and forgot one or more?
Entries come to Extension Staff for approval after you submit them. Once approved, you will get a confirmation email from FairEntry. You may then create an additional entry, or entries, and submit again.

What if I submitted my entries, but made a mistake?
Let Extension Staff know, asap. If something isn't right, we can send it back to you, to fix.

It is almost entry deadline day and I am still not sure what I will be taking to Conference Judging
If you *think* you will bring a project, go ahead and enter it!! There is no penalty or fee for scratches, and you can make generic entries. For example, you can make a food and nutrition entry without stating that it is "chocolate chip cookies". You will only pay entry fees for the exhibits you bring.

Where are the Llama classes?
Under: Department > Pets.

Can Clover Kids use this program?
Youth Animal (K-3) entries are due June 15th and may be entered in FairEntry, or they may still use paper entry and ID forms. Pre-entry is not required for Clover Kids Sharing.

What about FFA members?
FFA members must use this online program to enter exhibits, too! They have to choose "Not in 4-H and need to create a FairEntry account?" (below the blue sign in button). A help sheet/directions for FFA members can be found at https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1 or https://hardin.fairentry.com**.**

I need to enter my animals for fair, but I don't have my YQCA certification done.
YQCA certification is required for all meat, dairy, and egg-producing animals that are exhibited at fair. If you enter a class that requires YQCA certification, the FairEntry system will not allow you to submit your entries. Please go to YQCA.org and take your online course immediately. Please use your 4HOnline2.0 login email and password.

I took my YQCA course online, but I'm still not able to submit my entries.
Please use your 4HOnline2.0 login email and password when you register for YQCA so that **YQCA.org** and **Fairentry.com** sync. In this case, your YQCA certification number should auto-populate. If you did not use your 4HOnline2.0 credentials to register for YQCA (for example, FFA members), verification requires that the first name, last name and birthdate for the exhibitor in FairEntry matches that of the exhibitor associated with the 7-digit YQCA certification number entered. If the exhibitor used a different name (i.e. Jake vs. Jacob) for YQCA certification, the exhibitor should update their name in FairEntry to match the name on file for YQCA. If you continue to have difficulties, please call the Hardin County Extension Office, 641-648-4850.

*The majority of problems with **Fairentry.com** can be solved by following along with the help sheet, available the Hardin County Extension Office, https://www.extension.iastate.edu/hardin/content/hardin-county-fair-1 or https://hardin.fairentry.com. If you are unfamiliar with the program, please read it before beginning.*