

4-H / FFA LIVESTOCK GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Please also refer to department rules.

All exhibitors at the Jefferson County Fair agree to abide by all rules & regulations set forth in this premium list and also abide with any rulings made by the Fair Board not covered in this list, without recourse.

Jefferson County Fitting & Show Preparation Rule

It is the intent that the 4-H'er/FFA take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals (refer to National Code of Show Ring Ethics). If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H'er/FFA learn new skills. This includes all grooming, fitting, and putting on equipment. This is for EVERY SPECIES of animal. Any youth found in violation of this rule will be given a verbal warning. If additional violations occur, the exhibitor may be disqualified.

1. **Livestock identifications must be completed by May 15. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Extraordinary forgiveness *MAY BE* granted if a written request is received by the Extension Council by June 1st.
2. All exhibits will be brought in at scheduled times and must be put in pens and stalls as directed.
3. All trailers are to be parked in the designated area.
4. No livestock (except horses) will be allowed outside of the green fence at any time. All livestock are to remain in the barns from 8:00am to 8:00pm, unless being shown or prepared for shows. i.e. No cattle to tie outs before 8:00pm or after 8:00am.
5. All exhibitors exhibiting swine, beef, sheep, dairy cattle/goats, meat goats, rabbits, or poultry in any class must be YQCA certified. A copy of the certificate is due to the Extension Office by June 7.
6. All animals released on Sunday at 8:00 PM with Superintendent approval. Exceptions will be for the Advanced Cattle Feeding Pen of 3 or animals going on the fair market truck, which will be released under guidance of the superintendents. All animals must be out by 8:00 AM Monday.
7. **All pens and stalls must be cleaned of manure, etc. at the close of fair. Animals going home at the end of fair must be checked out with the Superintendent before the animals are loaded. If this is not done, PREMIUM MONEY FOR THAT EXHIBIT WILL BE FORFEITED.**
8. An active Jefferson County 4-H member may exhibit in Jefferson County with their respective 4-H club and/or their respective FFA chapter. To qualify as an active 4-H member, youth must be officially enrolled in 4-H in Jefferson County by the deadline and have completed at least 6 hours of 4-H activity and given a presentation at a club meeting. If an exhibitor is not an active Jefferson County 4-H member and wanting to exhibit FFA, they must be an active member of an FFA chapter in Cardinal, Fairfield, or Pekin school districts and be in good standing with their respective chapters.
9. All projects must be under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor.
10. All Market Animals only show for one year. Exception: exhibitors can choose to keep their bottle calf/lamb and bring them back next year.
11. Proper identification must have been recorded on 4-H Online or with the Jefferson Co. Extension Office by the deadline date: **Market Beef—Winter Weigh-In; Swine—Spring Identification Day; Market Sheep, Bottle Lambs, Bottle Goats & Meat Goats—Spring Weigh-In; Breeding Beef, Bucket/Bottle Calves, Dairy, Dogs, Pets, Cats, Horses, Poultry, Rabbit, Breeding Sheep—May 15.**
12. SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR- All showing must be done by 4-H/FFA member owner. In case of sickness or excused absence, an exhibitor may select another 4-H/FFA member to show the exhibit. Excused absences will be reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis. Absent members will not be eligible for showmanship. Substitute exhibitor must be a 4-H/FFA member who is eligible to exhibit at the Jefferson Co. Fair.
13. ASSISTANT SHOWMEN-In case of two entries in the same class the exhibitor may select another 4-H/FFA member as an assistant. The substitutes and assistants must be approved by the department superintendent. Assistant exhibitor must be a 4-H/FFA member who is eligible to exhibit at the Jefferson Co. Fair.
14. No one is allowed in the show ring except the 4-H/FFA members showing, superintendents, judges, ring leaders, show clerks, or persons designated by the superintendents.
15. The stalls and pens must be cleaned before 8:00a.m. each day and all refuse matter disposed of in designated disposal areas.
16. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to keep the pen, stall, aisle, and area around his/her exhibit clean.
17. The Fair Board will not be responsible for any injury to any exhibitor or exhibit.

18. No diseased animals will be housed on the grounds. All animals must meet the State Health Requirements of livestock for exhibitions at county shows and fairs.
19. Premiums will be awarded as follows: Blue \$3, Red \$2, White \$1, and Green Participation \$0. Premiums are given for each class, not for division or overall winners. All checks or cash must be picked up & cashed within 60 days of issue or money is forfeited. Premiums will be paid only to 4H/FFA Exhibitors who meet the qualifications as set forth in the 4-H Rules & Regulations and this list.
20. An animal cannot be a champion unless it is blue ribbon quality.
21. All exhibitors in the show ring must wear 4-H/FFA shirts respectfully. 4-H shirts must be official Jefferson County 4-H t-shirts (Green or White) or chevrons may be attached to a plain white t-shirt or blouse. Shirts are available for purchase in the Extension Office. **THIS RULING APPLIES TO ALL 4-H & FFA CLASSES. EXHIBITORS ARE TO WEAR BLUE JEANS.** This ruling also applies to the auction. *Special rules apply to horse/pony classes.*
22. For purposes of showing, the official Jefferson County 4-H T-shirt MAY NOT be modified.
23. At weigh-in/check-in, exhibitors must designate which animals will load the market truck at the end of fair. This applies to beef cattle, goats, sheep, and swine. All other animals will need to return home at the end of fair.
24. Tie-outs will be on a first come, first serve basis.
25. All dogs must be kept on leashes at all times. No dogs in the barns.
26. This fair follows the requirements set forth in the 4H202 document—Animal Identification, Weighing and Exhibition Requirements.
27. Decision of superintendents for classes, breed determinations, etc. is final.
28. **ALL 4-H/FFA PROJECTS (livestock and animals, communications, clothing event, static exhibits, etc.) are to be pre-entered in the respective category on FairEntry no later than midnight on June 7th. Exhibitors who have made no attempt to enter projects by the deadline are subject to a \$100 late fee. No projects may be entered after the Wednesday fair check-in begins.**
29. No blocking chutes or fitting stands in any barn.
30. There will be an Exhibitor Meeting for all species Wednesday afternoon. Any changes or pertinent information will be announced at this meeting.
31. All exhibitors, or someone on their behalf, must check in on Wednesday during the designated check in time at the designated check in location.
32. All animals must weigh in/check in on Wednesday during the designated weigh in/check in time.
33. Stall fees should be made payable to Jefferson County Fair Board and are due by June 7th. Fees are: Beef-\$10/head, Cow/Calf-\$10/pair, Dairy Cattle-\$10/head, Dairy Goats-\$10/pen, Meat Goats-\$10/pen, Sheep-\$10/pen, Swine-\$10/pen, Poultry-\$1/pen, Rabbits-\$1/pen
34. Exhibitors must notify the Extension Office immediately of a missing ear tag. A new tag will be issued and a second form of identification will be checked at fair.
35. No colorant is allowed for any animal.

OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All animals must be identified by an individual 4-H/FFA member (this includes cow/calf pairs). When registration papers are involved, the papers must be in the 4-H/FFA member's name or show a logical family relationship.

1. Ownership and possession of the animal are required by May 15 of the current year.
2. Animals changing ownership or leasing after being identified for a project are ineligible to be exhibited as animals for that year.
3. EXCEPTIONS: Horses have an official lease option as a project. Only showmanship, riding or driving horses are eligible for lease; horses in halter/conformation classes, cannot be leased and must be owned by the member or his or her immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family (aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents) are considered leased horses.
4. EXCEPTIONS TO INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION: Horse and dog project animals can be identified by more than one member provided the members are all 4-H or FFA members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister or step-sibling with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA.

4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK AND ANIMALS CHECK-IN AND SHOW SCHEDULE

SPECIES	CHECK-IN OR WEIGH-IN	SHOW
Pets & Cats	Monday at 1:30 PM	Monday at 2:00 PM, following Clover Kids Show
Dog	Monday at 1:30 PM	Monday at 2:00 PM
Horses	n/a	Tuesday at 8:00 AM
ALL PENS WILL BE READY FOR LIVESTOCK AT 5:00PM ON TUESDAY, JUNE 25. EXCEPTION: SWINE. No swine can be unloaded until Wednesday morning after vet checks them on the trailer.		
Dairy Goats & Dairy Cattle	Must be in pens by Wednesday at 8:00 AM	Thursday at 8:00 AM (Dairy Cattle first followed by Goats)
Sheep & Meat Goats	Must be in pens by Wednesday at 8:00 AM. Weigh-in at 8:00 AM	Thursday following Dairy Show (Sheep first followed by Meat Goats)
Bottle Lamb	Wednesday at 8:00 AM	Thursday at 1:00 PM (following Clover Kids)
Swine	Wednesday at 7:00 AM. Vet checks on the trailer, prior to unloading , begin at 7:00 AM.	Friday at 8:00 AM
Poultry	Tuesday at 1:00 PM Mandatory Pullorum Testing	Friday following Clover Kids show at 2:00 PM
Beef	Must be in stalls by Wednesday at 9:00 AM. Market Beef weigh-in follows swine. Breeding Beef check tattoos/registration/ID	Saturday at 8:00 AM
Bottle Calf	Wednesday at 9:00 AM	Saturday at 1:00 PM (following Clover Kids)
Rabbits	Must be in pens by Wednesday at 8:00 AM	Saturday following Clover Kids show at 2:00 PM