

Changes for 2023 4-H & FFA Exhibit Classes:

Dates and times were updated throughout as needed based on fair schedule.

CLOVER KIDS

Livestock Show

1. **Stalling at the Louisa County Fair is not guaranteed for Clover Kids for 2023 due to the increase in 4-H/FFA animals.** If stalling at the fair is preferred, indicate on the Clover Kids livestock entry form and Samantha will contact you if there is availability. Animals must arrive during the 4-H/FFA animal arrival schedule.

General 4-H/FFA

Updated:

4-H and FFA Grade Divisions are:

Juniors: 4th - 6th grade; Intermediate: 7th - 8th grade; Seniors: 9th - 12th grade. Post graduate FFA members are in the Open division for all departments except for senior for horse department and dog department follows its own classification rules.

STATIC

Many of the changes are slight wording changes, trying to remove jargon or make reading the rules. Please check each section for updates in the rules.

Photography: Changes for understanding the special rules.

1. **New:** Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼" thick.
2. **Reworded:** A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story.
3. **New:** Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.

Thrifty Meal Challenge: Please note new name, dollar amount, and rule changes.

4-H Poster Communication Exhibit: New themes for 2023.

Clothing Event:

- Note new dollar amount: \$20 Challenge.
- Addition of new category: Innovative Design.



LIVESTOCK

General Rules

Added

Livestock Auction - Swine

- No water or feed to be given to swine sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed and water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, sale order will be lost and it will be announced before sale, that the project was fed/watered after midnight.
- **Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m.** Each youth is responsible for getting his or her beef animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

All Livestock Department's Showmanship (except for horse and dog)

Age Divisions:

01 - Open Showman (Winners of Senior division & all post-graduate FFA members).
May win multiple times.

Beef

Added in Market Beef rules:

1. Market beef classes will consist of animals weighing 900 lbs. or more. Calves not meeting this weight requirement will be shown in a special lightweight class. These light calves will not be eligible for champion.

Swine

Updated:

7. A weight card obtained from the superintendents or Extension Fair office must be filled out by all swine exhibitors and turned in by the designated time. A declared weight system will be used for official weights. The weight turned in will become the official weight. If cards are not turned in by the deadline those animals will not be eligible to show. All market swine and commercial breeding gilts are subject to be selected to be weighed during the swine show. Self-declared weights will need to be within 15% of the weights taken during the show.

Added:

Additional Auction Rules for ALL Auction Swine:

1. No water or feed is to be given to any sale animals after midnight prior to sale. Feed/water pans must be removed by midnight prior to sale day. If this rule is violated, you will lose your sale order and it will be announced that project was fed/watered after midnight.



2. **Sale morning weigh in will begin at 7:00 a.m.** Each youth is responsible for getting his or her animal weighed or be moved to the end of the sale order. Livestock may be fed & watered after the sale weigh in, but not before.

Updated in Breeding Gilts:

1. Maximum 4 breeding gilts per exhibitor may be shown.
 - a. *Took out wording within Commercial Breeding Gilts and Purebred Breeding Gilts for maximum numbers. Only overall breeding maximum*

Added in Production Swine Additional Rules:

1. All Production Swine must be officially weighed by the Swine Committee, Extension staff, or FFA Advisors. This will take place of a declared weight.

Sheep

Updated:

- “Performance Lamb” to “Carcass Lamb” throughout.
- Market lamb maximum increased to 4.

Removed:

- Foundation Ewe Class
- Breeding Pair Class
- Market Pair Class
- Club Pen of Three

Goat

Updated:

1. **All animals must arrive show ready (no clipping/shearing on the fairgrounds). Fitting will be allowed for the goat show. No use of paint, powder, dye, or color agents allowed.**
 - a. If any animals are seen being clipped/sheared on the fairgrounds, the animal will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.
 - b. If any animals are seen being applied with paint, powder, dye, or color agents or come to the show ring with paint, powder, dye, or color agents, they will not be allowed into the ring until they have been washed off. The show will not wait for exhibitors who were sent to the wash rack!

Added in Market Meat Goat:

1. Market goats must weigh 50 lbs. or more. Considerations will be made for dwarf market goat breeds.
 - a. For any market goat not meeting the minimum weight, the animal will be penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.



Rabbit

Added:

1. Tattoos on the rabbit at fair check-in MUST match the letters/numbers that were entered as Animal ID.
 - a. Failure to match will result in the animal being penalized to no better than a red ribbon premium and must forfeit the right of accepting and keeping any trophy offered in all classes except showmanship during judging at county fair.

Updated:

1. It is recommended that exhibitors wear a white long-sleeved shirt for judging, though Louisa County senior exhibitor shirt, 4-H exhibitor T-shirt, FFA Shirt, or short sleeve white shirts will be accepted.

Added Herdsmanship division

Horse

Updated

- “Horseless Horse” class rules to “Lease a Horse”

Updated rules

1. Contestants will participate in their respective age groups, 4-H and FFA both included.
 - a. Novice – First year of participation (at the superintendent’s discretion)

Dog

Updated:

1. Exhibitors must attend at least one of the practices held in the last 2 weeks of the Louisa County dog-training sessions conducted by the 4-H dog project leader prior to showing at the fair.

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