

Getting Ready for Louisa County Fair Checklist 2023:

- Always read the monthly Louisa 4-H Newsletter
- Like “Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Louisa County” on Facebook.
- 4-H Fair Information can be found on the Louisa Extension Fair webpage (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/louisa/county-fair>)

Definitions:

- Livestock project – anything that breathes except for Pet Projects.
 - Static project – non-breathing projects – Anything NOT under Animals on the 4-H project page
 - Louisa separates out Communication and Clothing Event departments from general Static projects
 - Project – the area in which your exhibit fits. These are called Divisions in the Fair Book
 - Exhibit – an actual entry in the fair
 - Conference Judging – judging of Static Exhibits.
 - 4hOnline – website to enroll your child in 4-H and identify animals you might take to the fair. (<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>)
 - FairEntry – website to enter any exhibit (livestock or static) into the Louisa County Fair 4-H/FFA shows. All of your information from 4HOnline is pulled into FairEntry. Enter the actual exhibits you will be bringing to the fair. You will use your 4HOnline username and password to log into FairEntry.
 - Louisa County FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14859>
 - Iowa State Fair Livestock FairEntry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/15526>
 - Class – A class in the fair is a subdivision of a project area. For example, Beef has different classes based on breed, Creative Arts has different classes for different types of art (music, photography, visual arts, etc.)
 - Market animal – animals that could go to market for food consumption.
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- Determine what type of project(s) your child wants to do:
 - Think about goals: If you are planning to exhibit at the county fair, remember to start with your project goal(s) and then think through some exhibit possibilities that will help you demonstrate the learning you have achieved through working on your project goal(s).
 - Learn more at the 4-H Project Page (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list>)
 - Check out the Project Area Guidelines where there are exhibit ideas for each project area (<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/15266>)
 - LIVESTOCK PROJECTS
 - **By May 15th** all animals, except Market beef (Feb. 1st), Poultry (no ID) and Rabbits (ID by July 1st), need to be identified on 4hOnline
 - Read the fair book 4-H & FFA Rules and Guidelines and the rules for the Department(s), Division(s), and Class(es) you are exhibiting in.

- **Between May 16 – July 1 at 11:59 PM**, enter all Livestock that you will exhibit at the fair into FairEntry
 - Each livestock exhibit has an entry/stall fee. After you enter your exhibits, and you chose to pay via cash or check, send or drop off the total due to the Louisa County Extension Office. Make checks payable to Louisa County Fair
- YQCA: This is a certificate required for any 4-H'er showing livestock (beef, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, rabbit). The certificate must be obtained **by July 1st**. Call/text/email Samantha for details and your coupon code provided by Louisa 4-H Foundation (319-201-0102, jamison1@iastate.edu)
 - YQCA Online Certification (<https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>)
- **COMMUNICATION & CLOTHING EVENT**
 - Clothing and Communication require separate forms.
 - Clothing & Educational Presentations judging will be during fair, date and time TBD – the schedule will be sent to those entered in this project area.
 - Communication and Clothing Event departments have a deadline of **July 1st by 11:59 PM**
- **STATIC PROJECTS**
 - Read the fair book section about the project area (Division) and class you are interested in
 - Create an Exhibit Write-Up. This report can look however you would like but should include the answers to the following questions. A template can be found on the Louisa Extension Fair webpage.
 - What were your exhibit/project goal(s)?
 - How did you go about working toward your goal(s)? What steps did you take?
 - What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?
 - What costs did you have while working towards your goal(s)? (If applicable)
 - Photography requires a separate form
 - Check the Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide for rules regarding Food & Nutrition Exhibits (<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Foods-for-Iowa-4-H-Fairs-Quick-Reference-Guide>)
 - Helpful hints: record how many hours the 4-H member spent on the project, keep a project budget, and take lots of pictures!
 - For guaranteed printing of entry tag and judging sheet that will be available at check-in, Clothing Event and Static Exhibits must be pre-entered in Fair Entry by **July 20th**. For any projects entered after July 20th, the exhibitor is responsible for filling out an entry tag and judging sheet (blanks will be provided). All projects will need entered in Fair Entry before being judged. There will be no red ribbon rule penalty for any static or clothing event exhibits.
 - There is no fee for static exhibits at the county fair.
 - **Conference Judging is July 22nd** - each club has an assigned time to attend posted in the fair book.

□ OTHER FAIR INFORMATION:

- 4-H members need to wear a 4-H exhibitor t-shirt (the white shirts with “Louisa County 4-H” on the front and the 4-H pledge on the back OR the green shirts with “Louisa County 4-H Exhibitor” on the back) or a plain white shirt to Conference judging and Livestock shows.
 - Additional exhibitor T-shirts can be purchased for \$10 at the Extension Office before July 18th, at Conference judging on July 22nd, and then in the 4-H Office on the fairground after July 20th through during the fair.
 - If you are showing an animal as FFA, do not wear your 4-H exhibitor t-shirt. Wear a plain white shirt or an FFA shirt given to you by your advisor.
 - Exception: horse exhibitors have different clothing expectations.
- Conference judging is July 22nd (Saturday before Fair starts), Livestock shows are at different times – look at the Fair Schedule in the fair book to find your show time/day.
 - Map of fairgrounds is below. Each building has a sign above the doors
 - Conference judging is at the Youth Center (YC)
 - Club booths and static exhibits displays are at the 4-H building (4-H)
 - Beef, goat, sheep, swine all show in the Show Barn (SB)
 - Dogs show in the Variety Theater (VT)
 - Poultry and Rabbits show in the Poultry/Rabbit Barn (PR)
 - Horses show in the Horse Arena (HA)
- The Fair Schedule includes times that animals must arrive on the fair grounds. Animals may not be released, and static exhibits may not leave, **until Friday 1-3 pm. Animals can continue to be released after 7:30 pm on Friday. Any static remaining after 3 pm on Friday will be released from 8 am-end of livestock auction on Saturday.**
- Hosting the 4-H Building – each club is asked to host the 4-H building during fair. Talk to your 4-H Club Leader for more info.
 - Hosting the building is a way for 4-H’ers to talk about 4-H and ensure the safety of the displayed projects. Please wear your 4-H t-shirt!
- 4-H Booth Decoration – every club will have a booth in the 4-H Building. All static exhibits are on display throughout the fair at your club’s booth. Clubs decorate the booths per the annual theme. Your Club Leader will coordinate this
- 4th grade 4-H’ers are not eligible for state fair



Green Exhibitor Shirts



White Exhibitor Shirts



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