



2024 ISF Livestock FAQs



These FAQs review changes for Iowa 4-H Livestock and Horticulture Exhibition at the 2024 Iowa State Fair. The full [premium book](#) will be released later in the spring.

Are there new limits to the number of animals I can bring?

With limited barn space and increasing exhibitor numbers in both swine and sheep, new entry limits have been set. Swine exhibitors may enter and bring a maximum of 5 market pigs and 5 breeding gilts. Sheep exhibitors can still enter 4 market lambs but may only enter 12 breeding ewes. Beef rules have been reworded to better explain entry limits. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of two beef animals. A third steer may be entered if exhibited only in the Beef of Merit show. (This is not a change, just updated language for Beef.)

Have entry fees increased?

Yes. Beef - \$35/head. Youth Dairy Cattle - \$25/head. Horse & Pony - \$25/horse. Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine - \$10/head.

Is there clarification for the advantage or percentage ewes or wether dam classes?

In 2024, additional language has been added to the sheep department that further explains the eligibility of advantage or percentage ewes. A class of percentage or advantage ewes will only be added if 5 or more have been entered. If a class cannot be created, advantage or percentage ewes will show in the commercial class. Additionally, percentage or advantage ewes are not eligible for Supreme Purebred Female. However, they may compete for overall Commercial Ewe.

So, what's next?

If you are planning to exhibit 4-H Livestock or Horticulture projects at the Iowa State Fair, make sure you complete both of these steps!

- 1) Submit the [Animal ID in 4-H Online](#) by each species' deadline, and
- 2) Submit online entries between June 1 and July 1, 2024.

Additional information for State Fair Exhibitors will be [published online](#) through the spring and summer.

Have additional questions? Please contact your local [Extension Office](#).

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