

## 4-H & FFA Livestock Exhibits

Weigh-in livestock on the designated date prior to fair and/or complete all livestock identification in 4hOnline by May 15.

Complete the Livestock drug affidavits during fair week and turn in to Fair Board Office by Friday of fair.

Beginning Friday, July 12, after **5:00 PM**, bedding can be placed in appropriate stalls.

Bring animals to the county fair on the day specified in the 4-H & FFA fair rule booklet.

Also bring necessary supplies, such as: feed, bedding, water buckets, hose, grooming supplies, fans, extension cords, scoop shovels, brooms, wheel barrows/carts, etc.

On check-in day, check-in/weigh-in livestock at the given time for that species. Breeding beef will also be checked-in at another location other than the scale to check tattoos. Horses will be checked-in outside, west of the horse barns.

Report to the 4-H office to receive stall cards and exhibitor numbers. The 4-H office is located in the 4-H Building (same location as 4-H photography, ag, mechanics, technology, and hort exhibits) with the green door. ***The office will be open on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:00 PM only.***

Tie-out time for cattle is 7:30 p.m.

Be certain animals are clean the day of the show.

Wear a clean 4-H or FFA t-shirt and clean jeans to exhibit in, exceptions for Horses and Dairy (see rule booklet).

Livestock shown in:

Pavilion: cattle, B/B calf, bottle lamb, bottle goat, swine, sheep, meat goat, myotonic goat, dairy, dog

Free Stage: pets

Sale Ring: rabbits, poultry

Outdoor Arena: horse

Check in with superintendents when entering the pavilion with each animal.

Superintendents will line up exhibitors prior to entering the show ring.

We will not have a set photo schedule this year, please stop by the 4-H office to schedule a time to have your photo taken. If you miss us, we will accept photos taken by someone else. All photos must be emailed to Amy at [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Report which animals you would like to sell to the Fair Board Office (administration building) by 10:00 AM on Friday. You must fill out your auction verification form and livestock affidavits for appropriate species at that time. Livestock Affidavits must be turned in by this time.

State fair entries are due online July 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-Her must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade in order to be eligible to show at the Iowa State Fair. Please see summer 4-H newsletters for more information about Iowa State Fair entries.

# The Day of the Show

All livestock must be exhibited by the owner, unless sickness prevails or two animals owned by the member are shown in one class. In either case, another member will be permitted to show for the owner. If a member assists another member exhibiting livestock, both persons must wear the exhibitor number of the livestock owner. Associate members may NOT show livestock for another 4-Her.

**SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN:** Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H/FFA work. Hence, the management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.

**SWINE:** Pigs must be washed and clean for the show. No clipping in the barns. Exhibitor numbers will be clipped to the exhibitors by 4-H Staff as they enter the show ring, so you do not need to pick up an exhibitor number from the 4-H office in advance of the show. Classes will be called in the barns and exhibitors will make their way to the pavilion using the gates set up by superintendents. Exhibitors must double-check the exhibitor number card the staff/volunteers have prior to having it clipped to them to ensure correct tag number and Rate of Gain. Exhibitors will take pigs into a holding area until their class is ready to be exhibited.

**BEEF:** Wash cattle the morning of the show. Report to the pavilion when class is called. Superintendents will line up exhibitors in order for the show. Market beef will receive a sticker that states the rate of gain. The sticker is to be placed on the left arm/shoulder. The leading exhibitor will walk into the show ring and stop in front of the ring assistant. The next exhibitor will line up to the right of the exhibitor in front of them. The judge will then have the cattle walk. The front exhibitor will then begin to walk behind the rest of the cattle and circle around. The exhibitor will then stop perpendicular to how they were lined up the first time in front of the ring assistant. The judge will make his final selection and line the cattle up the way they were when they first come into the ring. Leave the ring when the ring assistant advises you to. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

**MEAT/MYOTONIC GOAT:** Prior to showing, wash your goats. Pick up a show order in the pavilion to find which class you are in. Return to barn and wait until class is called. When the appropriate class is called, report to the pavilion. Once arriving at the pavilion, check in with a superintendent. Meat goats must be shown with a collar, but may be shown with or without a leash. The judge will announce when he would like the goats to walk. He will then place them in placing order. If you are a class winner, you will be brought back for division. Division winners will be brought back for the champion drive.

**POULTRY:** Wash birds at least 24 hours before the show. Bring your own soap and towels. Birds can be washed at home prior to checking in at the fair. The day of the show, locate a show order to find which class you are in. Work with superintendents to have birds in the sale ring at the appropriate time.

**SHEEP, BOTTLE LAMB/BOTTLE GOAT:** Wash animals prior to show. Find a show order to determine which class you are in. Bring the correct lamb to the pavilion when the classes are called or when they get close. The superintendents will line up exhibitors in the correct show order. Exhibitors will then walk into the show ring and set up their lambs. The judge will have 4-H/FFA members walk the sheep and set them back up. Sheep will then be placed by the judge and set up as they were when they came into the ring. Bottle Lamb/Goat exhibitors will work with project area superintendents to enter show ring.

**HORSE:** Wash and groom horse prior to the show. Report to the pavilion when your class is called. A horse superintendent will be at the gate to line you up and tell you when to go in. When entering the show ring, walk to the judge. The judge will tell you when to trot. Another superintendent will line you up by the other horses. The judge will walk around and look at every horse again and write down your number and placing. When your name is called, leave the arena. You may want to double check with superintendents that you have the correct bit.