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**Iowa 4-H Mission**

*4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential through youth-adult partnerships and research-based experiences.*

**Iowa 4-H Vision**

*Preparing Iowa's youth to be successful, contributing members of society.*

**Animal Identification Due 5/15**

Any youth (4-H & FFA) planning to exhibit the following animals at the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair (or Iowa State Fair) **must complete Livestock IDs by 11:59 p.m. on May 15.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

No one will be allowed to submit late ID Forms or online ID entries. The only paper ID forms that will be accepted will be for FFA members and those attending livestock weigh-ins. Animal species requiring ID forms are listed on pages within this newsletter. Full details about identifying those animals are listed, so please read them thoroughly. Please note that you do NOT need to identify Pets for the Pet Show in 4hOnline. Those animals will be brought to the fair and checked in. Clover Kids planning to show Dogs in the Dog Show must identify their dogs by May 15.

To identify 4-H animals, please visit <https://iowa.4honline.com> (be sure to include iowa and do no use www.). A help sheet explaining the 4hOnline animal ID process can be found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/4honline-information-families-and-leaders>.

**Clover Kids Corner**

Clover Kids final monthly meetings will take place at the sites in May. The May meeting theme is Our Country.

A Summer Fun Day will be held on **Friday, June 21** from **9:00 AM-4:00 PM** in the Auditorium of the Extension office. All five Clover Kids groups are invited to attend. We only have 35 slots available, so register soon! Ashtin will be sending an email out to families soon, so be looking there or grab a registration form at your May meeting.

Clover Kids are eligible to participate in the Southern Iowa Fair. They may bring up to 5 exhibits in the Exhibit Hall, Pets in the Pet Show, and a Dog in the Dog Show (must complete the required 4-H & Clover Kids Dog Classes to be eligible). Dogs must be pre-registered in 4hOnline Animal Identification by May 15. Exhibits and Pets do not need to be pre-registered. More details about exhibiting at the county fair will be provided this summer.

If you have any questions about Clover Kids, please contact Ashtin Harris at [acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841 ext. 11.

**Wonder League Expo**

The Wonder League Expo will be held on **Tuesday, May 7** from **5:30-7:00 PM** at the Musco Tech Center at William Penn University. Teams will be given a challenge to complete at the Expo. This will give family members and friends a chance to see the youth work with the coding program and Dash robot.

Coaches: Be sure to bring your Dash robot, Tablet, and floor mat for your team to use at the event. You will be turning those items in after the expo for Ashtin to bring back to the Extension office.

Those who participated in Wonder League this year will receive a t-shirt. If you are unable to attend the Expo, t-shirts can be picked up at the Extension office after the event. Reminder: Wonder League participants must attend the Expo to receive their medal/certificate.

For questions about Wonder League or the Expo, please contact Ashtin Harris at [acharris@iastate.edu](mailto:acharris@iastate.edu) or 673-5841.

## Mahaska County Code of Conduct

Every 4-H member in Mahaska County is required to complete the Mahaska County 4-H Code of Good Conduct form one time. Re-enrolling members have their forms completed. New members have until **May 15, 2019** to complete their form. Forms can be completed electronically through the webform on our website at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/news/mahaska-county-4-h-code-good-conduct-form>, they can be printed and mailed/dropped off, or they can be completed at the Extension office. Please note this only needs to be done ONCE EVER, not each year.

## 4-H Livestock Rules (4H 202)

If you plan to exhibit livestock at the county or state fair in 2019, please read the 4H 202 document very thoroughly. The 4H 202 can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194.pdf>. It includes important information for each species, including identification requirements. It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to read these requirements and abide by the rules set by the county and state 4-H program.

## 4-H & Clover Kids Clothing Event

The 4-H & Clover Kids Awardrobe Clothing Event Judging will take place on **Tuesday, June 18th** between 3:00-5:30 PM in the Auditorium of the Extension office.

Clover Kids may bring 1 outfit for each category they choose. 4-H'ers may bring an unlimited number of outfits for each category.

Categories include Clothing Selection (purchased garment), \$15 Challenge (purchased garment from consignment or garage sale totaling under \$15), and Fashion Revue (constructed garment). Registrations are due to the Extension office by **Friday, June 7th**. Report forms will be emailed to participants after the June 7 deadline, if you'd like copies mailed to you please let Amy know by calling 641-673-5841 or emailing [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu). Report forms are also located on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms> (scroll down to Clothing Event Information).

## Horse Project Information

Every 4-H & FFA member who plans to exhibit horses, ponies, or mules at the 2019 Southern Iowa Fair must complete at least 1 \*clinic and 2 \*ride nights to gain eligibility to exhibit at the county fair.

The first Tuesday of each month, starting in April, will be a Mahaska County 4-H Horse Clinic. The third Tuesday of each month, starting in April, will be a Mahaska County 4-H Horse Ride Night. Youth must bring horses and ride for the Ride Night to count. Clinics and Ride Nights will be held at the Outdoor Arena on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds, unless otherwise noted. Clinics and Ride Nights will begin at 6:30 p.m.

### REMAINING CLINICS:

*May 7 - Grooming Clinic*

*June 4 - Trail/Obstacle Clinic*

### REMAINING RIDE NIGHTS:

*May 21—Leads & Sidepass Ride Night*

*June 18—Speed Classes Ride Night*

An optional Pre-Fair Vet Check will be held this summer. Details are being confirmed and will be posted to Facebook and in the June 4-H Newsletter.

All clinics and ride nights will be open at 6:30 p.m. on the scheduled date, if no one arrives within 15 minutes, the superintendents and speakers will leave and the event will be over. *A Horse Project Facebook group has been created, please search for Mahaska County FFA & 4H Project.*

\* Approved clinics must be offered by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents or pre-approved by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents. Photo proof of exhibitor attending other event must be emailed to the 4-H Horse Superintendent group at:

Jennifer Fynaardt – [jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferfynaardt@gmail.com), 402-917-0533

Lisa Fields – [fieldsl599@gmail.com](mailto:fieldsl599@gmail.com), 563-212-2905

Jennifer Hoy – [jenncnolan@hotmail.com](mailto:jenncnolan@hotmail.com), 641-436-6323

\* Approved ride nights must be offered by the Mahaska County 4-H Horse Superintendents, Mahaska County Saddle Club Fun Show, or Mahaska County Saddle Club Barrel Series. Exhibitors MUST ride horses for these to count as a Ride Night. Photos of exhibitors riding at the Mahaska County Saddle Club events must be submitted to the 4-H Horse Superintendent group at the addresses above.

## Bucket/Bottle Animal Packets

Project packets must be completed for Bucket/Bottle animals and are available at the Extension office and on our website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>. We have recently revised the Bottle Lamb & Goat packet. All bucket/bottle animals must be identified in 4hOnline by 11:59 p.m. on **May 15, 2019**. You may identify more than one bucket/bottle animal, but may only exhibit one of each at the fair. All Bucket/Bottle animal packets (along with 2 black & white copies) are due to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, July 5th**. **Bottle Lambs and Goats do not need to attend the weigh-in this year.**

## Rabbit Tattoo Clinic May 6

Anyone with rabbits that need tattooed for fair identification purposes can attend the clinic on **Monday, May 6** between 6:30-7:30 PM in the DAV Building on the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds. Adam Antolik, Rabbit Superintendent, will be present to answer questions and to tattoo rabbits. Rabbits that are already tattooed do not need to attend this clinic. Youth are not required to attend this clinic, it is just an option available to families.

## Class Exhibiting Requirements

Mahaska County 4-H has a policy for classes and shows for the county fair. In order to hold a show at the Southern Iowa Fair, we must have a **minimum of 3 youth from 2 different families (4-H or FFA)** registered to exhibit a particular species. Don't forget that animals must be registered in 4hOnline by May 15, 2019. Classes with fewer than 3 exhibitors from 2 different families will be placed on hold for the current year. Classes will be determined after all ID information has been received on May 15. If classes meet the minimum requirement by identification in May, the show(s) will be held.

## Pre-Fair Superintendent Meeting

All livestock superintendents are invited to attend the Pre-Fair meeting to set stall assignments on **Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00 PM** in the DAV Building.

## Summer Fun Day Camps

*We are now accepting registrations for our upcoming Summer Fun Day Camps! We have added 1-day Saturday Camps this year. Don't hesitate, these camps fill quickly!*

Visit [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska) to find a registration form.

- June 5, 6, 7 – Babysitting Basics – 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders - \$30.00 (Limit 12)
- June 10-11 – Robotics Jr. – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 20)
- June 12-13 – Robotics & Coding – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)
- ~~June 15 – Kids in the Kitchen – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders – \$20.00 FULL~~
- June 17-18 – Grossology – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 20)
- June 19 – Spa Day – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)
- June 20 – Things that Go – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)
- June 22 – Cooking 101 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)
- June 24-25 – STEAMblast – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 24)
- June 26-27 – STEAMblast Jr. – Kdg-2<sup>nd</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 20)
- June 26-27 – Cakes & Cookie Decorating 101 – 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 12)
- June 29 – Master Chef – 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders - \$20.00 (Limit 12)
- JULY 22-23 – Drone Discovery – 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders - \$25.00 (Limit 10)

4-H Summer Fun Day Camps will be coordinated by Holly Hanselman and Megan Ver Steegh. Both have degrees in education and are excited for the summer to begin!



Holly Hanselman is our Summer Youth Assistant. Her main focus is 4-H Summer Fun Day Camps, but she will also assist with various 4-H activities throughout the summer, including the Southern Iowa Fair and other youth activities. Holly has her degree in Social Science and Education and currently substitute teaches in the area. She is excited to coordinate day camps and is looking forward to doing fun activities, experiments, and lessons with our day camp participants!

Megan Ver Steegh is our 4-H Summer Assistant. Her main focus is to help with county fair preparations, but she will also be coordinating several day camps in June. Megan has provided summer assistance with Mahaska County 4-H for over 5 years. She is a special education teacher for Ottumwa Schools and is currently a volunteer leader for the Teen Council. Megan is excited to coordinate day camps related to Healthy Living and Cooking and loves coming back to help at the fair each summer!



## Teen Council Meeting

The next Teen Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 PM** in the Extension office. The Barnyard Games (formerly Ag Olympics) Planning Committee will meet at 6:00 PM, prior to the Teen Council meeting. **Congratulations, Graduates!**

## 4-H Club Financial Policy Update

**VERY IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ!**

Mahaska County have started transitioning 4-H Club Accounts. Forms related to 4-H Club Finances have been posted to: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/club-support> (scroll down to UPDATED 4-H Club Financial Information.) Dr. John Lawrence, VP of ISU Extension and Outreach would like to have a large number of clubs transitioned by **June 30, 2019.**

**If your club is ready for the Extension office to start taking over the funds, please contact Amy and we can start working on a plan.**

## Annual Volunteer Training May 1st

If you missed the Annual Volunteer Training on May 1st, please contact Amy soon so you can complete the online training. All 4-H & Clover Kids Leader Training must be completed by June 30th! Those who do not complete the annual training will need to be re-screened and must complete the New Volunteer Training next year.

## New Volunteer Training

If you have not yet completed the New Volunteer Training, please plan to attend an upcoming training. Ottumwa will host a training on **Sunday, June 2nd** and the Region 14 training in Montezuma on **Saturday, September 21st**. Details and registration links are at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/volunteertraining>.

## YQCA for Livestock Exhibitors

We are now using YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) for all livestock exhibitors—**4-H & FFA**. YQCA is required for anyone planning to exhibit Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Swine, Myotonic Goats, or Meat Goats. It is not required for Bucket/Bottle animals, Dog, Llama, Horses, or Pets.

Those who are certified for the FSQA Test are good until the current test certification expires. Once that date expires, exhibitors must complete YQCA online. YQCA is an online training that can be completed at home or at the Extension office (by appointment). Cost to take the online training is \$12.00 each year. Those who complete a financial aid application at the Extension office will automatically receive a coupon code to use.

YQCA must be completed by **JULY 1** for members to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the county and/or state fair. The YQCA online program includes three components for each topic (food safety, animal well-being, and character development): 1) knowledge building, 2) skills lab, 3) quiz for each content topic, and are designed specifically for each age group. The online program is very interactive, bright, colorful, relatable, and fun! More information can be found at <http://yqca.org/about/curriculum>.

A Help Sheet is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/livestock-exhibiting-information>.

## Carcass Beef Contest

Those who verified cattle in December for the Carcass Beef Contest will need to attend the Live Evaluation and Locker Evaluation later this year.

**Live Evaluation—Monday, June 17 9:00 AM**  
Fairgrounds Scale

**Locker Evaluation—Wednesday, June 26 1:00 PM**  
Leighton Processed Meats

Members and Parents are encouraged to attend both evaluations. Patrick Wall, ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Specialist, will be present at both evaluations to answer questions and provide participants with more information. Participants will want to bring a jacket to the Locker Evaluation. Please have all of the meat arrangements made prior to the Locker Evaluation so you can provide the locker with that information before leaving.

# Tentative 4-H & FFA Fair Schedule

## Monday, July 15

7:00-9:30 AM - Swine Weigh-in at scale  
8:30 AM-2:30 PM - 4-H Static Exhibit Judging in Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building  
9:00-11:00 AM - Poultry Check-in in Poultry barn  
9:30 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Pen Weigh-in at scale  
10:00 AM - Advanced Cattle Feeder Interviews at pens  
10:00-11:30 AM - Sheep Weigh-in at scale  
10:30 AM - Advanced Lamb Feeder Pen Interviews at pens  
10:00 AM-Noon - Rabbit Check-in at cages  
1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in in barns  
1:00-2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat & Bottle Lamb & Goat Check-in at pens  
2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Llama Show in Pavilion  
4:00-5:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Weigh-in at scale & Breeding Check-in at stalls  
by 6:00 PM - Dairy Check-in at Dairy stalls w/Superintendents  
by 6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Check-in at Stalls with Superintendents  
6:00 PM - 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kids Dog Show in Pavilion  
6:00-8:00 PM - Beef Weigh-in at scale, Breeding Check-in at West end of B/B Barn

## Tuesday, July 16

9:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Poultry Show Sale Ring  
9:00 -11:00 AM & 12:00-2:00 PM - Communications: Educational Presentation, Share the Fun, & Extemporaneous Speaking Judging at Free Stage  
1:00 PM - Advanced Feeder Pen Conferences in DAV Building  
2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H Horticulture Judging in 4-H Building  
3:00-4:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb & Goat Interviews in DAV Building  
4:00-6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Horse Check-in at barns  
6:00 PM - Mandatory 4-H & FFA Horse Exhibitor Meeting at check-in area  
6:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Swine Show in Pavilion

## Wednesday, July 17

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Sheep Show in Pavilion  
10:00-11:00 AM - Farm Safety Stations  
11:30 AM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Goat Show in Pavilion  
12:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bottle Lamb Show in Pavilion  
9:00 AM-Noon - Communications: Working Exhibit Judging at Free Stage  
12:30-2:15 PM - 4-H & FFA Dairy Show in Pavilion  
1:00-3:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Interviews in DAV Building  
2:00-4:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Meat Goat Show in Pavilion  
3:00-4:00 PM - Farm Safety Stations  
6:00-7:00 PM - Farm Safety Stations  
6:30 PM - 4-H & FFA Rabbit Show in Sale Ring

## Thursday, July 18

5:00 AM approx. - Swine on truck, weather permitting  
8:00 AM-Noon approx. - 4-H & FFA Beef Show in Pavilion  
1:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in Pavilion  
2:00 PM - 4-H & FFA Myotonic Goat Show in Pavilion  
3:00-4:00 PM - 4-H & Clover Kids Pet Show at Free Stage  
5:00-6:00 PM - MCARD & Farm Bureau BBQ in Pavilion  
6:00 PM - Barnyard Games in Pavilion

## Friday, July 19

8:00 AM - 4-H & FFA Horse Show at Outdoor Arena  
Auction Animal Verification in Fair Board Office – by 10:00 AM, **NO EXCEPTIONS!**  
*Must have affidavit (Market Beef, Meat Goats, Market Lambs, Rabbits, & Poultry) on file at Fair Board Office for animal to be eligible for the auction!*  
1:30-2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest Registration in Pavilion  
2:00 PM - Livestock Judging Contest in Pavilion  
5:00 PM - Supreme Livestock Showmanship Contest in Pavilion  
8:00 PM - Non-Auction Livestock Released (*no early release due to weather*)

## Saturday, July 20

**4-H Office will be CLOSED**  
8:00 AM - Livestock Auction (following Buyer's Breakfast) in Sale Ring  
8:00-9:00 PM - Non-Livestock Exhibits Released from Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

## Sunday, July 21

Animals Must Be Gone by 5:00 PM  
Exhibits Must Be Gone between 1:00-3:00 PM in the Exhibit Hall & 4-H Building

*This schedule is subject to change due to conflicts and weather.*

# Dog Classes

Dog Classes began in April. First year dogs must attend at least 8 of the Mahaska County 4-H offered classes and second year+ dogs must attend at least 6 of the Mahaska County 4-H offered classes to be eligible to exhibit at the Southern Iowa Fair.

## Dog Class Schedule

April 22 & 29  
May 6, 13, 20, & 28  
June 3, 10, 17, & 24  
July 1 & 8  
Fair Show July 15

Classes will be held at the Southern Iowa Fairgrounds from 6:00-7:30 p.m. each week.

Clover Kids Dog Classes will begin on May 6 and follow the same schedule listed above.

Please contact a Dog Superintendent with any questions:

Regina Hoy—641-660-0772  
Sharis Claver—641-799-4085  
Jennifer Hoy—641-436-6323  
LaCinda Shilling—641-295-4478

# Southern Iowa Fair Contact Info

If you would like to inquire about camping, renting a fairgrounds building, or exhibiting in the Open Class at the Southern Iowa Fair, please contact Erica Antolik at the Southern Iowa Fair office at 641-673-7004 or email [sifair@mahaska.org](mailto:sifair@mahaska.org).

# Free Event Ticket at Fair

Mahaska County 4-H & FFA members will receive 1 free ticket to the Tuesday night races or the Demo Derby on Friday night. Tickets are being donated by the Southern Iowa Fair Board, please collect your ticket from the Fair Board Office during the fair and remember to thank the Fair Board!

# Post-Fair Meeting

Save the date for the Post-Fair meeting on **Wednesday, July 31** from 7:00-8:00 PM at the Mahaska County Extension office. Fair comments will be shared, reviewed, and discussed at this meeting. RSVP is not required.

## Summer 4-H Workshops

We will offer a few workshops to prepare you for the Southern Iowa Fair, so don't miss out!

### Visual Arts—Canvas Painting

Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00-7:00 PM

FREE (Mahaska County 4-H members only)

Participants will use painter's tape to create designs on small canvases and paint them to create their own works of art.

Visual Arts class details and Design Elements & Art Principles will be discussed. \*Please note date change from May 8th.

*RSVP required by Friday, May 31.*

### Horticulture—Sand Art Terrariums

Wednesday, June 5 from 7:00-8:00 PM

\$5.00/person (open to anyone)

Participants will create their own terrariums using sand, activated charcoal, soil, moss, and succulents. Horticulture and Visual Arts class details will be discussed. *Pre-registration and payment is due by Friday, May 31.*

### Static Exhibits—Prepare for Fair Workshop

Friday, June 28

Noon-1:00 PM

FREE (Mahaska County 4-H members only)

Stop by the Extension office with your fair exhibits and receive all of the forms and tags you need for the fair. This is a great time to determine classes for the exhibits you're unsure about.

*RSVP is required by Friday, June 21.*

All workshops will be held at the Mahaska County Extension office. We must have at least 5 RSVPs in to hold a workshop. Call 641-673-5841 or email [vermeerA@iastate.edu](mailto:vermeerA@iastate.edu) with questions or to RSVP.

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## 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets

4-H Leaders have been provided with the requested 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklets. The updated fair booklet has been posted to [www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/page/4-h-fair-award-forms).

## Mahaska County 4-H App

The NEW Mahaska County 4-H App is available in the Google Play Store and will be available in the Apple Store SOON! This app is FREE and includes direct links to many, many helpful resources, including the 4-H & FFA Fair Rule Booklet, newsletter, YQCA, 4hOnline, Facebook, and more! You won't regret adding this app to your phone or tablet, especially at fair time!

## State Fair Livestock Exhibitor Info

If you plan to exhibit livestock and small animals at the Iowa State Fair, please make sure that the animals are in 4hOnline by May 15th. Official Iowa State Fair registration information will be shared in the June newsletter. All Iowa State Fair registrations for livestock, small animals, and horticulture will need to be completed by July 1st. Iowa State Fair Livestock information can be found at [www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/statefair/livestock).

**State Fair Swine:** If you plan to exhibit swine at the Iowa State Fair, you must tag your pigs with the special 4-H DNA tag. Tags are available at the Extension office for \$9.00 each and require a special tagger. Pigs must be tagged and the envelope containing the DNA portion of the tags must be returned to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 15, 2019. Those pigs must also be entered into the Swine—Not Weighed in Animal/Livestock Verification in 4hOnline by the end of the day on May 15.

## Fair "Help Me!" Guide

Anyone new to 4-H or needing a refresher will want to check out the Mahaska County Fair Help Me Guide. This guide is available at the Extension office and at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/sites/www.extension.iastate.edu/files/mahaska/HelpGuide%2019.pdf>.

## Livestock Identification Details

If you plan to show small animals, livestock, and horses at the Southern Iowa Fair or Iowa State Fair, please read on. Each species is listed with details for identification in 4hOnline. If you plan to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair, the animal must first be identified in 4hOnline by May 15 to have state fair eligibility. The only species requiring photos is Horses. You do not have to upload a photo for any species, besides horses.

**Market Beef (incl. Carcass & Advanced Feeder Pens)** - These animals were identified at the weigh-in last December. Members should have gone into 4hOnline and verified information before February 1st.

**Breeding Beef**—We will not hold a Heifer Tattooing this year. Please make sure your heifer either has a registration tattoo or 4-H ear tag and identify using 4hOnline. The tattoos must match the registration papers and tags must match the identification report at fair check-in or the animal will be disqualified.

**Market Sheep (Market, Derby, Commercial Ewes)**— These animals will be identified at the May 4 weigh-in. All information from the ID form will be entered into 4hOnline by our staff. Please check the information for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please verify each entry in 4hOnline by May 15.

**Breeding Sheep (Purebred & Yearling Ewes)**— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Sheep (NOT Weighed In)* by May 15. Ear tag can be a 4-H tag or farm tag. Scrapie tags are required for any sexually intact lamb.

**Meat Goats (Market & Breeding)**—These animals will be identified at the May 4 weigh-in. All information from the ID forms will be entered into 4hOnline by our staff. Please check the information for accuracy, if you find a mistake, please call us to get it fixed. If the information is correct, please verify each entry in 4hOnline by May 15.

**Myotonic (Fainting) Goats**— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Goats, Meat (NOT weighed in)* by May 15. Type MYOTONIC in the Scrapie Flock ID line to notify us that the goat is a Myotonic goat.

**Dairy Goats**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Goats, Dairy* by May 15. Tattoo and birthdate are required. Scrapie tags are required for any sexually intact lamb.

## Livestock Identification Details (cont'd.)

**Dairy Cattle**— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Dairy Cattle* by May 15.

**Swine**—These animals were already identified at the weigh-in in March. Please check 4hOnline to make sure that the information entered by our staff is accurate. If you see any mistakes, please call our office. If everything is correct, please verify the information for each animal by May 15.

**Bucket/Bottle Calf, Goat, & Lamb**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Bucket/Bottle Calf, Bucket/Bottle Goat, or Bucket/Bottle Lamb* by May 15. Animals must have a tag, either 4-H or farm tag in their ear to be eligible for the fair. Exhibitors may identify more than one in each division, but only one in each division may be exhibited at the fair.

**Llamas**— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Llamas* by May 15. If leasing a llama, the lease must be turned in to the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on May 15. Lease forms are available on our website and at the Extension office.

**Rabbits**— These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Rabbits* by May 15. All rabbits must have tattoos in their ears, left ear preferred.

**Poultry**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Poultry* by May 15. If you have a pen of the special Market Broilers, please be sure to note that in your entry.

**Dog**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Dogs* by May 15. We must have the rabies vaccination serial numbers and dates in 4hOnline by May 15. If your puppy is too young for the rabies vaccination, please contact the Extension office as soon as the vaccination is given. All dogs must be vaccinated to be eligible for the fair.

**Horses**—These animals must be identified by the exhibitor in 4hOnline under *Horses* by May 15. Photos of horses must be uploaded. If you are leasing a horse, the lease must also be uploaded to 4hOnline. If you plan to exhibit your horse at the Iowa State Fair, you must also upload your Registration Form to 4hOnline.

**Scrapie Tags**—ANY sexually intact sheep or goat must have a scrapie tag or scrapie tattoo prior to leaving home to arrive at the fair. You may obtain more scrapie tag info from IDALS at 1-866-USDA-TAG or <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalindustry/scrapieProgramIDrequirements.asp>.

## 4-H & FFA Youth Shows Sponsorship

The Southern Iowa Fair is quickly approaching and our 4-H and FFA members are working very hard to complete their projects and create exhibits to be judged at the county fair. To provide a quality experience for the youth, we hire judges with experience and training in youth development for our exhibiting classes. The judges that we hire come at a price and we are in need of 4-H and FFA Fair Judge Sponsors. The average livestock judge's fee is around \$300.00 and the average non-livestock judge's fee is around \$150.00. Last year, the 4-H and FFA judges' fees totaled around \$5,000.

Another cost of the youth shows at the Southern Iowa Fair is premiums. Each 4-H and FFA member receives money for the ribbons they earn. Purple and blue ribbons are \$2.00 each, red ribbons are \$1.00 each, and white ribbons are \$.50 each. Last year, the premium payout for 4-H and FFA youth was just under \$3,000.

The final cost of the youth shows at the Southern Iowa Fair is awards and recognition. Trophies, banners, plaques, and ribbons are awarded to those who do very well in their fair classes. These materials are purchased early and locally to save on the cost but still end up costing quite a bit. The awards and recognition items have been paid for by local sponsors in the past. We are no longer asking for specific trophy donors, but are asking for 4-H and FFA Youth Show Sponsors. Last year, we spent over \$5,500 on trophies, plaques, banners, and ribbons.

We have set up sponsorship levels for the 4-H and FFA Youth Shows Fund and the levels are as follows:

- Platinum—\$1000.00 and above**
- Gold—\$500.00-\$999.00**
- Silver—\$250.00-\$499.00**
- Bronze—\$125.00-\$249.00**
- Contributing—\$75.00-\$124.00**

Each sponsor will be listed on the 4-H and FFA Youth Show Sponsors board at the Southern Iowa Fair (outside of the sale ring near the Pavilion), on posters that will be posted around the fairgrounds, on 4-H and Extension ads leading up to and following the fair, on show orders at the fair, and will be announced during the 4-H and FFA livestock shows. Recognition can be guaranteed if donations are received at the Extension office by **Friday, June 14, 2019**.



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