

**July 17-21, 2024**



**Palo Alto County Fair Book  
Entry Guide & Premium List**

## 4-H in Fairs

Fairs are an opportunity for Iowa's most valuable resource – PEOPLE – to have a unique 4-H learning experience.

- Fairs provide 4-Hers an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned. This represents an educational function in which the 4-Her can share what they have done and services to strengthen their life skill development.
- Fairs provide feedback on 4-Hers' accomplishments. This recognition opportunity stimulates positive self-regard for their efforts.
- Fairs provide families a chance to work together. This fellowship opportunity helps strengthen family relationships.
- Fairs also provide an opportunity for the public to see 4-H in action. This showcasing opportunity serves to help our external audience better understand what 4-Hers are able to achieve.

In the fair setting, 4-Hers learning can be enhanced in the exhibit evaluation process through **Education, Evaluation, and Encouragement**. Since 4-H focuses on youth, the growth and learning of each individual is more important than the outcome of a competitive event, product, article, or animal exhibited. Exhibits and fair activities should provide an opportunity for youth in all types of 4-H clubs and groups to **educate** others about what they have learned by being involved in 4-H. Our challenge is to merge the traditional orientation of fairs (products, livestock, and competitive events) with 4-H's commitment to the individual growth and life skill development of youth.

In the past we've given much of our attention to the competitive activities that identify a "champion". This type of activity is important but is only one of the ways 4-Hers compete at a county fair. The **evaluation** process of a 4-H fair exhibit, presentation, working exhibit, share-the-fun, judging contest, etc. helps youth to measure their progress toward accomplishing their goals and against accepted standards of excellence. Each experience can **encourage** and inspire 4-Hers to expand their project interest and activity.

Fairs and 4-H both have a rich heritage and tradition in Iowa. Fairs provide a powerful motivation to youth and adults to participate and excel in their selected areas of interest. However, plans for fairs should be flexible to allow change to meet the needs of Iowa's youth, families, and communities. With leadership by Extension staff, judges, and volunteers, our 4-H mission "to create supportive environments for culturally diverse youth and adults to reach their full potential" can be accomplished. Help 4-H accept this challenge for change as we move forward.

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## LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Competition is open to all bona fide 4-H and FFA members having duly enrolled projects on file at the county Extension office or in 4HOnline.
2. Eligibility to exhibit is limited to those 4-H and FFA members who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) with the exception of the open classes which are open to youth in grades K-3. Eligibility continues through the calendar year of their high school graduation.
3. Livestock/animal entries will be limited to those 4-H projects identified in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Animals that need to be entered in 4HOnline include swine, cow/calf pairs, breeding beef (unless already identified at Jan. weigh-in), sheep (not weighed in), horse, bottle lambs, bucket/bottle calves, poultry, rabbits, pets, meat goats (not weighed in), and dogs. Market beef, pen cattle, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. bucket calves, market lambs, and market meat goats will be identified at/on the county weigh-in/identification day. Following the weigh-in/identification day, exhibitors will need to go into 4HOnline and enter the data for their weighed-in animals. Deadline to enter data for market beef, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. bucket calves, and pen cattle is 11:59 PM on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline to enter data for market lambs and market meat goats is 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. County tags are required for all individual market beef, 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. bucket calves, advanced feeder pens, market pigs, market lambs, commercial ewes, purebred breeding ewes, and market meat goats. For all other species, tags or tattoo numbers used may be of owners' choice. All must be placed on the animal prior to May 15<sup>th</sup>. (Note that for most 4-H shows outside the county, county tags are required for market beef, market lambs, commercial ewes, purebred breeding ewes, market meat goats, breeding does, and market pigs. State Fair requires ear notches for pigs.  
**\*When identifying animals for the Iowa State Fair in 4HOnline be sure all required information is filled in before saving the record – read the top of the screen for requirements.**
4. All 4-H/FFA swine, beef (market including feeder pens, breeding, and bucket/bottle calves), sheep (market, breeding, and bottle lambs), meat goats (market, breeding, and bottle meat goats), poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be YQCA certified. Youth can certify in YQCA online by going to [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org). The cost to certify is \$12 and is good for one year. Certification must be done by June 1<sup>st</sup>. FFA members showing at the Palo Alto County Fair must also have this certification if showing any of the above listed animals.
5. All fair rules and class limitations apply equally to each exhibitor, whether a 4-H member, a FFA member, a member of more than one 4-H club, or a member of both 4-H and FFA.
6. Showmanship classes for all livestock divisions will be divided into three categories: Junior - Intermediate - Senior. Juniors will be for those exhibitors completing 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade; intermediates will be for those completing 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades; and seniors will be for those completing 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Exhibitors must use their own bona fide 4-H livestock on exhibit at the fair to compete in this class. Superintendents reserve the right to combine divisions if the number of exhibitors in a division is less than 3.
7. Members will exhibit their own projects unless they have more than one project in a class in which case another eligible Palo Alto County member from his or her organization may substitute with the additional animal(s).

8. Substitute Showman Policy: Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence we are requiring livestock exhibitors who know in advance that they are not going to be present during fair to show their own animal(s) at the fair to file an application for a substitute showman no later than July 1<sup>st</sup> to the Palo Alto County Extension Office. At that time exhibitors will be asked to name a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be an eligible Palo Alto County 4-H/FFA member. Exceptions for the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will include injury, serious illness, bereavement, other state 4-H/ FFA activities, unforeseen events, or other extreme emergency situations. Exceptions will be taken up until the start of the respective animal show with a contact made to the Extension office/fair office. Applications will be available at the Extension office. The Youth Committee reserves the right to reject any application. The Fair Board reserves the right to withhold animal(s) exhibited by an alternate showman from the premium auction.
9. Only exhibitors and authorized fair officials may be in the show ring during the livestock shows.
10. All 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors are required to wear a Palo Alto County Fair T-shirt while showing their animals and during the auction. EXCEPTION: Horse exhibitors have a separate dress code for showing.
11. Fair entries must be made with the Palo Alto County Extension Office from this premium list. All animal entries are due at 11:59 PM on July 1<sup>st</sup> in FairEntry ([www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com)).
12. Livestock projects not being sold in the auction will be released at immediately following the auction on Sunday afternoon with the exception of feeder pens. Prior removal without authorization will be cause for forfeiture of premiums. \*\* Exceptions may be made for early release of FFA animals being exhibited at State Fair.
13. Ribbon premiums will be issued at the fair to individual exhibitors.
14. Superintendents shall have the option of combining classes if there are less than three entries per class.
15. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump) will be allowed unless administered by the fair veterinarian for health reasons.
16. Female animals (beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats) can only show in one class, market or breeding, not both. Class is to be declared when making the entry in FairEntry. Exception – female animals not weighed in are only eligible to show in breeding classes.
17. Questions on eligibility and show procedures not specifically covered herein will be referred to Extension staff and the Palo Alto County Fair Board.
18. For any rule not addressed in this fair book we will refer to the Iowa State Fair Livestock Premium Book for clarification.
19. The Palo Alto County Fair Board will use all diligence to ensure the safety of stock and other articles intended for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage done to or arising from any animal or article on exhibition, and the exhibitor shall indemnify the Palo Alto County Fair Board against all legal or other proceedings.

20. Police reserves will be on duty the nights of the fair.
21. Blocking chutes will not be allowed in livestock barns.
22. Livestock will be allowed to weigh once only for weight class determination.
23. Champion and Reserve Champion exhibits must be blue ribbon quality. In classes with less than 5 entries, the awarding of Champion and Reserve Champion awards shall be left to the judge's discretion.
24. All livestock buildings, show pavilion, and arena will be closed from 10:30 PM till 6:00 AM during the fair.
25. No livestock can be loaded or unloaded at the fairgrounds between 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM unless at superintendent's request.
26. There will be no 4-H or FFA exhibitors allowed overnight on the fairgrounds.
27. Stall fees may or may not be assessed for beef projects, depending on whether a sponsor can be secured.
28. All exhibitors must have stall cards posted by 10:00 AM on Thursday, the first day of the fair.
29. All animals to be exhibited are to be on the fairgrounds by 9:00 PM on Wednesday, the evening before the first day of the fair. The only exception is dogs and pets.
30. All market beef, market sheep, market meat goats, and market swine must turn in the appropriate drug affidavits prior to the first day of the fair. Swine exhibitors will need to include a premise ID number on their affidavit.
31. All beef animals are to be dehorned and free of warts to exhibit.
32. The Fair Board has adopted the following Protest Policy:
  - All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by \$100.00 cash deposit in the livestock department and a \$50.00 cash deposit in all other departments, which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained.
  - Such protests must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal, and must be filed with the business manager within 12 hours of the cause of protest.
  - The board will consider no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent.
  - Where the protest is to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of the same should be filed with the Superintendent of the department before the class is passed upon, that the judges may be instructed to place a reserve award, that the premiums may be properly distributed in the event of the protest being sustained.
  - The person(s), exhibitor, or agent of the same, who the protest decision is rendered against shall pay all costs incurred in resolving the protest, including fees paid to persons hired by the board to test, investigate, and evaluate the animal or article that has been protested.
33. **The Fair Auction will return to the format used prior to 2020. Each livestock exhibitor is limited to 1 time through the auction per species (beef, sheep, swine, dairy) with 1 animal.**

**The live animal premium auction will take place on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 6:00 PM in the pavilion show ring.**

34. Swine leaving the fairgrounds following the county fair must go to one of the these two places:

- 1) Directly to the locker – exhibitor must provide address for the locker
- 2) Return to the address of the premise ID prior to coming to the fair without changing ownership.

This will keep us from requiring exhibitors to have health papers before they can take their swine off the fairgrounds since no change of ownership will occur. NO EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE SWINE OFF THE FAIRGROUNDS WITHOUT STOPPING AT THE FAIR OFFICE AND FILLING OUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK FIRST.

35. 4-H/FFA Identification Rule – 4-H members can now ID separate animals, but in the same “division”, in both 4-H and FFA (i.e. 4-Her could ID market lambs A, B, and C in 4-H and market lambs D, E, and F in FFA.) State Fair exhibition rule still applies – 4-Her can only show in market or breeding division in 4-H, and FFA in the other (i.e. market swine in 4-H, breeding in FFA). In species where there are not breeding and market separations, youth cannot exhibit in both 4-H and FFA.

35. All State Fair sheep must have a 4-H tag and retinal images – includes market lambs, commercial ewes, and purebred breeding ewes – and must attend the county weigh-in. All market lambs and commercial ewes **must be slick shorn** upon arrival to the State Fairgrounds. Animals which are not slick shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the check-in line. Suggested fleece length for purebred breeding sheep is ¼ inch with ¾ inch maximum, with the exception being for wool breeds which have no maximum length. As noted, “slick shorn” does not apply to purebred “fitted” ewes.

36. Market meat goat class will consist of both market wethers and market does at the Iowa State Fair. These must have an official 4-H tag. Breeding does must have either a 4-H tag or official tattoo format. ALL State Fair nominated meat goats (both market and breeding) MUST have retinal images collected. Entry limit increased from 4 total goats to 6 total (maximum of 4 market or 4 breeding goats entered). Also, if using rubber mats at State Fair, a layer of bedding must be underneath the mat. See Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book for division and class breaks for State Fair breeding does.

- Show breeding meat goat does by weight instead of age – birthdate will be used to split does under 1 year of age and over 1 year, then weight used to split individual classes
- Split market meat goats into 2 divisions – market wethers (lightweight, mediumweight, heavyweight); market does – division champions will compete for overall Grand/Reserve grand 4-H Market Meat Goat.
- New Rule: Fitting will be allowed. Only the 4-H exhibitor, an immediate family member (limited to parent/legal guardian, brother, sister, or step-sibling), or current Iowa 4-H member are allowed to assist in fitting animals. Painting, powdering, dyeing, and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring or upon completion of a class. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified.

37. All State Fair market and breeding swine will need a DNA punch tag, a USDA or EID tag, and ear notches and be identified in 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup>. BOTH tag numbers have to be entered in 4HOnline. Entry numbers – 6 market swine, 6 breeding swine.

38. Horse exhibitors can ID a maximum of 5 horses total per 4-Her and of those 5, maximum of 2 can be leased. NO leasing of halter horses. Leased horses must have a completed lease form that has been uploaded in 4HOnline. A horse may be identified by more than one 4-H member provided the members are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA.
- 4-Hers can ID horses in 4-H and FFA as long as they are DIFFERENT horses – for example, horses A and B in 4-H, horses C and D in FFA. Horses may not be identified as 4-H under one sibling and FFA under another sibling.
  - State Fair exhibitors will still have to choose to show in either the 4-H horse show OR the FFA horse show, not both; but, they could show FFA at county and then 4-H at State Fair (with different horses).
  - State Fair is adding Ranch Horse Conformation (halter) classes.
    - 2 mare classes (3-7 years; 8 years and over)
    - 2 gelding classes (3-7 years; 8 years and over)
  - State Fair Schedule Changes
    - Horses will arrive on Monday afternoon
    - Check-in will be Monday 4:00-8:00 PM
    - Tuesday shows will start at 10:00 AM in both arenas
39. Market Heifer/Breeding Heifer ID Rule – if heifer is originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be identified again in 4HOnline as a breeding heifer. 4-Her can decide to show either way – breeding or market. If the heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed and birthdate is designated at weigh-in time and in 4HOnline by Feb. 1. If no breed is designated the heifer will only be eligible as a crossbred. For State Fair, all heifers need a tattoo entered in 4HOnline plus one of the following:
- Registration # (if a purebred/breed) or
  - Calfhood vaccination # or
  - Official 4-H ear tag
40. State Fair Poultry – Exhibitors will be requested to submit substitutions to Superintendent by Monday before the show – this allows for a more accurate show catalog and cage cards to be corrected.
41. State Fair Dairy Goat – adding Nigerian Dwarf class
42. **New for 2024:** Optional purebred animal classes for market and breeding beef, sheep, meat goat, and swine will be added as long as there are at least 3 entries in the class. If there are not 3 entries, entries will be put into an “all other breeds” class which will also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.



## 201: MARKET BEEF

- Class 20101 - Market Beef Heifer  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Market Beef Heifer
- Class 20102 - Market Beef Steer  
- Division One Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer  
- Division Two Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer  
- Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Market Beef  
- Champion & Reserve Champion County Raised Market Beef to be selected from top county produced animals in classes 01 & 02.

### Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. Maximum of 3 head may be exhibited by one individual exhibitor.
4. Entries are to be selected from the one to ten head purchased, weighed, and identified.
5. All market beef to be exhibited must be purchased prior to the county weigh-in date and/or the State Fair verification date.
6. If a heifer is originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be identified again in 4HOnline as a breeding heifer. 4-Her can decide to show either way – breeding or market. If the heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed and birthdate is designated at weigh-in time and in 4HOnline by Feb. 1. If no breed is designated the heifer will only be eligible as a crossbred.
7. Minimum fair entry weight is 900 lbs. for steers and 850 lbs. for market beef heifers. Steers that have a daily rate of gain of less than 2.2 lbs. and heifers that have a daily rate of gain of less than 2.0 lbs. cannot place in the top two in their respective classes but could still be awarded a blue ribbon.
8. Animals must have been born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of prior year. Animals in question will be subject to dental inspection by a committee. The decision of the committee will be final.
9. Animals will be split into up to three weight divisions. Classes will be established within each division following fair entry weigh-ins.
10. Before 6:00 PM on Saturday of fair the exhibitor must designate if calf is to be shipped on the truck.
11. All market heifers must be on MGA at least 30 days prior to fair and for the duration of the fair.
12. Clarification on “county raised” – A county raised calf shall be a home raised calf or a calf produced by a resident of Palo Alto County and bought directly from that producer.
13. Each exhibitor is allowed 3 feet of stall space per beef animal. Any stall dividers must be free standing and within the exhibitor’s allotted space.
14. The only fans to be allowed in the beef barns will be hanging fans.
15. Beef superintendents reserve the right to disqualify and send home any unruly or wild calf at any time during the fair.
16. A stall fee may or may not be charged - \$7 per lead calf – depending on whether there is a sponsor who pays all stall fees.
17. **4-H families will enter ALL animal data into 4HOnline by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – County 4-H Staff will review the weigh-in data for accuracy – ultimate animal data accuracy rests with each 4-H family.**
18. Optional purebred market beef classes will be added as long as there are at least 3 entries in the class. If there are not 3 entries, entries will be put into an “all other breeds” class which will

also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.

AWARDS:

Classes 20101 & 20102 - Blue - \$6.00; Red - \$5.00; White - \$4.00  
Champion & Reserve Champion Market Heifer – purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
Division Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steers – purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
Champion & Reserve Champion Market Steer – purple & lavender double strand rosettes  
Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Market Beef – banners  
Champion & Reserve Champion County Raised Market Beef – plaque/banner

**201: ADVANCED FEEDER CATTLE (Pen of Three)**

Class 20103 - Advanced Feeder Cattle – Pen of Three  
- Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of Three

Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. All feeder cattle to be exhibited must be purchased prior to the county weigh-in date and weighed in on that designated day. The only exception with this date shall be with arrangements made prior to the date. Feeder cattle should be tagged with official county 4-H tags.
4. Individual weights will be recorded. A maximum of 4 animals per pen can be weighed in.
5. Exhibitor shall provide a record of all expenses, including purchase costs, feed costs, veterinary expenses, etc., (stall cards) to the fair office by 12:00 noon on the Thursday of the fair.
6. Pens shall include three animals of original four weighed in.
7. Cash premiums paid on per pen basis.
8. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 2 pens.
9. A stall fee will be charged - \$20 per pen. Bedding will be provided.
10. Heifer pens must be on MGA at least 30 days prior to fair and for the duration of the fair.
11. Before 6:00 PM on Saturday of fair the exhibitor must designate if calf(s) are to be shipped on the truck.
12. **4-H families will enter ALL animal data into 4HOnline by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – County 4-H Staff will review the weigh-in data for accuracy – ultimate animal data accuracy rests with each 4-H family.**

AWARDS:

Class 20103 - Blue - \$6.00; Red - \$5.00; White - \$4.00  
Champion & Reserve Champion Pen of Three – banners

**202: BREEDING BEEF (Purebred and Commercial)**

Class 20201 - Breeding Heifers  
- Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Heifers (breed)  
- Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Breeding Heifer  
Class 20202 - Cow/Calf

- Champion and Reserve Champion Cow/Calf
- Champion and Reserve Champion Overall Breeding Female
- Champion County Raised Breeding Heifer

Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. Breeding heifers are to be identified in 4HOnline no later than 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. You MUST enter at least one tattoo if you plan to show your heifer at the Iowa State Fair. If a heifer is originally weighed in as a market heifer, the animal does NOT need to be identified again in 4HOnline as a breeding heifer. 4-Her can decide to show either way – breeding or market. If the heifer does show breeding instead of market, be sure a breed and birthdate is designated at weigh-in time and in 4HOnline by Feb. 1. If no breed is designated the heifer will only be eligible as a crossbred.
4. All heifers to be eligible shall be born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.
5. Cow/Calf pairs need to be identified in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Open to registered or commercial heifers.
7. Any name of ownership may be on the registration papers as long as evidence can be shown that the member holds some degree of ownership in the animal and that the member has a logical relationship to the name on the registration paper. Papers for registered animals should be presented to superintendent on entry day. Members are expected to care for the animal throughout the project period.
8. A maximum of ten entries may be identified in this division with a maximum of 3 exhibited at the fair with no more than 2 cow/calf pairs (a cow/calf pair counts as one entry).
9. Breed heifer classes must have 3 entries or those breeds will be combined into an all other breeds class which will also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.
10. Each exhibitor is allowed 3 feet of stall space per beef animal. Any stall dividers must be free standing and within the exhibitor's allotted space.
11. The only fans to be allowed in the beef barns will be hanging fans.
12. Beef superintendents reserve the right to disqualify and send home any unruly or wild calf at any time during the fair.
13. A stall fee may or may not be charged - \$7 per lead calf and \$14 per cow/calf – depending on whether there is a sponsor who pays all stall fees.
14. Animals not on fairgrounds by the 9:00 PM deadline on the Wednesday before the first day of the fair will forfeit stall fee and use of stall.
15. Clarification on “county raised” – A county raised calf shall be a home raised calf or a calf produced by a resident of Palo Alto County and bought directly from that producer.

AWARDS:

Class 20201 & 20202 – Blue - \$6.00; Red - \$5.00; White - \$4.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Heifers – purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Cow/Calf – purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Beef Female – banners  
 Champion County Raised Breeding Heifer – plaque

**203: BEEF SHOWMANSHIP** – See general rule #6

Class 20301 - Senior (grades 9-12)

Class 20302 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)  
Class 20303 - Junior (grades 4-6)

**AWARDS:**

Classes 20301-20303 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

**BEEF TOP 10 RATE OF GAIN**

**AWARDS:**

Champion & Reserve Champion Rate of Gain – banners for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place – place ribbons for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>

**MARKET BEEF CARCASS CONTEST  
(Combined lead & pen calves)**

**AWARDS:**

Champion & Reserve Champion Carcass Calf – banners for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place – place ribbons for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>

Premiums - 1<sup>st</sup> - \$12; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$10; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$9; 4<sup>th</sup> - \$8; 5<sup>th</sup> - \$7; 6<sup>th</sup> - \$6; 7<sup>th</sup> - \$5; 8<sup>th</sup> - \$4; 9<sup>th</sup> - \$3; 10<sup>th</sup> - \$2

**204: BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF - 4-H CLASS**

Class 20401 - 4-H Class  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Bucket/Bottle Calf

**205: BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF – OPEN CLASS**

Class 20501 - Open Class (grades K-1)  
Class 20502 - Open Class (grades 2-3)

**Rules:**

1. Open Class: Open to any exhibitor who lives in Palo Alto County and who has completed kindergarten through third grade at the time of the show.
2. 4-H Class: Open to any properly enrolled 4-H member of Palo Alto County.
3. **All 4-H exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Open class does not need this certification.
4. Any orphan or newborn calf, steer or heifer, dairy, beef, or crossbred calved after March 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year, and purchased by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year, may be shown. 4-Hers and open class exhibitors (Clover Kids) must identify calf(s) in 4HOnline by midnight on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The calf must be ear-tagged with any generic tag with the tag number/name recorded in 4HOnline.
5. Open Class will be only be required to complete a poster (any size is acceptable) using the following guidelines:  
K-1<sup>st</sup> Graders (grade just completed) – poster should include the following:

- First and Last Name
- Calf's Name
- Calf's Date of Birth
- Sex of Animal
- Favorite thing you like to do with your animal
- Photo of you and your animal

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders (grade just completed) – poster should include the following:

- First and Last Name
  - Calf's Name
  - Calf's Date of Birth
  - Sex of Animal
  - Breed
  - What/how much do you feed your calf every day?
  - What did you do to prepare for the fair?
  - Favorite thing you like to do with your animal
  - Photo of you and your animal
6. 4-H members will be required to fill out a Bucket/Bottle Calf Questionnaire and Feed Record Sheet to be turned in one hour before the show. Forms can be picked up at the Extension office or printed from our 4-H website – [www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h).
  7. An exhibitor may identify up to 3 animals, but is limited to only one exhibit at the county fair.
  8. Calves should be in possession of the exhibitor within 2 weeks of birth. The calf must be bucket or bottle fed. No nursing permitted. Feeding a calf starter feed is permitted and is a normal management practice as the calf begins to grow.
  9. All calves are to be halter broke and will be shown at halter. Entries can be weighed in at check-in time.
  10. Calves must be healthy. All calves must be free of warts, ringworm, or any other contagious or infectious conditions.
  11. Exhibitors must not wear open-toed shoes (sandals, thongs, etc.) in the show ring.
  12. Judging will be based on:
    - a. Participant interview - what the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
    - b. Cleanliness and overall appearance with emphasis on what the exhibitor has learned - **no clipping, grooming sprays, or supplies to enhance appearance will be allowed.**
    - c. General health, condition, and management of the calf and the young person's knowledge in this area.
    - d. Completion of questionnaire and feed record sheet to best of exhibitor's ability.
  - \*\* Conformation and quality of the calf **will not** be a major factor since purchase should not be based on this.
  13. **Bucket/Bottle Calves will not be sold at the 4-H Auction.**

#### AWARDS:

Class 20401 - Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.00; White - \$1.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Bucket/Bottle Calf - banners  
 Classes 20501 & 20502 - Participation ribbons

**\*Costume Class – dress up your bucket/bottle calf! Open to all bucket/bottle calf exhibitors. All youth will receive participation ribbons.**

## 206: ADVANCED BUCKET CALF CLASS – 4-H only

- Class 20601 - Advanced Bucket Calf (2<sup>nd</sup> year calf)  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Advanced Bucket Calf

### Rules:

1. Calf must have been shown in the Bucket/Bottle Calf Show in the previous year either by a 4-Her or a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in the open class.
2. Calf must be weighed in at beef weigh-in in December/January and the choice to go into this class be made at that time.
3. **Exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
4. Exhibitors will be required to fill out a Bucket/Bottle Calf Questionnaire and Feed Record Sheet to be turned in one hour before the show. Forms can be picked up at the Extension office or printed from our 4-H website – [www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h).
5. All calves are to be halter broke and will be shown at halter.
6. Entries must be weighed in during the beef weigh-in on the Wednesday evening before fair.
7. Calves must be healthy. All calves must be free of warts, ringworm, or any other contagious or infectious conditions.
8. Exhibitors must not wear open-toed shoes (sandals, thongs, etc.) in the show ring.
9. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Participant interview - what the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
  - b. Cleanliness and overall appearance with emphasis on what the exhibitor has learned - **no clipping, grooming sprays, or supplies to enhance appearance will be allowed.**
  - c. General health, condition, and management of the calf and the young person's knowledge in this area.
  - d. Completion of questionnaire and feed record sheet to best of exhibitor's ability.
- \*\* Conformation and quality of the calf **will not** be a major factor since this is an ongoing project and purchase should not have been based on this.
10. Judging will be separate from and not a part of the Market Beef/Breeding Beef show.
11. Calf will not be eligible for the premium auction or to go to market with the rest of the fair market beef.

### AWARDS:

- Class 20601 - Blue - \$6.00, Red - \$5.00, and White - \$4.00  
Champion & Reserve Champion Advanced Bucket Calf - banner

## 301: BREEDING SWINE

- Class 30101 - Breeding Gilt (commercial)  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt (commercial)  
Class 30102 - Purebred Gilt (minimum of 3 head of purebreds to have a class)  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt

## 302: MARKET SWINE

- Class 30201 - Market Pen of Three

- Class 30202 - Champion & Reserve Champion Pen of Three
- Class 30202 - Individual Market Barrow
- Class 30202 - Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Barrow
- Class 30202 - Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Barrow
- Class 30202 - Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Barrow
- Class 30202 - Champion & Reserve Champion Barrow
- Class 30203 - Individual Market Gilt
- Class 30203 - Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Gilt
- Class 30203 - Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Gilt
- Class 30203 - Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Gilt
- Class 30203 - Champion & Reserve Champion Gilt
- Class 30203 - Supreme Champion & Reserve Champion Market Hog

Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. All swine exhibitors **must have a premise ID number**. That number is required on the market swine drug affidavit. New exhibitors may get an application at <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf> or from the Extension office.
4. Only market pigs that display the official 4-H or FFA ear tag (the USDA tags with US Shield or EID tags) will be allowed to show. **Ear notches are also required for all swine and must be entered in 4HOnline.**
5. 4-Hers may tag a maximum of 40 head. An individual exhibitor may bring a maximum of 12 pigs to the fair – 4 individual pigs, 2 pens of 3, and 2 breeding gilts.
6. Exhibitors must identify all swine in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. Weight requirements have been taken out to show – if all pigs in the lightweight class are under 220 lbs., the top 2 pigs will not advance.
8. An exhibitor may bring a maximum of 4 individual market pigs from projects enrolled and identified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If 4 are shown, both barrows and gilts need to be represented.
9. Market Pen of Three – Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of 2 pens – barrows, gilts, or mixed. Three pigs not shown as individuals may be part of the market pen as long as they were properly identified by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Breeding gilts will not be eligible in the market pens.
10. Breeding Gilt Class – Exhibitors will be allowed to show a maximum of 2 breeding gilts.
11. Optional purebred market and breeding classes – must have a minimum of 3 head of purebreds to have a class or those breeds will be combined into an all other breeds class which will also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.
12. Reminder – one pig can go through the fair premium auction.
13. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing exhibits to the scale and into the auction ring at sale time.
14. There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on hogs. Hogs in violation will not be allowed to show. Reminder: NO clipping on the grounds.
15. Pen assignments in swine barn will be made up on a club group basis prior to entry time.
16. Wood chips are required bedding in the hog barn.
17. **All State Fair market and breeding swine will need a DNA punch tag and USDA or EID tag, ear notches, and be identified in 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup>.** BOTH tag numbers have to be entered in 4HOnline.

18. Swine leaving the fairgrounds following the county fair must go to one of the these two places:

- 1) Directly to the locker – exhibitor must provide address for the locker
- 2) Return to the address of the premise ID prior to coming to the fair without changing ownership.

This will keep us from requiring exhibitors to have health papers before they can take their swine off the fairgrounds since no change of ownership will occur. NO EXHIBITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO TAKE SWINE OFF THE FAIRGROUNDS WITHOUT STOPPING AT THE FAIR OFFICE AND FILLING OUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK FIRST.

19. **The Palo Alto County Fair will no longer supply a market outlet for your swine project.**

#### AWARDS:

Classes 30101, 30102, 30202, 30203 – Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.50, White - \$2.00

Class 30201 – Blue - \$5.00, Red - \$4.00, White - \$3.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt (commercial) – purple & lavender single strand rosettes; banner for champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Pen of Three – banners

Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Barrow – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Barrow – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Barrow – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Barrow – purple & lavender double strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Gilt – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Gilt – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Gilt – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Gilt – purple & lavender double strand rosettes

Supreme Champion & Reserve Champion Market Hog – banners

#### **303: SWINE SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 30301 - Senior (grades 9-12)

Class 30302 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)

Class 30303 - Junior (grades 4-6)

#### AWARDS:

Classes 30301-30303 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

#### **401: MARKET LAMB**

Class 40101 - Individual Market Lamb

- Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Lamb

- Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Lamb

- Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Lamb

- Champion & Reserve Champion Market Lamb

Class 40102 - Pen of Three Market Lambs

- Champion & Reserve Champion Market Pen of Three Lambs



## 402: BREEDING EWE

- Class 40201 - Breeding Ewe Lamb  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe

### Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. All market lambs must have been tagged with official county 4-H tags and be weighed in on county weigh-in day (usually the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May). A maximum of 30 lambs can be tagged.
4. ALL lamb entries should have been born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Members may exhibit a maximum of four market lambs - 4 individual market lambs and 1 pen of three. Selection is to be made from lambs enrolled and identified on the weigh-in date. Exhibitor must designate which lambs are to be shown as individuals when making entries in FairEntry.
6. All market lambs to be exhibited must be purchased prior to the county weigh-in date and/or the State Fair verification date.
7. Sexually intact sheep departing from the flock of origin to attend fair must be ear-tagged with the official scrapie program tag from the farm of origin.
8. Market lambs must have been shorn over the entire body. The maximum fleece length permitted will be ¼ inch. Lambs with over ¼ inch of wool will not be allowed on the fairgrounds due to the difficulty of inspection for club lamb fungus. (Note: Fleece will normally develop at the rate of ¼ inch every 30 days.)
9. Market lambs shall not be blocked.
10. Minimum and maximum weight for market lambs to go to slaughter will be set by the buyer.
11. Market lambs may be exhibited in one of three weight divisions (light, medium, and heavy) and will be split as needed at the superintendent's discretion. Each exhibitor will show their own exhibit unless they have a second lamb in the same class.
12. Breeding ewe lambs will be split as needed at the superintendents' discretion. Limit of 2 lambs per exhibitor.
13. Optional purebred market and breeding classes – must have a minimum of 3 head of purebreds to have a class or those breeds will be combined into an all other breeds class which will also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.
14. Ram lambs are not allowed.
15. All market sheep, commercial breeding, purebred breeding to be shown at the Iowa State Fair must have been weighed and tagged at an official verification site, as well as had a retinal image from the nominated animal.
16. **4-H families will enter ALL animal data into 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> – County 4-H Staff will review the weigh-in data for accuracy – ultimate animal data accuracy rests with each 4-H family.**
17. Exhibit limits – 6 total – 4 individuals (3 to be selected for a pen) and 2 breeding ewes

### AWARDS:

Classes 40101, 40201 – Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.50, White - \$2.00

Class 40102 – Blue - \$5.00, Red - \$4.00, \$3.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Lamb – purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Lamb - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Lamb - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Market Lamb – banners  
Champion & Reserve Champion Market Pen of Three Lambs – banners  
Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe – banners

### **403: SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 40301 - Senior (grades 9-12)  
Class 40302 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)  
Class 40303 - Junior (grades 4-6)

#### **AWARDS:**

Classes 40301-40303 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

### **MARKET LAMB TOP 10 RATE OF GAIN**

#### **AWARDS:**

Champion & Reserve Champion Rate of Gain – trophies and purple & lavender rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place – place ribbons for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10th

### **501: MEAT GOATS**

Class 50101 - Individual Market Meat Goat  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Meat Goat  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Meat Goat  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Meat Goat  
- Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat

### **502: BREEDING MEAT GOATS**

Class 50201 - Junior Doe – born in current year  
Class 50202 - Intermediate Doe – over 1 year old but under 2 years old – can be a maiden goat  
Class 50203 - Senior Doe – over 2 years old – must have had kid  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Doe

#### **Regulations:**

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**
3. All market meat goats must have been tagged with official county 4-H tags and be weighed in on county sheep/meat goat weigh-in day (usually the last Saturday in April or the first Saturday in May). A maximum of 10 meat goats can be identified.
4. Market meat goats entries need to be born in calendar year.
5. Meat goats can be wethers (castrated male) or female kids of any meat goat breed (i.e. Boer) or crossbred (i.e. dairy goat wether). No bucks or pygmy goats may be shown. Goats must

- have kid teeth in normal position. Breeding meat goat does are eligible for breeding classes and will be divided by age if numbers warrant.
6. Each exhibitor may show 2 animals per class but no more than 6 animals in the entire show.
  7. All meat goats to be exhibited must be purchased prior to the county weigh-in date and/or the State Fair verification date.
  8. Sexually intact animals departing from the flock of origin to attend fair must be ear-tagged with the official scrapie program tag from the farm of origin.
  9. Goats must be broke to lead with a halter or collar and short lead when showing, body clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less, and hooves cleaned and trimmed prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. No coloring agents allowed (baby powder, paints, etc.).
  10. If horned, market goats must have horns blunt (not less than the diameter of a dime at the ends.)
  11. All market meat goats will be weighed after arrival at fair and classed by weight for the show at the superintendent's discretion – numbers will determine if there are all 3 weight divisions. Each exhibitor will show their own exhibit unless they have a second meat goat in the same class.
  12. All State Fair market meat goats (does and wethers) **MUST** have a 4-H tag in place and retinal images. Breeding does must have either a 4-H tag OR tattoo – if using a tattoo, it must follow official guidelines: Left ear = individual animal identifier, Right ear = herd prefix. If breeding meat goat does attend a weigh-in to get tagged, weighed, and retinal imaged they should be entered in 4HOnline by the family WITH birthdates. Meat goat does can be shown in the market class along with wethers; however, a doe can only show market or breeding, not both.
  13. Retinal images are required for ALL breeding meat goat does for State Fair eligibility.
  14. Optional purebred market and breeding classes – must have a minimum of 3 head of purebreds to have a class or those breeds will be combined into an all other breeds class which will also need to include at least 3 entries. Registration papers will need to be in hand and presented during weigh-in at the fair.
  15. **4-H families will enter ALL animal data into 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> – County 4-H Staff will review the weigh-in data for accuracy – ultimate animal data accuracy rests with each 4-H family.**
  16. The fair board will allow exhibitors to participate in the fair auction (1 animal) but may or may not supply a market for the animals.

#### AWARDS:

Classes 50101, 50201-50203 – Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.50, White - \$2.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Lightweight Meat Goat - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Medium-weight Meat Goat - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Heavyweight Meat Goat - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat – banners

Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Doe – banners

#### **503: MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 50301 - Senior (grades 9-12)

Class 50302 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)

Class 50303 - Junior (grades 4-6)

#### AWARDS:

Classes 50301-50303 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

## MARKET MEAT GOAT TOP 10 RATE OF GAIN

### AWARDS:

Champion & Reserve Champion Rate of Gain – trophies and purple & lavender rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place – place ribbons for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>

## 601 & 602: BOTTLE LAMB/MEAT GOAT - 4-H CLASS & OPEN CLASS

Class 60101 - 4-H Class  
- Champion & Reserve Champion Bottle Lamb/Meat Goat  
Class 60201 - Open Class (grades K-1)  
Class 60202 - Open Class (grades 2-3)

### Rules:

1. Open Class: Open to any exhibitor who lives in Palo Alto County and who has completed kindergarten through third grade at the time of the show.
2. 4-H Class: Open to any properly enrolled 4-H member of Palo Alto County.
3. **All 4-H exhibitors must be YQCA certified by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Open class does not need this certification.
4. Any orphan or newborn lamb or meat goat, ewe/doe or wether, born between January 1-May 1 of current year may be shown. Open class exhibitors (Clover Kids) and 4-Hers must identify bottle lambs/meat goats in 4HOnline in their respective category by midnight on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The lamb(s) or meat goat(s) must be ear-tagged with any generic tag with the tag name/number recorded in 4HOnline.
5. Open Class will be only be required to complete a poster (any size is acceptable) using the following guidelines:

K-1<sup>st</sup> Graders (grade just completed) – poster should include the following:

- First and Last Name
- Lamb/Meat Goat's Name
- Lamb/Meat Goat's Date of Birth
- Sex of Animal
- Favorite thing you like to do with your animal
- Photo of you and your animal

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders (grade just completed) – poster should include the following:

- First and Last Name
- Lamb/Meat Goat's Name
- Lamb/Meat Goat's Date of Birth
- Sex of Animal
- Breed
- What/how much do you feed your lamb/meat goat every day?
- What did you do to prepare for the fair?
- Favorite thing you like to do with your animal
- Photo of you and your animal

6. 4-H members will be required to fill out a Bottle Lamb/Meat Goat Questionnaire and Feed Record Sheet to be turned in one hour before the show. Forms can be picked up at the Extension office or printed from our 4-H website – [www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/paloalto/4h).
7. An exhibitor may identify up to 3 animals (3 lambs, 3 meat goats, or a combination), but is limited to only one exhibit (1 bottle lamb or 1 meat goat) at the county fair. It is recommended that if no other livestock is on the premise, that they purchase two lambs/meat goats for better survivability.
8. Lambs/meat goats should be in possession of the exhibitor within one week of birth. Lambs/meat goats must be bottle fed. No nursing permitted.
9. All lambs/meat goats are to be halter broke and will be shown at halter.
10. Lambs/meat goats must be free of any contagious or infectious conditions.
11. Lambs must be slick sheared to be eligible to be shown in the Bottle Lamb class. The body of a meat goat should be clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less, and hooves cleaned and trimmed prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. If horned, meat goats must have horns blunt (not less than the diameter of a dime at the ends.)
12. Sexually intact sheep/meat goats departing from the flock of origin to attend fair must be ear-tagged with the official scrapie program tag from the farm of origin.
13. Exhibitors will begin with an individual interview with the judge. Following the interviews all exhibitors will then show their lambs/meat goats in the show ring in one of the three classes.
14. Judging will be based on:
  - a. Participant interview – what the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the lamb/meat goat.
  - b. Cleanliness and overall appearance with emphasis on what the exhibitor has learned.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of the lamb and the young person's knowledge in this area.
  - d. Showmanship
    - will be asked to set the lamb/meat goat
    - will be asked to move the lamb/meat goat about the ring
    - ability to keep lamb/meat goat between themselves and the judge
  - e. Completion of questionnaire to best of exhibitor's ability
15. **Bottle lambs/meat goats will not be sold at the 4-H Auction.** Lambs/meat goats that make the minimum weight determined by the buyer may go to slaughter.

#### AWARDS:

Class 60101 - Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.00; White - \$1.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Bottle Lamb/Meat Goat - purple & lavender single strand rosettes & banners

Classes 60201 & 60202 - Participation ribbons

**\*Costume Class – dress up your bottle lamb/meat goat! Open to all bottle lamb/meat goat exhibitors. All youth will receive participation ribbons.**

#### 701: DOGS

##### Regulations:

Entries are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs and may or may not be owned by the exhibitor, but in all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for, and managed by the exhibitor. This means that exhibitors will be allowed to “borrow” dogs from grandparents, neighbors, etc. if they do not have one of their own to train. Dog project animals can be identified by more than one 4-H member

provided the members are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. Shared dogs may not compete against themselves in the same class. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA

1. All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination prior to training or exhibition.
2. Entries are to be checked in 30 minutes prior to scheduled show time and will be released following the conclusion of the Dog Show.
3. Dog must be identified in 4hOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. One cash premium will be paid per animal, based on highest premium earned.
5. AKC rules and regulations will be generally followed. This is not an AKC sanctioned event.
6. Exhibit limit – 2 dogs
7. **It is required that each 4-H/FFA fair exhibitor attend at least 3 practices in order to show at the fair. If an exhibitor is showing multiple dogs, they must bring them all to 3 practices – time will be allowed for exhibitors to switch out dogs.**

#### Class 70101 - **Intro Class**

This class is for 1st year exhibitor with first year dog only. Dog must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for examination ON leash	40 pts
Recall (no finish) ON leash	40 pts
Long sit (1 min) Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
Long down (1 min) Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts

#### Class 70102 - **Beginners Novice A**

This class is only for dogs and handler teams in their 2<sup>nd</sup> year of training. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Heel ON leash	40 pts
Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) Off leash	40 pts

#### Class 70103 - **Beginners Novice B**

This class is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel ON leash	40 pts
Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Sit for Examination ON leash	40 pts
Sit/stay Handler walks ring Drop leash	40 pts
Recall (No finish) Off leash	40 pts

#### Class 70104 - **Preferred Novice A**

A handler/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination Off leash	30 pts

Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down, Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get your Leash	30 pts

**Class 70105 - Preferred Novice B**

A handler/dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel & Figure 8 ON leash	40 pts
Stand for Examination Off leash	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with finish Off leash	30 pts
Stay – Sit or Down, Handler walks ring	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get your Leash	30 pts

**Class 70106 - Novice A**

A handler/dog team may enter this class 1 year. Any dog that has earned any 'CD' level title before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 pts
Stand for Examination	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 pts

**Class 70107 - Novice B**

A handler/dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned any 'CD' level title before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Heel on Leash and Figure Eight	40 pts
Stand for Examination	30 pts
Heel Free Off leash	40 pts
Recall with Finish Off Leash	30 pts
Sit Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts
Group Exercise – Sit & Down Stay	30 pts

**Class 70108 - Graduate Novice A**

For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score. Dogs must not have received any 'CDX' level titles.

Heel Free & Figure Eight	40 pts
Drop on Recall	40 pts
Dumbbell Recall	30 pts
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30 pts
Recall over Broad Jump	30 pts
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts

**Class 70109 - Graduate Novice B**

For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A. Dogs must not have received any 'CDX' level titles.

Heel Free & Figure Eight	40 pts
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Drop on Recall	40 pts
Dumbbell Recall	30 pts
Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	30 pts
Recall over Broad Jump	30 pts
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts

**Class 70110 - OPEN**

Heel Free & Figure Eight	40 pts
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	30 pts
Drop on Recall	30 pts
Retrieve on Flat	20 pts
Retrieve over High Jump	30 pts
Broad Jump	20 pts
Stand Stay – Get Your Leash	30 pts

**Class 70111: AGILITY**

Dog must also be entered in an obedience class. In each class dog will be divided by dog's height - Large dogs & Small dogs

**AWARDS:**

Classes 70101-70111 – Blue - \$6.00, Red - \$5.00, White - \$4.00

Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons (purple & lavender single strand rosettes) to be awarded to highest scoring dogs in each class. Banners may be awarded in classes 70101-70110 at the discretion of the summer instructor.

Class 70111 Agility – Champion Large Dog – purple single strand rosette & banner; Reserve Champion Large Dog – lavender single strand rosette & banner; Champion Small Dog – purple single strand rosette & banner; Reserve Champion Small Dog – lavender single strand rosette & banner; Blue, red, & white ribbons for rest of participants

**702: DOG SHOWMANSHIP**

- Class 70201 - Senior (grades 9-12)
- Class 70202 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)
- Class 70203 - Junior (grades 4-6)

**AWARDS:**

Classes 70201-70203 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

**801: HORSES AND PONIES**

- Class 80101 - Pony Halter (under 57")
- Class 80102 - Ranch Horse Conformation
- Class 80103 - Senior (7-12) Ranch Horse Walk-Trot
- Class 80104 - Junior (4-6) Ranch Horse Walk-Trot (group)
- Class 80105 - Senior (7-12) Ranch Horse Pleasure (group)
- Class 80106 - Junior (4-6) Ranch Horse Pleasure
- Class 80107 - Senior (7-12) Ranch Rail (Ind. – signs)



- Class 80108 - Junior (4-6) Ranch Rail (Ind. – signs)
- Class 80109 - Senior (7-12) Ranch Riding (Ind. – pattern)
- Class 80110 - Junior (4-6) Ranch Riding (Ind. – pattern)
- Class 80111 - Ranch Reining
- Class 80112 - Senior (7-12) Ranch Trail
- Class 80113 - Junior (4-6) Ranch Trail
- Class 80114 - Costume
- Class 80115 - Ride-a-Buck
- Class 80116 - Senior (7-12) Egg & Spoon
- Class 80117 - Junior (4-6) Egg & Spoon
- Class 80118 - Senior (7-12) Barrels
- Class 80119 - Junior (4-6) Barrels
- Class 80120 - Senior (7-12) Flag Race
- Class 80121 - Junior (4-6) Flag Race
- Class 80122 - Senior (7-12) Softball Race
- Class 80123 - Junior (4-6) Softball Race
- Class 80124 - Senior (7-12) Poles
- Class 80125 - Junior (4-6) Poles
- Class 80126 - Senior (7-12) Keyhole
- Class 80127 - Junior (4-6) Keyhole

#### Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. 4-Hers can ID a maximum of 5 horses total per 4-Her and of those 5, maximum of 2 can be leased. NO leasing of halter horses. A “leased” horse is any horse that is not owned by the 4-Her or their immediate family (“immediate family” only includes parents, step-parents, brothers, sisters, or legal guardians and does not include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc.).
3. Each member may enter a maximum of three animals in the fair.
4. All horses must be identified in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. When identifying online you will also need to upload 4 photos (front view, rear view, left side view, and right side view) to complete your entry.
5. A horse may be identified by more than one 4-H member provided the members are all 4-H members and are siblings. Sibling definition includes brother, sister or step-siblings with one common parent/guardian. The same animal(s) cannot be identified by one sibling in 4-H and another sibling in FFA. A horse may only be shown once in each type of class, even if it is shared, i.e. once in barrels, once in western pleasure, etc.
6. 4-Hers can ID horses in 4-H and FFA as long as they are DIFFERENT horses. State Fair exhibitors will still have to choose to show in either the 4-H horse show OR the FFA horse show, not both; but, they could show FFA at county and then 4-H at State Fair.
7. Show will follow “Guide for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” for interpretation of rules.
8. **Leased horses can not be shown in halter classes.**
9. Age of horses and ponies shall be determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
10. Appropriate western style apparel, including a solid, plain, front button or snap long sleeved, collared shirt of any color (including white) may be worn. The following is prohibited: personalized logos or embroidery, zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments or bling of any kind including, but not limited to, sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirt must be tucked in. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required. Western boots must be worn (fashion heels are prohibited). Spurs are permissible. Spurs must be dull and the rowels free moving. FFA exhibitors must wear official FFA attire as outlined in State Fair FFA Horse rules.

11. Arm bands will be worn on the upper left arm by all exhibitors except in English classes – English attire may be worn with English riding boots.
12. Horse or pony must be shown by the member claiming it as a project.
13. Horses can be shown in both English and Western Pleasure classes.
14. **ASTM/SEI approved helmets with properly adjusted chin strap will be required in all mounted and driving classes.** 4-H/FFA exhibitors must wear approved equine helmets at all times while mounted during all 4-H/FFA sponsored events – this includes the 4H/FFA Horse Show and all horse practices on the fairgrounds.
15. **It is required that each 4-H/FFA fair exhibitor attend at least 3 practices in order to show at the fair. If an exhibitor is showing multiple horses, they must bring them all to 3 practices – time will be allowed for exhibitors to switch out horses.**
16. Two cash premiums will be paid per animal – one for the halter/performance classes and one for the game classes – based on highest ribbon earned per horse.
17. Each member will be assigned a stall as space allows by the Superintendent and/or the leaders and will be required to keep it filled from 9:00 PM on Wednesday until conclusion of auction on Sunday.
18. There will be no points kept. All placings will be within classes. Trophy and medallion classes will be posted in advance.
19. Horse superintendent reserves the right to disqualify and send home any unruly horse at any time during practice or the fair to help ensure the safety of all 4-Hers.

#### AWARDS:

Classes 80101-80113 – Blue - \$6.00, Red - \$5.00, White - \$4.00

Classes 80114-80127 – Blue - \$6.00, Red - \$5.00, White - \$4.00

\*Two cash premiums will be paid per horse – one for the halter/performance classes and one for the game classes – based on highest ribbon earned per horse

Champion & Reserve Champion ribbons (purple & lavender single strand rosettes) to be awarded to in each class. Banners to be awarded in classes 80105 & 80106, 80109 & 80110, 80111, 80118 & 80119, and 80124 & 80125.

Banners to be awarded to the in classes 80103 & 80104, and 80112 & 80113.

#### 901: COMMERCIAL RABBITS

- Class 90101 - Meat Pen of 3 (5 lbs. & under)
- Class 90102 - Junior Doe (6 months & under)
- Class 90103 - Senior Doe (over 6 months)
- Class 90104 - Junior Buck (6 months & under)
- Class 90105 - Senior Buck (over 6 months)
- Class 90106 - Doe & Litter

#### 902: FANCY RABBITS

- Class 90201 - Junior Doe (6 months & under)
- Class 90202 - Senior Doe (over 6 months)
- Class 90203 - Junior Buck (6 months & under)
- Class 90204 - Senior Buck (over 6 months)

Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. 4-H/FFA members are required to attend the one project meeting to be held in April.
3. Cages will be provided for rabbit exhibitors in the rabbit barn, but exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own cages for the show ring. Exhibitors may bring padlocks for use on the barn cages, but it is not required. (The use of padlocks prevents the public from holding and/or releasing an unattended rabbit.)
4. We encourage exhibitors to identify senior rabbits in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15<sup>th</sup>. If your rabbit is too young to sex or too young to tattoo you will be able to add those rabbits until 11:59 PM on July 1<sup>st</sup> in 4HOnline. All 4-H rabbits must be tattooed with tattoos entered in 4HOnline by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Maximum number to be identified is 30 rabbits.
5. Open Class exhibitors will need to register for classes in FairEntry prior to the fair to allow for an accurate count of animals for cage requirements.
6. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may exhibit no more than 2 entries per class. Open class exhibitors are limited to 1 entry per class.
7. Costume Class will be limited to one entry.
8. All classes must have at least 3 rabbits to have the class. Classes where there are not 3 entries may be combined with another class.
9. The fair veterinarian may request any rabbit to be removed from the fairgrounds if it appears ill or not handling the stress of fair. Any rabbit showing signs of disease, ear mites, parasites, or any other contagious condition will be asked to leave.
10. Pregnant rabbits will not be showed or housed at the fairgrounds.
11. **4-H exhibitors must be certified in YQCA by June 1<sup>st</sup>** to exhibit at the fair – see general livestock rules. This does not apply to Open Class exhibitors.
12. Only one premium will be paid per rabbit.
13. There will be three age divisions for the Rabbit Showmanship Class as follows: Senior: Grades 9-12; Intermediate: Grades 7-8; and Junior: Grades 4-6. For showmanship there must be 3 exhibitors to have the class – divisions may be combined to have a class.
14. Rabbits to be shown at the Iowa State Fair and Clay County Fair must have a tattoo in their LEFT ear and be identified in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### AWARDS:

Classes 90101-90106 & 90201-90204 – Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.50, White - \$2.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Pen - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Doe - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Buck - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Rabbit - purple single strand rosette & trophy for champion, lavender single strand rosette & trophy for reserve champion  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Doe & Litter - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Fancy Doe - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Fancy Buck - purple & lavender single strand rosettes  
 Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit - purple double strand rosette & trophy for champion, lavender double strand rosette & trophy for reserve champion

#### **903: RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

Class 90301 - Senior (grades 9-12)  
 Class 90302 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)  
 Class 90303 - Junior (grades 4-6)

#### AWARDS:

Classes 90301-90303 – Purple showmanship ribbon & medallion for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

#### **904: RABBIT OPEN CLASS (K-3)**

Class 90401 - Doe  
Class 90402 - Buck

#### **AWARDS:**

Classes 90401 & 90402 – Participation Ribbons

#### **905: RABBIT - 4-H & Open Class (K-3)**

Class 90501 - Costume  
Class 90502 - Largest Rabbit  
Class 90503 - Smallest Rabbit

#### **1001: COMMERCIAL CHICKENS**

Entries in the commercial classes may be any meat or egg type bird.

Class 100101 - Two Broilers – either sex (6-8 weeks)  
Class 100102 - Two Laying Hens – hatched last year  
Class 100103 - Two Pullets – layers – hatched this year)  
Class 100104 - Two Fryers (either sex)

All breeding birds should be entered as cock, hen, cockerel or pullet with these terms defined as: **Cock** - male chicken 1 year or older; **Hen** - female chicken 1 year or older; **Cockerel** - male chicken less than 1 year old; **Pullet** - female chicken less than 1 year old.

#### **1002: BREEDING CHICKENS**

Class 100201 - Cock – large fowl  
Class 100202 - Cockerel – large fowl  
Class 100203 - Hen – large fowl  
Class 100204 - Pullet – large fowl  
Class 100205 - Cock – Bantam  
Class 100206 - Cockerel – Bantam  
Class 100207 - Hen – Bantam  
Class 100208 - Pullet – Bantam

#### **1003: TURKEYS**

Class 100301 - Pen of Two Market Turkeys – either sex  
Class 100302 - Breeding Cock  
Class 100303 - Breeding Cockerel  
Class 100304 - Breeding Hen  
Class 100305 - Breeding Pullet

## 1004: DUCKS OR GEESE

- Class 100401 - Pen of Two Market Ducks or Geese – either sex
- Class 100402 - Breeding Cock
- Class 100403 - Breeding Cockerel
- Class 100404 - Breeding Hen
- Class 100405 - Breeding Pullet

## 1005: SPECIAL POULTRY

- Class 100501 - Pheasants
- Class 100502 - Quail
- Class 100503 - Guineas
- Class 100504 - Pigeons (pair or single)

### Regulations:

1. Must meet all requirements as listed in general rules and regulations.
2. **4-H exhibitors must be certified in YQCA by June 1<sup>st</sup>** to exhibit at the fair – see general livestock rules. This does not apply to Open Class exhibitors.
3. All poultry must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock.
4. 4-H/FFA exhibitors may exhibit no more than 2 entries per class. Open class exhibitors (youth who have completed K-3 grades) are limited to 1 entry (single bird) in the show.
5. Cages will be provided for poultry exhibitors in the poultry barn.
6. Pens and area must be cleaned daily and left clean at end of fair.
7. Each 4-H member will be responsible for his or her birds and must be present when they are judged. (See substitute showman rule in 4-H Livestock Exhibits Rules.)
8. At the judge's discretion, classes may be combined due to low number of entries.
9. Champion and reserve can be designated in areas having 3 or more entries.
10. All poultry must be identified in 4HOnline by 11:59 PM on May 15th, with the exception of pullets and broilers. They may be identified in 4HOnline until 11:59 PM on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### AWARDS:

Classes 100101-100104, 100201-100208, 100301-100305, 100401-100405, & 100501-100504 – Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.50, White - \$2.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Commercial Poultry – Pen of Two – purple single strand rosette & banner for champion, lavender single strand rosette reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Large Fowl - purple single strand rosette & banner for champion, lavender single strand rosette for reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Bantam - purple single strand rosette & banner for champion, lavender single strand rosette for reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Turkey - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Duck/Goose - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Champion & Reserve Champion Special Poultry - purple & lavender single strand rosettes

Overall Champion & Reserve Champion Poultry Exhibit - purple single strand rosette & banner for champion, lavender single strand rosette & banner for reserve champion

## 1006: POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Class 100601 - Senior (grades 9-12)  
Class 100602 - Intermediate (grades 7& 8)  
Class 100603 - Junior (grades 4-6)

**AWARDS:**

Classes 100601-100603 – Purple showmanship ribbon & banner for first place and lavender showmanship ribbon for second place in each grade division; showmanship participation ribbons for all other participants

**1007: POULTRY OPEN CLASS (K-3)**

Class 100701 - Single bird

**AWARDS:**

Classes 100701 – Participation Ribbons

**1101: PETS**

Class 110101 - Pets

**Regulations:**

1. Any enrolled 4-Her may exhibit in this class. 4-H exhibitors should identify pets in 4HOnline by midnight on May 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Open class exhibitors are also welcome to enter. Open class exhibitors must live in Palo Alto County and have completed kindergarten through third grade at the time of the show.
3. Maximum entries in the Pet Show is 3 pets.
4. Pets will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They will be judged and released following the show.
5. All cats and dogs must have a rabies vaccination certificate which will be checked by superintendent or office staff person. All pets must be in good health.
6. Pets must be on a leash, in cage, or container.
7. Pets will be judged on nutrition, health, behavior and handling, grooming, and member's knowledge about their pet. This class will be conference judged.
8. The entry cannot be exhibited in any other show at the current fair.
9. Pets can include, but not limited to, cats, dogs, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, frogs, ferrets, rats, mice, turtle, lizard, snake, fish, chinchillas, miniature ponies, pot-bellied pigs, hermit crabs, hedge hogs, and birds.

**ENTRY TIME:** 15 minutes before the show

**RELEASE TIME:** After the show

**AWARDS:**

Class 110101 – Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.50; White - \$2.00

Open Class – Participation ribbons only

## 2024 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT A COUNTY 4H/FFA FAIR EXHIBITION

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING ABSCESSSES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA FAIR, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4H/FFA fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.

### SWINE

All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield are official identification tags.

**Swine originating outside of Iowa.** All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

**Swine exhibition requirements.** "Swine exhibition" means an exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.

**Swine exhibition report required.** The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.

### SHEEP AND GOATS

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.

#### POULTRY AND BIRDS

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B) **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.**

However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot high solid partition.

#### DOGS AND CATS

All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

#### FARM DEER

Accredited veterinarians must be approved to administer tuberculosis tests on Cervidae.
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"Cervidae" means all animals belonging to the cervidae family, and "CWD susceptible cervidae" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk and moose. Native Iowa Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification.

All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited. The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

"All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year."

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

Jeff Kaisand, D.V.M., State Veterinarian  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship



## 4-H Building Exhibits

This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension.

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Palo Alto County Fair 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

### General Exhibit Rules

#### **PILOT PROJECT YEAR 3**

A written explanation (aka goal card/write-up), audio recording, or video recording is **NOT REQUIRED** to be included as part of each exhibit at the Palo Alto County Fair.

- A simple entry tag will be provided.
- Exhibitors are encouraged to bring photos, digital or hard copy, or supporting documents to share their process with the judge during their conference.
- Sources of inspiration and recipes are still required.
- No preference will be given in State Fair selection to exhibits with a written, audio, or video explanation.
- All exhibitors should be prepared to respond verbally (unless accommodations have been requested and approved) to the following questions about their exhibit. Notecards, outlines, or full write-ups are still acceptable and may or may not be shared with the judge.
  - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
  - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
  - What were the most important things you learned?
- Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communication classes. There are required support pieces (source of design, recipe, Palo Alto photo label) for Palo Alto County Fair.

Exhibits selected for the Iowa State Fair, however, **MUST** include the explanation in a written, audio, or video format to the three questions above because there is no conference with a judge.

- Staff will offer a workshop or make one on one appointments to assist members with their documentation following selection.
- Exhibitors selected for the Iowa State Fair who do not wish to participate should let staff know by the end of the Palo Alto County Fair so that an alternate can be given the opportunity.

1. 4-Hers who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to exhibit at the Palo Alto County Fair. Exhibition – not competition – opportunities are also provided for Clover Kids. Only 4-H members in grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> are eligible for State Fair selection. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire 4-H club may include 4<sup>th</sup> grade members.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H members participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.

3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa.
4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
6. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be given a ribbon placing but will not be put on public display.
7. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - Posters may not exceed 24 inches x 36 inches in size. (See classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
  - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches x 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
8. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) – per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
  - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2pdf>
  - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3pdf>
  - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) – Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)
9. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information.)
10. The 4-H member’s goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design. Exhibitors will receive verbal and/or written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white Palo Alto County Fair exhibitor’s ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located at [State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels](#) (<https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpziqrn>).
11. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, class number, and exhibitor’s name and grade.  
NOTE: Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art, and 4-H poster communication classes.

12. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department will be moved to that department/class at the discretion of the judge.
13. All judges' decisions are final.
14. No entry fee is required.
15. All exhibits must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building by 11:00 AM on our pre-fair static exhibit judging day.
16. All exhibits must remain in place until the designated check-out time – 4:00 PM on the Sunday of fair.

### **Other Exhibit Information**

1. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Palo Alto County Fair and Palo Alto County Extension will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.
2. The Palo Alto County Fair management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.
3. Premium money will be paid directly to exhibitors.

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## Exhibit Class Descriptions

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are strongly encouraged go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets> for information on judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

Limit of 10 exhibits per class – each exhibit must have its own unique goal.

### **Animals**

#### **10110 Animal Science**

An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse and pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

#### **10120 Veterinary Science**

An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

### **Agriculture and Natural Resources**

#### **10210 Crop Production and Plant Science**

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.

#### **10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability**

An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.

#### **10222 Entomology**

Any exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.

#### **10224 Fish and Wildlife**

An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, and who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

#### **10226 Forestry**

An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

#### **10230 Horticulture and Plant Science**

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops, herbs, and flowers are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department.)

#### **10235 Home Grounds Improvement**

An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

### **10240 Outdoor Adventures**

An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, or other outdoor activities.

### **10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports**

An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

### **10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources**

An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

## **Creative Arts**

### **10310 Music**

An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

### **10320 Photography**

An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

#### ***Photography Special Rules:***

- 1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.*
- 2. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches x 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches x 14 inches. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.*
- 3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ½ inch thick.*
- 4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally.*
  - 4-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.*
  - Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.*
- 5. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 6 inches by 8 inches.*
- 6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.*

7. *Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
8. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*
9. *4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.*
10. *Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa at the Iowa State Fair.*

### **10340 Creative Photography**

A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. Could be a composite of multiple photographs.

#### ***Creative Photography Special Rules:***

1. *Photograph/image may be mounted/matted.*
2. *If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.*
3. *Photograph/image can be digitally created.*
4. *Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write-up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop the exhibit.*
5. *Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
6. *Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*

### **10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display**

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.

### **10350 Visual Arts: Original Art**

An exhibit that shows learning through creation of original art. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principles(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

### **10355 Visual Arts: Design, Process, or Technique Exploration**

This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its

origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See visual arts special rule #5 and #6.

### **10360 Visual Arts: Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics**

Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

#### **Visual Arts Special Rules:**

- 1. Items entered for exhibition must be ready for display in the home, gallery, or intended final display location: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing at the Iowa State Fair.*
- 2. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.*
- 3. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information, see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.*
- 4. If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.*
- 5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.*
- 6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.*

## **Family & Consumer Sciences**

### **10410 Child Development**

An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.

### **10420 Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories**

A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

### **10422 Clothing and Fashion: Purchased Garments & Accessories**

Purchased garments or accessories that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

### **10424 Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

#### ***Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:***

1. *Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.*
2. *Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*

### **10430 Consumer Management**

An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities.

### **10440 Food & Nutrition: Prepared Product**

An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “*Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide*” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.

### **10442 Food & Nutrition: Preserved Product**

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “*Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide*” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.

### **10445 Food & Nutrition: Educational Display**

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and HS 76 “*Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide*” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about meal planning and service must include a menu.

#### ***Food & Nutrition Special Rules:***

1. *Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.*
2. *All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.*



3. *Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.*
4. *Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.*
5. *Meat jerky products are prohibited.*
6. *The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, including the source of the recipe.*
7. *Preserved foods must include the Preservation Food Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2023 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Label for 4-H Exhibits.*
8. *Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.*
9. *Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:  
     *Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items*  
     *Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product**
10. *The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.*

### **10450 Health**

An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.

### **10460 Home Improvement**

An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving, and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

#### **Home Improvement Special Rules:**

1. *Items entered must be ready for display in the home: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing at the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit or original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).*

**10470 Sewing and Needle Arts: Constructed Item**

A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

**10472 Sewing and Needle Arts: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

*Note: Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.*

**10480 Other Family and Consumer Science**

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family and Consumer Science class listed.

**Special Exhibition: Thrifty Meal Challenge****10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge**

Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the five food groups with a budget of \$11.

***Special Rules:***

1. *Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class at the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon at the Iowa State Fair.*
3. *Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.*
4. *The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.*
5. *The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups: Fruit, Vegetable, Protein, Grain, and Dairy.*
  - a. *Recommended portion sizes per person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.*
  - b. *If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.*
6. *The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20 inches x 30 inches) that includes:*
  - a. *A copy of the Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.*
  - b. *The menu, the outline of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.*
  - c. *Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner)*
  - d. *Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2)*
  - e. *Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.*

*\*For more information about this special challenge, please go to*

*<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>.*

## **Personal Development**

### **10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement**

An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.

### **10520 Communication**

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, non-fiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

### **10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit**

Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

- a. 4-H is... (open to 4-Her's interpretation)
- b. Join 4-H
- c. I <3 4-H (2023 National 4-H Week theme)
- d. Explore the Jungle of Opportunities in 4-H (variation of 2024 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- e. 4-H Fever (variation of 2024 Iowa State Fair theme)

#### ***Poster Communication Special Rules:***

1. *Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered. Limit of two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.*
2. *All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches x 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches x 22 inches.*
3. *Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc.*
4. *Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.*
5. *Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.*
6. *Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.*
7. *4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.*
8. *All 4-H participants who have Communication Posters chosen for the Iowa State Fair will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments from the Iowa State Fair. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior posters will receive Seals of Excellence.*

### **10540 Digital Storytelling**

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques

using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. Finished film/movie/video must be uploaded to YouTube.

### **10550 Leadership**

An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

### **10560 Self-Determined**

An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

### ***Personal Development Special Rule:***

- 1. Exhibits entered in the Personal Development classes should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?*

### **Science, Engineering and Technology**

#### **10610 Mechanics**

An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involve a combination of skills.

#### **10612 Automotive**

Repaired or restored vehicle. (Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only, tentatively Thursday, August 8.)

#### **10613 Automotive: Educational Display**

An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

#### **10614 Electric**

Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

#### **10615 Small Engine**

Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

#### **10616 Tractor**

Repaired or restored tractor. Note: For tractors chosen for the Iowa State Fair a conference judging opportunity for exhibitors of repaired or restored tractors in Class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. (Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times.) Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 18, after 7:00 p.m.

#### **10617 Tractor: Educational Display**

An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

#### **10618 Welding**

Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

**10620 Woodworking**

An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

**10630 Science, Engineering, and Technology**

An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.

**10632 Aerospace**

Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

**10634 Robotics**

Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) that shows learning about robotics and robotic systems.

**Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule:**

1. *Exhibitors entered in 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa at the Iowa State Fair.*

AWARDS: Blue - \$2.00; Red - \$1.50; White - \$1.00

Each exhibit is only eligible to receive one of the following awards:

- Considered for Junior Recognition and Junior Recognition (grades 4-6)
- Considered for State Fair, State Fair, and State Fair Alternate (grades 5-12)

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

In addition to selections for State Fair and State Fair Alternates, the following special recognitions will be made:

- Overall Family & Consumer Sciences award (trophy) to the most outstanding exhibit in the major emphasis project area, to be selected from all exhibits regardless of eligibility for State Fair. An individual may receive this award no more than one time in any given project area.

**2024 – Food & Nutrition**

**2025 – Clothing & Fashion/Sewing & Needle Arts**

**2026 – Home Improvement**

- A special award (medallion) will be given to the outstanding exhibits in each of the following project areas regardless of eligibility for State Fair:

1 medallion	Food & Nutrition, except in 2024
1 medallion	Clothing & Fashion/Sewing & Needle Arts, except 2025
1 medallion	Home Improvement, except in 2026
1 medallion	Visual Arts
1 medallion	Photography

1 medallion	Agriculture & Natural Resources <u>or</u> Science, Engineering, and Technology
1 medallion	Child Development <u>or</u> Personal Development <u>or</u> Consumer & Management <u>or</u> Health

## 4-H Communication Events

### Purpose:

The Communication Event program provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The events provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.

### General Communication Event Program Rules and Regulations

1. 4-Her members who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2024 are eligible to participate at the Palo Alto County Fair. Iowa State Fair participants must be 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade members. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e. a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
5. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
6. Stickers are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.
7. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2024 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building or on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.
8. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
9. To represent the county at the State Fair, up to **6** educational presentations, **4** working exhibits, **3** Share the Fun acts, **2** Extemporaneous Speaking contestants, and **2** entries in the Communications Posters may be selected. No more than two (2) performances from an individual county will be scheduled during a Noon Share-the-Fun show at the Iowa State Fair.
10. If chosen to represent Palo Alto County at the Iowa State Fair: Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking participants cannot be involved in another event (communication event, clothing programs, livestock show or judging) during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in their program. Share-the-Fun participants cannot be involved in

another event from 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the scheduled show to 15 minutes following the show. All participants will be required to attend the scheduled orientation session prior to participating in their event. Only presenters are allowed in the Educational Presentation, Working Exhibit, and Extemporaneous Speaking preparation rooms. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a “peer evaluation program”.

11. Premium money for communication entries will go to the individuals. Medallions and purple ribbons will be awarded to the top two educational presentations and to the top two working exhibits.
12. Educational presentations, working exhibits, communication posters, and extemporaneous speaking will be awarded blue, red, or white ribbons. Share-the-Fun entries will receive participation ribbons.

### **11100: Educational Presentations**

Provide an opportunity for 4-Hers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

Class 11100A	Educational Presentations (Junior)—must have completed 4th - 6th grade.
Class 11100B	Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior)—must have completed 7th – 12th grade.

### **Educational Presentation Rules**

1. Time limit: Junior presentations (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
4. All presentations will be presented in front of an audience at the Palo Alto County Fair and will be conferenced judged.
5. **Six** educational presentations may be selected for State Fair and **one** for the Clay County Fair district program from eligible entries. Entrants must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the State Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the Clay County Fair. 4-H’ers may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.

### **11200: Working Exhibits**

Provide an opportunity for 4-Hers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Class 11200A	Working Exhibit (Junior)—must have completed 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6th grade.
Class 11200B	Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior)—must have completed 7th -12th grade.

### **Working Exhibit Rules**

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30 minute time period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. Many stages of the exhibit or product should be ready so that any step can be discussed. No set format should be used. Questions that might be asked as starters are: Have you seen...? Would you like to know how to...? May I show you how...?



4. The best subjects involve action by the youth or involve the audience in some doing, feeling, tasting, smelling, or judging. It is important that the subject used in the working exhibit be of interest to fair audiences.
5. All working exhibits will be presented in front of an audience at the Palo Alto County Fair and will be conferenced judged.
6. **Four** working exhibits may be selected for State Fair and **one** for the Clay County Fair district program from eligible entries. Entrants must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the State Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the Clay County Fair. 4-H'ers may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.

#### AWARDS:

Classes 11100 & 11200 – Blue - \$10.00; Red - \$8.00; White - \$6.00

Champion Educational Presentation – medallion & purple single strand rosette

Reserve Champion Educational Presentation – medallion & lavender single strand rosette

Champion Working Exhibit – medallion & purple single strand rosette

Reserve Champion Working Exhibit – medallion & lavender single strand rosette

#### **11300: Share-The-Fun**

Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.

#### **Share-The-Fun Rules**

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent).  
Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:
  - At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade.
  - Clover Kids are eligible to perform at the Palo Alto County Fair but can not advance to the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. All acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.
5. All Share-the-Fun acts will be presented in front of an audience at the Palo Alto County Fair and will be conferenced judged.
6. All participants will be given participation ribbons. Entries will be evaluated on the basis of quality, audience appeal, and appearance. Up to **three** (3) entries may be selected to represent the county in the State Fair Share-the-Fun Program and **two** entries may be selected for the Clay County Fair district program. Entrants must have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade for the State Fair and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the Clay County Fair. See #1 if a whole club participates.

#### AWARDS:

Class 11300 – participation ribbons for all participants

#### **11400: Extemporaneous Speaking**

Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking Rules**

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members - completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2024.
2. If more than two 4-Her members are interested, there will be a county competition that will use all the state rules and guidelines. A judge will select two participants to advance to the Iowa State Fair. Individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
  - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
    - The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
  - b. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
  - c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
    - Participant may bring his/her own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
    - Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
    - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
  - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the note cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
  - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
  - f. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
  - g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county they represent, and read the selected question.
  - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
  - a. Content related to topic
  - b. Knowledge of the subject
  - c. Organization of material
  - d. Power of expression
  - e. Voice
  - f. Stage presence
  - g. General effect
  - h. Response to questions
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

**AWARDS:**

Class 11400 – Blue - \$10.00; Red - \$8.00; White - \$6.00

Champion Extemporaneous Speaker – medallion & purple single strand rosette  
Reserve Champion Extemporaneous Speaker – medallion & lavender single strand rosette

## CLOTHING EVENT

### 4-H Fashion Revue

1. The purpose of this category is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be made or selected.
7. Submit the day of the county judging:
  - a. 4-H Clothing Event Report Form (available at the Extension Office or on our county website)
  - b. Color photo of entrant wearing outfit to be modeled. (Attached to the form in the space provided.) This is optional for Intermediates and Juniors but strongly encouraged.
8. Junior 4-Hers (grades 4-6) and Intermediate 4-Hers (grades 7 & 8) cannot compete at the State Fair but a Champion and Reserve Champion in each grade division will be chosen at the county level.
9. **Two** entries in the Junior division and **two** entries in the Int./Sr. divisions may be selected for the Clay County Fair district program in Fashion Revue.

Class 12101 – Junior Fashion Revue (grades 4-6)

Class 12102 – Intermediate Fashion Revue (grades 7 & 8)

Class 12103 – Senior Fashion Revue (grades 9-12)

### AWARDS:

Classes 12101-12103 – Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.50; White - \$2.00

Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Fashion Revue – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Fashion Revue – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Fashion Revue – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

### 4-H Clothing Selection

1. The purpose of this category is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member actually selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

6. Submit the day of the county judging:
  - a. 4-H Clothing Event Report Form (available at the Extension Office or on our county website)
  - b. Color photo of entrant wearing outfit to be modeled. (Attached to the form in the space provided.) This is optional for Intermediates and Juniors but strongly encouraged.
7. Junior 4-Hers (grades 4-6) and Intermediate 4-Hers (grades 7 & 8) cannot compete at the State Fair but a Champion and Reserve Champion in each grade division will be chosen at the county level.
8. **Two** entries in the Junior division and **two** entries in the Int./Sr. divisions may be selected for the Clay County Fair district program in Clothing Selection.

Class 12201 – Junior Clothing Selection (grades 4-6)  
 Class 12202 – Intermediate Clothing Selection (grades 7 & 8)  
 Class 12203 – Senior Clothing Selection (grades 9-12)

#### AWARDS:

Classes 12201-12203 – Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.50; White - \$2.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Clothing Selection – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Clothing Selection – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Clothing Selection – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

#### The \$20 Challenge

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.
5. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
10. Submit the day of the county judging:
  - a. 4-H Clothing Event Report Form (available at the Extension Office or on our county website)

- b. Color photo of entrant wearing outfit to be modeled. (Attached to the form in the space provided.) This is optional for Intermediates and Juniors but strongly encouraged.
  - c. Receipt(s) **MUST** be turned in with Clothing Event Form.
11. Junior 4-Hers (grades 4-6) and Intermediate 4-Hers (grades 7 & 8) cannot compete at the State Fair but a Champion and Reserve Champion in each grade division will be chosen at the county level.
12. **Two** entries in the Junior division and **two** entries in the Int./Sr. divisions may be selected for the Clay County Fair district program in \$20 Challenge.

Class 12301 – Junior \$20 Challenge (grades 4-6)  
 Class 12302 – Intermediate \$20 Challenge (grades 7 & 8)  
 Class 12303 – Senior \$20 Challenge (grades 9-12)

**AWARDS:**

Classes 12301-12303 – Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.50; White - \$2.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Senior \$20 Challenge – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate \$20 Challenge – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Junior \$20 Challenge – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

**Innovative Design**

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.
6. Submit the day of the county judging:
  - c. 4-H Clothing Event Report Form (available at the Extension Office or on our county website)
  - d. Color photo of entrant wearing outfit to be modeled. (Attached to the form in the space provided.) This is optional for Intermediates and Juniors but strongly encouraged.
7. Junior 4-Hers (grades 4-6) and Intermediate 4-Hers (grades 7 & 8) cannot compete at the State Fair but a Champion and Reserve Champion in each grade division will be chosen at the county level.
8. **Two** entries in the Junior division and **two** entries in the Int./Sr. divisions may be selected for the Clay County Fair district program in Clothing Selection.

Class 12401 – Junior Innovative Design (grades 4-6)  
 Class 12402 – Intermediate Innovative Design (grades 7 & 8)  
 Class 12403 – Senior Innovative Design (grades 9-12)

**AWARDS:**

Classes 12401-12403 – Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.50; White - \$2.00  
 Champion & Reserve Champion Senior Innovative Design – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

Champion & Reserve Champion Intermediate Innovative Design – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion  
Champion & Reserve Champion Junior Innovative Design – purple single strand rosette & medallion for champion – lavender rosette for reserve champion

#### **State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event**

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event with one entry per year. Participants may be selected to participate in any one of the four classes, even if they participated in that class in previous years.
2. Each county may send the following number of participants in each class to represent their county, selected from each of the county's events:
  - a. **Fashion Revue Class:** Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - b. **\$20 Challenge Class:** Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - c. **Clothing Selection Class:** Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
  - d. **Innovative Design Class:** Four participants total with no more than two (2) participants with an entry in any given category (athletic wear, formal wear, everyday wear, costume).
3. The categories in each class are simply for entry limit purposes. All entries in each class will be judged together.
4. Participants must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9-12 the same year as the event).
5. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as another 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit from Palo Alto County.
6. Participants must bring the garment or outfit they purchased or created, and accessories, to the State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event.
7. Participants should submit only the materials requested for each class (report form and photo – for ALL classes – plus a receipt for \$20 Challenge). If additional materials are sent with the entry or brought to the conference judging, they will not be considered. Pages added to the report form will not be considered.
8. Participant report forms must be uploaded by county staff no later than July 31. Participants should abide by county deadlines for submitting paperwork for entry. Report form responses may be in an alternate format or handwritten if preferred by the participant.
9. Requests for class or group time changes will be honored as availability allows through July 31. Requests made after July 31 cannot be accommodated due to our printing deadlines.
10. All participants must participate in all Awardrobe Clothing Event activities at the times scheduled for their county unless the 4-H member is involved in another Iowa State Fair 4-H activity at the same time with a non-flexible schedule. Pre-approval is required prior to July 31.

#### **Special Recognition for State 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event**

- All Awardrobe Clothing Event participants will receive a participation ribbon presented at the public fashion show held at the Iowa State Fair.
- The top five (5) entries in each class (Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, \$20 Challenge, Innovative Design) will receive an award plaque.
- Special Recognition will be presented by the Central Iowa Chapter, American Sewing Guild to two individuals who exhibit outstanding sewing skills in the Fashion Revue class.

- One inspiring participant selected as one of the top five in the Innovative Design Class who has expressed an interest in furthering their education in fashion design, fashion merchandising, or interior design will be awarded a \$250 scholarship to Des Moines Area Community College's Fashion Institute.
- The DMACC Fashion Institute Style Award (Style book and \$50 gift card) is awarded to the participant who demonstrates excellence in styling their outfit.
- One inspiring participant (must have been selected as top five in class), and who has expressed an interest in furthering their education in textiles and clothing, hospitality management, or event management will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to the Iowa State University College of Human Sciences' Department of Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management.

**12501: 4-H Style Show** - to be held on the Thursday evening during the Palo Alto County Fair

1. Open to all age groups (including Clover Kids) with no limit on the number of 4-H/Clover Kid members that may enter. 4-H members may model more than one outfit/garment if they have more than one clothing entry. Clover Kids are allowed to model one outfit/garment.
2. Garment or article modeled must be entered in a clothing class at the current year's county fair or was worn in the current year's clothing event. It may be either a purchased or constructed garment, including \$20 Challenge and Innovative Design entries. (The whole outfit doesn't need to be a fair entry.)
3. Participants will need to fill out a card that will include their name and a brief description of the garment to be modeled. This card will need to be turned in prior to the show.
4. No premiums offered for this class. This is a chance for 4-H members to express themselves through their clothing decisions, gain confidence in their appearance, and practice their modeling skills in front of an audience – all for the pleasure of interested fairgoers.



## CHALLENGE CLASSES

### 13001: Food Challenge Class

#### Rules:

1. Open to all 4-H members & Clover Kids.
2. Again this year: Entries in this class will be eligible for State fair, too, but you must put together two separate entries (plates) – one to be judged by the Food & Nutrition judges and one to be judged by the Challenge Class judge. Both entries will be conferenced judged.
3. An entry should include 3 treats on a paper plate/flat piece of cardboard. Limit – one entry in the Challenge class per exhibitor.
4. Entries should be brought to fairgrounds on judging day with their other exhibits.
5. 4-H members and Clover Kids will need to include the fair entry tag with their entry. This should be attached in the same manner as with any of their other static exhibits. Entry tags will be printed and available at the front desk.
6. All entries should be made in FairEntry by July 11<sup>th</sup> under the department of “County Only Static, includes Clover Kids”. The division is “Challenge Classes”.
7. All entries will receive a blue, red, or white ribbon with the exception of Clover Kids who will get a special ribbon. 4-Hers will receive a premium for their entry just like they do for their other entries: Blue - \$2.00, Red - \$1.50, White - \$1.00
8. An overall champion and reserve champion will be selected and awarded from the entries.
9. All entries are to remain in the Exhibits Building until the release of all other exhibits which will be Sunday afternoon, 4:00 PM. The fair board has the right to withhold premiums to exhibitors who take their exhibits home earlier than the release time.

#### Challenge Class Recipe:

##### Rice Krispies Treats

Ingredients that you must include:

- Rice Krispies - plain
- Butter
- Marshmallows

Optional ingredients – all must be edible and not require refrigeration

- Food coloring
- Frosting
- Caramel
- Candy bits – M&Ms, sprinkles, chocolate chips, etc.
- Other edible decorations – be creative!

#### Instructions:

1. Using a basic Rice Krispie Treat recipe create your own treat by sculpting, adding additional edible items, adding color, etc.
2. Entries will be judged on creativity and taste!

#### AWARDS:

Champion & Reserve Champion Food Challenge Entry



## **13002: Bucket of Junk Challenge Class**

### Rules:

- Each team will be made up of one 4-H member and one adult. However, if you choose to do it by yourself or with a friend who has a welder that is okay, too.
- Each 4-H member will get one bucket of junk.
- You may clean, sand, weld, glue, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish the items you are provided.
- You may add UP TO 3 pieces of your own junk to your project, otherwise you must use what we provide.
- We strongly encourage you to take a “before” picture of your junk, laid out on a flat surface, to show the judge and others where your project began.
- To be entered in the contest, bring your project to the fair to be conferenced judged on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 AM and noon.
- Lastly, the creations brought to the fair will be judged as an exhibit AND judged for the winner of a CASH PRIZE.

### AWARDS:

Champion & Reserve Champion Bucket of Junk Challenge Entry

## HORTICULTURE CLASSES FOR THE PALO ALTO COUNTY FAIR

**NOTE: Vegetable and flower specimens will be conferenced judged on Wednesday, the day before the official start of the fair, from 4:30-7:00 PM.**

### VEGETABLE CLASSES

**Class 1201 – Vegetables** – A display of vegetables raised as a result of work done in 4-H. Entries limited to 10 exhibits in this class. Entries should be displayed on a paper plate, uncovered, using the guidelines that follow. These guidelines will take precedence over all other printed materials. **Intermediate and senior 4-Hers must know the variety of their specimen or they will be lowered one ribbon placing.**

### GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING VEGETABLE EXHIBITS

#### 120101: BEANS (SNAP)

Best state of maturity – Uniform in color, straight and of the same length. Uniform and true to variety. Small seeds, not more than half grown.

Faults – Cracked pods, rusted, variable color, seeds too large, disease, insect or mechanical injury.

Preparation – Brush with soft-bristled brush or soft, dry cloth to remove dirt. Leave ½ inch on stem of pod.

Exhibit six pods.

#### 120102: BEANS (OTHER)

Category includes all beans other than snap beans – i.e., lima, yellow, pole, etc.

Best stage of maturity – Full size for variety, tender, fresh.

Faults – Wilted, immature, variable color, rusted, or insect-damaged pods.

Preparation – Brush with soft-bristled brush or soft, dry cloth to remove dirt. Leave ½ inch of stem on pod.

Exhibit six pods.

#### 120103: BEETS

Best stage of maturity – Smooth, firm, and uniform internal color. Full size for variety.

Faults – Variable color, misshapen, rough skin, oversized, insect or disease damage.

Preparation – Trim tops to 1 1/2- to 2-inch length. (Leaves left on cause wilting of roots.) Leave 2 inches of tap root. Brush to remove soil, or soak and gently wash in cold water. Do not scrub because skin will break.

Exhibit three specimens.

#### 120104: BROCCOLI

Best stage of maturity – Heads firm, uniform color, tender and crisp. Tight bud stage.

Faults – Wilted, leaves in head, flowers open, depressed center, insect or disease damage, showing yellow flowers.

Preparation – Rinse with cold water. Keep refrigerated until ready to exhibit. Remove all leaves below the head. Minimum diameter of head is 3 inches. Minimum length of stalk and head is 5 inches.

Exhibit one head.

#### 120105: CABBAGE

Best stage of maturity – Heads solid and firm, tender and crisp, heavy for size.

Faults – Light weight, loosely formed, not firm, wilted, insect, disease, or mechanical damage. Peeled too much.

Preparation – Do not peel excessively. Remove enough outer leaves for neat appearance. Trim butt close to head, but not excessively.

Exhibit one head.

#### 120106: CARROTS

Smooth, straight, uniform bright color. Acceptable stage for variety.

Faults – Purple or green shoulders, too large or small, pale color, forked, crooked or cracked roots, insect and disease damage.

Preparation – Trim tops to 1 to 1 1/2 inch length. Remove soil by brushing, or wash in cold water. Do not scrub because skin will break.

Exhibit three specimens.

#### 120107: CAULIFLOWER

Best stage of maturity – White or purple (depending on variety), crisp, solid, fresh and with uniform color.

Faults – Poor color (yellow-brownish), grainy, excessively rough, wilted, insect and disease damage.

Preparation – Remove all leaves. Trim butt close to head, but not excessively.

Exhibit one head.

#### 120108: CUCUMBERS

Best stage of maturity – straight, dark green color. Crisp and firm.

Faults – Misshapen or crooked fruit, insect or mechanical damage, oversized, yellowish color, overmature or immature; stems removed. Preparation – Leave ½ inch stems, can be cut from vine. Wipe clean with soft cloth.

Size: Pickling – 2 to 3 inches. Exhibit five specimens. Dill – 5 inches. Exhibit three specimens.

Slicing – 6 to 8 inches. Exhibit three specimens.

#### 120109: DILL

Best stage of maturity – Light green with mature seed. Ready to use.

Faults – Immaturity, small size.

Preparation – Cut seed heads with 10- to 12-inch stems.

Exhibit two heads in tall necked bottle with water.

#### 120110: EGGPLANT

Best stage of maturity – Firm, shiny, and medium to large size, uniform purple. Light thumb pressure will leave a dent at the proper harvest stage. Small blossom scar. Fresh green calyx (the leaf-like cover of the flower and the eggplant.)

Faults – Too small, bronze or green color, dried calyx, dull color, immature; stem removed

Preparation – Do not wash. Wipe with soft cloth if necessary. Leave 1 inch of stem.

Exhibit one specimen.

#### 120111: HERBS

Best stage of maturity – Fresh, clean, proper harvest state for use.

Faults – Dirty, wilted foliage. Flowering or improper stage for kitchen use. Improperly labeled.

Preparation – Rinse in cold water.

Exhibit 4 to 6 inch sprigs in narrow bottles filled with water. Exhibit 1 sprig per bottle.

120112: KOHLRABI

Best stage of maturity – Approximately 3 inches in diameter; tender; good color.

Faults – Too large, tough, poor color, insect, disease, and weather damage, misshapen, or dirty; not prepared properly

Preparation – Cut leaf stem to 2 inches in length. Trim root stem to 2 inches.

Exhibit two specimens.

120113: ONIONS

Best stage of maturity – Firm, mature, well-shaped bulbs, true to variety. Heavy for size. Minimum of 3 inches in diameter, uniform color and finish.

Faults – Peeled bulb. Sunscalded, immature, misshapen, double or split bulbs. Poor color, size, and finish. Disease, insect, or mechanical injury. Not prepared properly.

Preparation – Do not remove outer skin. Do not wash. Leave tops 1 inch above bulb. Trim roots to ¼ inch.

Exhibit three specimens.

120114: ONIONS (GREEN)

Best stage of maturity – ½ inch in diameter, straight, white stem and dark green leaves.

Faults – Too small or too large, crooked, poor color, dry or discolored leaves. Heavily peeled.

Enlarged bulbs. Not prepared properly.

Preparation – Remove loose skin, cut tops 4 to 5 inches above white shank. Trim roots to ½ inch.

Display five onions per bunch tied in middle.

120115: PEAS

Best stage of maturity – Bright green well filled pods with seeds in eating stage.

Faults – Poorly filled pods, dull or whitish green color; pods shriveled or drying. Blemished. Seeds shriveled, starchy, or bitter. Overmature. Stems removed.

Preparation – Pick with stem, rinse with cool water to clean.

Exhibit six pods.

120116: PEAS (EDIBLE POD)

Best stage of maturity for variety – Tender, flat pods with seed just beginning to form. Bright green color.

Faults – Seed maturing, pods swelled or damaged. Pods tough.

Preparation – Pick with stems. To remove dirt, brush with soft brush.

Exhibit six pods.

120117: PEPPERS

Best stage of maturity – Firm, with dark color (red, green, or yellow). Large for variety. Crisp and heavy, uniform in size and color.

Faults – Badly misshapen, rough, too small, off color, and wilted. Sunscalded, mechanical injury, insect, or disease damage. Lightweight, dirty. Overmature. Stems removed.

Preparation – Leave ½- to 1-inch stems.

Exhibit two specimens.

120118: POTATOES

Best stage of maturity – Firm, medium size (6 to 10 ounces), uniform color.

Faults – Mechanical, insect, or disease damage. Unusually deep eyes for variety. Poor color, sunburn, hollow heart, knobby, or growth cracks.

Preparation – Do not wash. Dig from dry soil, brush off dirt with soft-bristled brush or wipe off with soft cloth.

Exhibit three specimens.

#### 120119: PUMPKINS

Best stage of maturity – Thick flesh (heavy for size). Clean, hard rind. True to type in size, shape, and color.

Faults – Light weight for size, stems removed. Color and shape not typical of variety. Scars and blemishes. Insect or disease damage.

Preparation – Exhibit with 2 inches of stem attached. Wipe and polish with a soft cloth.

Exhibit one specimen.

#### 120120: RADISHES

Best stage of maturity – Roots are 1 inch in diameter. Fresh, crisp, uniform color, and smooth.

Faults – Wilted or soft roots, poorly colored, rough, or blemished.

Preparation – Gently wash in cool water. Remove discolored or injured leaves.

Tie five roots in a bunch.

#### 120121: SQUASH

Best stage of maturity – Medium to large fruits, true to variety in size, color, and shape. Rind hard and glossy. Color fully developed.

Faults – Immature fruits with light color. Soft or damaged rind; insect or mechanical damage; stem removed; green, soft stem.

Preparation – Cut with 2 inches of stem attached.

Exhibit one specimen.

#### 120122: SWEET CORN

Best stage of maturity – Kernels fully grown and in milk stage. Well filled and even rows.

Faults – Too immature or overmature. Crooked, uneven rows, cob not filled to tip. Insect damage.

Preparation – Remove all husk. Trim shank.

Exhibit two ears.

#### 120123: TOMATOES

Best stage of maturity – Firm fruits, heavy in relation to size. Uniform in size and color. Ripe.

Smooth and well-shaped. Typical of variety.

Faults – Poor color, sunscald, too large or too small, misshapen, insect or disease damage. Over-ripe or cracked. Stems removed.

Preparation – Pick mature but firm fruits. Leave ½ inch stems, can be cut from vine. Clean with soft cloth.

Type: Standard or pear-shaped fruit – exhibit two specimens. Cherry or cocktail fruit – exhibit six specimens.

#### 120124: TURNIPS

Best stage of maturity – Roots 2 to 3 inches in diameter. Smooth skin and firm flesh. Uniform color.

Faults – Poorly colored, soft, spongy, too large. Rough skin, showing insect, disease, or mechanical injury. Excessively dirty. Side roots present.

Preparation – Cut tops back to 1 to 2 inches. Leave 2 inches of tap root. Soak and wash in cold water. Do not scrub.

Exhibit two specimens.

#### 120125: ZUCCHINI

Best stage of maturity – Long-fruited varieties should be 8 to 12 inches long. The rind should be soft and good color.

Faults – Stem removed, large, overmature fruits. Scarred skins, wilted or soft fruit.  
Preparation – Cut with 1 inch of stem attached. Do not wash. Clean by brushing with soft-bristled brush.  
Exhibit two specimens.

#### 120126: OTHER

Any vegetable or fruit not listed. Prepare to your discretion.

Class 120127 – Vegetable Container Display – Display must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. For this class herbs will count as vegetable crops. More than one variety of any particular vegetable can be displayed; however, not more than four items of the same vegetable can be displayed. For example, four tomatoes would constitute one vegetable, e.g., one large red slicing tomato, one cherry tomato, one yellow tomato, and one processing tomato. The amount of produce exhibited should fit into the container. Any decorative basket, box, or other decorative container, not larger than one-half bushel in size, can be used. Vegetables should be prepared according to the guidelines above. A non-vegetable garnish may be added, but must be a garnish that is of plant material, e.g., a stem of wheat. Garnish will not count as a vegetable. The exhibit will be judged 75% for the cultural perfection of the vegetables and 25% for decorative arrangement. Once a vegetable has been exhibited/judged in class 711C, it can not be used to create a vegetable basket for class 711D. A vegetable can only be exhibited once. This class is in addition to your five entries in the vegetable class. Intermediate and senior 4-H'ers must know the variety of their specimens or they will be lowered one ribbon placing.

Class 120128 – Freaky Vegetable Exhibit – a “for fun” class to exhibit nature's freaky vegetables – give them a name if you want. This class is in addition to your five entries in the vegetable classes.

### **FLOWER CLASSES**

Intermediate and senior 4-H'ers must know the variety of their specimen or they will be lowered one ribbon placing.

Class 120201 – Bulbs – Display single stem booms in clear glass container (container not judged) or pot of forced bulbs – this container does not have to be new but should be appropriate for forcing bulbs.

Class 120202 – Flowers – Annual, Biennial, or Perennial – (No more than 5 entries in this class.) Display single stem specimens in clear glass containers. No wild flowers.

Class 120203 – Flower Arranging – Create a flower arrangement – may include fresh, dried, wild flowers or any other material – to be judged on creativity and proper design elements, and appropriateness of container.

Class 120204 – Plant Design – Includes planters, flower boxes, hanging baskets, container gardens, and indoor planters – to be judged on appropriate plants for the container; size, type, quantity of plants, and use of container. Will also be judged on use of design elements and general condition of the project.

### **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING FLOWER EXHIBITS**

## SELECTING AND HARVESTING FLOWERS FOR EXHIBIT

The best stage of development for cutting flowers depends on the flower form. **Spike-form** flowers, such as gladiolus, celosia, delphinium, salvia, and snapdragons, should be cut when the bottom florets are open and in perfect condition. A good proportion of open florets is two-thirds open to one-third developing buds. The lower portion of the spike should show no signs of over maturity. The lowest florets should not have dropped off, have browning petal edges, have shriveled, or have faded color. The spike should be straight to the tip, and the stem should be sturdy. Foliage should be removed below the water line. Spikes should be exhibited with no blossoms removed. Display one spike.

**Round-form** flowers, such as chrysanthemums, daisies, dahlias, zinnias, marigolds, and asters, should be cut when fully developed. The outer petals fold out gracefully at this stage. The center petals are tighter than the outer petals but not immature as to be green. You'll know the round-form flower is overmature when the outer petals begin to shrivel and fade. Round-form flowers should be exhibited as single stems. Foliage should be removed below the water line. Display one flower.

A **spray** is a single main stem with blooms on side branches. Pompon and decorative-type chrysanthemums, ageratum, and sweet peas are examples of flowers that can be exhibited as sprays. Judges look at the number of buds, the branching and vigor of the spray, as well as the quality of individual flowers. Daylilies and lilies should be exhibited with as many open flowers as possible. Each petal on every flower should be in good condition, not wilted, shriveled, or bruised. All spent blossoms should be removed. Display one spray.

## PREPARING FOR EXHIBIT

Flowers should be cut in the evening or early morning. Use a clean, sharp knife. Cutting with a sharp knife results in an even cut without obstructing any of the water conducting tissue in the stem. Always cut the stem several inches longer than necessary because further trimming may be needed. Do not cut stems with scissors because they pinch the ends of the stems, closing off the water conducting vessels.

Remove the leaves from the portion of the stem that will be in water. Foliage covered with water will rot, and cause discolored water and stem blockage. Blocked stems are unable to supply needed water to the living flower.

## CONDITIONING FLOWERS

In the garden, immediately after cutting, place the stems in lukewarm water (100-110 degrees F.) Move the freshly cut flowers to a cool location to condition. "Conditioning" or "hardening" reduces the chances of stem blockage and promotes the quick water uptake necessary for long flower life. Most garden flowers should be placed in a refrigerator set at 35-40 degrees F for 3 to 12 hours. Cooling permits the plant to take up more water than it gives off and helps hold flower freshness. Never store flowers in a refrigerator with fruits or vegetables. Ethylene gas, released by fruits and vegetables, will reduce the vase life of the flowers.

Stems should be recut after conditioning, just prior to exhibiting. A clean cut opens up new vessels for water uptake. Fresh cuts on woody stems, such as roses, should be made under water so that air does not fill the exposed vessels, blocking water uptake. Floral preservatives can be added to the water to extend the vase life of cut flowers.

## CONTAINERS

The type of container for exhibiting flowers and plants is important. Containers should be simple so they don't detract from the beauty of the flower or plant. **All flowers MUST be exhibited in a clear,**



**narrow-necked bottle or vase with an approximate opening of 1 inch. No wide-necked vases, drinking glasses or fruit jars.** Cotton balls may be added at the neckline of the bottle around the stem for stability.

#### TRANSPORTING

Safe movement from your home to the fair or show is fundamental. Just one little slip in transporting your entries could ruin all of your growing and grooming efforts. Most mechanical injury occurs in transit. To transport individual flowers, soft drink cartons, with bottles partially filled with water, work well. Protect each bloom from sunlight, drafts, and bruising by wrapping it gently in tissue paper.

#### TERMS USED IN EXHIBITING FLOWERS AND PLANTS

Color – The color should be vivid and bright, whether it is a dark shade or a pastel. Fading colors on petals due to overmaturity is undesirable. Foliage color should be typical of the plant type, whether dark green or variegated.

Condition – The condition of a plant or flower is based on the appearance of the specimen when it is judged. For the condition criteria, judges consider mechanical injury, bruising, immaturity, age, and weather damage. Insect and disease damage may be considered under condition or cultural perfection.

Cultural Perfection – Cultural perfection is a criterion used by judges to evaluate the cultural techniques used in growing a flower or plant. Proper fertilization, watering, pest control, disbudding, dividing, removal of spent blooms, and quality potting soil are cultural techniques that are evident in the appearance of flower or plant. A judge may deduct for any injury caused by poor growing conditions.

Floret – A small individual flower in a cluster of flowers on a stem.

Form – The shape that is the true or characteristic form of a flower or plant. Poor form may result from mechanical injury, insect and disease damage, or poor cultural practices.

Grooming – Clean flowers and plants to remove dirt and spray residue as well as dead foliage or flowers. Grooming should not alter the typical features on the plants or flowers.

Size – The size of a flower or plant should be as large as the variety allows under proper growing conditions. The stem and foliage should be proportional to the bloom size. Large blooms are not desirable if they are in poor condition or form.

Spike – A lengthened flower cluster in which the florets are stemless.

Spray – A main stem with side branches and blooms on all sides.

Stem and Foliage – The stem supporting the blooms should be strong and in proportion to the flower. Stem should not be crooked, weak, damaged, or too short. If a stem grows with foliage attached, such as roses or chrysanthemums, it should be left on the stem. The leaves should be in good condition and in proportional size to the bloom and stem.

Substance – The material of which the flower is made. It should be strong, firm, crisp, and fresh. Overmaturity often brings about a lack of substance, wilting, or a thinning at the edge of the petals.

Symmetry – Beauty due to a balanced proportion of parts on a flower or plant.

#### AWARDS:

Classes 120101-120127 and 120201-120204 – Blue - \$2.00; Red - \$1.50; White - \$1.00

Champion and Reserve Champion single strand rosettes to the top two vegetable exhibits, the top two vegetable baskets, the top two flower exhibits, and the top two flower arrangements.

A special award (medallion) will be presented to the most outstanding vegetable exhibit, vegetable basket, flower exhibit, and flower arrangement.

Junior Recognition ribbons will be given to the top two vegetable exhibits, the top two vegetable baskets, the top two flower exhibits, and the top two flower arrangements exhibited by junior 4-Hers (grades 4-6).

BEST OF CLASS RIBBONS FOR VEGETABLES: 1. Best Root Crop Grown Underground  
Two divisions: Junior (grades 4-6) 2. Best Fall Crop – e.g., pumpkins, squash  
Int./Sr. (grades 7-12) 3. Best Other Vegetable  
4. Best Vegetable Container Display

BEST OF CLASS RIBBONS FOR FLOWERS: 1. Best Bulb  
Two divisions: Junior (grades 4-6) 2. Best Spray  
Int./Sr. (grades 7-12) 3. Best Round  
4. Best Spike  
5. Best Perennial  
6. Best Arrangement  
7. Best Plant Design

### **120205: GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE BUCKET**

1. Participants will use a 5-gallon pail as a planter. Planting instructions will be supplied by the Extension Office. Just stop in and ask.
2. Participants may use any live plant material of their choice. Buckets will be judged on their creativity. The bucket itself may also be decorated and will be considered part of the entry.
3. Buckets will be brought to the fair to be judged on the pre-fair judging day (Tuesday) and will be displayed around the fairgrounds. Ribbon premiums will be paid on all 4-H buckets entered.
4. A judge will select the top 5 buckets using no known criteria. These winners will receive an additional premium of \$5.00.

#### **AWARDS:**

Class 120205 – Blue - \$2.00; Red - \$1.50; White - \$1.00

### **1203: OPEN CLASS (K-3) VEGETABLES**

\*See guidelines above for preparing vegetables for exhibit.

120301: Beans (Snap)  
120302: Beans (Other)  
120303: Beets  
120304: Broccoli  
120305: Cabbage  
120306: Carrots  
120307: Cauliflower  
120308: Cucumbers  
120309: Dill  
120310: Eggplant  
120311: Herbs  
120312: Kohlrabi  
120313: Onions  
120314: Onions (Green)  
120315: Peas  
120316: Peas (Edible Pod)  
120317: Peppers  
120318: Potatoes

120319: Pumpkins  
120320: Radishes  
120321: Squash  
120322: Sweet Corn  
120323: Tomatoes  
120324: Turnips  
120325: Zucchini  
120326: Other  
120327: Vegetable Container Display  
120328: Freaky Vegetable Exhibit

**1204: OPEN CLASS (K-3) FLOWERS**

\*See guidelines above for preparing flowers for exhibit.

120401: Bulbs  
120402: Flowers – Annual, Biannual, Perennial  
120403: Flower Arranging  
120404: Plant Design  
120405: George of the Jungle Bucket

**AWARDS:**

Classes 120301-120328 & 120401-120405 – Participation ribbons

## RECORD & HISTORIAN BOOKS

### 130101: 4-H Record Book

1. Entry is open to any person properly enrolled in 4-H in Palo Alto County. (Enrollment in any project is acceptable.)
2. Evaluation will be based on appearance and content. Appearance will include neatness, order, use of proper forms, and completeness. Content will include consideration of goals, plans, and results. (Records are to be up-to-date as of **July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**)
3. An entry tag is not required for record books.
4. Records should include a Title Page, a Yearly 4-H Summary or 4-H Story, a Basic, Experienced, or Advanced Project Record on one project (4-Hers choice of project record and project), and a self-evaluation form. Other options include a videotape, audiotape, portfolio, or computerized form using the Basic, Experienced, or Advanced Project Record as a reference. Pictures and clippings could also be included.
5. Computerized forms are now on the 4-H website at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4H/recordkeeping.htm>. These are word documents that members can download to their personal computers, fill them out entirely on the computer, and then print them out for their record books. For 4-H members who are not hooked up to the internet, the office has some thumb drives for check-out with the forms on them for members to download to their personal computers. Members should request a thumb drive from the Extension office.
6. Record books will be evaluated in three grade divisions: Senior (9-12), Intermediate (7&8), and Junior (4-6). They will be judged at the fair by designated judges, but will not be conference judged.
7. Champion and Reserve Champion Record Books **cannot** go on to the State Fair.

#### AWARDS:

Class 130101 – Blue - \$2.00; Red - \$1.50; White - \$1.00

Champion and reserve champion single strand rosettes will be awarded to the top two record books in each division – Senior, Intermediate, and Junior.

### 130102: Historian Book

1. Each club is entitled to one entry. Book must be divided into sections by years and must be at least 8 ½" x 11", with an attractive cover.
2. Books are to be judged on attractiveness, originality, neatness, and completeness for each year. Material is to cover the last four years (unless club is just getting a book started), including current year, and be up-to-date.
3. An entry tag is not required on historian books.
4. Books will be judged at the fair by designated judges, but will not be conference judged.

#### AWARDS:

Class 130102 – Blue - \$4.00; Red - \$3.00; White - \$2.00

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## Open Classes for Grades K-3

### Classes:

**20501 (K-1) & 20502 (2-3) – Bucket/Bottle Calf**—calf must be born between March 15th & May 15th of current year. Calf must be bucket or bottle fed. Will be shown at halter for the fair. Calf must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> and entered in FairEntry by July 1<sup>st</sup>. See fair book for more details.

**60201 (K-1) & 60202 (2-3) – Bottle Lamb or Meat Goat**—lamb/meat goat must be born between Jan. 1st & May 15th of current year. Will be shown at halter for the fair. Lamb/meat goat must be entered in 4HOnline by May 15<sup>th</sup> and entered in FairEntry by July 1<sup>st</sup>. See fair book for more details.

**90401 Doe & 90402 Buck – Rabbit**—any age or breed may be shown. Open class exhibitors are also eligible to show in the costume class. Cages will be provided for rabbit exhibitors in the rabbit barn, but exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own cages for the showing. Open class exhibitors are limited to 1 buck and 1 doe.

**110102 – Pet**—may include dogs, cats, turtles, hamsters, birds, gerbils, etc. Dogs and cats must have current rabies vaccinations. Will not be housed on the fairgrounds. Open class exhibitors are limited to 1 pet.

**100701 – Poultry**—any age or breed may be shown. Must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock. Cages will be provided for exhibitors in the poultry barn, but exhibitors are encouraged to bring their own cages for the showing. Open class exhibitors are limited to 1 single bird.

**120401-120404 – Flowers & 120301-120328 – Vegetables**—bring any flower or vegetable from your garden and visit with a judge about it. Judging will be Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:00 PM in the Exhibits Building. Maximum of 5 entries in this class.

**130201 – Exhibits for the Exhibits Building**—Clover Kids are allowed to bring 1-5 exhibits that they have made at Clover Kid meetings or at home and have them “judged” and put on display during the fair.

**130003 – Challenge Class**—Clover Kids are allowed to have an entry in the Food Challenge Class. The challenge recipe is Rice Krispie Treats. See the fair book or Weekly Clover Connect for the recipe and more details.

\*See Palo Alto County Fairbook for complete class descriptions. All entries should be made in FairEntry. Enter animals by July 1<sup>st</sup> and rest of exhibits by July 11<sup>th</sup> (for static exhibits the Department is “County Only Static”).



\*\*\*For more information call 712-852-2865 or email [inaig@iastate.edu](mailto:inaig@iastate.edu). More information can also be found in your Weekly Clover Connect.