Class Descriptions
Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are highly encouraged to go to https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list for tip sheets and hot sheets to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

ANIMALS

Class 10110  Animal Science – An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of any animal is not required.

Class 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

Class 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.

Class 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

Class 10222  NEW Entomology - Any exhibit that shows learning from an entomology or bee project (excluding live specimens) that is an outgrowth or an entomology or bee project learning experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (ex: honey) or equipment as part of the display.

Class 10224  NEW Fish and Wildlife - Any 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.

Class 10226  NEW Forestry – Any exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

Class 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 and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock.)

Class 10235  Home Grounds Improvement – An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

Class 10240  Outdoor Adventures – An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

Class 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.)

Class 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.