



EXHIBITOR GUIDE

Exhibitor Guide for the 2023 Tama County Fair

Please follow all rules in the Tama County Fairbook. This guide is to remind you of check in times, procedures, what to bring, etc. Information is also posted on our website www.extension.iastate.edu/tama.

Thank you for your patience as we plan a safe and fun experience for our 4-H and FFA members.

Fair Office Number is 641-473-3225

The fair office phone will only be answered Monday, July 10th beginning at 3 pm until Sunday, July 16th at 10 am. For all questions prior to the fair, reach out to the Tama County Extension Office 641-484-2703.

4-H Shirts and Horse Helmets/arm bands for Sale If you are in need of a 4-H shirt or a horse helmet/arm bands, they are available at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office to purchase. A limited supply will be brought to the fair. It is encouraged to wear a 4-H shirt when you exhibit (either a Tama County shirt or Club shirt). Members exhibiting beef and swine will be provided a shirt by the Cattlemen/Pork Producers to wear when exhibiting. (These will be handed out at the exhibitor meeting on Tuesday).



Horse Helmets are required of horse exhibitors.

Fair Clean up – SATURDAY, JULY 8

All club members are encouraged to help with fair clean up on July 8th. Each club/chapter is assigned an area of the fairgrounds to clean (see page 109 of the fairbook). Once you've completed your area, check in with other areas.

Once fair clean up is completed, clubs have two hours to work on their club booths. There is no working on club booths on Monday night while judging is taking place. Exhibits can be placed in the booth but no working allowed.

Non-livestock

Static (Non-livestock) Exhibits– MONDAY, JULY 10

To lessen the amount of people in the judging area, we have assigned clubs times for their non-livestock judging. If you cannot make your clubs assigned time, just contact the Extension Office to let us know what time you plan on attending. Check-in must be done by 6:45.

3-4 p.m. Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls, Clutier Clover Kids, Toledo Wide Awakes and Clover Kids, County Council

4-5 p.m. Toledo Techs, Tama Toledo Clover Kids, FFA

5-6 p.m. Buckingham Boosters, Wolfcreek Whirlwinds, Gladbrook Clover Kids

6-7 p.m. Garwin Roughriders & Clover Kids, Young Guns

What happens at non-livestock judging??

On Saturday when fair clean up is completed, club leaders will receive their clubs exhibit tags. These tags are to be taped to your exhibit prior to arrival at fair. In addition to those tags, there will be a sheet of paper per exhibitor that will list all the non-livestock entries. CIRCLE/HIGHLIGHT the entries that you are bringing to the fair. Bring the sheet of paper to the check-in table/white board in the Klinefelter building (big doors will be open). The volunteers there will collect the paper and write your name on the white board. This is the order of judging. Stay inside or close to the building as volunteers will be calling out your name when it is your turn. We will not look around the fairgrounds for you.

Once you have completed judging, take your exhibit to the ribbon table to have a ribbon attached and recorded. Then your exhibit goes to the Roger's building where your club booth is and will remain until Sunday.

****If you have several exhibits at the same table – take them ALL at the same time. For example, if you have two photographs – take them both. If you have a woodworking and a welding – they are both ag projects – take them both.**

Parents - make sure you please stay behind the rope where the judging tables are. Conference judging is just for the member and the judge.

Helpful Hints and Reminders:

- All forms/labels/information is found at this website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/county-fair>
- Wear your club/chapter 4-H shirt. It will be hot. Shorts are okay to wear (just not too short). No hats
- RELAX. SMILE. Just explain your exhibit – what did you want to do or learn? What did you do? What did you learn?
- Be patient. We do our best to get the judging done quickly.
- Be ready for heat! The fair is always hot!
- Don't forget to answer the three questions on page 72 of the fair book (only 4-12th grade). A form is available online.
- Make sure to read all rules in the fair book!
- Food & Nutrition – read the document “Inappropriate Foods at Fairs” found in the fair box on our website

- Food exhibits – We will not hold a bake sale this year, so all food will go home following the judging. **You are encouraged to put a picture of your food on the front of your write up. ***Following judging, put your write up and ribbon in your booth for display! This will remain at the fair until Sunday.**
- Food exhibits considered for state fair will be kept back for the judges to review. Food can be picked up on Tuesday in the office.
- Make sure all parts of your exhibits are labeled!
- Need forms? Check out the website above! Or call the Extension Office.
- Need help? Check out the website above! Or call the Extension Office.

Photography Exhibits:

Attention photography exhibitors: My name is Violet Jackson and this year for a project, I'd like to enlist your help. I want to donate Tama County photography exhibits to a local nursing home so that residents can have a variety of scenery in the rooms that can change throughout the year. If you would like to help me, you can donate your exhibits after fair this year. I will have a box in the Rogers Building where you can deposit your photographs on Sunday after fair. If you would like your pictures returned after my project is completed, make sure to leave a note on the photograph. Thanks so much!



New this year! State Fair NON-LIVESTOCK Exhibitor Meeting

If your exhibit is selected for the Iowa State Fair, we ask that you attend a meeting in the Roger's Building at 5 pm on Saturday, July 15th. We will talk about the expectations of exhibits at the Iowa State Fair.

We will be taking photos of all considered for Iowa State Fair, Selected for the Iowa State Fair as well as Clover Kids and Outstanding Junior on Saturday, July 15th at 5:30 pm followed by our All Fair Photo at 5:45 pm

Livestock

Required Exhibitor Meetings *(Not required for pets and dog only exhibitors)*

Tuesday, July 11th at 2 pm in the show ring will be an exhibitor's meeting. All Clover Kids, 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock are to attend this meeting. We will introduce all superintendents, have announcements, hand out Swine/Beef shirts and more. Make sure that you attend. Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

What do you need to bring for livestock?

- **Drug Affidavit Papers** (for beef (*includes breeding & bottle*), swine, sheep, goats, horse)
Please have this form completed and turn in at the scale when you check-in.
List all medications given to your animal.
- **Registration paperwork** If you are bringing a registered animal, you must bring your paperwork when you check in.
- **Species card** (swine and sheep each have a paper to bring to weigh-in for pen of 3/pair of lambs. Beef has a card to bring as well)
- **Safety Pins or holder** You are responsible for bringing something to attach your exhibitor number to your back while in the show ring. Exhibitor numbers are located in the fair office (each exhibitor has 1 per species entered).
- **Black Magic marker and staple gun** Your stall will have your name on it and if you move the stall card for any reason without clearing it with the superintendent, you could be asked to leave the grounds with your animal. You will need to pick up your stall card in the **show ring** on Tuesday, complete it and hang it above your animals as soon as possible. This is part of your herdsmanship score, so write large enough for visitors to read, neatly and be sure to fill it out completely.
- **All grooming supplies and supplies to clean up after your animals.**
- **Fans** – please follow rules in the fairbook on numbers of fans you can bring and make sure that they are safe!
- **Bucket/pans for water/food**
- **Wood shavings** – you can bring wood shavings to bed your animals, or you can purchase them at the fair office.

Stalling Assignments

Assignments will be put up in the beef/sheep/goat/swine/horse barns on Monday night (July 10). No livestock equipment will be allowed to set up in the barns before 8:00 p.m. Mon.

Health Requirements

Please read all the fair book rules and policies carefully on health requirements. Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses or other contagious or infections conditions will eliminate the animal from the show. **The decision of the official show veterinarian will be final. Our Tama County Fair Veterinarian is North Tama Vet Clinic.**

Showmanship

1. Champion Showman in Junior, Intermediate, and Seniors divisions will be selected in all livestock departments, which include: Beef, Dairy, Dog, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine and Goat.
2. The fair board will provide a belt buckle for each division. It is the judge's discretion whether a champion will be chosen and a belt buckle awarded.
3. Grade as of September 1, 2022 – Junior (4-6th grade), Intermediate (7-8th grade), Senior (9-12th grade)
4. Showmanship can be won only ONCE per grade division per department.
5. Once an exhibitor wins their age division, the next year they are moved up to the next age division. (Example: the champion junior showman in 2019, would show in intermediate in 2020 and would continue to show in that division until they win the Intermediate division or they are old enough to move to the senior division.
6. Any 4-H or FFA member enrolled in one of the livestock projects is eligible to participate in the showmanship class for that project.
7. Members wishing to compete in showmanship should bring their animal to the show ring when the class is called for. **No previous sign-up is necessary, it is a non-entry class.**
8. Exhibitors may exhibit any animal of their choice in Showmanship classes, **but it must be their own** animal that has been or will be shown in regular classes.
9. No premium money is awarded to showmanship classes.
10. Members are expected to groom their own animals; if a member needs assistance, a family member, another 4-H'er and/or a Tama County 4-H volunteer leader. The 4-H'er must be actively involved in the grooming of the animal.
11. Judging will be done according to the following guidelines:
 - Exhibitor: appearance, attitude, interest
 - Animal: condition, cleanliness, grooming/clipping
 - Presentation: leading, posing, response to directions and use of equipment
 - Questions: response to judge's questions

Beef Exhibitors:

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.

Read all information in the beef section of the fairbook.

Beef will be entered between 9:30 and 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 11. Unload at the docks and bring everything across the scale to be weighed, check in, and inspected by the veterinarian. Unloading all livestock in a short period of time will be a little congested, so please be considerate of others, move your vehicles quickly and assist others as much as possible.

Enclosed: You will find a pink card in this envelope for each class entered. Complete this card and turn in at the weigh-in. The person leading the animal should have the card for that animal. Knowing the exhibitor and having information on that animal should speed up the process of check-in.

Please remember to read all rules of the beef section.

- ****Rule #6 on page 28:** All exhibitors must tie calves in the barns with a neck rope in addition to a halter.
- Fans will be directed only with the direction of the wind and a limit of one fan per four head of cattle exhibited. Butt fans are not to be used. All fans should be properly screened.

Washing area: Please clean up after yourself in the washing area. The drain will plug and make a mess on the fairgrounds! There is a stall on the south side of the washing area that was created for bottle calves. Please leave that spot for bottle calves.

4-H Bottle Beef

Bottle calf interview will take place on Thursday, July 13th (Schedule below).

Please check in 5 minutes before your schedule time. Interviews will take place at the OLD Office/Putney Building. There will be a short quiz to complete to help with your interview. **Please bring your completed Bottle Calf booklet with you.** Calf booklets can be found online www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/content/fair-information or at the Extension Office. If your time does not work for you, contact the Extension Office right away.

9:00 a.m.	Levi Murty
9:20 a.m.	Nash Hennings
9:40 a.m.	Logan Babinat
10:00 am	Gavin Babinat
10:20 am	Brityn Blaine
10:40 am	Hayes Blaine
11:00 am	Hope Dvorak

Feeder Pen Interviews

Information is enclosed for Feeder Pen Exhibitors.

Feeder Pen Records and Poster are due to the NEW fair office by 10 am Thursday, July 13th.

Feeder Pen Interviews will start at 1 pm in the OLD fair office (Putney Building). See schedule below

1:00 p.m. Owen Hennings

1:20 p.m. Rhianna Murty

1:40 p.m. Wyatt Jackson

2:00 p.m. Skyler Murty

Contact the Extension Office if this time does not work for you.

Herd Builder Interviews

Herd Builder interviews will take place on Thursday, July 13th in the OLD fair office (Putney Building). Bring paperwork with you and poster. See schedule below

2:20 pm Emily Hulme

Market Beef Carcass Contest

The Tama County Cattlemen are sponsoring a Market Beef Carcass Contest again this year. Thank you to them for sponsoring this event!

This is optional but we encourage you to take part in this new opportunity.

****We ask that you inform us prior to the fair or by fair weigh-in if you would like to participate in this contest.**

The Ultrasound will take place at approximately 11:00 am on Thursday, July 13th.

ISU Extension and Outreach Beef Specialist, Denise Schwab will be present to answer questions and help with the process. Results will be shared at the Beef show.

Make sure to have your animals clean. More information will be provided at the fair.

****Another Beef Opportunity!!**

Would you like to know if your county fair breeding heifers are pregnant? Dr Nicole Knaack will be present at the Tama County Fair on Tuesday, July 11th at 2:30 pm in the show ring to demonstrate several methods of preg checking heifers. She will demonstrate how to ultrasound a heifer. She will also have tests that you can draw blood and do a home test as well. Following the exhibitor meeting, join us at the West end of the Show ring. Dr Knaack will begin with a presentation and then invite you to bring heifers to be preg checked. Let us know at check-in if you are interested in participating in this.

Poultry

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information and information in the fair book.

All poultry will be entered between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11. The poultry show will be on Wednesday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m.



*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. **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.***

Eric Keller and Kevin Kucera will be contacting all exhibitors to test their birds. This will be done prior to the fair. If you have not had your birds tested or arrangements made, contact the Extension Office immediately. Only birds that were tested by Kevin and Eric will be allowed on the fairgrounds. Each bird tested is \$.50 and will be collected at the time of testing.

Sheep

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information. Read all information in the sheep section of the fairbook.

- Sheep are stalled 7:30 am to 9:30 am. A vet will check all sheep before entering the barn.
- Sheep will be weighed as they are penned.
- Sexually intact animals need to have a scrapies tag in their ear to be unloaded and exhibited.
- Make sure that tags are clean so that they are easy to read at check-in.
- Use the enclosed yellow half sheet to list your individuals, market pair and breeding pair of lambs. Turn this in-to the superintendent when you weigh in.
- All sheep must be sheared before coming to fair.

Goats

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.

Read all information in the sheep section of the fairbook.

- Goats are stalled 7:30 am to 9:30 am
- Weigh-in for goats is 9:30 am to noon in the goat barn

4-H Bottle Goats

- Bottle goat interviews for 4-H members (not Clover Kids) will take place on Tuesday, July 11th (Schedule below).
- Please check in 5 minutes before your schedule time. Interviews will take place at the OLD Office. **Please bring your completed Bottle Goat booklet with you.** Goat booklets can be found online. www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/content/fair-information or at the Extension Office. If your time does not work for you, contact the Extension Office right away.

1:00 pm Hope Dvorak

1:15 pm Nash Hennings

Swine

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.

Read all information in the swine section of the fairbook.

****Please notice!** Swine are required to be inspected before being unloaded by an official veterinarian.

Swine will be inspected on the trailer in the gravel parking lot to the north of the Football field between 6:30 am and 9:00 am. No swine are allowed in the barn without being inspected.

Weighing and Ultrasounding: Thursday, July 13 at 8:00 am

Will be weighing and ultrasounding the production swine first. We will start at one end of the barn and work down the alley. At the weigh-in, we will need your green weigh-in forms and your drug affidavit forms. You need to identify your animal's ear notch/ear tag, mark if they are an individual pig or breeding gilt. If you have two pens of 3 entered, please mark each pen of three on a separate form. **Please remember your forms.**

****We would like you to have your pigs reasonably clean before weigh-in. Clean pigs and completed forms will make weigh-in and ultrasound work go a lot smoother. Make sure your ear tags are clean so we can read them!** This will speed up the process.

Tama County Pork Producer Workshop – This year's workshop will be held on the fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30 pm in the show ring. We will be discussing cuts of pork.

Horses

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.

Read all information in the horse section of the fairbook.

- Horses are stalled 9:30 am to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11.
- Please place the green drug affidavit in the plastic sleeve on your stall door. The superintendent will pick them up as you are check-in.

Rabbits

- *See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.*
- *Read all information in the rabbit section of the fairbook.*

Your rabbits may be checked in at the rabbit barn between **9:30 a.m. and noon** on Tuesday, July 11. We are requiring you to have your rabbits screened by the superintendent before putting them in the barn. The rabbits that are questionable at the time of screening, will be held for the veterinarian to check before they enter the building. The veterinarian will inspect all the rabbits in the building also. The fair veterinarian's decision is final.

Make sure you bring all your own bowls, feed, and rake. Exhibitors are expected to keep their rabbits fed, watered and the area around the cages clean and neat. This is part of your herdsmanship contest.

Dairy-

See all information above for livestock exhibitors in addition to this information.

- *Read all information in the dairy section of the fairbook*

Let us know at check-in any cows that will be coming on show day

Entertainment

There are more contests and entertainment coming to the 2023 Tama County Fair!

- **5K Fun Run & Walk** – start the fair off on Saturday, July 8th with participating in the first ever 5K Fun Run & Walk. This is open to all ages and abilities. Registration begins at 7:15 am with the event starting at 7:45 pm. This is being organized by Abigail Kemp, a member of the Wolfcreek Whirlwinds 4-H Club. Join us as we remember one of the “H” in 4-H – My Heath to Better Living!
- **Agriculture Trivia Contest** – Open to 4-12th graders. Form a team of four (must include at least one Junior member (4-6th grade) and check out your knowledge of swine, beef, horse and poultry with Agriculture Trivia Contest on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the show ring. This event is sponsored by American Family Insurance and will include a meal and prizes. Sign up at the fair.
- **Kiddie Tractor Pull** -The County Council is sponsoring the Kiddie Tractor Pull 1:30 pm on Friday. Registration begins at the show ring at 1:00 pm and all must be registered by 1:30 pm. For those ages 4-11.
- **The Dance is back!** First, we will hold a Clover Kid dance (K-3) from 5-6 pm in the Klinefelter Building – free. The 4-H/FFA dance will be held in the Klinefelter Building from 7-10 pm with a charge of \$3 per participant. Pop/water will be available for purchase. Adult chaperones are required to have – so please volunteer!



We have several visitors coming that will share activities:

Wednesday, July 12

- Tama County Soil & Water Conservation District – Noon with Watermelon and educational activity
- Tama County Naturalist with critters – 1:00 pm
- Tama County Farm Bureau Ag Olympics – 5:00 pm
 - Youth will want to grab a partner and sign up that day for the fun event. Some activities include cow milking, unzipping feed bags, dress like a farmer relay and more. 2 people per team. Age groups match with 4-H (junior, intermediate and senior). This is sponsored by Tama County Farm Bureau and more information will be posted at the fair.

Thursday, July 13

- Equine Assisted Therapy Demo – Horse arena – 1:30 pm
- Fun with Tama County Master Gardeners – 4-5:30 pm

Saturday, July 15

- Clover Kids who completed 3rd grade are invited to the show ring at 3:30 pm to meet their County Council pen partner and have some fun! We will play games and learn more about joining a 4-H club.
- Fun night at 6:30 pm!! The Tama County Council sponsors this event each year. Sign up for games will be in the Klinefelter Building throughout the week. Egg toss of course will return plus two other games to be announced.
 - In addition – we will hand out ribbons for the garden competition and communication event. We will also recognize our graduating seniors and welcoming the 3rd grade Clover Kid graduates. The 2023 4-H Hall of Fame will be recognized. It is always a night full of fun and laughter. A great way to end the 2023 Tama County Fair.

As always, we will have daily kids crafts and scavenger hunt!

Check out the kid's area near the Rabbit/Poultry/Goat barn!

**Continue to read your emails sent to your
4honline email address.**

**All updates and forms are located on our website at:
<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/tama/4h>**