



2023 County Fair Changes Highlight Sheet (as of 5.26.23)

The 2023 fair book is posted online for families to reference and prepare for the county fair at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair>. It will take you to the county fair forms page. Make this page easy to find for your fair preparations.

All families will receive their own printed copy of the fair book at the June club meetings, however, we do understand this information is helpful now. Please access that complete book online until then. Please make sure to read all General Rules and General Livestock Rules in addition to the sections of your project areas. The bullets below are highlights of the changes for 2023. (We HOPE this list captured them all but reviewing the entire fair book is important.) Families are responsible for following all expectations included in the fair book.

REMINDER for FAIR ELIGIBILITY:

- All **NEW** members to 4-H and FFA youth and families for the 2022-2023 must sign and return the Iowa 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth and Families and also the Iowa Exhibitor Code of Ethics to the Washington County Extension Office by July 1. These important expectations are the foundation of the 4-H and county fair culture. They are included in 4hOnline at the time of 4-H enrollment as well. Families will receive paper copies in the June fair newsletter and also at their May/June club meetings. These should be returned to the Extension Office by July 1 to participate in the 2023 Washington County fair **from first year members (and their parents) only**. Paper copies will be kept on file at the Extension Office for their 4-H career or until those documents are updated.
- There are 3 different websites and 3 critical deadlines required of 4-Hers depending on their project areas. See graphic at the end of this document for purpose and deadlines of each.
 1. 4hOnline
 2. YQCA
 3. Fair Entry
- Projects must be registered in the only fair entry system by appropriate deadlines. Fair entry is the online database that sorts and organizes all specific fair classes. This online registration opens in June at <http://washingtoncounty.fairentry.com>
 - Fair Entry deadlines:
 - June 15 = Awardrobe Clothing Event
 - July 1 = Livestock Projects (this includes pet, horse, dog)
 - July 1 = Communication Events (educational presentations, share the fun, working exhibits, Pride of Iowa)
 - July 1 = Surprise Design Floral Arrangements
 - July 12 = all other non-livestock projects (also called static exhibits)

ARCHERY BOOTH:

- Bows & Bullets will host their club archery info booth with demonstration and practice from 9am-11am on Wednesday, July 19)

CLOTHING EVENT/AWARDROBE EVENT:

- Renamed to match the Iowa State Fair. Clothing Event will be called the Awardrobe Clothing Event.
- All participants will be judged in a one-on-one conference judging setting on Sunday afternoon. **NEW** in 2023: All participants are invite to return at 6 p.m. for the Results & Runway Show in the basement of Dallmeyer Hall. This event is open to the public to see participants on stage with their awardrobe exhibits modeled. Results will be announced, ribbons given and winners will have their runway script read while modeling. Light snacks will be served. Open to the public.

- County Fair Awardrobe Runway Show (optional) will be combined with Share the Fun to be Monday of county fair starting at 3 p.m. *This is an updated time.*
- The \$15 Challenge class has been increased to the \$20 Challenge.
- New Class **NEW 2023 Innovative Design**
 - The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
 - These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
 - The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
 - Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
 - Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

CLOVER KID EVENTS

- Conference judging will run from 3 pm – 5 pm
- Graduation will be Wednesday at 7:15 pm on the Lions Club Stage
- Pet
 - To help navigate lots of pets and kids, class lists will be made after the June 1 deadline and sent to families. Unique check-in times and show times will be sent for each class. Classes may be sorted by species or participant grade pending registration numbers. Times will range from 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
 - Pet passes will be distributed to all pet project exhibitors. This Pet Pass must be with the exhibitor/parent bringing the pet onto the fairgrounds during county fair and shown at the gate. The pass should be with the controller of the pet while on the grounds. Pets should only be in the show ring and prep area on show day. They should not be through the barns while on the grounds.

COMMUNICATION EVENTS:

- **COMMUNICATION POSTER PROJECT** 2023 themes include
 - 4-H is . . . (open to 4-H members interpretation)
 - Join 4-H
 - Opportunity4All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)
 - Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
 - Best Days Ever (in 4-H) (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)
- **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS/EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING:**
 - The County Fair Communication Event will move to Tuesday (July 11) the week before county fair. *This is an updated day.*
 - Juniors will be evaluated to earn ribbon colors (purple, blue, red, white)
- **SHARE THE FUN**
 - 3 p.m. start time on Monday of fair at the Community Center. Held in conjunction with Awardrobe Runway Show
- **PRIDE OF IOWA:**
 - Will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday of county fair week (July 17) in the lobby of the Washington Community Center or immediately following the conclusion of Share the Fun/Runway Show at on the Community Center stage.

NONLIVESTOCK STATIC CLASSES:

- Photography: Photo Mounting Day will be held the Wednesday (July 12) before fair

- Photography: photos to be considered for the Iowa State Fair must be mounted and/or matted with maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼" thick.
- Food and Nutrition: Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.
- Food and Nutrition: It is highly suggested that exhibits be presented without frosting unless the frosting is part of the exhibit goal. These are the ONLY options if frosting is to be used in an exhibit:
 - Use store-bought, commercially prepared frostings that are shelf stable.
 - Use the Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe approved by Iowa State Extension and Outreach found at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> under the "Non-Livestock/Static" tab. All Iowa 4-Hers must reference and attach that blog article to their write-up for full credit if the Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe is used in the exhibit. Any changes or additions of ingredients to that recipe will be unacceptable and will result in disqualification. See the link above for complete Tested Vanilla Buttercream Recipe directions.
- Food and Nutrition REMINDER: To exhibit in the "Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product" class it is critical to use the "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide" at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>. This document outlines the appropriate foods that are safe for consumption for judging/evaluating in the fair setting. Recipe pre-approval is HIGHLY encouraged even when using that document. Contact the ISU AnswerLine to share the recipe, process or other questions at 1-800-262-3804 or email answer@iastate.edu Print the email and include in the exhibit write-up or document the phone call date, time, name of expert and their answer/approval/etc in the exhibit write-up. For example: "On March 8, 2023 at 11 a.m. I called the AnswerLine and talked with Beth. I talked to her about this muffin recipe and read it to her, and she said it was appropriate to use."

GENERAL LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

- **LOAD OUT:** Livestock not being sold at the county fair auction will be released Friday, July 21 between 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. or following the auction on Friday, July 21. Exhibits removed prior to this time without permission of department superintendent will forfeit premium money. Trailers should not be loading tack or livestock except during those times Friday, July 21 between 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. or following the auction on Friday, July 21. This is a safety issue with loading in the dark and also for ease of auction trailers coming and going.
- **KNOWLEDGE DAY:** Several livestock departments have an interview/testing component. Those will all be conducted on the same county-wide 'Knowledge Day' hosted on July 8, 2023 in Dallmeyer Hall. This timeline, a week before fair, allows exhibitors to hopefully have a more manageable fair week and spread out some of the events to encourage more participation and less crazy schedules. All interviews will be conducted in the basement of Dallmeyer Hall at interview stations. All testing will be done in the upstairs Fair Board Meeting room in the quiet testing center. The exact schedule will be sent closer to time, but families can tentatively plan for the following. If you are participating in several classes below and have a concern about timing – see the Extension Office for accommodations.
 - Bucket Bottle Interviews (9am-2pm. Schedule sent after May 15 animal id)
 - Bucket Bottle Testing for intermediates/seniors (back-to-back with interview time).
 - Sheep Premier Exhibitor Testing (9am-noon as walk-ins. No schedule made)
 - Sheep Premier Exhibitor Interviews (10:30am-12:30pm as walk-ins. No schedule made)
 - Pet Project Interviews (10:30 am – noon. Schedule sent after May 15 animal id)
 - NEW for 2023 = Beef Top Stockman Testing (9am-noon as walk-ins. No schedule made)
 - Swine Single Source Interviews (9am-10:30 am. Schedule sent in May)
 - NEW for 2023 = Swine Knowledge Test (9am-noon. as walk-ins. No schedule made)

AUCTION:

- Sheep, goats, rabbits, poultry, and cattle will sell in that order, starting at 8:30 a.m.
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BREEDING BEEF:

- Heifer check-in is at the north end of the cattle barns on Sunday between 6:30 pm- 8 pm *updated time*
- Addition of Beef Top Stockman Contest – see flyer for details
- Marking tie-outs cannot occur until 8 am on Saturday of barn set up. All tie-out markings/signage posted prior to 8 am on Saturday barn set up day will be removed.

BUCKET BOTTLE CALF:

- Bucket Bottle Interviews and testing will be scheduled for Saturday, July 8. Interviews will check-in at the basement and tests will check in upstairs fair board room. Interview times will be assigned after May 15 fair entry deadline.
- BBC workbooks/packets are due at the time of exhibitor's scheduled interview. There will be a 20-point deduction if records are not completed at the start of the interview. This does not include the questions that are completed after fair weigh-in. Those questions are noted in the workbooks.

DOG:

- Exhibitors will be provided a special dog pass to show at the entry gates on show days. This will allow 4-H/FFA dog project animals on the grounds for that day of that show only. Dogs should be on leash and under supervision at all times while on the fairgrounds. Dogs will be allowed around the show ring in preparation for the show and immediately following but are not permitted elsewhere. No dog projects should be led through other animal barns.

GOAT:

- Breeding Meat Doe classes will be sorted by birthday (junior, yearling and senior classes) and then sorted in those three age groups by fair check-in weight. Breeding Meat Does must weigh-in at county fair check-in.
- Fair goat weigh-in will be from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday afternoon for wethers and breeding meat does. All other goats must be checked-in with superintendent at the east side of the barn by 6 p.m. Sunday evening.

HERDSMANSHIP: Recognition will be given to the top club in each livestock department. No longer will top 5 overall club recognition be given.

HORSE:

- A horse may only exhibit in a class **one** time. Horses identified under siblings may show in different classes with the same horse. 4-Her's may enter the same horse in classes under more than one 4-H member; however, each horse can only enter and exhibit in a discipline ONE time. Disciplines are the following: Showmanship, Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Ranch Horse Pleasure, Western Pleasure, Western Horsemanship, English Walk/Trot, Western Walk/Trot, Pole Bending, Barrel Racing, Flags, Trail & Halter.

MARKET BEEF:

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PET:

- Pet passes will be distributed to all pet project exhibitors. This Pet Pass must be with the exhibitor/parent bringing the pet onto the fairgrounds during county fair and shown at the gate. The pass should be with the controller of the pet while on the grounds. Pets should only be in the show ring and prep area on show day. They should not be through the barns while on the grounds.
- Pet Project manuals for each species are no longer required but a modified Pet Project Record is now required. This form is the same for all species in pet project. The form is available from the Extension Office or at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/county-fair> Forms completed are due at the time of assigned pet interview.
- Overall pet score will also include a section called "Animal Experience". Participants will need to arrange in their own time a visit to an animal shelter or veterinarian office to a tour and simple interview to learn more about the pet industry. Participants will be asked to record their finds in their pet project record form and also ask questions at the interview.
- Pet interviews will be schedule for the county wide Knowledge day on July 8 (tentative times from 10:30am-noon)

RABBIT:

- Weights for Market Pen of Three & Single Fryer classes = minimum weight is 3.5 pounds and maximum weight is 5.5 pounds.

SHEEP:

- Premier Exhibitor test/Interviews will be administered in Dallmeyer Hall on Saturday, July 8 at the county-wide Knowledge Day. Interviews will check-in at the basement 10:30am-12:30pm on a walk-in basis and tests will check in at the upstairs fair board room from 9am-noon on a walk-in basis.
- If an exhibitor is showing 4 individual market lambs, one MUST be a production lamb. Production lambs are only required if exhibitors are bringing 4 lambs. More than one production lamb can be shown with a maximum of 6. Production lambs cannot be shown as an individual market lamb or as a commercial ewe.
- Added Sheep Exhibitor meeting to the schedule on Monday 6:15 pm
- New Class: Pair of Lambs Class
 - Lambs must be weighed-in at April/May weigh-in and July County fair weigh-in.
 - Lambs can be wethers or ewes.
 - Lambs can be previously shown in the market or breeding classes. Pen of 3 lambs or Yearlings cannot be in the Pair of 2 class.
 - Lambs must be registered to the same exhibitor in 4hOnline or on required 106 Identification form for FFA members.
 - Lambs will be nominated for this class at fair weigh-in.
 - Exhibitor will enter the ring with 2 lambs on individual halters or may have another enrolled 4-H/FFA member assist with the second lamb in the ring.
 - Class winner will not be eligible for Grand Champion Drive.
 - This class will follow the Grand Champion drive and before Showmanship.

SWINE:

- Move production weigh-in to April 15 with 55 lb limit
- New Class: Swine Knowledge Competition
 - This is another way for swine exhibitors to show their knowledge of the species regarding health, feed, composition, marketing, and more.
 - 25-point multiple choice test by age division of junior, intermediate, seniors
 - Test will be July 8 in upstairs of Dallmeyer Hall 9am-noon on a walk-in basis. No assigned time per exhibitor. This is the new county-wide Knowledge Day for all livestock testing/interviews.

- No pre-registration required but participants must have swine exhibitor for the current fair season. No premium award money is given for participation.
- Awards will be recognized as Champion (\$100) and Reserve Champion (\$50) in each age division. These cash awards are sponsored by the Washington County Pork Producers. These will be announced in between Production and Market Swine Show with award recipients to be present in the show ring.
- Purebred classes have updated limits. ** total pigs still maxed at 6 per exhibitor
 - Purebred market class (Limit of 2 entries per breed)
 - Purebred breeding gilt (Limit of 2 entries per breed)

FYI on Champion Signs:

- Champion signs to be displayed at the animal stall are available for check out from the Extension Office. The signs must be signed out (by exhibitor or superintendent) after the show and can be hung safely and securely at the animal stall/pen until the end of the week. Exhibitors are responsible for returning the signs at the end of the fair week to the Extension Office. Exhibitors will be charged for signs not returned. A unique Washington County tradition that we hope all departments start is that champion exhibitors are able to neatly, legibly, respectfully in small letters, add the year and their name to the back of the champion signs they have earned. These champion signs have become and special record of history of Washington County Fair champions.

REMINDER:

- If you/your child requires special accommodations to participate in county fair/4-H events/activities, please complete an Accommodation Request Form available from the Washington County Extension Office no later than 30 days prior to the event or activity. Submitting a request for accommodation on shorter notice may reduce or limit county extension's ability to implement the accommodations

Washington County Fair

3 STEPS

to register

4-H LIVESTOCK

The following three steps must be completed annually to exhibit livestock. NOTE: Each step has a unique deadline and unique website. All three must be completed. Contact the Extension Office with questions at 319-653-4811 or washington4h@iastate.edu. Families are STRONGLY encouraged to take action early and do not wait until the deadlines. If all three steps are not completed by set deadlines, youth risk ineligibility

Animal ID



Who: All animals but poultry
Where: v2.4honline.com
When:

- Market Beef by January 31
- All other animals by May 15

YQCA training



Who: All animals that could enter the food chain
Where: yqcaprogram.org
When: By June 1

Fair Entry



Who: All animal projects
Where: washingtoncounty.fairentry.com
When: June 1 - July 1



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