



2020 County Fair Changes Highlight Sheet

The 2020 fair book is posted online for families to reference and prepare for the county fair. This link is available on our Extension homepage <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/> Also on that page is a short cut to all "4-H Fair Forms" needed for the county fair. Make this page easy to find for your fair preparations.

All families will be encouraged to utilize the online fair book this year. Printed copies will be available for free through the Southeast Iowa Union Shopper's Guide newspaper delivered to all homes in the county on June 16. The Shoppers Guide is also available for free from the Southeast Iowa Union office in Washington. Or for those who receive the Southeast Iowa Union newspaper, the fair book insert will be included in the June 11 issue. Encourage family or friends to save that issue for you. We do understand this information is helpful now, so please utilize the online version as needed.

Please make sure to read all General Rules and General Livestock Rules in addition to the sections for your project areas. The bullets below are a quick highlight of changes for 2020. (We HOPE this list captures them but that is another reason why reviewing the entire fair book is important.) Families are responsible for knowing and following information included in the fair book.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK:

- Any animal identification deadline dates recorded as May 15 have been extended to June 1 in response to COVID-19. Not all May 15 dates have been adjusted in the fair book.

MARKET BEEF:

- Classes will be confirmed and initialed by exhibitor/parent at weigh-in when animal is at the scale house. Please make sure exhibitor/parent are able to sign off on the class at that time. No class changes will happen after the order is posted.

HORSE:

- Any horse or pony must attend and participate in at least 2 project workouts to be eligible to show.
- Members are required to stall at least one equine project at the fair. (Exception to mares with foals or by the horse department committee only for hardship cases if they are presented to the Extension Office in writing before July 1.)
- If the barn is unable to hold one project from each exhibitor, the appropriate fair committee will notify families with a plan.
- Class levels will be determined by using workout observations of member skills, experience and horse experience and skills. Decisions will be made with member, parents and horse leaders for correct class registration due July 1.

SHEEP:

- Feeder Pen Lambs will be evaluated at the lamb pens at the start of the show.
- No coloring agent or paint used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.
- No icing of lambs allowed. No ice allowed in spray buckets or blankets. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials. Drenching will not be allowed. If there are health issues involved regarding dehydration, the Fair Vet should be contacted.
- All Other Breeds Class will be sorted by:
 - 3 or more of one breed will have a new class added
 - All others sorted by white-face and black-face class

SWINE:

- Washington County Fair Swine Projects must be ractopamine-free (paylean free). This feed additive is banned by Tyson's and most major packing plants, so to protect/respect that market outlet, no swine exhibited at the county fair can have exposure to this feed additive. All swine exhibitors/parents must have attended one of the mandatory swine meetings the week of **February 17** for training how to prepare facilities for the 2020 project year. This handout is available at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/page/member-info> Attendance at one of these meetings is required to show swine at the **2020** Washington County Fair. Due to high risk of cross-contamination, it is important to work with only feed sources/mills who are ractopamine-free. It is important to also reduce risk of cross-contamination with a similar beef product, Optiflexx®.

GOAT:

- This is a no-fit show for both market and breeding goats. No use of adhesives, paint, color, oils, other aerosols or powder products allowed. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show. Animals may be towed at time of judging.
- Show moved to the main show arena.

NON-LIVESTOCK/STATIC EXHIBITS:

- NEW Class 10222 – Entomology. Entomology is again listed as an individual project. Providing a specific exhibit class allows more opportunities to showcase learning related to the entomology project.
- NEW Class 10224 – Fish and Wildlife. Wildlife (which includes fish) is again listed as an individual project. Reinstating this exhibit class allows more opportunities to showcase learning in Fish & Wildlife projects. Note: Based on advice from animal industry professionals, feral pigs are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits at this time. While the risk is very small, concern exists about the possibility of transmission of the African Swine Fever virus from unmonitored swine populations. We will continue to monitor information from the industry and reserve the right to modify our guidance as needed.
- NEW Class 10226 – Forestry. While Forestry continues to be included within the Environment & Sustainability project area, we can better showcase learning about Forestry and Forest products by reinstating a specific Forestry exhibit class.
- NEW Class 10632 – Aerospace. Aerospace is listed as a separate 4-H project area. Reinstating this exhibit class allows better opportunities to showcase learning in this project area. NEW Class 10634 – Robotics. Robotics is listed as a separate 4-H project area. Having a specific exhibit class allows better opportunities to showcase learning in this project area.
- 10490 Special Exhibition - \$10 MEAL CHALLENGE: Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes the recommended serving size of food from each of the five good groups. Information regarding food groups and recommended serving sizes can be found on the USDA MyPlate website www.choosemyplate.gov
Special Rules:
 1. Each county may enter one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
 2. All entries will receive an evaluation and participation ribbon.
 3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
 4. The meal must serve a family of four (4) people and total expenses must be \$10 or less for the meal.
 5. The meal must include a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups – Fruit, Vegetable, Protein, Grain, Dairy.
 6. The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20" x 30") that shows the menu (including portion size), meal type (breakfast, lunch, dinner), and photos of the meal. Attach a copy of the \$10 Meal Challenge worksheet to the back of the poster. Additional information about the \$10 Meal Challenge can be found on the Iowa 4-H Food & Nutrition and Health project pages at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/

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.

- This institution is an equal opportunity provider. For the full non-discrimination statement or accommodation inquiries, go to www.extension.iastate.edu/diversity/ext.