

172nd CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR



August 5-9, 2026

www.claytoncountyfair.com

26143 Ivory Road, Garnavillo, Iowa

2026 Fair Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, animals may only be brought to the fairgrounds during their assigned times.

Tuesday, August 4

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m.

4-H & FFA non-livestock conference judging
Clover Kid Pet Show (Schulte Complex)
Pet Show (Schulte Complex)
Dog Show -Obedience & Rally Classes (Large arena)

Wednesday, August 5

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
9:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Swine, Sheep & Meat Goats arrive at fair
Horse Show
Open Class entries received
4-H Exhibit Hall Open (Commercial Hall CLOSED)
BBQ sponsored by the county commodity groups
Flag Raising Ceremony & Fair Queen Pageant
4-H Style Show & Share the Fun Show

Thursday, August 6

7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Noon – 8:30 p.m.
Noon – 9:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Beef, Dairy, Bucket Bottle, Dairy Goats, & Other Animal entries arrive at fair
Rabbits and Poultry arrive at fair
Open Class entries received
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open
4-H Exhibit Halls Open
Dog Show- Showmanship & Agility Classes (large arena)
Other Animals Conference Judging (pens)
Bucket Bottle Calves Conference Judging (Schulte Complex)
Swine Show (Schulte Complex)
One of These Nights- Eagles Tribute (grandstands)

Friday, August 7

8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
Noon – 8:30 p.m.
Noon – 9:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Dairy Goat Show (large arena)
Rabbit Show (Schulte Complex)
Dairy Show (large arena)
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open
4-H Exhibit Halls Open
Beef Showmanship & Market Beef Show (large arena)
Flatland Ridge (grandstands)
John Foster (grandstands)

Saturday, August 8

8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Noon – 8:30 p.m.
Noon – 9:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
9:00 p.m.

Sheep Show (Schulte Complex)
Poultry Show (large arena)
Meat Goat Show (Schulte Complex)
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open
4-H Exhibit Halls Open
Kiddie Tractor Pull
Demolition Derby
Breeding Beef Show (large arena)
Motocross
Mutton Busting (grandstands)
Clayton County Bull Bash (grandstands)
JR Brink Band in the Beer Garden

Sunday, August 9

11:00 a.m.
Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Truck and Tractor Pull
4-H Exhibit Halls Open
Commercial Exhibit Halls Open
Kiddie Calf Shows (Dairy & Beef) (large arena) & Little Piglet Show (Schulte)
Youth Ag Olympics (large arena)
Great Cookoff Contest (North of Floral Hall)
4-H & FFA Static exhibits released
Open Class exhibits released
4-H & FFA Livestock entries released

Monday, August 10

9:00 a.m.

Livestock Auction

<p style="text-align: center;">2026 Clayton County Fair Admission Season Pass: \$40 Children under 12 Free Daily Admission: Wednesday \$5.00 Thursday -Sunday \$15.00</p>
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For more 4-H & FFA county fair information and forms for the county fair visit:
[County Fair | Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Clayton County \(iastate.edu\)](http://iastate.edu)

2026 CLAYTON COUNTY 4-H & FFA ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

GENERAL RULES

1. All exhibitors must be 4-H'ers or FFA members in good standing in 2026. Exhibitors must be enrolled in a Clayton County 4-H Club or one of the following FFA chapters: Central, Ed-Co, MFL MarMac, Postville, Starmont, Clayton Ridge or North Fayette Valley prior to May 1, 2026. 4-H or FFA projects that have been exhibited in the junior show at the county fair in Allamakee, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, or Winneshiek counties (does not include the Big 4 Fair) are not eligible for competition in this exhibition. All entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Youth are identified by their exhibitor number.
2. 4-H'ers and FFA members in 4th through 12th grade during the 25-26 school year are eligible to compete in the Achievement Show. Youth in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade may enter Division 150 – Clover Kids.
3. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with all rules for the exhibit to be eligible for participation.
4. Exhibitors who are found to have entered and/or exhibited the same non-livestock project in more than one county fair 4-H Achievement show will be banned from exhibition for a period of three (3) years.
5. The Extension 4-H & Youth Development Committee reserves the right to rule in special cases, and their decision will be final. If a FFA member is involved, their chapter advisor will be consulted.
6. Entries must be made using the proper procedure outlined by the County Extension Office through Fairentry.com. **Entry deadline is July 1, 2026.**
7. The judges will make blue, red, or white awards for premium designation. Evaluation criteria will include the exhibitor's goal, demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design.
8. Gate passes will be presented to all qualified exhibitors, FFA advisors, 4-H Leaders, Extension Council members, Extension 4-H & Youth Development Committee members, and 4-H Foundation Board members.
9. The fair board, 4-H leaders, committee members, county 4-H council, FFA advisors or the Extension personnel will not be responsible for damage or loss of exhibits.
10. Exhibitors must be reasonably attired when exhibits are being judged. Shirts cannot have writing or logos except for 4-H & FFA shirts.
11. Only 4-H'ers and FFA members having livestock exhibits at the fair will be allowed to stay overnight on the fairgrounds. All exhibitors will sleep in areas designated by the 4-H leaders or FFA advisors. There will be no sleeping in cars or trucks by exhibitors. In order to stay overnight, exhibitors must file a "Parent's Permission Statement". Only background screened adults will be allowed to be overnight chaperones.
12. Exhibits left at the Clayton County fairgrounds will become property of the Clayton County Extension Service and will be disposed of/handled appropriately.
13. Premiums will be paid to the 4-H or FFA member. All premium checks must be cashed within 60 days from date issued.
14. Premiums will be forfeited if exhibitors remove exhibits prior to the designated release times stated in the general rules for both livestock and non-livestock exhibits. Unless prior approval has been obtained from county extension staff.
15. No couches, recliners, and such will be allowed at the fair. Anyone bringing them will be asked to remove them.
16. Fair exhibitors, families and spectators must abide by fair rules and the 4-H member Code of Ethics and accept disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the 4-H & Youth Development Committee.
17. A Rules & Ethics Committee shall be appointed each year prior to the fair. The Committee shall consist of a Clayton County Extension Staff member, the corresponding livestock superintendent, and one representative from the Clayton County Cattlemen's Association, Clayton County Dairy Promotion Committee, Clayton County Pork Producers, Clayton County Fair Board, Clayton County Extension 4-H & Youth Committee and one FFA Chapter Advisor. A quorum of 4 members must be present to consider any issues.
18. **Protests** -- Any and all participants in any and all events described in this Premium Book hereby acknowledge that they are voluntarily agreeing to participate in said event. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that the participant has no constitutional or statutory right to participate or compete in any and all events covered by this Premium Book and that the participant shall abide by and is subject to all rules and procedures applicable to the event entered as stated in this Premium Book. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge the following as an express condition of their voluntary decision to participate in any and all events covered by this Premium Book:
 - a. The protest procedures and remedies set out in this section of the Premium Book are the exclusive procedures and remedies concerning any protest, discipline or complaint regarding any action of the Fair arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.

- b. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby expressly acknowledge in a knowing and informed manner that no right to pursue an action as a contested case pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 17A exists concerning any decision or action on any protest, discipline or complaint taken by the Fair arising in any way from participation in any and all events covered by this Premium Book. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book hereby acknowledges and expressly agrees that the procedures and remedies set out in this Premium Book shall be the exclusive procedures and remedies available to any and all participants concerning any decision or action taken by the Fair on any protest, discipline or complaint in any and all events covered by this Premium Book.
- c. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book expressly acknowledge and expressly agree that they will have the burden of going forward and the burden of proof concerning the establishment of the grounds for any protest, discipline or complaint brought under the provisions of this Premium Book.
 - i. Any and all participants in any and all events covered by this Premium Book shall have 24 hours from the conclusion of the show involving the class in question to file any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints brought under the provisions of this Premium Book which involve any issue other than the results of drug testing.
 - ii. The Clayton County Fair will not consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.
 - iii. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be in writing and shall be filed with any Clayton County Extension staff member within the above-referenced time period(s).
 - iv. Any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be accompanied by a \$50.00 cash deposit which must be filed with any Clayton County Extension Staff member contemporaneously with any and all protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints. In the event that a challenge is validated, the complainant will have their deposit refunded to them. In the event that the protest is not validated the deposit will be forfeited and become property of the Clayton County Fair.
 - v. The Rules and Ethics Committee of the Clayton County Fair shall consider any protests, challenges of disciplinary action or complaints filed pursuant to this paragraph as speedily as possible, and their decision will be final.

GENERAL RULES FOR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

1. LIMIT ON CATTLE, SHEEP, DAIRY, GOATS, SWINE, POULTRY, DOGS AND RABBIT ENTRIES.
 - a. Youth showing cattle will be limited to a total of 5 head of cattle. This total of 5 head can be made up of dairy, beef, bucket bottle calf, or a combination.
 - b. Youth showing swine will be limited to a total of 4 head.
 - c. Youth showing sheep will be limited to a total of 8 head.
 - d. Youth showing goats will be limited to a total of 6 head. This total of 6 head can be made up of all dairy goats, all meat goats, or a combination of dairy and meat goats.
 - e. Youth showing rabbits will be limited to a total of 5 entries from Divisions 260-265.
 - f. Youth showing poultry will be limited to a total of 5 entries.
 - g. Youth showing dogs will be limited to a total of 2 dogs.
2. **All youth exhibiting beef, bucket bottle calves, dairy, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine at the Clayton County Fair must be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified.**
3. Exhibitors are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire 4-H and FFA programs and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and chapter. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do.
4. Exhibitors must be reasonably attired when exhibits are being judged. Shirts cannot have writing or logos except for 4-H & FFA shirts. Jeans are acceptable. Youth must wear closed toe shoes while in the show arena – no sandals or flip flops. Specific dress is required for the horse & pony show.
5. All market beef, sheep and meat goats must be weighed and tagged at designated sites for Clayton County to be eligible to be exhibited at the Clayton County Fair.
6. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear. This tattoo will be reported on the fair entry form.
7. All animals must be identified by an individual 4-H or FFA member. Refer to the 4H202 Iowa 4-H - Animal Identification, Weighing, and Exhibiting Requirements for County, State and Interstate Shows
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

8. All livestock must be positively identified by an acceptable and recognized method and the identification recorded in 4-H Online for 4-H animals and FairEntry.com for FFA animals. Acceptable methods include ear tag, tattoo or ear notch (swine) used with the exception of poultry, pets, dogs and horses. Horses must be identified by photograph. The identification must be recorded in 4-H Online for 4-H animals and fairentry.com for FFA animals.
 - a. TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
 - b. Exhibitors who are found to have entered and/or exhibited the same animal in more than one county fair 4-H Achievement show will be banned from exhibition of livestock at the Clayton County Fair for a period of no less than five (5) years.
9. It is the intent that the 4-H and FFA members take responsibility for the caring and grooming of their animals. Assistance should be aimed at helping 4-H & FFA members further develop skills or learn new skills. Assistance should come from family members, other 4-H or FFA members, 4-H leaders or FFA advisors and/or volunteers (a volunteer is a person who receives no financial compensation for helping the 4-H/FFA member). **Grooming chutes not in use are to be taken down. No grooming chutes will be allowed in the scale area.**
10. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of volatile drug residues. The act of entering an animal in this livestock show is the giving of consent by the exhibitor for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing.
 - a. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and rules.
 - b. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal and state statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved, and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate, and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor to prove otherwise. After an animal arrives on the fair premises, no drugs or medications of any kind may be administered except by a licensed veterinarian or by the order of a licensed veterinarian.
11. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance (except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only) and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited. All livestock may be wiped with a towel prior to entering a show ring.
12. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
13. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the Clayton County Fair Rules & Ethics Committee established by the Clayton County Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitors' assistants who fitted the animal involved.
 - a. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Clayton County Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any division.
 - b. SHOULD FRAUD OR DECEPTION, AND PROOF, AS DETERMINED BY THE CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR ETHICS & RULES COMMITTEE BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SHOWN AND PRIOR TO THE AUCTION, such animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, the Reserve Champion will become the Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced.
 - c. SHOULD VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE SALE, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will be advanced.

- d. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete. CARCASS CONDEMNATION at the packing plant due to unethical or illegal practices shall be grounds for disqualification in the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited, and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
 - e. All exhibitors whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the Clayton County Fair. In addition, any exhibiting family whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the Iowa Fair Association will be barred indefinitely from showing at the Clayton County Fair.
14. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, Extension staff, fair board members, other exhibitors, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, Extension staff, fair board members or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
 15. The Rules & Ethics Committee has the right to ask an exhibitor to remove an animal that is believed unsafe for exhibition. The animal must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Committee.
 16. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, animals may only be brought to the fairgrounds during their assigned times for check-in. Swine, sheep and meat goats may arrive at 9 am -12:30 pm on Wednesday. Beef, Dairy, Bucket Bottle Calves, Dairy Goats, & Other Animal entries may arrive 7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday. Rabbits and Poultry may arrive 8:00 am – 11:30 a.m. on Thursday.**
 17. **Animals must remain on exhibit until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9, the exception is lactating dairy cows and dairy goats which may leave after the Dairy Show on Friday and pigs being picked up by locker trailers. Decorations, gates, stall cards, toe kick boards, club signs, and show boxes may be removed from the barns after 5 pm. Horse, pony, pets, and dog exhibits will arrive on the fairgrounds before their respective shows and remain on the fairgrounds until after the show. * If the tractor pull runs late, livestock release time will be adjusted.**
 18. It is prohibited to leave any haltered animal on the fairgrounds without being held or tied. After 7:00 p.m. each evening, all cattle must be double tied, unless a show is in progress.
 19. All livestock classes will be called to the show ring over the public address system. Exhibitors will be responsible for entering the show ring when called.
 20. All animals must be shown by the owner except in cases of sickness, other 4-H/FFA commitments or when a member has more than one animal in a class. The exhibitor may select another Clayton County 4-H or FFA member to show his/her exhibit. This applies for all classes including champion and herd classes.
 21. All animals entered in the purebred classes must be registered. The registration papers must be brought to the fair. Papers will be checked when animals are unloaded. With the following exceptions, all animals and birds must be owned by the 4-H'er, or in partnership with a family member and identified with an individual 4-H'er. When registration papers are involved (e.g., purebred beef heifer) the papers must be in the 4-H'er's name or show a logical family relationship. For example, Jones Family Farms shows a logical family relationship to Emily Jones, but B&G Farms does not. All animals may be identified by only one 4-H member or FFA member.
 22. **Clayton County Share-a-Heifer Agreement:** The objective of the share-a-heifer project agreement is to allow 4-H & FFA members to care for and exhibit a registered breeding beef without having to transfer registration papers. The Share-a-Heifer Agreement must be completed and turned into the Extension Office along with a copy of the registration paper by May 15. These animals are NOT eligible for state fair.
 23. There will be a showmanship contest in the dairy, beef, swine, sheep, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, dog, and horse & pony departments. The showmanship divisions within each department are divided according to the grade of the exhibitor during the 25-26 school year. The number of showmanship divisions vary by department (see class descriptions in each department). Exhibitors who have won the junior and intermediate divisions in previous years are ineligible to compete in that division. A previous winner of junior and intermediate showmanship may advance to the next level of competition. Previous senior showmanship class winners are still eligible to compete. Exhibitors must use their own animal in showmanship classes. **Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes at FairEntry.com by July 1.**
 24. Entries must receive a blue ribbon to be considered for champion or reserve champion.
 25. All animals must come to the show arena in order to receive a ribbon placing. No judging will be done in the barn, except for other animals.
 26. Electric power washers are not allowed to be used on the fairgrounds.

27. Livestock trailers cannot be parked on the grounds during the fair. On Thursday all livestock trailers must unload in the proper locations. After unloading livestock all trailers must exit the fairgrounds no later than 2 pm. At no time is there to be an unattended trailer parked north of Barn E or the Schulte Swine & Sheep Complex due to the sewer. If storage is needed for hay or straw, a club or chapter will be allowed only the trailers designated by the fair board. Trailer permits will be issued after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.
28. Stalls, pens, cages and barn alleys must be kept clean at all times. **Bedding needs to be straw or wood products.** No corn stalks or paper products are to be used for bedding in the livestock barns. Wood shavings are preferred.
29. It is the responsibility of each 4-H club and FFA chapter assigned to a specific barn to keep the manure hauled from that barn from Thursday, August 6 through the completion of the sale on Monday, August 10.
30. Following the fair, it is each club's and chapter's responsibility to clean the area in the barns used to stall livestock exhibited including rabbit and poultry areas by their club or chapter members. The manure must be hauled to the manure bunkers or areas designated by the fair board. **There will be NO cleaning with skid loaders, tractors, trucks, etc. on Sunday night or Monday morning during the sale.** All animals must remain bedded until the final exit of fair. No final cleaning of bedding of pens & stalls until after release time. **In the Schulte Complex there will be no cleaning or pen deconstruction during the sale on Monday.** Clubs housed in "sale stall area" cannot clean until late afternoon on Monday. Any club or chapter who fails to clean their area prior to Wednesday, August 12 will forfeit all premiums won by members of their club or chapter.
31. **Only market animals will be allowed to sell in the livestock auction on Monday.**
32. **All market animals will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m.**
33. **All beef, meat goat, sheep and swine selling in the auction must have a signed Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit) on file at the Extension Office.**
34. All youth selling livestock in the sale should wear appropriate attire such as a 4-H or FFA shirt and blue jeans. Youth must wear closed toe shoes while in the sale arena – no sandals or flip flops.
35. Exhibitors are responsible for seeing that their animals are loaded for transport post sale.
36. All market beef and commercial beef females will be officially weighed as they come to the fair on Thursday. Swine, market sheep and market goats will be weighed on Wednesday as they come to the fair. This weight will be also used as the selling weight (market beef, swine, market sheep, and market goats) for the sale on Monday.
37. A sales commission of 2% will be charged on all livestock sold at the 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction. The money will go into the Extension Operating fund.
38. Premiums won in the herdsmanship contest will be paid to the club or chapter.
39. There will be no entry fees for the 2026 fair.
40. Exhibitors may substitute animals, due to health-related conditions, provided the substituted animal is weighed and/or is enrolled in the 4-H online system or listed on their 4H106 form on file at the Extension Office. A written statement must be provided by a licensed veterinarian on the health of the animal.
41. Lactating cows and dairy goats in milk will be released after the dairy show on Friday. Exhibitors will inform Extension staff of their intention to remove their cows and **must** obtain a trailer pass to come into the grounds. Exhibitors will have 30 minutes to load and leave. Cows must be off the grounds by 11:00 pm. Milk cows and goats do have the option to stay the entire fair.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT THE CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on animals or poultry exhibited, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by the official show veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with other pigs).

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, club lamb fungus, sore mouth, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.

No lame or injured animals may be exhibited in any show.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

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.

SHEEP AND GOATS

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official registered tattoo. 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 the exhibition performed by an authorized tester, or have a Pullorum-Typhoid test performed at the entry check-in on Thursday. **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.**

DOGS AND CATS

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

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.

Deceased Animals Policy at Clayton County Fair Grounds During County Fair

This policy is meant to describe the order of events should an animal exhibit die on the premises of the Clayton County Fair Grounds during the 4-H/FFA Clayton County Fair.

- 1) Any death of an animal exhibit that occurs on the fairgrounds during the Clayton County Fair should be reported to Clayton County Extension officials, Fair Board officials and/or to the Fair Veterinarian immediately. If the Fair Veterinarian is not accessible, the Clayton County Extension or Fair Board officials will notify the Fair Veterinarian immediately. All animals that die on the premises of the Clayton County Fairgrounds will be examined by the Fair Veterinarian prior to removal. The owner may choose, at owner's expense, to have another veterinarian present during the postmortem examination, however, the Fair Veterinarian will be the primary veterinarian performing the investigation, unless otherwise determined by Fair Veterinarian.
- 2) The Fair Veterinarian will examine the deceased animal in the situation the deceased animal was found, whenever possible. The deceased animal should not be moved or altered, as this is part of the post-mortem examination and could hold valuable information regarding the cause of death. Appropriate measure can be taken to hide or cover-up the deceased animal from the public; this shall be aided by Clayton County Extension or Fair Board officials/Club Leaders/etc.
- 3) Examination of the deceased shall include any or all of the following, as determined by the Fair Veterinarian:
 - a. Fair Veterinarian will gather information from exhibitor/owner/witnesses that may have information pertinent to the animal's potential cause of death.
 - b. Postmortem visual examination by the Fair Veterinarian of the deceased will be performed in the situation/environment that the animal was found. If Fair Veterinarian approves, photographic documentation of the situation may suffice if the animal must be moved, prior to Fair Veterinarian arrival.
 - c. Post-mortem necropsy (animal autopsy) of the deceased may be performed by the Fair Veterinarian to examine internal organs and tissues to help further determine the cause of death. Location of this procedure will be determined by the Fair Veterinarian and may take place on Fair Grounds or at another location that is agreed upon by Fair Veterinarian/Owner/Extension/Fair Board.
 - d. Post-mortem necropsy tissue collection may be performed by the Fair Veterinarian and sent to a veterinary laboratory for further testing to identify potential infectious and/or contagious causes of death. It is important to identify, when determined necessary, the causative agent(s) responsible for the animal's death, as other susceptible animals may have been exposed to the infectious or contagious agent.
 - e. Fees associated with the postmortem procedure will be determined by the Fair Veterinarian and the deceased animal's owner will be responsible for payment to the Fair Veterinarian for services and fees incurred within 30 days of service.
- 4) After postmortem examination is complete, the Fair Veterinarian, Owner, Clayton County Extension officials and Fair Board officials will aid and determine the best route of disposal of the deceased carcass/body.

5) After postmortem examination and/or after veterinary laboratory testing results are reported, the Fair Veterinarian will determine whether further notification or actions regarding potential exposure to a suspected or identified infectious and/or contagious disease should be disseminated to additional exhibitors/animal owners, who's exhibit(s)/animal(s) may have been exposed to a potential infectious and/or contagious disease.

6) After postmortem examination is complete, a thorough cleaning and disinfection of the housing of the deceased may be needed. The Fair Veterinarian will recommend an appropriate disinfectant for this procedure, should an infectious or contagious agent be suspected in the cause of death. The cleaning procedure will be the responsibility of the deceased's exhibitor/owner.

7) Any additional information gathering, animal examination, animal testing, tissue or blood testing, communication with other veterinarians or animal health officials will be at the discretion of the Fair Veterinarian when investigating and evaluating a situation related to an animal that has died or shown infectious/contagious disease at the Clayton County Fair Grounds during the Clayton County 4-H/FFA fair.

BEEF

DIVISION 200 –BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

1. Beef showmanship is open to both breeding and market animal exhibitors.
2. Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.
3. Beef Showmanship for 2026 will be at 4:00 pm on Friday.

Beef Showmanship (25-26 School Year)

Class 20001	Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11, & 12)
Class 20002	Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)
Class 20003	Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5, & 6)

DIVISION 201 -BEEF HEIFER

1. Entries are open to registered or commercial females of recognized beef breeds. Crossbred females are eligible to be entered in the commercial class. Exhibitors in the Registered Heifer classes and Registered Cow/Calf classes **MUST** have registration papers on all entries. Registered animals must have legible tattoos. **Papers will be checked on Thursday when cattle are unloaded.** If papers are not available, animals will be shown in the commercial class.
2. Any age beef female is eligible to be entered as long as the animal was identified as a livestock project in 4honline for 4-H members or identified in FairEntry.com for FFA member. Cows born before May 1, 2023, must be safe in calf or with calf at side. Cow-calf pairs must be shown as a pair and cannot be shown individually. Heifers exhibited in this department cannot compete in the market beef classes.
3. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, beef cattle may only be brought to the fairgrounds Thursday morning from 7:00 am -11:30 am for check-in.**
4. **Breeding animals should be dehorned, animals should only have horns if it is considered part of the breed standards. Breeding beef may not have a horn set longer than 36 inches measured from tip to tip.**
5. The entries in this department do count in the 5 head cattle limit for each youth. See page 4, rule #1
6. Herefords and Polled Herefords, Shorthorn and Polled Shorthorn will show together in the purebred lots.
7. Registered classes will be offered in the following breeds American Aberdeen, American Blue, Angus, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Gelbvieh Balancers, Hereford, Lim-Flex, Limousin, Lowline, Maintainer, Maine-Anjou, Miniature Hereford, Red Angus, Foundation Red Angus, Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Simbach, South Devon and All Other Breeds. Classes will be determined after entries are in and based on the total number exhibited. Breeding classes with less than 3 entries will be shown in Class 20139 All Other Breeds –Calf, Class 20165 –All Other Breeds -Heifers or Class 20194 Other Breeds- Cow/Calf. As nearly as practical, classes will be set at a reasonable size based on birth date.

8. Commercial females will be shown by weight not age. Classes for commercial females will be determined after weigh-in on Thursday. As nearly as practical, lots will be set at ten head.
9. The champion and reserve champion from each of the breeds and from the commercial beef calf and heifer classes will compete for the supreme beef heifer championship. Cow-calf champions from each breed and the commercial lots will compete for supreme champion cow-calf.
10. A champion & reserve champion home raised replacement heifer will be selected. Home raised designates that the animal was bred, born & raised on member's home farm with the dam of the calf owned by the member or the member's parents. **All animals must have their status recorded at the Clayton County Extension Office as home raised by July 1 to be eligible for these awards at county fair.**
11. The Best Three class shall consist of three animals, all entered and shown in the individual classes by one exhibitor. Group must contain at least one female animal. (If a cow-calf pair is used in the herd it is considered as one animal.)
12. **The Beef Heifer Show will be on Saturday, August 8 at 3:00 pm. Showmanship for both breeding and market beef will be Friday, August 7 at 4:00 p.m. in 2026.**

Breeding Beef:

Class 20110	Registered Heifer Calves born 12-1-25 to 5-15-26
Class 20140	Registered Heifers born before 11-30-25
Class 20167	Commercial Heifer Calves born 12-1-25 to-5-15-26, then further split by weight
Class 20168	Commercial Heifers born before 11-30-25, then further split by weight
Class 20170	Registered Cow/Calf
Class 20196	Commercial Cow/Calf
Class 20198	Best Three Animals

DIVISION 202 – MARKET BEEF

1. Entries are open to market beef animals that were officially weighed and identified in December at the sites designated for Clayton County market beef projects.
2. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, beef cattle may only be brought to the fairgrounds Thursday morning from 7:00 am -11:30 am for check-in.**
3. **All market cattle will be required to be dehorned or disbudded.**
4. The entries in this department do count in the 5 head cattle limit for each youth. See page 4, rule #1.
5. All market beef projects will be weighed on entry day, Thursday, August 6 to determine the rate of gain since the weigh-in date. Market steers with less than 2.4 pounds of gain per day, market heifers with less than 2.2 pounds of gain per day and miniature breeds with less than 1.5 pounds of gain per day will not be eligible for a blue award. The rate of gain information will be given to the judge and will be considered in the evaluation of the project.
6. When the entries are weighed on entry day, a number will be drawn by the exhibitor. This will determine the order of sale and stall number for the sale on Monday, August 10. Sale animals will **not** be re-weighed. Thursday's weight will be used for the sale.
7. Rate of gain cards must be displayed on the left arm and the exhibitor number should be placed in the middle of the back.
8. The beef superintendents reserve the right to eject exhibitors from the show ring because of "unruly" animals.
9. The Beef Superintendent and/or Rules & Ethics Committee have the right to ask an exhibitor to remove an animal that is believed unsafe for exhibition. The animal must be removed from the fairgrounds by the exhibitor within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Committee.

10. A champion & reserve champion home raised market beef, and a champion & reserve champion home raised dairy steer will be selected. Home raised designates that the animals were bred, born & raised on member's home farm with the dam of the calf owned by the member or the member's parents. **All animals must have their status recorded at the Clayton County Extension Office as home raised by February 1 to be eligible for this award at county fair.**
11. Dairy market steers MUST be either 100% one of the following breeds: Holstein, Jersey, Guernsey, Brown Swiss, Ayrshire, or Milking Shorthorn –or be a cross of any of these dairy breeds. **NO BEEF CROSSES WILL BE PERMITTED.** Committee reserves the right to make the final decision on classification for show.
12. All market animals will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. If an exhibitor has more than 2 market beef animals, they must determine which animal will be sold and inform Extension staff by 2:00 pm on Saturday.
13. The market beef auction will be held on Monday, August 10. An exhibitor may sell one animal that was exhibited in the market show at the auction. The market beef projects will be auctioned with the top exhibits (grand champion steer, grand champion dairy steer, reserve grand champion, reserve grand champion dairy steer and rate of gain champions) selling at the beginning of the beef sale and the others drawing lot numbers.
14. Sale cattle will be lined up in Jim Hosch Arena according to hip number. **Market beef animals to be sold MUST be in the Jim Hosch Arena by 9:00 a.m. on sale date.** If not in place by the stated time, the animal may be moved to the end of the sale.
15. All market beeves sold at auction must meet all withdrawal regulations for feed additives, medication, etc. A signed Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit) must be turned in to the Extension Office in order for your animal to be sold.
16. Lots will be determined after the weigh-in on Thursday, August 6. Animals will be divided into lots based on the beginning weights in December 2025.
17. Beef Showmanship for 2026 will be at 4:00 pm on Friday, August 7. The Market Beef show will follow showmanship.

Class 20210 - Dairy Steers (classes will be based on beginning weight)

Class 20230 - Market Heifers (classes will be based on beginning weight)

Class 20250 - Market Steers (classes will be based on beginning weight)

Class 20270 Beef Performance Class

The top ten rate-of-gain market beef will participate in the Performance Class. Animals will be evaluated based on their physical appearance and daily rate of gain.

Group of 5

This class is open to all 4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters exhibiting market beef animals. No entry fee or premiums will be paid.

Rules:

- 1) This is a market class. Animals maybe all steers, all market heifers or a combination of both.
- 2) All five animals must be from the same club or chapter.
- 3) Five animals from at least three different members of a club or chapter.
- 4) Clubs or chapters may enter more than one group, but no animals can be in more than one group.
- 5) A traveling trophy will be awarded.

ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDING PROJECT

1. A member entering this project shall have only one entry purchased and weighed as part of the normal county fair weigh in process in December 2025. Purebred, grade and crossbred cattle will all be shown in the same class.
2. Youth can only enter into one division-either the pen of three or individual division but not both.
3. Cattle may be exhibited both as advanced cattle feeding project and an individual steer/heifer at the Clayton County Fair.
4. Exhibitors must keep accurate feed records. All commodity type feedstuffs will be standardized monthly based on the average month price provided by Innovative Agriculture Services. Participants will still need to report their prices on other products used as well. Standard prices will be provided and must be used on, corn, soybean meal, dry/wet distillers' grain, hay, corn silage, and gluten.
5. Special stall cards will be made by the exhibitor having this information: cost of gain/100 pounds; initial weight; purchase cost; average daily gain; total feed costs; total feed cost/calf; weight at exhibition time; costs/100 pounds of gain; yardage costs; breakeven costs.
6. Judges will appraise the animals on **Monday, June 22** at the Edgewood Sales Commission for market acceptability and price. Each animal will be weighed and judged individually. Additionally, the cattle will be scanned, and data will be evaluated regarding the animal's market readiness. The information will then be used to calculate profitability by the youth.
7. Close outs will be calculated by the youth with producers available for help. All advanced cattle feeding participants are required to be present.
8. A marketing option will be made available through the Edgewood Sales Commission.
9. The Clayton County Cattlemen, Clayton County Dairy Promotion Committee, Edgewood Sales Commission, Clayton County Agriculture Society and Clayton County Extension Service are not responsible for accidents.
10. Trophies will be provided through the 4-H Circle of Friends, ribbons and premiums will be provided by the Clayton County Agriculture Society.
11. There will be three divisions in the live show- Junior, Intermediate and Senior.
 - Class 20301 Live Division Junior (grades 4-6)
 - Class 20302 Live Division Intermediate (grades 7 & 8)
 - Class 20303 Live Division Senior (grades 9-12)
12. Awards for the live show are based on the following:
 - 10-economy of gain
 - 10-\$ return/\$ invested
 - 10-records
 - 70-market acceptability & uniformity of pen/quality of individual
 - 100-Interview
 - Total points 200

The judge will determine the points in each category.
13. There will be six divisions in the Carcass Ultra-Sound Class – Market Steer Pen, Market Steer Individual, Market Heifer Pen, Market Heifer Individual, Dairy Steer Pen and Dairy Steer Individual.
 - Class 20304 Market Steer Pen
 - Class 20305 Dairy Steers Pen
 - Class 20306 Market Heifer Pen
 - Class 20307 Market Beef (individual)
 - Class 20308 Dairy Steer (individual)
 - Class 20309 Market Heifer (individual)

This program is considered part of the Clayton County Fair and occurs prior to the fair because of space and time restrictions at the fair. A successful project requires good feeding records to be kept. Animals are shown off-halter and are not required to be groomed. This project gives the 4-H and FFA members a real-world profit/loss experience in raising market beef.

DAIRY

DIVISION 209 –DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Dairy Showmanship (25-26 school year)

- Class 21901 Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11, & 12)
- Class 21902 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)
- Class 21903 Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5, & 6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.

Dairy Showmanship will be the first class of the show at 9:30 a.m. in 2026.

DIVISION 210 - DAIRY

1. Entries are open to purebred and grade Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and dairy crossbred female animals.
2. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, dairy cattle may only be brought to the fairgrounds Thursday morning from 7:00 am -11:30 am for check-in.**
3. The entries in this department do count in the 5 head cattle limit for each youth. See page 4, rule #1
4. A junior and reserve junior champion will be selected in each breed regardless of the number exhibited. A supreme junior champion and a reserve supreme junior champion will be selected from all the breed junior champions. All junior champions and reserve junior champions must be brought to the show ring for the supreme selections.
5. A grand and reserve grand champion will be selected in each breed regardless of the number exhibited. A supreme dairy champion and a reserve supreme dairy champion will be selected from all the breed champions. **All breed champions and reserve breed champions must be brought to the show ring for the supreme selections.**
6. Any yearling heifer that has freshened prior to the time of judging must be shown in the 2-year-old class.
7. Horned animals older than senior calves will not be allowed to compete in this show.
8. There will be production awards presented for cows three years old and older if award sponsors are obtained. The awards will be based on energy corrected milk on official DHIA records.
9. The Best Three Females class shall consist of three animals, all entered and shown in the individual classes by one exhibitor. At least one animal must have freshened.
10. Lactating cows in milk will be released after the dairy show on Friday. Exhibitors will inform Extension staff of their intention to remove their cows and **must** obtain a trailer pass to come unto the grounds. Exhibitors will have 30 minutes to load and leave. Cows must be off the grounds by 11:00 pm. Milk cows do have the option to stay the entire fair.
11. **Dairy Show will be Friday, August 7 at 9:30 am.**

Dairy Cattle

- 21000 Spring Calf (3-1-26 to 4-30-26)
- 21010 Winter Calf (12-1-25 to 2-28-26)
- 21020 Fall Calf (9-1-25 to 11-30-25)
- 21030 Summer Yearling (6-1-25 to 8-31-25)
- 21040 Spring Yearling (3-1-25 to 5-31-25)
- 21050 Winter Yearling (12-1-24 to 2-29-25)
- 21060 Fall Yearling (9-1-24 to 11-30-24)
- 21070 Dry Cow 3 Years Old & Over (Born before 9-1-23)
- 21080 Two Year Old (born 9-1-23 to 8-31-24)
- 21090 3 & 4 Year Old (born 9-1-21 to 8-31-23)
- 21110 Aged Cow (born before 9-1-21)
- 21400 Best Three Females

DAIRY GOATS

DIVISION 220 – DAIRY GOATS

1. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, dairy goats may only be brought to the fairgrounds during Thursday morning from 7:00 am -11:30 am for check-in.**

2. The dairy goats will be exhibited at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7. Showmanship will be the last class of the show.
3. Each exhibitor may show two animals per class. The entries in this department do count in the 6 head limit for each youth. This total of 6 head can be made up of all dairy goats, all meat goats, or a combination of dairy and meat goats.
4. The show is open to registered or unregistered breeds of dairy goats – Alpine, Nubian, LaMancha, Saanan, Toggenburg, Oberhasli, Nigerian Dwarf, Sable or grades. NO pygmy goats may be shown.
5. Nigerian Dwarf will have separate classes. All other entries in each class will show together regardless of breed or registry status. As nearly as practical, dairy goat lots will be set at a reasonable size based on birth date. Classes with fewer than ten head will not be divided.
6. Does 24 months of age or over which have never freshened cannot be shown.
7. Dairy Goats must dehorned.
8. Lactating does in milk will be released after the dairy cattle show on Friday. Exhibitors will inform Extension staff of their intention to remove their goats and must obtain a trailer pass to come on the grounds. Exhibitors will have 30 minutes to load and leave. Goats must be off the fairgrounds by 11:00 pm. Milking goats do have the option to stay the entire fair.

Dairy Goat

Class 22001	Junior Doeling (Born April 1, 2026 or later)
Class 22002	Nigerian Dwarf Junior Doeling (Born April 1, 2026 or later)
Class 22003	Intermediate Doeling (Born January 1- March 31, 2026)
Class 22004	Nigerian Dwarf Intermediate Doeling (Born January 1- March 31, 2026)
Class 22005	Senior Doeling (Born August 1 – December 31, 2025)
Class 22006	Nigerian Dwarf Senior Doeling (Born August 1– December 31, 2025)
Class 22007	Yearling Doe-not in milk (Born August 1, 2024- July 31, 2025)
Class 22008	Nigerian Dwarf Yearling Doe-not in milk (Born August 1, 2024- July 31, 2025)
Class 22009	Yearling Doe-in milk (Born August 1, 2024- July 31, 2025)
Class 22010	Nigerian Dwarf Yearling Doe-in milk (Born August 1, 2024- July 31, 2025)
Class 22011	2 Year Old Doe
Class 22012	Nigerian Dwarf 2 Year Old Doe
Class 22013	3 & 4 year Old Doe
Class 22014	Nigerian Dwarf 3 & 4 year Old Doe
Class 22015	Aged Doe (5 years old and older)
Class 22016	Nigerian Dwarf Aged Doe (5 years old and older)
Class 22017	Dry Doe (2 years old and older)
Class 22018	Nigerian Dwarf Dry Doe (2 years old and older)

DIVISION 225 – DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Dairy Goat Showmanship (25-26school year)

- Class 22501 Senior Showmanship (grades 8 - 12)
- Class 22502 Junior Showmanship (grades 4 - 7)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.

Dairy Goat Showmanship will be the last class of the show in 2026.

SHEEP

DIVISION 230 & 233 - SHEEP

1. Entries are open to market lambs and breeding sheep (ewe lambs and yearling ewes). Youth may enter a maximum of 8 sheep. Each youth is limited to two entries in each class.

2. Only market sheep that were tagged and identified by May 15 are eligible to be exhibited.
- 3. Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, sheep may only be brought to the fairgrounds 9:00 am -12:30 pm on Wednesday for check-in.**
4. All market sheep projects will be weighed on entry day, Wednesday, August 5.
5. Market lambs and ewe lambs must have been born after January 1, 2026. Ewes eligible for the yearling ewe lots are those born in 2025.
6. Exhibits in the market lots cannot be exhibited in the breeding lots or vice versa.
7. All market sheep must have been sheared over the entire body with a regular comb within 30 days of the fair. Shearing on breeding sheep is optional.
8. Suggested minimum weight of market lambs is 80 pounds. A pen will be two (2) animals, and these pairs will be determined on Wednesday at weigh in. There will be no substitution after that time.
9. Market classes 23001 and 23050 will be determined after entries are weighed based on total number exhibited. Ending weight is the determining factor of how the market individual sheep classes are to be defined. Classes will be split into lightweight, middleweight and heavy weight classes.
10. Entries in the purebred lots must be registered. Certificate of Registry must correspond with association tag in ear and be presented at check in to be eligible to show.
11. In the breeding class each animal will be judged against the breed standards. The animal most closely meeting the ideal phenotypic standards for its breed will be selected champion.
12. All exhibitors must be 4-H'ers or FFA members. This rule also applies for extra showmen needed for the pen classes.
13. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of two (2) market sheep at the livestock auction on Monday, August 10. All sheep sold at auction must meet all withdrawal regulations for feed additives, medications, etc. **A signed Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit) must be turned in to the Extension Office in order for your animal to be sold.**
14. All market animals will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. If an exhibitor has more than 2 market lambs, they must determine which lambs will be sold and inform Extension staff by 2:00 pm on Saturday.
15. Wednesday's entry day weight will also be used as the selling weight for the sale on Monday. Buyers will pay 4-H and FFA exhibitors based on the price per pound bid at the auction times the weigh-in weight. Buyers at the fair will be reimbursed by the packer through the Clayton County Extension Office. An average shrink or gain percentage will be deducted or added, figured by the difference between the total weigh-in weight and the total weight at the buying station.
16. A champion & reserve champion home raised market lamb and breeding sheep will be selected. Home raised designates that the animal was bred, born & raised on a member's home farm with the dam of the lamb owned by the member or the member's parents. All animals must have their status recorded at the Clayton County Extension Office as home raised by May 15 to be eligible for these awards at county fair.
- 17. The Sheep Show will be on Saturday, August 8 at 8:30 am.**

Division 230 Market Sheep:

- Class 23001 Market Pair
- Class 23050 Market Individual

Division 233 Breeding Sheep:

- Class 23301 Purebred Ewe Lamb (Meat Breeds)
- Class 23302 Purebred Ewe Lamb (Wool Breeds)
- Class 23303 Commercial Ewe Lamb (Meat Breeds)
- Class 23304 Commercial Ewe Lamb (Wool Breeds)
- Class 23305 Purebred Yearling Ewe (Meat Breeds)
- Class 23306 Purebred Yearling Ewe (Wool Breeds)
- Class 23307 Commercial Yearling Ewe (Meat Breeds)
- Class 23308 Commercial Yearling Ewe (Wool Breeds)

Class 23309 Purebred Pair (Meat Breeds)
Class 23310 Purebred Pair (Wool Breeds)
Class 23311 Commercial Pair (Meat Breeds)
Class 23312 Commercial Pair (Wool Breeds)

DIVISION 234 – SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Sheep Showmanship (25-26 school year)

Class 23401: Sheep Senior Showmanship- (grades 10-12)
Class 23402: Sheep Intermediate Showmanship (Grades 7-9)
Class 23403: Sheep Junior Showmanship- (grades 4-6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.
Sheep Showmanship will be the last class of the show in 2026.

SWINE

DIVISION 239 – SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Swine Showmanship (25-26 school year)

Class 23901 Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11 & 12)
Class 23902 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)
Class 23903 Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5 & 6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.
Swine Showmanship will be the first class of the show at 4:30 p.m. in 2026.

DIVISIONS 240 - 243 – SWINE

- 1. Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, swine may only be brought to the fairgrounds 9:00 am -12:30 pm on Wednesday for check -in. All Swine must be in place by 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Swine weighing will be done on Wednesday starting at 9 am.**
2. The Swine Show will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6.
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of four pigs. An exhibitor may exhibit only one pen. Three individuals may be shown. No more than two individuals in a division. This may be 2 derby individuals, 2 non-derby individuals, 2 breeding gilts, or a combination of breeding, derby, or non-derby. Entries are open to both commercial and purebred pigs. The same pig cannot be shown in the derby show, non-derby show, or breeding show.
4. **The 2026 swine show is a non-terminal show.**
5. All pigs must have been farrowed after January 1, 2026. All pigs exhibited must be identified by May 15. Only pigs weighed and identified at an official weigh-in site are eligible to be exhibited in the derby class. These weighed pigs and others identified by May 15, 2026, are eligible for the non-derby class or breeding class. Swine exhibitors may declare derby, non-derby or breeding entry at the time of the weigh-in at the fair.
6. Lost tags must be reported to the Extension Office in Elkader to determine if duplicates should be issued. If pigs arrive at the fairgrounds on entry day with questionable identification as determined by the superintendents, they will not be allowed to be exhibited.
7. There will be a Commercial Breeding Gilt class and a Purebred Breeding Gilt class. All gilts must have official 4-H USDA tags. Exhibitors are limited to two breeding gilt entries in the show. All gilts shown in the Purebred Breeding Class must meet all registry requirements for show as established by breed association. Registration papers will be checked during fair entry weigh-in on Wednesday. If papers are not available, animals will be shown in the commercial class. The PB breeding gilts classes will be split by breed with a minimum of 3 gilts in each class. If there are not 3 gilts in each PB breeding class, then gilts will be entered into “all other breeds class.” **Breeding gilts may not be sold in the auction or sent on the market truck on Monday.** They may be

sold privately or taken home. All swine sold privately or taken home must be reported to Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 pm.

8. Derby and non-derby market individual classes will be Crossbred and Purebred. All pigs shown in the Purebred Market Individual Class must meet all registry requirements for show as established by breed association. Registration papers will be checked during fair entry weigh-in on Wednesday. If papers are not available, animals will be shown in the commercial class.
9. **Swine not weighing the minimum 220# or non-derby swine weighing over 310# on fair entry day will be shown in an “over /under class”. Swine pens not averaging the minimum 220# or non-derby pens averaging over 310# will be shown in an “over/under class”. Winners of “over/under” classes are not eligible for the championship drive.**
10. In the derby class, the lots will be divided according to the April weights of the pigs. Rate-of-gain information will be displayed for the judge to use in the live derby competition.
11. Lots in the non-derby class will be divided according to the weight of the pigs on entry day.
12. A pen will be three market animals. Pens will be determined on Wednesday at weigh in. There will be no substitution after that time. The average weight of a pen will be used.
13. Swine exhibitors may use gates for corralling pigs. Exhibitors may use a whip or cane in showing swine.
14. **There shall be no coloring agents, dyes or adhesives used on swine. Use of ether is strictly prohibited.**
15. **All hogs will be officially weighed on Wednesday.** This weight will also be used as the selling weight for the sale on Monday. Buyers will pay 4-H and FFA exhibitors based on the price per pound bid at the auction times the weigh-in weight. Buyers at the fair will be reimbursed by the packer through the Clayton County Extension Office. An average shrink or gain percentage will be deducted or added, figured by the difference between the total weigh-in weight and the total weight at the buying station.
16. All market swine will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. An exhibitor may sell a maximum of 2 head at the livestock auction. When four (4) pigs are shown by an exhibitor the third & fourth animal may be sold privately, sent on the market truck on Monday, or taken home. All swine sold privately or taken home must be reported to Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 pm.
17. All swine must meet all withdrawal regulations for feed additives, medication, etc. **A signed Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit) must be turned into the Extension Office in order for your animal to be sold.**
18. Show order will be showmanship, breeding gilts, derby show, then non-derby show.

Division 240 Breeding Gilts:

- Class 24001 Commercial Breeding Gilts
- Class 24005 Purebred Breeding Gilts

Division 241 Derby:

- Class 24100 Derby Pen of Three
- Class 24150 Crossbred Derby Individual
- Class 24175 Purebred Derby Individual

Division 242 Non-Derby:

- Class 24200 Non-Derby Pen of Three
- Class 24250 Crossbred Non-Derby Individual
- Class 24275 Purebred Non-Derby Individual

HORSE

DIVISION 250-253 - HORSE AND PONY

1. **General Livestock Rules and "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C govern all exhibits in this department. 4-H 511C can be viewed, ordered or downloaded at:**
<https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/430>
2. **Suitable and appropriate equipment (including saddles) must be used. See 4H 511-C, "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" for official rules and regulations on equipment.**
3. Entries are open to horses and ponies. No stallions may be entered except in the weanling classes.
4. The horse and pony exhibits will arrive on the fairgrounds before the show on Wednesday, August 5. The halter class will be shown starting at 9:00 a.m. **Exhibitors are asked to check in when they arrive at the show.**
5. **NO** additions will be allowed the day of the show. Scratches should be made well in advance of the class.
6. Exhibitors are encouraged (but not required) to exhibit their horse and pony entries in the halter class. Premiums will be paid only for exhibits in the halter class.
7. It is the intent that the 4-H and FFA members take responsibility for the caring and grooming of their animals. Assistance should be aimed at helping 4-H & FFA members further develop skills or learn new skills. Assistance should come from family members, other 4-H or FFA members, 4-H leaders or FFA advisors and/or volunteers (a volunteer is a person or persons who receives no financial compensation for helping the 4-H/FFA member).
8. Contestants shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the rider from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each rider must keep their horse under control or be excused from the ring. Courtesy is mandatory - no exceptions.
8. THE DECISION OF THE JUDGE WILL BE FINAL.
9. In the Horse Performance and Horse Games classes the junior classes are for exhibitors who were in grades 4, 5, 6 & 7 during the 25-26 school year. The senior lots are for exhibitors who were grades 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 during the 25-26 school year.
13. Exhibitors who have won the junior and intermediate showmanship divisions in previous years are ineligible to compete in that division. A previous winner of junior and intermediate showmanship may advance to the next level of competition. Previous senior showmanship class winners are still eligible to compete.
11. It is the responsibility of the owner to designate the type of horse and/or pony. PONIES are any equine under 14.1 hands. A HORSE is any equine 14.1 hands and over (14.1 hands equals 57 inches). Ponies that are shod will have one-half inch deducted from height. POA height cards will be accepted. EXCEPTION: If you have horse breed registration papers, you are allowed to classify the animal as a horse. Registration papers must be provided at check-in time.
12. **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. **T-shirts are not appropriate for the halter, showmanship and performance classes. 4-H/FFA shirts may be worn during the timed events and game classes only.** Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required. Western boots must be worn. (Fashion heels are prohibited.) **4-H armbands must be worn on the upper left arm or a chevron can be worn on the upper left chest. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.**
13. All 4-H and FFA youth participating in the horse performance classes and horse games at the Clayton County Fair are **required to wear** American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounted and riding, including warm up and the costume lot.

All 4-H and FFA youth are encouraged, but not required, to wear approved ASTM/SEI headgear in halter and showmanship classes.

Helmets will be available at the fair to be checked out and used free-of-charge the day of the show.

The Clayton County Fair Board makes no representation or warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and assumes no liability in event of serious injury or death as the result of any or all equestrian sports.

14. An exhibitor is limited to **one entry** per lot in the game events and the trail class.
15. The costume lot will be a “walk only” class and judged on the costume. Hard-soled shoes and approved helmets are required. The fairboard is concerned about insurance liability in this class. If the superintendents see a questionable costume, the exhibitor will be dismissed from the arena with no questions asked.
16. Saddle-type horses include Saddlebreds, Arabians, saddle-type Appaloosas and Pintos. Stock-type horses include Quarter horses, stock-type Appaloosas, and Paints. Exhibitors should attempt to enter their horses in the correct classes. The superintendents will make switches as needed.
17. A champion and reserve champion pony, stock-type horse, saddle-type horse, miniature horse, and draft horse will be selected.
18. Only the 4-H or FFA exhibitor can warm-up or ride 4-H or FFA horses before, during, and after the Horse and Pony Show at the Clayton County Fair. Trainers and parents will NOT be allowed to warm-up or ride the 4-H or FFA exhibit horses and ponies.
19. Any horse endangering people will be excused by the judge and/or superintendents.
20. Promptness is extremely important in order for the show to be completed at a reasonable time. Classes will be called twice. If exhibitors are not ready after the second call, they will be skipped. Position your trailers and preparation areas so you can hear the public address system.
19. For spectator safety a “closed gate” system will be used. For game classes, each horse will be required to walk through the gate, the gate will be closed behind them and they will run their pattern inside the closed gate.
NO RUNNING OUT THE GATE
20. **In the Catalog Races, the horse and riders need to go around the barrel.**
21. There will be a 5 second penalty for knocked down barrel and poles.
22. Twenty-one feet will be allowed between the end pole to the timer.
23. Breaking of any pattern in any game class will be a disqualification.
24. The Egg & Spoon Classes are considered to be fun classes. During these classes, the bottom half of the class will be dismissed midway.
25. Exhibitors are required to have split reins in the horse performance riding classes.
26. Show order will be Halter classes, Showmanship classes, Horse Performance classes and Horse Game classes.

DIVISION 250 –HALTER CLASSES

Class 25001	Pony, Weanling & Yearling
Class 25002	Pony, 2 years old
Class 25003	Pony, 3 years old and older
Class 25004	Stock-Type Horse, Weanling
Class 25005	Stock-Type Horse, Yearling
Class 25006	Stock-Type Horse, 2 years old
Class 25007	Stock-Type Mare, 3 -9 year old
Class 25008	Stock-Type Mare, 10 years old and older

Class 25009	Stock-Type Gelding, 3 – 9 years old
Class 25010	Stock-Type Gelding, 10 years old and older
Class 25011	Saddle-Type Horse, Weanling
Class 25012	Saddle-Type Horse, Yearling
Class 25013	Saddle-Type Horse, 2 years old
Class 25014	Saddle-Type Mare, 3 - 9 years old
Class 25015	Saddle-Type Mare, 10 years old and older
Class 25016	Saddle-Type Gelding, 3 - 9 years old
Class 25017	Saddle-Type Gelding, 10 years old and older
Class 25018	Draft Horse & Mule any age
Class 25019	Miniature Donkey or Mule, Weanling, Yearling & 2 year old
Class 25020	Miniature Donkey or Mule, 3 years old and older
Class 25021	Miniature Horse Weanling & Yearling
Class 25022	Miniature Horse, 2 years old
Class 25023	Miniature Horse, 3 years old and older

DIVISION 251 - HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

Horse Showmanship (25-26 school year)

Class 25101	Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11& 12)
Class 25102	Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)
Class 25103	Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5 & 6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.

DIVISION 252 - HORSE PERFORMANCE

Horse Performance

Class 25201	"Open" English Pleasure
Class 25202	Senior Horsemanship
Class 25203	Junior Horsemanship
Class 25204	Senior Walk/Trot
Class 25205	Junior Walk/Trot
Class 25206	Senior Pleasure (Horse or Pony)
Class 25207	Junior Pleasure (Horse or Pony)
Class 25208	Senior Trail
Class 25209	Junior Trail
Class 25210	Costume (Horse or Pony and Exhibitor)

27. Equipment: TIMED EVENTS ONLY!

All Western tack and equipment is acceptable if determined to be humane by judge or show committee. If a tie-down is used, the noseband must be rope, leather or nylon. No wire permitted. No bare metal in contact with the horses head allowed. Chain, wire, or metal tie-down or bonnets are prohibited. All bits described in the Western performance division are acceptable. Additional examples of acceptable bits are listed in the 4-H 511-C, "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa".

DIVISION 253 – TIMED EVENTS & HORSE GAMES

Timed Events & Horse Games

Class 25301	Senior Egg and Spoon Race
Class 25302	Junior Egg and Spoon Race
Class 25303	Senior Catalog Race
Class 25304	Junior Catalog Race
Class 25305	Senior Plug Race
Class 25306	Junior Plug Race
Class 25307	Senior Flag Race
Class 25308	Junior Flag Race
Class 25309	Senior Barrel Race
Class 25310	Junior Barrel Race
Class 25311	Senior Pole Bending
Class 25312	Junior Pole Bending

RABBITS

DIVISION 259 Rabbit Showmanship (25-26 school year)

Class 25901 Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11, & 12)

Class 25902 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)

Class 25903 Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5, & 6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.

Rabbit Showmanship will be the first class of the show at 9:00 a.m. in 2026.

DIVISIONS 260, 261 & 265 - RABBITS

- 1. Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, rabbits may only be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for check-in.** All Rabbits must be in place by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 6.
- Youth may show a maximum of 5 entries from divisions 260 – 265. Each youth is limited to two (2) entries per class.
- No animal showing symptoms of disease or illness of any kind will be admitted to the show as determined by the Rabbit Show superintendent in consultation with the official fair veterinarian,
- All breeding and market rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear and reported on exhibitor's fair entry.
- Judging is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7.** Judging will be done according to the show program.
- Division champion trophies will be awarded in the Meat, Commercial Breeding and Fancy Breeding Rabbits.
- Only meat class rabbits may be sold at the auction sale on Monday, August 10. An exhibitor is limited to two sale lots. Sale lots are individual, or pen based on class description. Exhibitors must be present to take their rabbits to and from the sale ring. Exhibitor must mark cage and/or notify buyer of location of rabbits after the sale.**
- All meat rabbits will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. If an exhibitor has more than two entries, they must determine which rabbits will be sold and inform Extension staff by 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Division 260 - Meat Rabbit

- Fryers should be rabbits under 70 days of age and weigh 3½ - 5½ pounds. A fryer pen must consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and color. An individual fryer may or may not be one of the rabbits from the exhibitor's fryer pen.
- Roasters should be rabbits under 6 months old and weighing between 5½ pounds to 9 pounds. A roaster pen must consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and color. An individual roaster may or may not be one of the rabbits from the exhibitor's roaster pen.
- Stewers should be rabbits over 6 months old and weighing over 8 pounds. A stewart pen must consist of 3 rabbits of the same breed and color. An individual stewart may or may not be one of the rabbits from the exhibitor's stewart pen.
- All rabbits must be sexually intact.
- Unrecognized breeds, unrecognized colors and crossbred rabbits are allowed in the meat rabbit classes or in the Pet Show.
- If space is available, roaster and stewart pens will be allotted additional cages.

- Class 26001 Individual Fryer
- Class 26002 Fryer Pen
- Class 26003 Individual Roaster
- Class 26004 Roaster Pen
- Class 26005 Individual Stewer
- Class 26006 Stewer Pen

Breeding Rabbits

15. Purebred rabbits must be of recognized breeds within the American Rabbit Breeders Association (ARBA) and are judged per each breed's standard found in the ARBA's Standard of Perfection. All varieties of breeds will be judged together as a breed. Non- recognized varieties and breeds will be shown in the Meat Rabbit Division.

Division 261 - Breeding Rabbit - Commercial Breeds

16. Rabbits will be shown in divisions listed below by breeds.

26101: American	26102: Giant Angora	26103: Argente Brun
26104: Beveren	26105: Californian	26106: Champagne D'Argent
26107: Checkered Giant	26108: American Chinchilla	26109: Cinnamon
26110: Crème D'Argent	26111: Flemish Giant	26112: Hotot
26113: English Lop	26114: French Lop	26115: New Zealand
26116: Palomino	26117: Satin	26118: Silver Fox

17. There will be six classes for large commercial breed rabbits

- 1-Senior Buck - (over 8 months)
- 2-Senior Doe - (over 8 months)
- 3-Intermediate Buck - (6-8 months)
- 4-Intermediate Doe - (6-8 months)
- 5-Junior Buck - (under 6 months)
- 6-Junior Doe - (under 6 months)

Division 265- Breeding Rabbit –Fancy Breeds

18. Rabbits will be shown in divisions listed below by breeds.

26501: American Fuzzy Lop	26502: American Sable	26503: Blue Holicer
26504: Czech Frosty	26505: English Angora	26506: French Angora
26507: Satin Angora	26508: Belgian Hare	26509:Britannia Petite
26510: Standard Chinchilla	26520: Dutch	26521:Dwarf Hotot
26522: Dwarf Papillon	26523: English Spot	26524: Florida White
26525: Harlequin	26526: Havana	26527: Himalayan
26528: Holland Lop	26529: Jersey Wooly	26530: Lilac
26540: Lion Head	26541: Mini Californian	26542: Mini Lop
26543: Mini Rex	26544: Mini Satin	26545: Netherland Dwarf
26546: Polish	26547: Rex	26548: Rhinelander
26549: Silver	26550: Silver Marten	26570: Tan
26571: Thrianta		

19. There will be four classes for the smaller fancy breeds:

- 1-Senior Buck - Fancy Breeds (over 6 months)
- 2-Senior Doe - Fancy Breeds (over 6 months)
- 3-Junior Buck - Fancy Breeds (under 6 months)
- 4-Junior Doe - Fancy Breeds (under 6 months)

POULTRY

DIVISION 270 - POULTRY

1. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, poultry may only be brought to the fairgrounds on Thursday morning from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for check-in.** All birds must be in place by 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 6.
2. All entries will be judged starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8.

3. Entries are limited to one entry per class except in Breeding Poultry and Miscellaneous Birds, where the entry limit is three. Youth are limited to five entries in the entire show.
4. Each exhibitor will be responsible for his or her birds and must be present when they are judged.
5. Entries in the meat and egg classes may be any commercial meat or egg type bird. Production practices generally accepted by the commercial poultry industry are acceptable.
6. All birds must comply with health regulations listed on page 7.
7. **All birds will be brought to the ring to be shown. Market Turkeys, Market Geese, and miscellaneous birds may be brought to the show ring to be exhibited and judged in personal cages.**
8. Show order will be Special Broiler Class, miscellaneous birds, commercial birds, egg production, breeding poultry and showmanship.
9. Special Broiler Class birds and commercial poultry may be sold at the auction sale on Monday, August 10. An exhibitor is limited to two sale lots. Sale lots are individual, or pen based on class description.
10. All commercial birds will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. If an exhibitor has more than 2 entries, they must determine which birds will be sold and inform Extension staff by 2:00 pm on Saturday.

Division 270 - Special Broiler Project Class

The broiler project is an opportunity for a 4-H or FFA member to gain valuable experience in raising chicks to broiler-weight through partnership with a local sponsor. The sponsor will buy the chicks and the 4-H/FFA member raises the chicks and presents the best five birds to the sponsor as payment for the opportunity. 4-H/FFA member is responsible for whatever is necessary to raise the chicks to healthy broiler weight and processing of the birds.

1. Participants must notify the Clayton County Extension Office by April 1 to purchase birds. All birds will be purchased from the same hatchery and will be available to exhibitors in June.
2. Participants will purchase 20 birds and exhibit 4 live broilers at the fair.
3. Birds purchased for this class cannot be exhibited in any other class.
4. Special Broiler Project entries are limited to one entry per exhibitor. A pen of four birds must weigh a combined minimum of 16 pounds.
5. Because of the size of these birds, exhibitors will be assigned 2 cages.
6. Broilers will be judged on the following criteria: Cleanliness – 10 points; Meatiness of Breast, Thigh, and Drumstick – 45 points; Conformation of Body Structure – 25 points; and General Health and Freedom from Defects – 20 points. Total possible points: 100 points.
7. The project participant is required to get 5 birds dressed and delivered to the sponsor within two weeks of the Clayton County Fair.
8. Exhibitors may sell their birds from the Special Broiler Project Class at the Livestock Auction on Monday.

Class 27001 Special Broiler Class

Division 271 Miscellaneous Birds

1. A pen consists of one male and two females, young or old. Individual will be one bird of any age or sex.
2. Entries in this class may include waterfowl, ornamental fowl, guinea fowl, pigeons, peacocks, etc.

Class 27101 Miscellaneous Birds (Individual)

Class 27102 Miscellaneous Birds (Pen)

Division 272 Commercial Birds

1. Entries are limited to birds hatched in 2025.
 - Class 27201 Broilers – two birds per pen **either** sex under 12 pounds total weight.
 - Class 27202 Roasters – two birds per pen **either** sex over 12 pounds total weight.
 - Class 27203 Market Ducks – two birds per pen **either** sex over 8 weeks of age.
 - Class 27204 Market Geese – two birds per pen **either** sex over 12 weeks of age
 - Class 27205 Market Turkeys – two birds **either** sex over 15 weeks of age for hens, and 16 weeks of age for toms.

Division 274 - Egg Production

1. Birds shown in the Egg Production Class must be at least 16 weeks old and no more than one year of age at the time of the show.

2. Birds will be shown as **a pen of three females**.
3. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity of type, weight and production.

Class 27401	White Egg Layer
Class 27402	Brown Egg Layer
Class 27403	Other Colored Egg Layer

Division 275 – Breeding Poultry

1. **There will be individual and pen class in the Breeding Poultry Division**
2. **A pen consists of one male and two females**, old or young. (i.e. one cock, two hens or one cockerel, two pullets). These terms are 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.
3. **Individual will be one bird of any age or sex.**
- 4.. All breed entries will be judged according to the American Standard of Perfection. No crossbred entries will be allowed in the breed classes.

Large Breed Lots:

Class 27501	American Class Breeds (Plymouth Rocks, Dominique, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeye, Chanteclear, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands and Delawares)
Class 27502	Asiatic Class Breeds (Cochins, Langshans, Brahmas)
Class 27503	English Class Breeds (Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps)
Class 27504	Mediterranean Class Breeds (Leghorns, Minocras, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanans)
Class 27505	Continental Class Breeds (Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Polish, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche, Faverolles, Welsummers, Barnevelders)
Class 27506	All Other Standard Breeds (Modern Game, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas)

Bantam Breed Lots:

Class 27510	Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams (Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanans, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex)
Class 27511	Rosecomb Clean Legged Bantams (Anconas, Antwerp Belgians, Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes)
Class 27512	All Other Clean Legged Bantams (Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas)
Class 27513	Feather Legged Bantams (Booted, Brahmas, Cochins, d'Uccle Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans)

DIVISION 279 Poultry Showmanship (25-26 school year)

Class 27901	Senior Showmanship (grades 10, 11, & 12)
Class 27902	Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7, 8, & 9)
Class 27903	Junior Showmanship (grades 4, 5, & 6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes at FairEntry.com by July 1. Poultry Showmanship will be the last class of the show in 2026.

DOG

DIVISION 280 – DOG

1. Entries in the Dog Show are limited to exhibitors enrolled in the 4-H Dog project. Exhibitors and dogs must have attended 50% of the dog training classes held in June and July. **Only dogs and their exhibitors can participate in practices.**
2. All 4-H dogs must be identified in the 4-H online system by May 15. Dogs to be at least 6 months old by June 1 to be able to participate.
3. Only dogs that have been identified as a project by May 15 are allowed to be on the fairgrounds during training and during the show.
4. **All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination certificate and a booster vaccination for DHLPP on file at the Extension Office by May 15.**
5. First year exhibitors are limited to one dog in the show and practice, all other exhibitors are limited to a total of two (2) dogs in the show.
6. An individual dog can be entered in only one of the obedience classes, exception is Graduate Novice; one rally class, and in only one of the agility classes, exception is Open Agility. Open Agility is limited to one dog per exhibitor.
7. All first-year dog obedience exhibitors must enter Class 28401 Intro Class and are not eligible to participate in rally classes.
8. Any bitch in season may not be shown.
9. All class changes must be made by the July 14th regular practice session. There will be no class additions or changes allowed after July 14th. Exhibitors may scratch a class at any time.
10. Dogs must be on a leash or in a portable kennel while on the fairgrounds other than while being shown. Exhibitors should keep their dogs in the vicinity of the arena and out of the commercial exhibit area, food court area, playground area and grandstand areas. This rule is in effect during practice sessions and during the fair. You cannot leave your dog unattended during practices or during the fair.
11. The Dog Show will be held on Tuesday, August 4 at 1:00 pm for Obedience and Rally classes and on Thursday, August 6 at 1:30 pm for Showmanship and Agility classes. **Exhibitors will need to check in at ringside before the show. There will be no practice runs.** The dogs are released to go home immediately following the show.
12. Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessary harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. Exhibitors will receive one warning from the dog superintendent during practice sessions, if more than one warning is given during practices exhibitors will be removed from the program. Exhibitors will be disqualified if this occurs on show day.
13. Use of shock collars and prong collars is prohibited during practice and at the dog show.
14. Six (6) foot leads are required for practice and the show.
15. All dog exhibitors will be required to wear their exhibitor number. This not only helps the show superintendents but also keeps the audience informed of who is in the ring.
16. Exhibitors must be reasonably attired during practice and at the show. Youth must wear closed toe shoes during practice and at the show – no sandals or flip flops. Show Day attire will be jeans or kakis pants and your Dog Show exhibitor t-shirt.
17. Appropriate grooming of dogs is expected for all classes. A scoring deduction will be applied for uncleanliness, lack of grooming, and evidence of parasites.

18. Any dog defecating or urinating in the show ring shall automatically be deducted 10 points for each occurrence.
19. Ribbon color will be pro-rated based on the highest score achieved by a participant in a class. 80% and above will receive blue ribbons for all classes.
20. Dogs leaving the show ring during judging will be deducted a minimum of 10 points.
21. The dog superintendents reserve the right to eject exhibitors from training sessions and/or the Dog Show due to their dog being aggressive to people and/or other dogs. Exhibitors will be given one warning on aggressive dog behavior. If there is another occurrence, the dog is automatically barred from the training sessions and dog show.

Division 281 – Dog Handling -Showmanship (25-26 school year)

1. Exhibitors entering the showmanship class must also have entered and exhibited in an obedience and/or agility class. Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.
2. Exhibitors who have won the junior and intermediate divisions in previous years are ineligible to compete in that division. A previous winner of junior and intermediate showmanship may advance to the next level of competition. Previous senior showmanship class winners are still eligible to compete.
3. Showmanship leads must be used in the Division 281 – Dog Handling (Showmanship).
4. Only one entry per exhibitor will be allowed in Division 281-Dog Handling (Showmanship) classes.
5. Dog Handling (Showmanship) will be judged using the following showmanship scorecard:

Exhibitor (appearance, attitude)	15 points
Dog grooming and condition.....	25 points
Handling.....	30 points
Questions.....	<u>30 points</u>
Total.....	100 points

- Class 28101 Senior Showmanship (grades 10-12)
- Class 28102 Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7-9)
- Class 28103 Junior Showmanship (grades 4-6)

Division 284 - Obedience - Dogs will be judged on their ability to obey commands to heel, sit, down, stay, and come.

Class 28401- **Intro Class** - For Dog and Handler teams in their first year of obedience. Exercises are Heel On Leash, Figure Eight, Sit for Exam, Recall (No Finish), 1 Minute Long Sit Stay and 1 Minute Long Down Stay. All Exercises will be performed On Leash. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class one year.

Class 28402- **Beginners Novice** - For Dog and Handler Teams in their second year or more of obedience. Exercises are Heel On Leash, Figure Eight, Sit For Exam, Sit-Stay Handler Walks Around the Ring (Dropped Leash), and Recall (No Finish-Off Leash). Exercises will be performed as a combination of On Leash, Dropped Leash and Off Leash.

Class 28404 - **Preferred Novice** - For Dog and Handler Teams in their third year or more of Obedience. Exercises are Heel and Figure Eight On Leash, Stand for Examination Off Leash, Heel Free Off Leash, Recall (With Finish) Off Leash, Stay-Sit or Down Handler Walks Around the Ring, and Sit Stay - Get your leash. Exercises will be performed as a combination of On Leash and Off Leash.

Class 28406 - **Novice** - For Dog and Handler Teams in their four year or more of Obedience. Exercises are Heel and Figure 8 On Leash, Stand for Exam Off Leash, Heel Free Off Leash, Recall with Finish Off Leash, Sit-Stay - Get your leash, and Group 1 Minute Sit and 1 Minute Down Stay. Exercises will be performed as a combination of On Leash and Off Leash.

Class 28407 - **Graduate Novice** - For Dog and Handler Teams who are Attempting Dumbbell Work and may be entered along with Class 28404 Preferred Novice and Class 28406 Novice Obedience Class. Exercises are Heel Free Off Leash, Figure 8 Off Leash, Drop on Recall With Finish, Dumbbell Recall, Dumbbell Recall over High Jump, Recall over Broad Jump and Stand Stay Get Your Leash. Exercises will be performed completely off leash.

Rally Classes:

Class 28415 - **Rally Junior** - This Class is Open to 5th and 6th Graders. All Exercises are Performed On Leash. There will be between 10-12 stations (Start and Finish Not Included) With a Minimum of Three and a Maximum of Five Stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. There Will be No Jumps In This Class. AKC Rally Novice Level Signs will be used for this class.

Class 28416 - **Rally Intermediate** - This class is open to 7th, 8th and 9th graders. All Exercises are Performed On Leash. There will be between 10-12 stations (Start and Finish Not Included) with a Minimum of Three and a Maximum of Seven Stationary Exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. There Will be No Jumps In This Class. AKC Rally Intermediate Level Signs will be used for this class with a Minimum of Three Advanced Level Stations.

Class 28418 - **Rally Senior** - This Class is Open to 10th, 11th and 12th graders. All Exercises are Performed On Leash. There will be between 10-12 Stations (Start and Finish Not Included), with a Minimum of Three and a Maximum of Seven Stationary Exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. There Will Be One Required Jump In This Class. AKC Rally Advanced Level Signs will be used for this class with a Minimum of Three Excellent Level Stations.

Class 28419 - **Rally Open** - This Class is Open to 6th-12th Graders With a Minimum of One Year Rally Experience for Both Dog and Handler. All Exercises are Performed Off Leash and Cannot be entered along with another Rally Class. There Will be between 10-12 Stations (Start and Finish Not Included), with a Minimum of Three and a Maximum of Seven Stationary Exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. There will be One Required Jump in this Class. AKC Advanced Level Signes will be used for this class with a Minimum of Three Excellent Level Stations.

Division 288 - Agility - These are timed obstacle courses. Each dog individually will run an obstacle course may consist of jumps, weave poles, teeter totter, wait box, A frame, bridge, closed tunnel and open tunnel. In the on-lead lots, each obstacle will be worth 15 points. In the off-lead lots, each obstacle will be worth 20 points. Tie scores will be broken by timed run-off. Jump Height will be based off of Dog Measurement at the withers and based on CPE Jump Regulations.

Class 28801 - Small Dog Agility On Lead - Course will be run on lead for dogs measuring under 14" at the Withers.
Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.
Dogs Measuring 6" or less will jump at 4"
Dogs Measuring 8" will jump at 6"
Dogs Measuring 10" will jump at 8"
Dogs Measuring 12" will jump at 10"
Dogs Measuring 14" will jump at 12"
Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2" based on their height at the withers.

Class 28802 - Medium Dog Agility On Lead - Course will be run on lead for Dogs between 14" and 20" at the Withers. Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.
Dogs Measuring 16" will jump at 14"
Dogs Measuring 18" will jump at 16"
Dogs Measuring 20" will jump at 18"

Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2” based on their height at the withers.

Class 28803 - Large Dog Agility On Lead - Course will be run on lead for Dogs Over 20” at the Withers. Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.

Dogs Measuring 22” will jump at 20”

Dogs Measuring 24” will jump at 22”

Dogs Measuring Over 24” will jump at 24”

Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2” based on their height at the withers.

Class 28805 - Small Dog Agility Off Lead - Course will be run off lead with jump height being determined by dogs height measured at the withers. Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.

Dogs Measuring 6” or less will jump at 4”

Dogs Measuring 8” will jump at 6”

Dogs Measuring 10” will jump at 8”

Dogs Measuring 12” will jump at 10”

Dogs Measuring 14” will jump at 12”

Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2” based on their height at the withers.

Class 28806 - Medium Dog Agility Off Lead - Course will be run off lead with jump height being determined by dogs height measured at the withers. Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.

Dogs Measuring 16” will jump at 14”

Dogs Measuring 18” will jump at 16”

Dogs Measuring 20” will jump at 18”

Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2” based on their height at the withers.

Class 28807 - Large Dog Agility Off Lead - Course will be run off lead with jump height being determined by dogs height measured at the withers. Dogs Measuring at Odd Increments will be rounded down.

Dogs Measuring 22” will jump at 20”

Dogs Measuring 24” will jump at 22”

Dogs Measuring 26” and over will jump at 24”

Senior Dogs over the Age of 7 will have their jump height reduced by 2” based on their height at the withers.

Class 28808 - Open Agility - Course may be run on or off lead and will be determined on the day of the show. Jump Height will be determined and set to the height of the smallest dog at the withers.

MEAT GOAT

DIVISIONS 291-295--MEAT GOAT

- 1. Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, meat goats may only be brought to the fairgrounds 9:00 am -12:30 pm on Wednesday for check-in. All meat goats must be in place by 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5.**
2. The meat goats will be exhibited at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 8.
- 3. All market meat goat projects will be weighed on entry day, Wednesday, August 5.**
4. All entries in each class will show together regardless of breed or registry status.
5. Youth may show two animals per class. Youth exhibiting goats will be limited to a total of 6 head. This total of 6 head can be made up of all dairy goats, all meat goats, or a combination of dairy and meat goats. The show is open to any breed or crossbred wether or doe. NO pygmy goats may be shown.
6. Ending weight is the determining factor of how the market classes are to be defined. Classes will be split into lightweight, middleweight and heavy weight classes.

7. Meat goats may be dehorned or have the horns tipped blunt enough not to be a safety hazard.
8. Market goat does and wethers must be born January 1, 2026, or after to be eligible to be shown. Only goats that were officially tagged and identified by May 15 are eligible to be exhibited.
9. Each exhibitor is limited to two (2) head that may be sold at the livestock auction on Monday. **A signed Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement (Drug Affidavit) must be turned in to the Extension Office in order for your animal to be sold.**
10. All market animals will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs Extension Staff by Saturday at 2 p.m. If an exhibitor has more than 2 market goats, they must determine which goats will be sold and inform Extension staff by 2:00 pm on Saturday.
11. A champion & reserve champion home raised market and breeding goat will be selected. Home raised designates that the animal was bred, born & raised on member's home farm with the dam of the lamb owned by the member or the member's parents. All animals must have their status recorded at the Clayton County Extension Office as home raised by May 15 to be eligible for these awards at county fair.

Division 291 – Breeding Meat Goat - meat goat breed or crossbred

Class 29101 Junior Spring Does –born February 1- May 15, 2026

Class 29102 Junior Winter Does – born September 1, 2025- January 31, 2026

Class 29103 Yearling Does – born September 1, 2024-August 31, 2025

Class 29104 Senior Does- born before September 2024

Division 292 – Market Meat Goat

Class 29201 Market Doe - meat goat breed or crossbred of meat breeds born after January 1, 2026

Class 29202 Market Wether - castrated male fed for meat purposes of a meat breed or crossbred of meat breed born after January 1, 2026.

Class 29203 Dairy Market Wether - castrated male fed for meat purposes of a dairy breed or crossbred of dairy breed born after January 1, 2026.

Division 295 – Meat Goat Showmanship (25-26 school year)

29501: Senior Meat Goat Showmanship-(Grades 10-12)

29502: Intermediate Meat Goat Showmanship (Grades 7-9)

29503: Junior Meat Goat Showmanship-(Grades 4-6)

Exhibitors must enter the showmanship classes in FairEntry.com by July 1.

Meat Goat Showmanship will be the last class of the show in 2026.

DEPARTMENT BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF

1. To be eligible, calves must have been born between February 1 and April 30 of the current year. They must have been owned, fed and cared for by the exhibitor within 2 weeks of birth and properly identified in the 4-H online system by May 15. Two calves may be identified, but only one calf may be exhibited.
2. Calves must be bucket or bottle fed, NO nursing. They can be any newborn or orphan calf, (steer, bull or heifer), dairy or beef, purebred or crossbred.
3. The entries in this department do count in the 5 head cattle limit for each exhibitor. All of the health requirements and general rules for livestock exhibits do apply to the bucket/bottle calves.
4. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, calves may only be brought to the fairgrounds 7:00 am -11:30 am on Thursday for check-in.**
5. **The exhibition will be conference-judged on Thursday, August 6 at 2:00 pm.**

6. Judging will be based on:
 - a) The completed record form (bb-1). This form must be returned to the Clayton County Extension Office by July 25.
 - b) What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
 - c) The grooming and cleanliness of the calf (calves may or may not be clipped and fitted).
 - d) General health, management and condition of the calf and the exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
 - e) Confirmation or quality of the calf is NOT to be considered.
7. Bucket/bottle calves cannot be exhibited in any other department at the Clayton County Fair.

Division 300 - Bucket/Bottle Calf

Class 30000: Junior (grades 4-6) Class 30001: Senior (grades 7-12)

DEPARTMENT OTHER ANIMALS

1. 4-H'ers and FFA members will be offered an opportunity to exhibit other animal projects (emus, pot belly pigs ostriches, llamas, pygmy goats etc.). No wildlife. This department is for animals that do not fit into previous departments. Smaller animals such as rabbits, cavies, birds, etc. should be exhibited in the Pet Show.
2. No sexually intact male goats over six months of age will be allowed to exhibit.
3. It will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to provide adequate cages, pens, or whatever means necessary to safely display and exhibit these animals.
4. **Due to biosecurity protocols and veterinary inspections, animals may only be brought to the fairgrounds 7:00 am - 11:30 am on Thursday for check-in.**
5. **The other animal exhibits will be conference judged in the barn on Thursday, August 6 at 1:30 pm.**

Division 310 - Other Animals

Class 31000 Other Animals

DEPARTMENT - HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

1. All 4-H clubs and FFA chapters with livestock at the county fair will be automatically entered in herdsmanSHIP. The contest includes all species.
2. Each club or chapter will be scored throughout the fair. They will be scored purple, blue, red or white each time and receive a premium based on the ribbon score.
3. Those scoring the herdsmanSHIP contest will consider the following: cleanliness of alleys and stalls, appearance of animals, attendants, arrangement of the club or chapter exhibit, double ties, and fire safety.

GENERAL RULES FOR STATIC EXHIBITS

1. **Entries must be made through the online Fair Entry system by July 1, 2026.**
2. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with Clayton County General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.
3. 4-H participants in 4-H special interest and school enrichment programs and/or 4-H Clubs in grades 4-12, or equivalent are eligible to exhibit. Members of the Central, Ed-Co, MFL MarMac, Postville, Starmont, Clayton Ridge, or North Fayette Valley FFA chapters are also eligible to exhibit. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, videotape, audio cassette, etc. Only one premium will be paid per exhibit.
4. Exhibits will be conference- judged on **Tuesday, August 4 starting at 9:00 a.m.** Local clubs will be assigned specific times to present their entries. Parents are requested not to become actively involved in conference judging. Conference judging is for the purpose of the exhibitors' growth.

5. Exhibits will be displayed in local club display areas. They must remain on exhibition until **5:00 p.m.** on Sunday, August 9. **No decorations or exhibits are to be removed from the exhibit halls until release time.** 4-H exhibit buildings will be open Wednesday from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., Thursday thru Saturday from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
6. Judging of exhibits will be done on a blue, red, white or no placing basis. Exhibits which do not fulfill class requirements will be dropped one ribbon placing. Exhibits that do not comply with the copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be judged, but not put on public display.
7. The exhibitor'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. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located at [State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels \(https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn\)](https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn).
8. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
9. A written explanation, an audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned?
 - * Judges have 7 to 10 minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized and brief.
 - * Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food & nutrition, photography, and visual art classes.
10. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may present all or part of the learning in the project or program.
11. An exhibitor may enter as many exhibits in a single class as meets that exhibitor's goals (**exception: photography**). A single exhibit may be entered in only one class. (exception: sewn garments may also be entered in the Fashion Revue)
12. Any article exhibited may be used or worn before judging, but must be cleaned, laundered or dry cleaned before being exhibited.
13. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24" by 36" in size **Exception: Class 10490 and 10530**
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" by 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (See Class 10255 for smaller requirement)
 - Display boxes are not to exceed 28" by 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
14. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled including name of county, name of club or chapter, age(s), class number, and member's name(s), grade and years of participation in the project/program. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks and/or cards, on the bottom of jars, and in an inconspicuous place on other items.
15. Due to security, we discourage exhibitors from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. Clayton County Extension and Clayton County Fair Board will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, water, etc.
16. 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/571.77.2.pdf>

State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>

Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)

17. Copyrighted material 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 for 4-H'ers.)
18. All exhibits, activities and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit and during the evaluation process. This includes static exhibits and activities revolving around the communications programs.
19. 4-H'ers in grades 5th - 12th during the 24-25 school year are eligible for exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair. It is important that 4th graders have one year of county experience and the opportunity to process that with an adult before entering a state competitive arena. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the name of the county, exhibitor's name, class number, and class name.

Exhibits from one member may not exceed 50% of Clayton County's allotment in one division.

20. State Fair exhibits too large or valuable to be reasonably and easily transported by car will be the responsibility of the exhibitor to transport to and from the State Fair. However, the exhibit must be entered and checked out at the State Fair during the allotted time for Clayton County.
21. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair General Rules for the exhibit to be eligible for Iowa State Fair participation. **At state fair exhibitors in 4-H divisions are not eligible to exhibit in a similar division of FFA or vice-versa.**
22. 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.
23. **There will be no club booth decorating allowed from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4 due to judging. Decorating will be allowed Saturday afternoon, August 1; Sunday afternoon, August 2 and on Monday, August 3. During judging, one adult volunteer is allowed to place/arrange exhibits within club booths. No loitering among club booths during judging!**

Division 101 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.

Division 102 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.

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 – An 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, flowers, and herbs are exhibited in Division 400 Horticulture & Floriculture)

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 or live ammunition. Archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)

10255 Farm Model Display – An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.

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.

10270 Home Garden Judging

The purpose of this class is to provide an opportunity for youth to develop gardening skills and responsibility to care for and present their project for judging. This project may consist of a vegetable, small fruit and/or flower garden. The garden should be a plot separate from the family garden. It can be separated by a border of flowers, etc., and should be the size that the member can take care of by him/herself. Members are required to keep a record of their garden along with pictures taken at various times during the season. Information needed: how and when the garden was tilled, fertilized, and planted; the variety names (for example - Little Marvel Peas); and the methods of pest control. A folder of this information will be needed for judging and display. All gardens will be judged on-site by a judge. Members should be present at the time of judging. On-site judging is usually done during the month prior to the fair. The Extension Office will set up the schedule for this judging. Members with conflicts should contact the Extension Office to make other arrangements. Evaluation will be based on goals, garden layout, selection of vegetables/flowers, maintenance, disease and pest control, soil improvement, and garden knowledge. Members are required to display their Home Garden folders and ribbons at the fair in order to receive premium money.

CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR ONLY CLASS –not eligible for state fair

10280 Tall Corn Contest

Try your luck at growing the tallest corn stalk by the Clayton County Fair.

1. Must be currently enrolled in Clayton County 4-H or FFA to be eligible.
2. Open to youth in 4th through 12th grade during the 25-26 school year
3. Youth MUST use the corn seed provided by the contest sponsor, Wyffels Hybrids.
4. Youth will pick up seeds and a bucket from the Clayton County Extension office April 6-9 during office hours.
5. Seed/Plant must be planted and cared for in the provided bucket.
6. Only one plant should be brought to the fair.
7. Judging will take place at Conference Judging on Tuesday, August 4 from 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Corn will be measured by the judge.
8. Corn will be measured from soil surface to the tip of the tassel.

9. A goal sheet is not required, but exhibitors should be prepared to answer questions about their care of their plant.
10. No decorating buckets.
11. Entry Tag must be attached to the bucket.
12. There is no entry fee and no premium awarded.
13. This is a Clayton County Fair only exhibit class, not eligible for state fair.
14. All participants will receive a T-shirt.
15. Top prizes will be presented on Wednesday, August 5 at 7 pm on the grandstand stage at the fairgrounds.

Division 400 HORTICULTURE & FLORICULTURE

1. All entries in this department must be produced this year except where otherwise stated.
2. Fruits & Vegetables should be placed on a firm plate or flat cardboard to which the entry tag has been attached.
3. List the variety on the entry, if known.
4. Exhibits in this division are not eligible for state fair selection. If you wish to exhibit your garden crops and herbs at state fair, you must enter the 4-H Horticulture Department under 4-H Livestock and Horticulture by July 1.

401 HORTICULTURE

Vegetables and Fruit - Specimen of crop produced by the 4-H or FFA member. Include variety name, number of specimens to be included is noted below.

40101 - Apples (3)	40102 - Beans, String (6)	40103 - Beans, Wax (6)
40104 - Beets - 3	40105 - Berries (5)	40106 - Broccoli (1)
40107 - Cabbage (1) head	40108 - Carrots (3)	40109 - Cauliflower (1)
40110 - Sweet Corn (3)	40111 - Cucumbers (3) small	40112 - Cucumbers (2) large
40113 - Egg Plant (1)	40114 - Garlic Bulbs (2)	40115 - Gourds (2)
40116 - Grapes (1) bunch	40117 - Kohlrabi - 1	40118 - Muskmelon - 1
40119 - Okra (3)	40120 - Onions (3)	40121 - Peas (5) any variety
40122 - Peppers (3)	40123 - Potatoes (3)	40124 - Pumpkins (1)
40125 - Rhubarb (2) stalks	40126 - Summer Squash (2)	40127 - Winter Squash (1)
40128 - Cherry Tomatoes (5)	40129 - Tomatoes (3)	40130 - Turnips (3)
40131 - Watermelon (1)	40132 - Other (3)	

*Summer Squash is soft skinned. Winter Squash is hard shelled.

Vegetables and Herbs should be prepared for exhibit as stated in publication 4H-462, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit," available at the Extension office or on website at www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton

402 Division FLORICULTURE

Floriculture - specimen produced by exhibitors. Include variety, if possible, number of specimens to be included noted below. Plastic wrap may be used to support flower stems in the container as long as the wrap remains below the rim of the container.

Cut Flowers

40250 - Bachelor Buttons (3)	40256 - Large Marigolds (1)	40261 - Lily- Any Type (1)
40251 - Cosmos (3)	40257 - Small Marigolds (3)	40262 - Small Zinnias (3)
40252 - Dahlia (1)	40258 - Perennial Phlox (1)	40263 - Wild Flowers (1)
40253 - Gladiola (1)	40259 - Snapdragons (3)	40264 - Other, Large (1)
40254 - Gloriosa Daisy (1)	40260 - Large Zinnia (1)	40265 - Other, Small (3)
40255 - Hosta Lily (1) leaf & 1bloom stem		

Specimens should be prepared for exhibit as stated in publication 4H464, "Preparing Cut Flowers and House plants for Exhibit," available at the Extension Office or on website at www.extension.iastate.edu/clayton

Live Plants - exhibitor may enter live plants in any of the following:

40290 - Potted Plant (includes flowering, foliage, cactus, etc.)	40291 - Terrarium
40292 - Hanging Basket	40293 - Fairy Gardens

404 HERBS

- 40490 - Collection of 5 herb species to be displayed in separate jars (vases) of water. Specimens should include 3 stems of adequate length for each species. Each herb species should be properly labeled.
- 40407 - Individual Herb - 3 Sprigs in jar (vase) of water

Division 103 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. An exhibitor is limited to no more than five (5) entries in the photography class.
2. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
3. **Photographs must be a minimum of 5"x7"**. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11"x14". Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
4. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ½" thick.
5. 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.
6. 4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.
7. Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
8. 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.
9. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
10. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
11. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
12. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.

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. The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple photographs. Must include original photographs.

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. An exhibitor is limited to no more than two (2) entries in this class.
2. Photograph/image may be mounted/matting.
3. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5" in length or larger than 14" in length.
4. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
5. 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 exhibit.
6. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
7. 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.

10540 Digital Storytelling (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540) – An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/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.

10350 Visual Original Art- An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. 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 principle(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. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. **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 rules #5 & #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 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 (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
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 of 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'er 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>.

10370 Visual Non-Original Art

Any exhibit which is not the original design of the exhibitor. Exhibits could be articles made from kits or pre-formed molds, or when the exhibitor only changes color, size, or materials of a pre-existing pattern or picture (e.g. ribbon instead of fringe, blue floss instead of pink, gingham instead of calico, etc.). Kits are defined as any pre-packaged item where the materials and design are pre-determined by the manufacturer. Examples of pre-formed molds would be purchased greenware or whiteware. CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR ONLY CLASS –not eligible for state fair

Division 104 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. Exhibits in class 10420 must include information about application of design elements and art principles.

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 clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans. Exhibits in class 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles.

10424 Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits - Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc. 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, and 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 and 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 & 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 table settings or menu planning must include a menu.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules:

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portraying 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 Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Exhibit Label.
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.
11. **All prepared food exhibits must include a photo of the food product; no sample will be on display.** Exhibitors are encouraged to donate their products to the 4-H Bake Sale.

10447 Food & Nutrition Challenge Class- Banana Muffins

We are looking for the best banana muffin recipe! Find your favorite personal recipe, whether it be the beloved family recipe, a recipe from a magazine, or that one you really enjoy from an old cookbook in the kitchen.

1. Bring 6 muffins on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag, recipe and the source of the recipe fastened outside the bag.

2. One entry per member
3. Open to youth in 4th through 12th grade during the 25-26 school year
4. Muffins must be checked in by 1:30 pm on Tuesday, August 4.
5. No goal sheet or conference judging. A panel of judges will select the winner based on taste and appearance.
6. This is a Clayton County Fair only exhibit class, not eligible for state fair.
7. Prizes for the top entries. No premiums paid for this class.
8. Top prizes will be presented on Wednesday, August 5 at 7 pm on the grandstand stage at the fairgrounds.

10450 Health - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and 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.
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s)/designer(s)/artist(s)

10470 Sewing and Needle Arts – 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.

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 & 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 recommended food groups with a budget of \$11.

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
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 recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Fruit, Vegetable, and Whole Grains.
 - a. Recommended portion sizes per person 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - 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 22 inches x 28 inches) that includes the following:
 - a. A copy of the Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - b. The menu, a list 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.
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.

For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>

Division 105 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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?

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:

- 4-H is... (open to 4-H'er's interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Beyond Ready in 4-H (2025 National 4-H Week theme)
- 4-H Spirit (variation of 2026 Iowa State Fair theme)
- 4-H for America's Next 250 Years (celebrating America's 250th birthday)

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" by 20" or maximum of 15" by 22".
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'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

10540 Digital Storytelling - An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/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.

Division 106 SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers.

10610 Mechanics – An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or, or that combines skills related to the design, construction, and repair of structural and mechanical technologies.

10612 Automotive - Repaired or restored vehicle

10613 Automotive Education Display- Educational display showing 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 (lawnmower or larger).
- 10617 Tractor Educational Display** – Educational Display showing 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 & Technology** - An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include, 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.

DIVISION 109 Bucket of Junk

The exhibitor is responsible for designing, fabricating, and completing their creation. Adult supervision is recommended for safety; however, the finished product must be the exhibitor’s own work. Youth may work with an adult who has knowledge of tools, machines, and proper welding techniques. Exhibitors must pick up a bucket of “junk” at the Extension Office by May 1.

Lay out all the pieces from your bucket on a flat surface and take a before photo. This photo is required with your entry. Exhibitors may clean, weld, cut, bolt, fasten, bend, shape, paint, or finish their pieces in any way they choose.

Youth may add up to five additional pieces to their creation. A photo of the added items must be taken before they are used.

Safety is extremely important! Do not leave razor sharp edges or dangerous points on your project. This is a Clayton County Fair only class and is not eligible for state fair.

Projects will be scored using the criteria as stated below. All entries will receive Blue, Red, or White Ribbon. One overall Best of Show Ribbon for each division. Judges’ decisions are final.

Judging Criteria:

Scale of 1-10 for each category- Total of 50 points

- Creativity and artistic merit
- Technical merit (quality of welds, fasteners and construction)
- Percent of “junk” pieces used (you may add up to 5 items)
- Photos of original pieces and added pieces must be included.
- Exhibitor’s knowledge of project (based on judge’s questions)

A written explanation including:

- What did you plan to learn or do? (goal)
- What steps did you take to learn or do this?
- What were the most important things you learned?
- Be prepared to explain the use of materials and the design process for your creation.

10901 Junior Division (grades 4-8)

10902 Senior Division (grades 9-12)

4-H’ers may enter their Bucket of Junk creation **in this class AND in Class 10618 Welding, or Class 10350 Visual Arts: Original Arts**. If creation is entered in Bucket of Junk and the welding or visual arts class the exhibitors will participate in conference judging for each class, while using separate criteria to evaluate the project.

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

1. Educational presentations may be given by one or more 4-H'ers. Teams consisting of youth in mixed grades must be entered in the class of the member in the highest grade level. (I.E. A team with a 5th grader and 8th graders must be entered in the intermediate/senior class.)
2. 4-H'er participating in the 4-H communications programs are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H youth development program and/or topic of the presentation/working exhibit (shorts, skirts, and dresses should be fingertip length or longer). If clothing contributes to the topic being presented, such as wearing a beekeeper's outfit while doing a presentation or working exhibit on bee raising, the 4-H'er should be aware this is acceptable and appropriate. Where distinctive clothing is not involved, clothing that alerts the public that it is a 4-H'er giving the presentation, working exhibit, extemporaneous speech or participating in Share-The-Fun is strongly encouraged.
3. Topic selection should be appropriate and should be an outgrowth of the presenter's 4-H experience. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. 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, including HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide" found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> \
5. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. (Unless they are already affixed to an exhibit or display. Stickers or self-adhesive products with the intent for people to take them or stick them to something they have created are not allowed.) (If tape is needed, painters' tape is preferred.)
6. **Presenters are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.**
7. Six educational presentations, four working exhibits, two extemporaneous speaking entries, three Share-The-Fun acts and two communicating through posters exhibits may be selected to advance to the state fair. Participants **cannot** be involved in another event such as Working Exhibit, clothing programs, livestock show, or judging during the half-day they are scheduled to participate in this program at the State Fair.
8. County Fair entries must be completed in the Fair Entry online system on or before July 1.
9. The contest for educational presentations/working exhibits/extemporaneous speaking will be held on **Wednesday, July 22**. Ribbon placings will be awarded following the judging.
10. Winners are encouraged to give their presentations and working exhibits during the fair.

Division 111 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION DEPARTMENT

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience in order to gain a desired response.

Educational Presentation Rules

1. Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H'ers may participate in one Educational Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

11100 Educational Presentation

Division 112 WORKING EXHIBIT DEPARTMENT

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

Working Exhibit Rules

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H'ers may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.

11200 Working Exhibit

Division 113 SHARE-THE-FUN DEPARTMENT

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

Share-The-Fun Rules

1. Three entries may advance to the Iowa State Fair. To advance to the state fair, members must meet state fair Share-The-Fun requirements.
State Fair Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026. 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 in 2025. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed 6 (six) 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 age groups are eligible for county presentations.
5. Only karaoke CD's will be allowed for vocal performances.
6. Share-The-Fun contest will be held on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. on the stage in front of the grandstands.
7. **Entries must be completed in the Fair Entry online system on or before July 1.**

11300 Share-The-Fun Program

Division 114 EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING DEPARTMENT

Purpose: 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 2025.
2. Program format:
 - 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.
 - A preparation area 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.
 - All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participants may bring their 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 may be available in the preparation room.

- 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.
 - Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
 - 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.
 - The participant will be expected to introduce themselves and their speech by title only.
 - Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort.
 - Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - Content related to topic.
 - Knowledge of the subject.
 - Organization of material.
 - Power of expression.
 - Voice.
 - Stage presence.
 - General effect.
 - Response to questions.
3. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking Program

CLOTHING EVENT

1. Any 4-H member is eligible to participate. They are encouraged to enroll in the clothing project. Members must model an outfit they have purchased or sewn.
2. All participants will be judged on **Wednesday, July 22**. The member must participate in the Style Show at the county fair on Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. to receive premium money.
3. The clothing event garments and/or folders must be placed on exhibition following the Style Show and remain until checkout at 5:00 pm on Sunday, August 9. If displaying a folder, a picture of the garment must be visible on the outside of the folder.
4. Youth may only enter one entry in Clothing Selection, one entry in Fashion Review, one entry in the \$20 Challenge, and one entry in Innovative Design.
5. **State Fair:** Participants must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9 – 12 the same year as the event).
 - Each county may send the following number of participants in each class to represent their county, selected from each of the county's events:
 - 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).
 - \$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).
 - 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).
 - 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).

Division 121 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, attractiveness, 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 constructed or selected.

- 12101 **Junior Fashion Revue** (grades 4, 5, & 6)
- 12102 **Intermediate Fashion Revue** (grades 7 & 8)
- 12103 **Senior Fashion Revue** (grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Division 122 CLOTHING SELECTION

1. The purpose of this category is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'er's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, attractiveness, 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 recordkeeping 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. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-Her 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.

- 12201 **Junior Clothing Selection** (grades 4, 5, & 6)
- 12202 **Intermediate Clothing Selection** (grades 7 & 8)
- 12203 **Senior Clothing Selection** (grades 9, 10, 11, & 12)

Division 123 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. **This class is not for new clothing, regardless of price.**
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 but may be entered in Clothing Selection if 4-H member selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not 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 cost 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.

- 12301 **Junior \$20 Challenge** (grades 4, 5, & 6)
- 12302 **Intermediate \$20 Challenge** (grades 7 & 8)
- 12303 **Senior \$20 Challenge** (grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Division 124 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.

- 12401 Junior Innovative Design (grades 4, 5, & 6)
12402 Intermediate Innovative Design (grades 7 & 8)
12403 Senior Innovative Design (grades 9, 10, 11 & 12)

Division 130 PET SHOW

1. The Pet Show will be Tuesday, August 4 at 11:30 am in the Schulte Complex. Check –in will be at 11:15 am at ringside. Exhibits in this division will be conference judged. Exhibitor must be present and should be able to answer questions such as pet’s age, sex, diet, health, care, etc. Pets will be judged on health, condition of coat, nails, teeth and ears, and member’s knowledge of care of his/her pet.
2. Cages or proper containers must be provided for the pet by the exhibitor. All animals must be on a leash or confined to some type of container (cage, box) while on the fairgrounds.
3. Pets must be free from disease in order to be exhibited at the fair.
4. Cats, dogs and ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. Exhibitors must present official certification from a veterinarian the day of the show to be eligible to exhibit.
5. Animals being exhibited in other departments are not eligible to be shown as a pet.
6. Pet exhibitors must prepare a folder to accompany the pet exhibit which includes:
 - Breed of pet or name of species
 - Age and/or birth date
 - Characteristics and habits of the pet
 - Care of the pet such as special diet, particular need, etc.
 - Exhibitor's name, grade, and number of years in the project.
7. Pets will not be allowed to stay at the fair. All pets will be released following the conclusion of the show. The exhibit folder and ribbon should be on display in the club or chapter display area.

Class 13001 Pets (cats)

Class 13002 Pets (dogs)

Class 13003 Pets (Other household pets- hamsters, birds, fish, covies, etc.)

CLOVER KIDS PROGRAM

1. The Clover Kids program is for youth in grades K-3. Exhibiting is open to club members with a current enrollment form on record in the extension office or to youth who have completed a six-hour Clover Kid program such as a day camp or an after-school K-3 clover kids program this past school year.
2. Clover Kids may enter one Clover Kid Static exhibit, one entry in the Clover Kid Clothing Event and one entry Clover Kid Pet Show.
3. Clover Kid members will have the opportunity to share what they have done and learned during conference judging on Tuesday, August 4 starting at 9:00 a.m. Clubs will be assigned specific times to present their entries.
4. Members may be accompanied by an adult for the conference sharing if they so desire.
5. Each Clover Kid exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon.
6. Static exhibits will remain on display until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 9.
7. There will be no premiums paid on exhibits.
8. **Entries must be completed in the Fair Entry online system on or before July 1.**

Class 150 Clover Kid Static Exhibit

Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may present all or part of the learning in the project or program.

Class 155 Clover Kid Clothing Event

Each participant selects an outfit to wear. The chosen garments may be selected from one's own wardrobe, borrowed, or purchased, and can be acquired from a combination of sources. Youth will share information about their outfit during Clover Kid judging on Tuesday, July 29. Youth may wear their outfit or bring a photo of them wearing their outfit for judging. Clover Kids are encouraged to participate in the style show on Wednesday, August 5 at 7 pm. Participants will receive a form to complete for the style show commentary.

Clover Kids PET SHOW

1. The Clover Kids Pet Show will be Tuesday, August 4 at 11:00 am. Check –in will be at ringside from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm.
2. Exhibits in this division will be conference-judged.
3. Cages or proper containers must be provided for the pet by the exhibitor. All animals must be on a leash or confined to some type of container (cage, box) while on the fairgrounds.
4. Pets must be free from disease in order to be exhibited at the fair.
5. Cats, dogs and ferrets must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. Exhibitors must present official certification from a veterinarian on the day of the show to be eligible to exhibit.
6. Each Clover Kid exhibitor will receive a participation ribbon.
7. Pets will not be allowed to stay at the fair. All pets will be released following the conclusion of the show. An exhibit folder or photo and ribbon should be on display in the club booth.
8. There will be no premiums paid on exhibits.
9. **Entries must be completed in the Fair Entry online system on or before July 1.**

Class 151 Clover Kid Pet Show

Market Livestock Auction Information

1. The livestock auction is Monday, August 10th at 9:00 AM for animals participating in market classes at the Clayton County Fair only.
2. All youth selling livestock in the sale should wear appropriate attire such as a 4-H or FFA shirt and blue jeans. Youth must wear closed toe shoes while in the sale arena – no sandals or flip flops.
3. A drug affidavit must be turned in to extension staff for all market beef, swine, sheep and meat goats.
4. Sale weights are the weights from Wednesday & Thursday's weigh-ins.
5. All market animals will be considered as selling on Monday unless exhibitor informs extension staff at weigh in or before 2:00 PM on Saturday, August 8th.
6. A sale commission of 2% will be charged on all lots sold.
7. A Grade & Yield market will be available for market beef and swine unable to be sold at auction. Exhibitors must give notice at check-in for any animals that will be sold direct. Price will be determined Monday prior to the start of the sale.
8. Bidding numbers will be used at the auction. Numbers will be available during fair at the Barn A office and during the auction.
9. Sale Order will be as follows Market Hogs, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Commercial Poultry and Meat Rabbits, Market Beef.
10. Exhibitors are responsible that their animal goes to the correct stall, pen, or truck when leaving the sale arena.

Sale Information and Limitations by species:

Market Swine

1. Two head maximum per exhibitor. Only market swine will be allowed in the auction. Breeding gilts will not be sold in the livestock auction.
2. \$1.00 per head for the swine check-off will be deducted from sale check.
3. The Champion Derby Individual, Champion Derby Pen, Champion Non-Derby Individual, Champion Non-Derby Pen, Champion Rate of Gain Individual, Champion Rate of Gain Pen, Reserve Champion Derby Individual, Reserve Champion Derby Pen, Reserve Champion Non-Derby Individual, Reserve Champion Non-Derby Pen, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Individual, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Pen will sell first. Other swine will be sold in order by assigned pen number.
4. **SEE PAGE 16 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF SWINE RULES**

Market Lambs

1. Two head maximum per exhibitor
2. \$1.00 per head for the lamb check-off will be deducted from sale check.
3. The Champion Individual, Champion Pair, Champion Home Raised Individual, Champion Rate of Gain Individual, Champion Rate of Gain Pair, Reserve Champion Individual, Reserve Champion Pair, Reserve Champion Home Raised Individual, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Individual, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Pair will sell first. Other lambs will be sold in order by assigned pen number.
4. Exhibitors need to be sure the lambs go back into the correct place (pen or truck) when leaving the sale arena.
5. **SEE PAGE 14 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF SHEEP RULES**

Goat - Market Wether/Market Doe

1. Two head maximum per exhibitor
2. The Champion Market Doe, Champion Market Wether, Champion Dairy Wether, Champion Home Raised, Champion Rate of Gain, Reserve Champion Market Doe, Reserve Champion Market Wether, Reserve Champion Dairy Wether, Reserve Champion Home Raised, and Reserve Champion Rate of Gain will sell first. Other goats will be sold in order by assigned pen number.
3. **SEE PAGE 28 FOR COMPLET LIST OF MEAT GOAT RULES**

Poultry

1. Special Broiler Class birds and commercial poultry may be sold at the auction. The exhibitor is limited to two (2) sale lots. Sale lots are individual, or pen based on class description. These birds must have been exhibited in the Commercial Birds class. Birds from the Egg Production, Breeding Poultry, or Miscellaneous Birds classes are NOT eligible for the auction.
2. The Champion Special Broiler, Champion Commercial Bird, Reserve Champion Special Broiler and Reserve Champion Commercial Bird will sell first. Other market poultry sale order will be random.
3. Exhibitors must be present to take their birds to and from the sale ring. **If buyers designate that the birds go back to the cages, the exhibitor must make sure the cage is well-marked.**
4. **SEE PAGE 22 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF POULTRY RULES**

Rabbit

1. An exhibitor is limited to two sale lots. Sale lots are individual, or pen based on class description. Rabbits exhibited in the breeding rabbit classes are NOT eligible for the auction.
2. The Champion Meat Rabbit and Reserve Champion Meat Rabbit will sell first. Other meat rabbit sale order will be random.
3. Exhibitors must be present to take their rabbits to and from the sale ring. **If buyers designate that the rabbits go back to the cages, the exhibitor must make sure the cage is well-marked.**
4. **SEE PAGE 21 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF RABBIT RULES**

Market Beef

1. One head per exhibitor may be sold.
2. \$1.50 per head for the beef check-off will be deducted from sale check.
3. Grand Champion Dairy Steer, Grand Champion Market Beef, Champion Home Raised Dairy Steer, Champion Home Raised Market Beef, Champion Rate of Gain Dairy Steer, Champion Rate of Gain Market Beef, Reserve Champion Dairy Steer, Reserve Champion Market Beef, Reserve Champion Home Raised Dairy Steer, Reserve Champion Home Raised Market Beef, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Dairy Steer, Reserve Champion Rate of Gain Market Beef, will sell first. Other cattle will be sold in order by hip number.
4. Sale cattle will be lined up in Jim Hosch Arena according to hip number. Market beef animals to be sold MUST be in the Jim Hosch Arena by 9:00 a.m. on sale date. Exhibitors are responsible for moving animals. If not in place by the stated time, the animal may be moved to the end of the sale.
5. Exhibitors are responsible for seeing that their animals are loaded for transport post sale.
6. We will have a truck available for beef not being sold at auction to be sold Grade and Yield.
7. **SEE PAGE 10 FOR COMPLETE LIST OF BEEF RULES**

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As of 3/10/26

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4-H & FFA DIVISION CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Advanced Feeder Class Judging-4:00 p.m., Edgewood Livestock Commission, Edgewood

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

4-H & FFA entries are due online.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

4-H Fashion Revue & Clothing Selection Judging – 9:00 am., Elkader

4-H Communications Judging – 9:00 a.m., Elkader

TUESDAY, August 4, 2026

Static Exhibit Conference Judging -- Home economics, expressive arts, science and engineering, agriculture and natural resources and personal development and Clover Kids - 9:00 am- 3:00 pm

Clover Kid Pet Show - 11:00 A.M. -12:30 PM (Schulte Complex)

Pet Show -11:30 AM (Schulte Complex)

Dog Show (Obedience & Rally Classes) 1:00 p.m. (large arena)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

Horse and Pony Show - 9:00 a.m. (horse arena)

Swine, Meat Goats & Sheep entries received 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

4-H Style Show & Share-the-Fun - 7:00 p.m. (stage in front of grandstands)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

Beef, Dairy, Bucket Bottle Calves, Dairy Goats, & Other Animal entries received 7:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Rabbits & Poultry entries received from 8:00 am -11:30 am

Dog Show (Showmanship & Agility classes) - 1:30 p.m. (large arena)

Other Animals - These projects will be conference judged starting at 1:30 p.m. (in barn)

Bucket Bottle Calves - these projects will be conference judged starting at 2:00 p.m. (Schulte Complex)

Swine Show- 4:30 p.m. (Schulte Complex)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

Dairy Goat Show – 8:00 a.m. (large arena)

Rabbit Show – 9:00 a.m. (Schulte Complex)

Dairy Show - 9:30 a.m. (large arena)

Beef Showmanship & Market Beef Show – 4:00 p.m. (large arena)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

Sheep Show – 8:30 a.m. (market sheep first) (Schulte Complex)

Poultry Show – 8:30 a.m. (large arena)

Meat Goat Show – 10:30 a.m. (Schulte Complex)

Breeding Beef Show – 3:00 p.m. (large arena)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

Kiddie Calf Shows (Dairy & Beef) 12:00 noon (large arena)

Little Piglet Show – 2:00 p.m. (small arena)

Static Exhibit Release – 5:00 p.m.

Livestock Exhibit Release - 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

Beef selling will be placed in order in designated barns.

Livestock Sale - 9:00 a.m.

- Sale Order:
- 1) Market Swine
 - 2) Market Lambs
 - 3) Market Goats
 - 4) Commercial Poultry and Meat Rabbits
 - 5) Market Beef

Kiddie Calf Show- Dairy

The annual Dairy Kiddie Calf Show at the Clayton County Fair will be Sunday, August 9 at 12 noon. This event is sponsored by Clayton County Dairy Promotion Committee and the Clayton County Fair Board. This showmanship class is for young boys and girls who are interested in dairy cattle and wish to show a dairy calf at the fair. The rules are as follows:

1. The class is open for youth grades kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of the 2025-26 school year.
2. The calf must be a heifer calf of any dairy breed and born after March 31, 2026.
3. No clipping is necessary, but the calf must be clean.
4. The dress code will be shirt and pants (white is not necessary) with closed toe shoes. No costumes.
5. All trailers will park in the designed areas. All livestock trailers must be off the fairgrounds by 4:00 pm.
6. Calves must be free from contagious or infectious conditions. A veterinarian will inspect all calves before the show.
7. All calves must be at the show arena by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9 for veterinarian inspection and will be dismissed after the show.
8. Parents are responsible for their own children and calves.
9. The class will be judged as a showmanship class.
10. Number of classes will be determined by number of entries. Classes will be split by children's age.
11. All entries will receive participation awards.

To enter complete the form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026kiddieshow>

We must have the following information: child's name, birth date, last grade in school completed, t-shirt size, parents' name and address. There will be no entry fee. Entry deadline is Friday, July 24, 2026.

Kiddie Calf Show- Beef

The 15th annual Clayton County Beef Kiddie Calf Show will be Sunday, August 9 following the dairy kiddie calf class. This event is sponsored by Clayton County Cattlemen Association and the Clayton County Fair Board. This showmanship class is for young boys and girls who are interested in beef cattle and wish to show a beef calf at the fair.

The rules are as follows:

1. The class is open for youth grades kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of the 2025-26 school year.
2. The calf may be of any beef origin or a dairy bull/steer calf. Calves must be born after January 1, 2026.
3. No clipping is necessary, but the calf must be clean.
4. The dress code will be shirt and pants with closed toe shoes. No costumes.
5. All trailers will park in the designated areas. All livestock trailers must be off the fairgrounds by 4:00 pm.
6. Calves must be free from contagious or infectious conditions. A veterinarian will inspect all calves before the show.
7. **All calves must be at the show arena by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 9 for veterinarian inspection and will be dismissed after the show.**
8. Parents are responsible for their own children and calves.
9. The class will be judged as a showmanship class.
10. Number of classes will be determined by number of entries. Classes will be split by children's age.
11. All entries will receive participation awards.

To enter complete the form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026kiddieshow>

We must have the following information: child's name, birth date, last grade in school completed, t-shirt size, parents' name and address. There will be no entry fee. Entry deadline is Friday, July 24, 2026.

Little Piglet Show

The 10th annual Clayton County Little Piglet Show will be Sunday, August 9 following the beef kiddie calf class. This event is sponsored by Clayton County Pork Producers and the Clayton County Fair Board. This showmanship class is for young boys and girls who are interested in swine and wish to show a pig at the fair.

The rules are as follows:

1. The class is open for youth grades kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of the 2025-26 school year.
2. Animals shown must have been exhibited by a 4-H or FFA member at the 2026 Clayton County Fair. Participants must make their own arrangements with 4-H and FFA members to borrow animals for the show. Pork Producers are willing to help make arrangements.
3. Pigs must be clean.
4. The dress code will be shirt and pants with closed toe shoes. No costumes.
5. Parents are responsible for their own children.
6. The class will be judged as a showmanship class.
7. Number of classes will be determined by number of entries. Classes will be split by children's age.
8. All entries will receive participation awards.

To enter complete the form at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2026kiddieshow>

We must have the following information: child's name, birth date, last grade in school completed, t-shirt size, parents' name and address. There will be no entry fee. Entry deadline is Friday, July 24, 2026.



Kiddie Calf Show & Little Piglet Show Registration Link