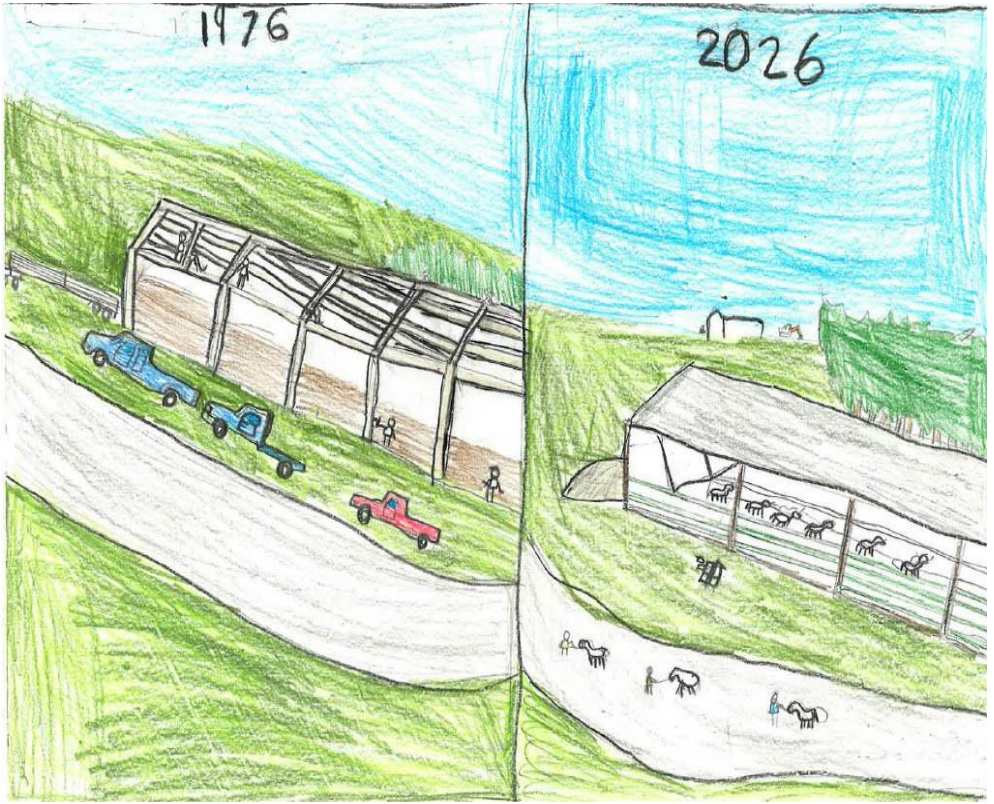


50 Years of Memories

Keokuk County Expo Fair 2026



1st Place Drawing Winner: Brayson Wehr, Lafayette Feeders 4-H Club



July 12th-19th



Fair Book with 4-H/FFA Rules and Schedules

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Expo Fairgrounds Information



Food Stand Hours

Monday ran by 4-H 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Tuesday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
(closed to prep for family meal)

Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Saturday 8:30 AM - ?

Exhibit Building Hours

Monday 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

building will be closing at noon to anyone finished with judging

Tuesday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Wednesday 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Thursday 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Restrooms are in the northeast side of the Exhibit Hall and on the southeast side of the Figure 8 Racetrack.

Food is available at the Concession Stand inside the east end of the Exhibit Hall.

Clover Kids Opportunities

Children MUST be documented members of Keokuk Kind, Keota Clover Kids, Little Liberty Leaders, Sigourney Clover Kids, Sigourney Sprouts, Pekin Clover Kids, or Tri-County Clover Kids in 4-HOnline to participate and MUST have attended a **minimum of 4 meetings/events within the 10-month period (September-June)** to participate in the activities listed here. Clover Kids will show in a non-competitive manner and will receive participation ribbons. All Clover Kids (minus Static Exhibit Judging) must be signed up through Jotform. Planting Day Sign-Up Link: <https://go.iastate.edu/1IKXTN>. All Other Opportunities Sign-Up Link: <https://go.iastate.edu/EEWCBP>.

Clover Kids Static (Indoor) Exhibit Judging

Indoor Exhibit Judging: Monday, July 13th from 8:30 to 11:30 am in the Extension Office

Superintendent: Karen Greiner, Crystal Stoner, Jennifer McBeth
Claraham

Rules

1. Each Clover Kid is encouraged to bring up to **three** indoor exhibits.
2. Each club is assigned a time slot. Judging will be on a first come, first served basis ***within the time of your club's assigned slot***. The Extension Staff determines your club's time slot by club size each year. The time is non-negotiable. If you cannot attend your club's spot for any reason, please contact the Extension Office at (641) 622-2680.

Judging Schedule for 2026

8:30-9:30 AM – Little Liberty Leaders & Pekin Clover Kids

9:30–10:30 AM – Keokuk Kind, Sigourney Clover Kids, & Keota Clover Kids

10:30–11:30 AM – Sigourney Sprouts & Tri-County Clover Kids

Clover Kids Planting Day & Gardener Fest

Planting Day: Sunday, April 12th at 2:00 PM at the Expo Hall

Gardener Fest: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 PM in the Show Ring

Superintendent: Keokuk County Master Gardeners

This is an opportunity for Clover Kids to get to work with plants and showcase what they learn along the way! Keokuk County Master Gardeners will meet with interested Clover Kids for a Planting Day at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12th. Seeds will be provided. ***Please sign up by Friday, April 3rd***. Clover Kids will bring the plant they've grown since Planting Day to the Clover Kid Gardener Fest at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 14th, in the Show Ring.

Rules

1. One entry allowed per Clover Kid.
2. A planting container and seeds will be provided to each Clover Kid who attends.
3. Clover Kids will choose the seeds to plant in their container.
4. Clover Kids will transplant their plants at the appropriate time into a larger pot.
5. Clover Kids will track their green thumb experiences in a gardener journal provided.
6. Clover Kids are encouraged to attend the Clover Kids Gardener Fest even if their plant doesn't survive.

Clover Kids Graduation Ceremony

Graduation: Tuesday, July 14th at 5:00 PM in the Show Ring

Clover Kids Graduation is for any active Clover Kid completing 3rd grade in the current year. Each child will receive special recognition and a certificate to honor them for completing their years in the Clover

Kid program and preparing them for 4-H. A photo opportunity and light reception will follow. ***To participate in the Graduation Ceremony, please sign up by May 15th.***

Clover Kids Dog Obedience Show

Show: Wednesday, July 15th during the 1:00 PM 4-H Dog Obedience/Agility Show in the Show Ring.

Superintendent: Colleen Donald

Dog Obedience Training: May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 26th, May 31st, June 7th, June 10th, June 28th, July 7th at 6:00PM, with an optional class on July 10th.

This is an opportunity for Clover Kids to not only show their dog, but also to participate in obedience training from May until Expo fair.

Rules

1. **ONLY 3RD GRADERS** are allowed to participate.
2. ***Exhibitor must sign up their dog in this show by May 15, 2026.***
3. Exhibitor will NOT strike or use harsh means of disciplining dogs.
4. Clover Kids may NOT show a dog that is larger than the Clover Kid themselves.
5. All dogs must be on a leash at all times.
6. Vaccinations must be up to date. **A copy of the dog's current rabies certificate must be presented to the Extension Office before the first training.**
7. **Dogs must have attended a minimum of 4 of the obedience practices to be eligible to show at Expo.**
8. All Clover Kids and dogs will show in one class together.
9. Dogs should be a minimum of 6 months of age before starting the obedience program.

Clover Kids Pet Show

Show: Tuesday, July 14th at 9:30 AM in the Commercial Building.

Check-in of pets will take place from 9:00-9:15 am inside the Commercial Building.

Superintendent: Dr Rhonda Wehr

This is an opportunity for Clover Kids to exhibit their favorite pets. Clover Kids will have the opportunity to show the audience their pet and speak with a judge regarding nutrition, grooming, or special behaviors ***Pre-registration is required by May 15th.***

Rules

1. Clover Kids enrolled in the Pet Show must complete a pet journal. Journals can be picked up at the Extension Office. Please bring your completed journals to the Clover Kids Pet Show.
2. ***No dogs are allowed to participate in the Clover Kids Pet Show.***
3. Clover Kids' Pet Show animals are only allowed on the Expo fairgrounds during the entry and show time.
4. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl.
5. **Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy) are NOT to be shown in the Clover Kids' Pet Show.** All other animals must be less than 100 pounds to be shown.
6. Possible animals for show include cats, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, turtles, fish, birds, snakes, etc.
7. Any female animal in season cannot be shown.
8. An adult must supervise Clover Kids and their pets at all times. The adult is responsible for both the Clover Kid and pet.
9. No animal shall be larger than the Clover Kid themselves.
10. Cats must have a current rabies certificate (the same health requirements as the 4-H Dog and Pet Show apply here). A copy must be in the Extension Office by **July 1st.**

Clover Kids Bucket Bottle

Show: Friday, July 17th at 3:00 PM

Check-in: Wednesday, July 15th from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Superintendent: Karen Greiner, Crystal Stoner, Jennifer McBeth
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The Keokuk County Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Show is designed with the purpose of introducing future 4-H members to sheep, goat, and beef projects, while educating the responsibilities of owning and taking care of a 4-H animal. If a child takes no part in the responsibilities of

care for the animal and does not take the time to learn about the animal, the purpose of the Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Show is defeated.

Rules

1. ***ONLY youth in 3rd grade can exhibit calves. NO EXCEPTIONS!***
2. Clover Kid Bucket Bottle lambs, goats, and calves arrive with other livestock between **11:00 AM –12:00 PM Wednesday, July 15th**. Clover Kids and a parent will need to be at their animal's pen from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM to be checked in by the department superintendent with their project journal.
3. Clover Kid bucket bottle calves are eligible to be shown as return bucket bottle calves the next year.
4. Lambs/goats/calves must be born between January 1st, 2026, and April 30th, 2026, and must be in the member's possession by May 15th.
5. All Clover Kids bucket bottle **sheep and goats** MUST have a Scrapie tag and all Clover Kids bucket bottle **calves** MUST have a 4-H or 840 tag to be on Expo fairgrounds. 4-H tags are available at the Keokuk County Extension Office. First tag is free after that is a fee.
6. **MALE LAMB/GOATS MUST BE CASTURATED**, calves not mandatory.
7. Entries will be shown at halter.
8. Youth MUST sign-up **by May 15th** to enter the calf, lamb, or goat.
9. Clover Kids exhibitors will only be allowed to show **one animal** in the Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Show. K-3rd are allowed to show bucket bottle lambs or goats. ***ONLY youth in 3rd grade can exhibit calves.***
10. Any signs of disease/infection will be addressed by the fair vet and superintendents. If an animal is asked to leave, we still encourage the Clover Kid to participate in the show.
11. Each Clover Kid will have a pen marked with a stall card with child's name on it. Stall cards are to be above pen at all times.
12. Clover Kid members WILL NOT be able to take any random lamb, goat, or calf out of its pen and use it to show at the Expo. For example: A Clover Kid cannot decide the day of the show they want to show a family member or friend 4-H members' animal in the Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Show.

13. Animals cannot leave the fairgrounds until after 7:00 AM on Sunday, July 19th, unless permitted by barn superintendent or advised by a vet.

Iowa Exhibitor Youth Code Of Ethics

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest, and act in a sportsmanlike way at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club, and the entire youth program. 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. Any youth who breaks the Code of Ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards, and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions, including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state, or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.), and care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animal that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications and be free of violative drug residue.

6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications, and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence that such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample 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 time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit, and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By entering an exhibit at this fair or exhibition, I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition

- without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
 13. ***I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.***
 14. I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner, and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand, and agree to follow this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its premium book.

4-H/FFA Department Rules & Regulations

This department is open to youth who are participating in 4-H youth development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair/Keokuk County Expo Fair general exhibit rules, 4-H general rules and regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

1. **4-Her must be enrolled in 4-H in Keokuk County by May 15th of the current program year and have attended 6 club meetings/4-H events in the 4-H year (September 1st through July 1st) to be eligible to show.**
2. **4-H/FFA member must have signed the Keokuk County 4-H Youth Code of Ethics in 4-HOnline to participate at the Keokuk County Expo Fair.**
3. **If your child needs special / Reasonable Accommodations to participate in any program, please contact Regional Director, Katharina Bain: kbain@iastate.edu**
4. To advance to the Iowa State Fair, exhibits and exhibitors must be present for conference judging, unless previous approval is granted

- by the Keokuk County Extension Council.
5. All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Iowa State Fair General Exhibit rules for the exhibit to be eligible for Iowa State Fair participation.
 6. 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 as an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project of the program.
 7. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice versa. See also: Iowa State Fair 4-H General Rules & Regulations.
 8. The 4-H'ers 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. Exhibitors will receive oral and written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white ribbon will be awarded. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics are located on each 4-H Projects page at www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets.
 9. To exhibit at Expo Fair, each exhibit must have an entry tag with the exhibitor's name, club name, class number, and grade just completed. These will be printed from FairEntry by Extension Staff and provided as exhibitors come to judging.
 10. A written report, 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?*
 - d. **Special note:** *Please check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual arts, 4-H poster communication, and personal*

development classes.

11. All judges' decisions are final.
12. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters may not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
 - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentations boards, model displays, etc. may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions. (See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)
 - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28 inches by 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.
13. 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)
 - a. State-listed animals:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - b. State-listed plants:
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - c. Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)
14. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows
15. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission form the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted material. Exhibitors must give proper credit to original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers).

16. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety, and approved methods may be disqualified and will not put on public display. These exhibits will not be eligible to advance to the Iowa State Fair.
17. It's acceptable if a 4-H'er has set a goal(s) that can be accomplished by both a classroom assignment and an outgrowth of a 4-H project goal. The intent is that a predetermined 4-H goal has been set. Example: Class assignment was to design a banner. 4-H goal: to make the banner for use in exhibitor's room. The 4-H'er must realize that the evaluation criteria and exhibit guidelines for each opportunity will be different and should prepare the required support information accordingly.
18. Participants in 4-H special interest and school enrichment educational programs are eligible to exhibit at fair in classes related to the program topic. Exhibitors must meet the eligibility grade requirements and develop the exhibit as a result of their goal from participation.
19. Clover Kids are encouraged to bring their projects to Expo Fair during Exhibit Building Judging (see page 7 for times). Clover Kids are encouraged to bring up to 3 projects for display. Participation ribbons will be awarded for each item exhibited. Ribbons should remain with the exhibit until the project is picked up after the Expo Fair has ended.
20. Premiums will be paid based on ribbons awarded. Each Blue, Red, or White ribbon will receive the following premium: Purple & Blue - \$3.00, Red - \$2.00, White - \$1.00.
21. No exhibits will be allowed to compete for premiums that is not presented to a judge on that Monday. The exhibits must be picked up from the Exhibit Hall by 9:00 AM on Sunday, July 19th. Members or leaders should pick up their club exhibits at that time or make other arrangements.
22. Management will not be responsible for loss or damage of exhibits.
23. Parents and helpers will only be allowed in the conference judging area to move exhibits.
24. There is no limit on the number of exhibits a member can exhibit, if they are in completion of different project goals, except photography. To plan exhibits, 4-H'ers are encouraged to use

project guides and manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part, or all learning involved in the respective project or program. Photography exhibitors will be limited to 10 photography exhibits.

25. To advance to the Iowa State Fair, exhibitors must have completed 5th-12th grade (or the equivalent). Exception: group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
26. All exhibits selected to move on to the Iowa State Fair must reach the 4-H Exhibits Building by 3:00 PM on **Tuesday, August 11th**. Participants will receive letters stating the deadline for delivery to the Keokuk County Extension Office prior to the date listed above. Large items are required to provide alternative transportation and arrive at the 4-H Exhibit Building at the designated check in time specified on the letter. Exception: Exhibitors participating in alternative evaluation/education learning experiences will enter exhibits as determined for program participation.
27. Please visit <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/page/exhibit-tip-sheets> for more information on each project and information specific to fair entry. Specifically, project tip sheets and evaluation forms.
28. Active members of FFA are eligible to show up through the summer of the year they graduate high school.

4-H & FFA Static Exhibit Classes

1. **Exhibits must be entered into FairEntry by July 11th, 2026.** Website is <http://keokukcountyexpo.fairentry.com>.
2. **Entry Tags:** Must be attached to ALL exhibits/projects for judging on Monday, July 13th. Fair Entry tags will be handed out at check in that morning.
3. **When entering exhibits into FairEntry, a detailed description of the exhibit is required.**

Static Exhibit Judging

Judging: Monday, July 13th from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM in the Exhibit

Hall

Superintendent: County Extension Staff

Rules

1. Each club is assigned a time slot.
2. Judging will be on a first come first served basis **within your club's assigned slot.**
3. The Extension Staff determines your club's time slot by the club size each year.
4. The time is non-negotiable. If you cannot attend your club's spot for any reason, please contact the Extension Office at (641) 622-2680.

Judging Schedule for 2026:

8:30-9:30 AM - Food Club, Lafayette Feeders, Stick to It

9:30-10:30 AM - Patriotic Panthers, Riverside

10:30-11:30 AM - Liberty Leaders, Seamrippers United, FFA members

1. Leaders are welcome to come in on Sunday or Tuesday morning to decorate their table if they choose.
2. Exhibits will be dismissed on the morning of Sunday the 19th.
3. Iowa State Fair selections will be made after judging is complete.
Only designated superintendents and Extension staff should remain in the building during State Fair judging. All others will be asked to leave.
4. The building will reopen to the public Tuesday at 8:30 AM.
5. Should one of your items qualify for Iowa State Fair, if there is not room in the Extension Staff vehicle, the family is responsible for transporting the item to and from the Iowa State Fair fairgrounds.

Horticulture Department - County Only - Dark Blue Color Tag

Horticulture Special Rules

1. All entries in this department must have been grown by the exhibitor as a 4-H Project.
2. ***NEW THIS YEAR*** all horticulture exhibits have its own, separate, goal sheet different from the traditional write-up for static exhibits. This form can be found in the extension office or on our website:

- <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/expo-fair> (see 4-H Planting Day for specific information regarding that class).
3. Exhibitors are to arrange their own entries and are responsible for their exhibits to be maintained and in good condition throughout the fair.
 4. All exhibits must be labeled with the variety name (cultivar) and class name to be listed on entry tag.
 5. Specimens are to be prepared for exhibit should use guidelines in 4-H 462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetable for Exhibit" <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/394>, or use 4-H 464, "Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit" for flowers <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/400>.
 6. Those participants wishing to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair need to contact the Extension Office for the correct class listing and number specific to the Iowa State Fair only.

Horticulture Classes

- **Class 410, Individual Vegetable Plate** – Exhibits should be displayed on paper plates (provided by exhibitor). Exhibits may come from the following choices: Beans, either snap, or yellow wax, 6 pods; Beets, 3 specimens; Cabbage, either round, or red, 1 head; Carrots, 3 specimens; Cucumbers, either for slicing (6-8 inches) or dill (5 inches), 2 specimens; Cucumbers, for pickling, 5 specimens; Onions, either red, white or yellow, 3 specimens; Peppers, bell or sweet or green or any other sweet variety, 2 specimens; Peppers, hot, any variety, 3 specimens; Potatoes, white or red, 3 specimens; Squash, summer, any variety, 2 specimens; Sweet corn, 3 ears (exhibited with husks open on one side); Tomatoes, red slicing type, 3 specimens; Tomatoes, cherry type, 10 specimens; Herbs, any variety, 1 sprig; **Any other vegetable, refer to guidelines in 4-H 462.**
- **Class 420, Vegetable Tray** – Exhibit consists of at least 5 different types of vegetables displayed
- **Class 430, Single Stem Flower**
- **Class 440 Houseplants** - Member must own plant for at least THREE months.

- **Class 450, Garden Flower Arrangement** – Arrangement created by member using fresh or dried flowers. Flowers in arrangement must be grown by exhibitor in a home garden.
- **Class 460, 4-H Planting Day Exhibit** – Exhibit consists of the specific plant from the 4-H Planting Day in April held by the Keokuk County Master Gardeners. Please see 4-H Planting Day & Judging section for more information.

4-H Planting Day & Judging

Planting Day: Sunday, April 12th at 3:00 PM in the Extension Office

Judging: Monday, July 13th at 8:30-11:30 am during Static Judging in the Expo Hall

Superintendent: Keokuk County Master Gardeners

NEW THIS YEAR This is an opportunity for 4-H members to get involved in the horticulture project area, whether they have an experienced green thumb, or are a first-time gardener. Keokuk County Master Gardeners will meet with interested 4-H members for a Planting Day at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 12th. Seeds will be provided. ***Please sign up by Friday, April 3rd.*** 4-H members will bring the plant they've grown since Planting Day to Static Judging Day on Monday, July 13th during their club's assigned judging time in the Expo Hall.

Rules

7. One entry allowed per 4-H member
8. A planting container and seeds will be provided to each 4-H who attends.
9. 4-H members will choose the seeds to plant in their container. Plant options include: ornamental peppers, basil, tomatoes, and marigolds.
10. 4-H members will transplant their plants at the appropriate time into a larger pot and/or the ground.
11. 4-H members will fill out their Planting Day Worksheet between April and Expo Fair.
12. 4-H members will then bring their plant and their completed worksheet to static judging on Monday, July 13th. They must enter the plant as a static exhibit in FairEntry by July 11th under Class

460, 4-H Planting Day Exhibit.

13. Participating 4-H members are expected to participate in static judging day.

Animal Department – Peach Tag

- **Class 10110, Animal Science** - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animals including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse and pony, llamas, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, etc. Ownership of an animal is not required.
- **Class 10120, Veterinary Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

Agriculture & Natural Resources Department - Red Tag

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

1. 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.

- **Class 10210, Crop Production & Plant Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about growth, use, and value of field crops; plant growth; soils and soil fertility; or any other learning related to crop production and plant science.
- **Class 10220, Conservation, Environment and Sustainability** - An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.
- **Class 10222, 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.
- **Class 10224, Fish and Wildlife** - Any exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as

identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, or who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

- **Class 10226 Forestry** - An exhibit, including collections, that shows learning from participation in a forestry project or program.
- **Class 10230, Horticulture & Plant Science** - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruits production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. This class includes Fairy Gardens.
(Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department)
- **Class 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.
- **Class 10240, Outdoor Adventures** - An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking, or other outdoor activities.
- **Class 10250, Safety and Education in Shooting Sports** - An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if the tips are removed from the arrows).
- **Class 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

- **Class 10260, Other Agriculture and Natural Resources** - An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

Creative Arts - Light Pink Tag

Visual Arts Special Rules

1. 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.
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 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 member 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

Visual Arts Classes

- **Class 10310, Music** - An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition, arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.
- **Class 10350, Visual Arts: 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 elements(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.
- **Class 10355, Visuals 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 Rule #5 and #6.
- **Class 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.

Photography Special Rules

1. **Limited to 10 photography entries in class 10320.**
2. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since the 2024 Keokuk County Expo Fair.
3. Photographs must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 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 inch 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.
 - a. **4-H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.**
 - b. **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
6. 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 8 inches by 8 inches.
7. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
8. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in 4-H setting.
9. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will **not** be displayed.

10. 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits. Please include the photo label that is on the Keokuk County Extension website at www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk.
11. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice versa.

Photography Classes

- **Class 10320, Photography** - An exhibit, either a photo(s) or an educational display that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, no video. **NO photos of railroads will be accepted.** Photographs must have been taken **since Expo Fair of 2025.**
- **Class 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.
 - a. **Creative Photography Special Rules:**
 - i. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted
 - ii. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
 - iii. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
 - iv. 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 the exhibit.
 - v. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
 - vi. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
- **Class 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.

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

Family & Consumer Sciences Department - Child Development, Sewing, Consumer Management, Health - Purple Tag

Clothing and Fashion/Sewing and Needle Arts Special Rules:

1. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.
2. Exhibits in classes 10420, 10422, and 10470 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

Family Consumer Sciences Classes

- **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.

- **Class 10420, Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments and 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.
- **Class 10422, Clothing and Fashion: Purchased Garments and Accessories** – Purchased garments or accessories that show 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.
- **Class 10424, Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** – Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.
- **Class 10430, Consumer Management** – An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities.
- **Class 10450, Health** - An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and healthy lifestyle choices.
- **Class 10470, Sewing and Needle Arts** – A 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.
- **Class 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.
- **Class 10480, Other Family & 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.

Family & Consumer Science Department - Food & Nutrition -Hot Pink Tag

Food and Nutrition Special Rules:

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray 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 Preserved Food 4-H 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 Label for 4-H Exhibits.
8. Preserved foods 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.

Food and Nutrition Classes

- **Class 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 & Nutrition Special Rules above 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.
- **Class 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 above and HS 76 "Foods for Iowa's 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide"* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.
- **Class 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 and 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.
- **Class 10490, \$11 Thrifty Meal Challenge** - Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended five food groups with a budget of \$11 (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four as of November 2025).
\$11 Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules
 - *All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.*

- *Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.*
- *The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.*
- *The meal must serve four (4) people. With a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains*
 - *Recommended portion sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.*
 - *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.*
- *The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches by 28 inches or 20 inches by 30 inches) that includes:*
 - *The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.*
 - *Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).*
 - *Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).*
 - *Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.*
 - *The completed Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.*
 - *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>.*

Family & Consumer Science Department - Home Improvement - Orange Tag

Home Improvement Special Rules

1. 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.

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).

Home Improvement Classes

- **Class 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 fabric must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

Personal Development Department - Yellow Tag

Personal Development Special Rule

1. 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?

Personal Development Classes

- **Class 10510, Citizenship and Civic Engagement** - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.
- **Class 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.

- **Class 10540, Digital Storytelling** - An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative film/movie/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.
- **Class 10550, Leadership** - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing other in a positive way.
- **Class 10560, Self-Determined** - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.
- **Class 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 members 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

2. Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered.
3. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board: size minimum of 14 inches by 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches by 22 inches.
4. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
5. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the

member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form

6. 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.
7. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
8. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
9. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

Science, Engineering & Technology Department – Light Blue Tag

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rule

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. 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.

Science, Engineering, & Technology Classes

- **Class 10610, Mechanics** - Any exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions, or that combines skills related to the design, construction, and repair of structural and mechanical technologies.
- **Class 10612, Automotive** - Repaired or restored vehicle.
- **Class 10613, Automotive Educational Display** - An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

- **Class 10614, Electric** - Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.
- **Class 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.
- **Class 10616, Tractor** – Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.
- **Class 10617, Tractor: Educational Display** – An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.
- **Class 10618, Welding** – Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.
- **Class 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.
- **Class 10630, Science, Engineering, and Technology** – An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers and networking, earth and climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.
- **Class 10632, Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.
- **Class 10634, Robotics** - Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robotics and robotic systems.

4-H Clothing Event Classes & Rules

Judging: Sunday, June 14th at 12:00 PM in the Extension Office
(All participants must sign up by June 1st in FairEntry to enter)

Show: Thursday, July 16th at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office

Superintendent: Jody Morrison

4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event is a co-educational event that gives equal opportunity. The individual and their outfit are all a part of the clothing selection.

Division Rules

1. Each youth may only participate in the 4-H Awardrobe Clothing Event at the county level with one entry per class per year.
2. Participants must include a photo of their outfit with their write up.
3. Youth may exhibit a project in the Clothing Event AND/OR Static Exhibition provided a different write-up accompanies each entry.

Fashion Revue

Rules

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, 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 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.

- **Class 12101, Junior Fashion Revue**
- **Class 12102, Intermediate Fashion Revue**
- **Class 12103, Senior Fashion Revue**

Clothing Selection

Rules:

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
 2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, 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 record keeping 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 point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing, or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member 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.
- **Class 12201, Junior Clothing Selection**
 - **Class 12202, Intermediate Clothing Selection**
 - **Class 12203, Senior Clothing Selection**

\$20 Challenge

Rules

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 for this class.
 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 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 totals 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.
- **Class 12301, Junior \$20 Challenge**
 - **Class 12302, Intermediate \$20 Challenge**
 - **Class 12303, Senior \$20 Challenge**

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.

- **Class 12401, Junior Innovative Design**
- **Class 12402, Intermediate Innovative Design**
- **Class 12403, Senior Innovative Design**

4-H Communication Classes & Rules

Judging: Monday, July 13th beginning at 2:00 PM, unless static judging is running behind.

Superintendent: Jennifer McBeth Clarahan

Rules

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Share-The-Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking - See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s) or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will be involved in a “peer evaluation program”.

5. Dress/attire should be appropriate to the presentation topic. If distinctive clothing is not needed to aid the presentation, clothing showing that the individual is a 4-H member is encouraged. (Ex: 4-H t-shirt and jeans)
6. 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. This is tremendously important if samples are available to the viewing public. Appropriate storage of the food items and the sanitary handling of the food must be demonstrated by the 4-H members. Plastic gloves and hairnets are just a couple of items that should be considered and used as appropriate.
7. If live animals will be used as part of a Communication Event, the exhibitor must comply with the 2026 Health Requirements for the Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at State Fair, District Shows and Exhibitions. This can be found at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/animal-industry-bureau/animal-admission-health-requirements>. Animals that do not comply will not be allowed. Please notify the extension office if an animal will be used in a Communication Event.
8. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
9. **Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason.**

Educational Presentations

The purpose of an Educational Presentation is to 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 (4th-6th grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7th - 12th grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to

“STOP” when they exceed the time limit.

2. Participants must turn in a completed Educational Presentation Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members 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 of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
5. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

- **Class 11100, Educational Presentations**

Working Exhibit

Provide an opportunity for 4-H members 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, with a 10-minute set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit.
2. Participants must turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form during event check-in.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

- **Class 11200, Working Exhibit**

Share-The-Fun

The purpose of Share-The-Fun is to 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. 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:
 - a. At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026.
 - b. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair.
 2. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) 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 acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at event check-in to confirm stage setup, cue music, etc.
- **Class 11300, Share-The-Fun**

Extemporaneous Speaking

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 2026.
2. Each county may enter a maximum of two (2) entries; individuals may participate once per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Program format:
 - a. 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.

- b. A preparation room 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.
- c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participant 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 will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
- d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H members' 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.
- e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
- f. 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 timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six

minutes.

- g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name, the county they represent, and read the selected question.
 - h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters, or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
- a. Content related to topic
 - b. Knowledge of the subject
 - c. Organization of material
 - d. Power of expression
 - e. Voice
 - f. Stage presence
 - g. General effect
 - h. Response to questions
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

• **Class 11400, Extemporaneous Speaking Program**

Livestock Eligibility & General Rules

1. **2026 Keokuk County Expo Fair will be Ractopamine fed-free for ALL species. Products are Paylean, Actogain, Optaflexx, Engain, and Topmax.**
2. Exhibits are limited to active Keokuk County 4-H Club members or active FFA members enrolled in a school district that includes a township within Keokuk County.
3. All members must meet the eligibility requirements: 4th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) to show at Expo Fair. 4-Hers are to be in 5th grade through 12th grade to be eligible to show at State Fair. **Members must attend a minimum of 6 events of club meetings/4-H events in the 4-H year (September 1st - July 1st) to be eligible to show.**
4. **All projects must be under the daily care and supervision of the exhibitor. All projects must be identified on 4-HOnline, especially birthdates, by May 15th to be eligible to show at Expo Fair and Iowa State Fair. It is the 4-Her's responsibility to make sure ALL livestock info is completed and correct in 4-HOnline. **FFA****

- members are to have livestock identified on the species-specific (106) paperwork and turned in no later than May 15th. It is the FFA member's responsibility to pick it up at the Extension Office and return them.
5. **All livestock housed at the fair must remain penned until release time.** Any livestock that leaves the fairgrounds before Sunday's release without permission will be penalized by having awards removed along with the possibility of having showing privileges and awards for the current year and showing privileges for next year revoked. This includes 4-H, FFA, and Clover Kids.
 6. All livestock must comply with state health regulations on livestock health requirements.
 7. All species will be vet checked during their check-in time.
 8. **All livestock exhibitors, both 4-H and FFA must be currently certified with YQCA standards. A copy of your YQCA certificate is due to the Extension Office by June 1st.**
 9. An Animal Care & Disclosure Statement (drug affidavit) is required for all beef, meat goat, sheep, horse, and swine exhibitors. This must be turned in by weigh-in on Wednesday, July 15th.
 10. Swine exhibitors need to check the Exceptions on Pseudo in the Health Requirement section.
 11. Registration papers will be checked, and animals will be placed in the correct class for all livestock. **Purebred beef, swine, sheep, and goat need to have registration papers turned into the Extension Office by July 1st.** Beef registration papers must follow the IJBBA breed specific rules regarding if the papers are in the exhibitor's name or a family farm name. Rules are located at <https://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>. Swine, sheep, and goat registration papers need to be in the exhibitor's name or reflect a logical family relationship, as outlined in the 4-H 202.
 12. Premiums will be paid based on ribbons awarded, including showmanship. Blue, Red or White ribbon will receive the following premium: **Purple & Blue - \$3; Red - \$2; White - \$1.**
 13. All livestock must be owned or leased by exhibitor. Must be in exhibitor's name to show or show a logical family relationship (except beef. Please follow the IJBBA breed rules at <https://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>).

14. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump etc.) will be allowed. All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
15. **All cattle except feeder pens, cow/calf pairs, and bucket bottle calves must be stalled at halter.**
16. **All Exhibitors are responsible for the health and wellbeing of their own Livestock. The Keokuk County Exposition, Keokuk County Extension, and Iowa State University Extension & Outreach WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY LIVESTOCK PROJECTS.**
17. **All entries must be made in 4-HOnline by May 15th and FairEntry by July 1st.**
18. Any lost ear tags need to be replaced immediately and before Expo Fair weigh-in. Contact the Extension Office for a replacement tag. A photo of the animal missing the ear tag and another photo with the new tag is required to be submitted to the Extension Office before fair. First tag is free; replacement tags will cost a fee depending on the species.
 - ALL bovine (cattle) animals must have an 840 or 4-H tag to be on the Expo fairgrounds, INCLUDING 4-H and Clover Kids bucket bottle calves, calves from cow/calf pairs, prospect calves, market and breeding beef, etc.
19. **Every Keokuk County 4-H and FFA member has to pay an exhibitor fee to show at the Keokuk County Expo Fair. The exhibitor fee is \$15 per 4-H/FFA member and are due to the Extension Office by July 1st. Fees received after July 1st will be charged a late fee of \$10, meaning they will owe \$25 total.**
20. **All livestock trailers must be parked in designated trailer parking spots. Designated spots are determined by Expo Fairboard and will be marked.**
21. **Any protests requesting review of fair show rules or results must be submitted on the Keokuk County Expo Fair Grievance Form and filed at the Extension Office with \$100 cash deposit within 24 hours of that show or competition. Such complaints will be given due consideration by the appropriate audience of superintendent, Extension Council or the Fair Board. Contact the Extension Office**

for the complete 4-H Grievance Policy for County Fair. It may also be found the Extension Office's website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/keokuk/club-resources>. An annual fair evaluation survey will be sent electronically to all 4-H families at the conclusion of the county fair to collect fair feedback and ideas for improvement.

Showing Rules

1. All classes will be placed on the group basis of purple, blue, red, and white as deserving.
2. All exhibitors are required to groom and show their own animals except when more than one animal is shown in the same class or prior arrangements have been made with the head superintendent.
3. **If someone other than the exhibitor is fitting the animal, the 4-Her must be present and involved to observe and learn.** Fitting should be done inside the fairgrounds fence.
4. No false hair or fur shall be added to any animal on exhibit except for tail extensions in horses.
5. **Any exhibitors showing an animal for another exhibitor with two animals in the same class must be a current Keokuk County 4-H/FFA exhibitor registered within that animal department.**
6. Livestock exhibited in any of the breeding classes are not eligible for the market classes or carcass contests.
7. **It is REQUIRED that all exhibitors (except Horse exhibitors) wear the Keokuk County 4-H t-shirt except for FFA members wearing their current exhibitor shirt. Exhibitor numbers must be worn at all times while in the showing. Horse exhibitors must wear blue jeans and a solid white or colored, button or snap front, or zippered, long-sleeved, collared shirt. A 4-H or FFA armband or chevron is mandatory. Hard soled boots/shoes are required.**
8. **No livestock, including clover kids' livestock, are allowed to leave before swine are released on Sunday, unless permission has been granted from a barn superintendent or veterinarian explaining the reasoning.**
9. All classes will be divided by the Superintendents by the animals age, sex, number, and other relevant criteria.

10. If deemed unfit to remain at the fair and show by vet, you will be asked to take your animal home and sanitize your pen.

IDALS Animal Exhibition Requirements

2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT COUNTY 4-H/FFA EXHIBITION

1. **Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.**
2. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on animals or poultry exhibited at a County 4-H/FFA Fair, but the animals **must** be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4-H/FFA Fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.
3. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
4. Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.

SWINE

1. 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.
2. **Swine originating outside of Iowa.** All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show (individual show regulations may have more restrictive time restrictions), regardless of the status of the herd, and show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.
3. **Swine exhibition requirements.** “Swine Exhibition” means an

exhibit, demonstration, show, or competition involving an event on the state fairgrounds, a county fair, or other exhibition event. The sponsor of the exhibition must retain an Iowa licensed veterinarian to supervise the health of the swine at the exhibition location. The sponsor must electronically file the approved registration form and obtain approval from the state veterinarian at least 30 days before the event. The registration form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian; and the date of the planned exhibition. Sales of swine will not be allowed unless the event has been registered and received approval from the state veterinarian 30 days prior to the event.

4. **Swine exhibition report required.** The sponsor of the swine exhibition shall electronically submit to the department the approved report form within five business days after the conclusion of the exhibition. The form includes the name of the exhibition and the address and telephone number of its location; the name, address, and telephone number of the veterinarian; the date that the exhibition occurred; the name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the swine; and the address and telephone number of the premises from which the swine was moved after the exhibition if such premises is a different premises.

SHEEP AND GOATS

1. All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex: IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex: IA1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). All sheep and goats must have a Scrapie tag to show at the Keokuk County Expo Fair.

POULTRY AND BIRDS

1. All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been

performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B).
Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.

2. However, "Market Classes" of poultry consigned to a slaughter establishment are exempt from the Salmonella testing requirements. "Market Classes" of poultry must be separated from all other poultry by ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot-high solid partition.

DOGS AND CATS

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

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE

FINAL.

Dog Obedience Department

Show: Wednesday, July 15th at 1:00 PM in the show ring

Dog Superintendent: Colleen Donald

Dog Obedience Training: May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 26th, May 31st, June 7th, June 10th, June 28th, July 7th at 6:00PM, with an optional class on July 10th.

Rules

1. All dogs must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.

Division Rules

1. Exhibitor shall not strike or use harsh means of disciplining dogs.
2. All dogs must be on a leash at all times unless instructed otherwise.
3. Dogs not shown in an obedience class will not be eligible to show in a handling or agility class.
4. One entry per exhibitor in the handling class.
5. All exhibitors must have a training (choke) chain and a 6-foot leash.
6. Members with their dog(s) must attend at least 4 training sessions before they are eligible to show at Expo.
 - a) If the member is exhibiting multiple dogs, each dog must attend

at least 4 sessions.

7. Dogs should be at least six months old before starting training class.
8. Dogs must be up to date on all vaccinations before starting training classes.
 - a) A copy of a current rabies certificate must be presented to the Extension Office before the first training.
9. Each participant must keep his or her dog under control in and out of the show ring. Animals out of control will be excused from the show.

Dog Agility Rules

1. You will have two chances to attempt an obstacle and then will move on to the next obstacle.
2. Classes will be judged on fastest time.
3. A fault is when a dog doesn't complete an obstacle, doesn't touch the beginning and end of an obstacle, knocks over a bar on the jump, goes the wrong way through the weaves poles/misses a pole or going off course and not going in order.
4. A 10 second penalty will be added for each fault.
5. Exhibitors may run through a second time with their dog with the best time counting.

Dog Agility Classes

20.01 1st Year Dog Agility (first year dogs)

20.02 2nd & 3rd Year Dog Agility (2nd & 3rd year dogs)

20.03 4th Year & Beyond Dog Agility (4th year & beyond dogs)

Dog Obedience Rules

1. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. Experience includes county fairs and/or State Fair experience combined. Years completed include the current year and all previous years a dog was shown. A qualifying score is achieved when an exhibitor earns 170 points (out of 200 points) or more and achieves 50% of the points or better for each exercise in his/her class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard he/she must advance to the next class with the exception of Preferred Novice B, Graduate Novice B and Open. However, an exhibitor may advance to the next level

without a qualifying score (see class description). An exhibitor who does not achieve a qualifying score may remain in the same class for the following year; the only exception to this is for Beginners Novice A exhibitors who must advance to Beginners Novice B the next year. Qualifying Scores

- a. If a dog/exhibitor achieves a qualifying score in a class at the previous year's Expo Fair, they must move up to the next class.
- b. Qualifying score = 170 points or above
- c. Note: The # of years of experience for either exhibitor or dog includes participation at a county fair and/or State Fair dog show and includes the current 4-H year.

Dog Obedience Classes

18.01 Intro Class

- Heel & Figure 8 - On leash
- Recall (no finish) - On leash
- Long down (1 min) - Handler at the end of the leash
- Sit for examination - On leash
- Long sit (1 min) - Handler at end of the leash

Intro class is for First year exhibitor with First year dog only

18.02 Beginners Novice A

18.03 Beginners Novice B

- Heel - On leash
- Sit for Examination - On leash
- Recall (No finish) Off leash
- Figure 8 - On leash
- Sit/stay Handler walks ring - Drop leash
- Down/stay Handler walks ring- Drop leash

Beginners Novice A: is only for dogs and handler teams in their 2nd year of training. Exhibitor/Dog team may only enter this class 1 year.

Beginners Novice B: is for dog/handler teams, where either the dog has had previous training, but this is the first year for the exhibitor, or for an exhibitor with experience, but this is the first year for the dog. This

class is also open to exhibitor/dog teams in their 3rd year of training that did not receive a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A last year. It is also up to the superintendent's discretion to keep a dog and exhibitor in this class.

18.04 Preferred Novice

- Heel & Figure 8 - On leash
- Heel Free - Off leash
- Stay – Down Handler walks ring
- Stand for Examination - On leash
- Recall with finish - Off leash
- Sit Stay – Off leash, retrieve leash

Preferred Novice class - A handler/Dog team may enter this class once receiving a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A or B and may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score or under superintendent's discretion.

18.05 Novice

- Heel & Figure Eight - On leash
- Heel Free - Off leash
- Sit Stay – Off leash, retrieve leash
- Stand for Examination - Off leash
- Recall with Finish - Off leash
- Sit & Down Stay - 1 minute each as a group

Novice - A handler/Dog team may enter this class once receiving a qualifying score in Preferred Novice and may stay in this class until they receive a qualifying score or under superintendent's discretion.

18.06 Graduate Novice

- Heel Free and Figure Eight - Off leash
- Recall over Broad Jump - Off leash
- Dumbbell Recall over High Jump - Off leash
- Sit & Down Stay - 1 minute each as a group
- Drop on Recall - Off leash
- Dumbbell Recall - Off leash
- Stand Stay – Off leash, retrieve leash

Graduate Novice – For dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score.

Dog Handling (Showmanship) Rules

1. Class determination is based on the grade of the handler. Winners of showmanship will be moved up.
2. Handling classes will be judged on the following:
 - Exhibitor (appearance, attitude)
 - Dog Grooming and condition
 - Handling
 - Questions

Dog Showmanship Classes

- **19.01 Showmanship – Junior (4th-6th grade)**
- **19.02 Showmanship – Intermediate (7th-8th grade)**
- **19.03 Showmanship – Senior (9th-12th grade)**

Pet Department

Show: Tuesday, July 14th at 11:00 AM in the Commercial Building

Superintendent: Dr. Rhonda Wehr

Rules

1. All animals must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. No dogs are allowed to be shown in the Pet Department. See Dog Department if you want to show a dog.
3. Exhibitors will bring pets to Expo on the day of the show & will be released after show.
4. Pets must be a project of the 4-H or FFA member.
5. Cats must present a current rabies certificate and distemper vaccination to the Extension Office by July 1st.
6. Cats showing signs of parasites or disease will be excused.
7. The decision of the veterinarian will be final.
8. Record books will be required at time of show.
9. Entries cannot show in any other show at Expo.

Pet Classes

- **15.01 Junior Pet (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **16.01 Intermediate Pet (7th - 8th grade completed)**

- **17.01 Senior Pet (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Rabbit Department

Show: Wednesday, July 15th at 5:00 PM

Check-in: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 PM or Wednesday, July 15th at 11:00 AM.

Superintendent: Patricia Snook

Rules

1. All rabbits must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. Each Exhibitor is limited to 4 animals in the Rabbit Division.
3. All rabbits coming to fair must be tattooed in the left ear.
4. Breeding Rabbits– If you show your rabbit in a breeding class, you cannot show it in any market class.
5. Fur Class– Each Exhibitor may pick one rabbit to exhibit.
6. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) standards and rules.
7. Bucks & does will be classified according to age.

Rabbit Classes

- **21.01 Breeding - Junior Doe (0-6 months)**
- **21.02 Breeding - Junior Buck (0-6 months)**
- **21.03 Breeding - Intermediate Doe (6-9 months)**
- **21.04 Breeding - Intermediate Buck (6-9 months)**
- **21.05 Breeding - Senior Doe (9 months & older)**
- **21.06 Breeding - Senior Buck (9 months & older)**
- **22.01 Market Rabbits - Individual Market**
- **22.02 Market Rabbits – Market Pen of Three**
- **23.01 Fur**
- **24.01 Showmanship - Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **24.02 Showmanship - Intermediate (7th - 8th grade completed)**
- **24.03 Showmanship - Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Poultry Department

Show: Wednesday, July 15th following the rabbit show at 5:00 PM

Check-in: Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 PM.

Superintendent: Sharon Fritchen

General Poultry Division Rules

1. All poultry must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. Each animal/exhibit can be entered in only one class and may consist of one to two birds except for the pens of three.
3. Exhibitors are limited to a total of seven entries, with an entry being a pair single bird, or pen of three.
4. Exhibitor is limited to two entries per class.
5. All poultry exhibited must come from a U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flock or have had a negative Pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must be performed by an authorized tester.
6. Pairs will be judged as a pen and will be one entry - CANNOT BE SHOWN AS INDIVIDUAL.
7. All poultry will be shown in the show ring; pens of three will be shown in their cages in the show ring

TERMS: (all ages by the time of County Expo Fair)

Cockerel - a male chicken less than one year of age

Cock - a male chicken greater than one year of age

Pullet - a female chicken less than one year of age

Hen - a female chicken greater than one year of age

Meat Production Class Rules

Special Edition Broilers

1. Broilers will be sold and provided to any 4-H & FFA members wishing to have entries in this class. Registration to purchase these birds will be open from March 1 to April 1. Birds will be ordered at the end of May. The price for the birds will be available at the time of delivery ranging from \$2-\$4 a bird.
 - Birds will come as day old cockerels.

- One lot of 12 chicks per member and/or family.
- Birds will be wing banded for ID purposes. Due to the date of delivery, these are the **ONLY** poultry that do not need to be entered into 4-HOnline. They **WILL**, however, need to be entered into FairEntry by July 1st and identified using their wing bands.
- Anticipated date of delivery is May 27 and must be picked up on the day of arrival
- 4-H & FFA members will select 3 broilers to bring to fair. Broilers will be weighed on Tuesday, July 14 starting at 6 PM. One animal from the pen of 3 broilers may show in an individual market class and must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st.

Broilers

1. 4-H & FFA members may also choose to bring their own broilers that were not purchased through the Keokuk County Extension Office and show them as a pen of three.
2. 4-H & FFA members will select 3 broilers to bring to fair. Broilers will be weighed on Tuesday, July 14 starting at 6 PM.
3. Only one animal from the pen of 3 broilers may show in an individual market class and must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st.

Meat Production Judging Criteria

- a. Uniformity: birds should be of uniform weight, shape, and type.
- b. Fleshing: birds should be well-fleshed on breast, thighs, legs, and back.
- c. General appearance: birds should be clean.
- d. Serious defects: unable to stand and move normally, blind, crooked breastbone, breast blisters, skin cuts, bruised flesh or other injuries, absence of fleshing and finish (fat), objectionable dirt, staining and filth.

Meat Production Classes

- **25.01 Pen of 3 Broilers**
- **25.02 Individual Broiler**

Egg Production Rules

Birds will be shown as a pen of two females of the same breed, standard bred or commercial. One egg layer class entry consists of one pen of two birds. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight, and production characteristics.

Only one animal from the pen of 2 egg layers may show in an individual egg production class and must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st.

Egg Production Classes

- **26.01 Pen of 2 White Egg Layer**
- **26.02 Pen of 2 Brown Egg Layer**
- **26.03 Individual White Egg Layer**
- **26.04 Individual Brown Egg Layer**

Standard Breed Birds

1. All standard breed birds will be judged according to the most current edition of the American Standard of Perfection (SOP) of the American Poultry Association or the American Bantam Association. General health and care will be taken into strong consideration. No crossbred entries will be allowed in the breed classes.
2. **Birds will be shown based on sex and age, depending on the number entries. If not, they will be shown together in a single class.**

Large Fowl Poultry (American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, All Other Standard Breeds) Classes

- **27.01 Large Fowl Cockerel**
- **27.02 Large Fowl Cock**
- **27.03 Large Fowl Pullet**
- **27.04 Large Fowl Hen**
- **27.05 Pair of Large Fowl Poultry**

Bantam Breeding Poultry (Bantam Game, Bantam Single Comb Clean Legged, Bantam Rosecomb, Any Other Clean Legged Bantam, Bantam

Feather Legged) Classes

- 28.01 Bantam Breeding Cockerel
- 28.02 Bantam Breeding Cock
- 28.03 Bantam Breeding Pullet
- 28.04 Bantam Breeding Hen
- 28.05 Pair of Bantam Breeding Poultry

Other Poultry Classes

- 29.01 Individual Duck
- 29.02 Individual Goose
- 29.03 Individual Turkey
- 29.04 Individual Other Poultry (pigeon, peacock, guinea, pheasant, etc.)
- 29.05 Pair of Other Poultry (duck, goose, turkey, pigeon, etc.)

Showmanship Classes

- 30.01 Showmanship - Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)
- 30.02 Showmanship - Intermediate 7th - 8th grade completed)
- 30.03 Showmanship - Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)

Horse & Pony Department

Speed Event/Fun & Games Show: Monday, July 13th at 6:00 PM

Performance and Halter Show: Tuesday, July 14th at 9:00 AM

Superintendents: Taylor Zehr, Leann Voyles, Emma Bair

General Horse/Pony Division Rules

1. All horse & ponies must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. **All exhibitors must have pictures of their animals in 4-HOnline by May 15th to complete the enrollment process.**
3. Exhibitors will be allowed to enter and show up to four animals.
4. Junior Exhibitors are grades 4-6, Intermediate Exhibitors are grades 7-8, Senior Exhibitors are grades 9-12.
5. Classes will be split or combined by superintendents' discretion.
6. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required for all riding classes and while mounted at any time.

7. Exhibitors must wear blue jeans and a solid white or colored, button or snap front, or zippered, long-sleeved, collared shirt. A 4-H or FFA armband or chevron is mandatory. Hard soled boots/shoes are required.
8. Contestants shall act as ladies or gentlemen at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor or rider from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. NO abuse or schooling of horses will be tolerated. Each rider or exhibitor must keep their horse under control or be excused from the ring.
9. Exhibitors are to be at the gate before the classes start. 2 warning calls will be given. Once the final warning call is given, the gates will be closed, and exhibitors will not be able to enter the show ring.
10. Each exhibitor is eligible to show one entry per class, except for fun & games classes.
11. All exhibitors in halter, showmanship and in-hand classes are required to wear a western hat or approved helmet.
12. Patterns for all pattern classes will be posted prior to show.
13. Exhibitors must attend **4** hours of practices and/or horse events to be eligible to show. It is **mandatory** that exhibitors attend at least **2** Keokuk County Expo Fair horse superintendent hosted on-grounds practice with their horse/pony.
14. For other rules, follow the Rules and Regulation for 4-H Equine shows in Iowa.
15. Tail extensions are allowed.

Halter Class Rules

1. Distinctions:
 - a. Miniature Horse: 38" and under at mature height (A&B minis).
 - b. Pony: 14.0 hands and under at mature height.
 - c. Horse: 14.1 hands and over at mature height.
 - d. Stallions will only be allowed to show in Weanling Halter (10.01).
 - e. Foals shall be born in current calendar year (2026).
 - f. Yearlings shall have been foaled between Jan. 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2025.

- g. Two-year-old shall have been foaled between Jan. 1, 2024, and Dec. 31, 2024.
2. Color Breed exhibits may only show in class 10.09.
3. Champion Halter– Top two horses from classes 10.01-10.10 will be chosen to be brought back for this class. Champion & Reserve awards will be presented for this class only.

Halter Classes

Light Horse Halter Classes split by HORSE age as shown below:

- **10.01 Halter – Light Horse Weanling**
- **10.02 Halter - Light Horse Yearling**
- **10.03 Halter - Light Horse 2 & 3 Year-Old**
- **10.04 Halter - Light Horse Aged Mare 4 Years & Older**
- **10.05 Halter – Light Horse Gelding 4 Years & Older**

All of the following Halter Classes are open to all HORSE ages:

- **10.06 Halter - Miniature Horse**
- **10.07 Halter - Pony**
- **10.08 Halter - Open Mule, Donkey, Burro**
- **10.09 Halter - Color Breed**
- **10.10 Halter - Draft Horse**

Showmanship Classes

- **11.01 Showmanship – Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **11.02 Showmanship – Intermediate (7th – 8th grade completed)**
- **11.03 Showmanship – Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Performance Class Rules

1. Junior, intermediate, and senior indicates riders' grade level, not age of animal.
2. There will be no loping obstacles in trail.
3. Each exhibitor may show in both horsemanship classes but cannot exhibit the same horse in each class.
4. Cart class is open to all horses, ponies, or draft horse. A parent/guardian must be present of cart.
5. Ponies may enter all performance, timed or game classes except for Senior Western Pleasure, Intermediate Western Pleasure,

- Junior Western Pleasure, Senior Ranch Horse Pleasure, Intermediate Ranch Horse Pleasure, Junior Ranch Horse Pleasure.
6. Each horse is eligible for only one (1) pleasure class. For example: If a horse enters Ranch Horse Pleasure, it cannot also enter Western Pleasure.
 7. Wearing a helmet is mandatory if showing in a cart or hitch class.

Performance Classes

Performance classes split by EXHIBITOR age level as shown below:

Junior: 4th-6th; Intermediate: 7th-8th; Senior: 9th-12th graders

- **12.01 Performance – Senior Pony Pleasure**
- **12.02 Performance – Intermediate Pony Pleasure**
- **12.03 Performance – Junior Pony Pleasure**
- **12.04 Performance – Draft Horse Walk-Trot Pleasure**
- **12.05 Performance – Pony Walk-Trot Pleasure**
- **12.06 Performance – Senior Walk-Trot Pleasure**
- **12.07 Performance – Intermediate Walk-Trot Pleasure**
- **12.08 Performance – Junior Walk-Trot Pleasure**
- **12.09 Performance – Senior Western Pleasure**
- **12.10 Performance – Intermediate Western Pleasure**
- **12.11 Performance – Junior Western Pleasure**
- **12.12 Performance – Senior Walk-Trot Horsemanship**
- **12.13 Performance – Intermediate Walk-Trot Horsemanship**
- **12.14 Performance – Junior Walk-Trot Horsemanship**
- **12.15 Performance – Senior Horsemanship**
- **12.16 Performance – Intermediate Horsemanship**
- **12.17 Performance – Junior Horsemanship**
- **12.18 Performance – Senior Ranch Horse Pleasure**
- **12.19 Performance – Intermediate Ranch Horse Pleasure**
- **12.20 Performance – Junior Ranch Horse Pleasure**
- **12.21 Performance – Draft Cart**
- **12.22 Performance – Pony Cart**
- **12.23 Performance – Light Horse Cart**
- **12.24 Performance – Ranch Riding**
- **12.25 Performance – Bareback Pleasure**
- **12.26 Performance – Hitch**

- **12.27 Performance – Trail**
- **12.28 Performance – In Hand Trail**

Time Event / Fun & Games

Rules for timed events/games will follow rules from Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa.

- Exhibitors may show up to two horses in a timed event.
- A 4-H or FFA t-shirt may be worn for the time event / fun & games.
- Riders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.

Speed Event Classes

- **13.01 Speed Event – Speed Trail**
- **13.02 Speed Event - Poles**
- **13.03 Speed Event - Barrels**
- **13.04 Speed Event - Speed Race**
- **13.05 Speed Event - Flag Race**

Fun & Games Classes

- **14.01 Fun & Games – Ride a Buck**
- **14.02 Fun & Games – Dirty Diaper Race**
- **14.03 Fun & Games – Candy Bar**
- **14.04 Fun & Games - Costume**

***NEW THIS YEAR* Horse Stalling Tie-Outs Rules**

1. Keokuk County is providing stalling tie-out space for horse and pony animals on Monday, July 13th ONLY.
2. Failure to comply with any and all rules will result in one or more of the following: loss of stalling tie-out privilege for the current or next year's fair, premiums forfeited, awards/placings revoked.
3. Tie-outs will be located on the north side of the chain linked fence that runs east and west located south of the horse arena. See page 6 for a map.
4. Horse and ponies will ONLY be tied-out on Monday, July 13th. This is due to the horse and pony show being broken up into two days, providing a space for the animals to stay on the grounds for the night between the two show days. Horse and

ponies should be tied-out immediately after the conclusion of the horse and pony timed events and fun/games show on Monday, July 13th. Horse and ponies not stalling must immediately return home at the conclusion of the Monday show and it is the responsibility of the 4-H/FFA member to bring their animal(s) back the following day for the halter and performance show.

5. It is required that all tied-out horse and ponies be tied out with no more than 2 feet of rope. Horse and ponies are allowed a hay bag and a bucket of water for the evening in the tie-out area.
6. Horse stalling tie-out spots are not assigned but available at a first come, first serve basis.
7. You are not allowed to move or rearrange spots of others. No generators, pens, or tents allowed in tie outs. No extension cords will be allowed in the tie outs.
8. Members are responsible for picking up after themselves Tuesday morning before the start of the horse and pony halter and performance show. Everything will need to be cleared out by 8 am on Tuesday, July 14th. ALL horse and ponies must return home at the conclusion of the horse and pony show on Tuesday.
9. With 4-H and FFA member's using horse tie-outs they are assuming the RISK of participating. By participating, 4-H and FFA members agree to RELEASE from LIABILITY, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the State of Iowa, the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and their officers, employees, agents, and Expo Fairboard from any and all claim and/or cause of action arising out of and related to any injury, loss, penalties, damage, settlement, costs or other expenses or liabilities that occur as a result of their participation.
10. All horse and pony exhibitors regardless if they plan to tie-out or not are required to fill out the Keokuk County Expo Fair Horse Stalling Tie-Out Waiver. Forms will be available at the extension office and will be a question asked in FairEntry.

Swine Department

Show: Friday, July 17th at 8:00 AM (farm class followed by derby and then regular)

Weigh-in: Wednesday, July 15th 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. Hogs must be unloaded on the northeast side of the barn and must be penned before 10:00 AM.

Superintendents: Tina Frank, Mike Bensmiller, & Brian Kitzman

1. All swine must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. **Images of the left and right ear showing both the ear tag and the ear notches must be uploaded in 4-HOnline by May 15th.**
3. Swine entering derby class and farm class must be at spring weigh-in on March 28th. We encourage **all** swine to attend weigh in.
4. **Pigs will not be unloaded off the trailers until the fair vet checks them in. NO EXCEPTIONS! Drug Affidavit and purebred paperwork must be brought to the superintendents/weigh-in table at fair weigh-in if not already turned into the Extension Office by requested date of July 1st.**
5. Extension Office staff & swine superintendents are not responsible for making arrangements for swine going to market. All hogs will return home.
6. **All animals MUST have USDA county ear tags and be ear notched.** If animal is purchased, exhibitor must be able to verify notches. **1st initial tag is free, replacement tags will be \$4/tag.**
7. Days on Test: 109 Days

General Swine Division Rules

1. **Due to industry standards, it is strongly recommended that pigs are not clipped. Hair must be 1/2" or longer. NO clipping will be allowed at the EXPO; wash only.**
2. **There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on hogs. The use of either is strictly prohibited. Pigs in violation will not be allowed to show.**
3. Each exhibitor may nominate 10 hogs from which they may exhibit a maximum of 5 individual hogs. Pen of 3 entries may include any of the 5 hogs. Only 1 pen per exhibitor; you may divide within own

- pen and with own dividers.
4. All new swine exhibitors **MUST** have a premise ID number turned in to the Extension Office no later than **May 15th**. Exhibitors must also fill out an Animal Care & Management Disclosure Form (drug affidavit) and turn it in by the time of Expo Fair weigh-in.
 5. First place hogs from each class will compete in the champion drives for their respective division. The second-place pig from the champions' class will enter the ring for selection of the Reserve Champion.
 6. ALL swine, including farm raised, will be scanned and included in the carcass contest. See carcass contest rules on [page 60](#).
 7. Market swine under 220 lbs. or over 340 lbs. cannot compete in championship drive & are subject to docking in carcass contest. *This does **NOT** apply to breeding gilts, derby, or farm class.*
 8. The Overall Grand Champion Market Pig and the Champion Breeding Gilt will go on to represent Keokuk County Expo Fair in the Best of the Best Show in Iowa County.
 9. Class changes are only allowed by superintendents by Thursday, July 16th. Youth cannot make these changes. Superintendents must present to Extension Staff, and they will make the changes in FairEntry.
 10. Cleaning of pens with new shavings is expected to occur daily.
 11. **NO pigs will be released before the Sunday release time at 6:00 AM.**
 12. Rules and regulations are subject to change due to state vet rules.
 13. Supreme Showmanship, Saturday, July 18th. Rules and details can be found on [page 62](#).

Spring Weigh-In & Tagging

1. Spring weigh-in will be held March 28th from 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at the Keokuk County Expo Fairgrounds.
2. Only derby and farm class pigs are required to attend spring weigh-in. Pigs not brought to weigh-in may NOT be shown in these classes. **Derby and farm class pigs will have a maximum weight of 75 lbs. at weigh-in.** There will be a sign-up for swine weigh-in for a timeslot to attend.
3. It is highly encouraged to bring all pigs to weigh-in for ear notching

- and tagging.
4. Paperwork for notching and tagging must be to the Extension Office by May 15th.
 5. **By May 15th, the exhibitor must enter ALL animal information into 4-HOnline.**

Derby Class

1. Derby Class is determined by gender and beginning weight. Main focus is rate of gain.
2. Max final weight does not apply. **Pigs have a maximum weight of 75 lbs. at spring weigh-in.**
3. Derby pigs may **ONLY** be shown in Pen of 3 and derby classes and will NOT be eligible for Best of the Best Show. They **WILL** be scanned to compete in the carcass contest.

Market Hogs (Gilts or Barrows)

1. Market hogs will be classed by sex and ending weights.
2. You may choose to show a purebred market barrow or gilt in the commercial market class, but it may not also be shown in the purebred class.
3. First place market barrows and gilts will compete in the champion drives for their respected division. The second-place pig from the champion class will enter the ring for the selection of the Reserve Champion.
4. Pigs may show in both Pen of 3 and market class but must be nominated in FairEntry.

Purebred Market Gilts & Purebred Market Barrows

1. Pigs may show in both Pen of 3 and purebred class but must be nominated in FairEntry.
2. Exhibitors showing purebred animals will have to bring registration papers to the Extension Office **by July 1st, *or to fair weigh-in.*** If papers are not filed, the animal cannot be shown in the purebred class.
3. **Registration for purebred swine must be in the exhibitor's name or show a logical family relationship to be eligible for this class.**
4. There must be at least 2 purebreds of either sex to be classed by

sex. Otherwise, they will show together by fair ending weight.

Commercial Breeding Gilt

1. Breeding gilts will be classed by their ending fair weight (weight limit does not apply).
2. Breeding gilts may be shown in the Pen of 3 class but may not be shown in the derby individual class or in the market class.
3. Gilts are allowed only to show once individually in a chosen class, either Purebred Breeding Gilt or Commercial Breeding Gilt.
4. First place breeding gilts will compete in the champion drive for their or respective divisions.
5. The second-place pig from the champion class will enter the ring for the selection of the Reserve Champion.

Purebred Breeding Gilt

1. Purebred breeding gilts will be classed by ending weight (weight limit does not apply).
2. At least 2 exhibitors must show to have a class. Otherwise, they will show with Commercial Breeding Gilts.
3. First place purebred gilts will compete in the champion drive for their respective divisions. Second place will enter the ring for Reserve Champion purebred gilt.
4. The Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt will compete for the Best Overall Grand Champion Breeding Gilt.
5. Pigs may show in both Pen of 3 and purebred class but must be nominated in FairEntry.

Pen of Three

1. The pen of three can be any sex of pigs.
2. 3 pigs can be any of your 5 individual pigs that are the most uniform.

Swine Farm Class

1. Participants may bring their home-raised swine.
2. **Participants can bring up to four pigs. Entrants in the class WILL be eligible to show other pigs in the Keokuk County Expo 4-H swine show.**

3. Face-to-face interview will take place at the Extension Office from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 16th.
 - a. Exhibitors will be scored by the following:
 - 50 point interview
 - 30 point recordkeeping
 - 20 point showing
 - b. Recordkeeping forms are available at the extension office or on the extension's website.
4. Farm-raised swine will be included in the Carcass ([page 60](#)) & Rate of Gain contests of regular swine show & are eligible to participate in Showmanship of the regular swine show.
5. **Farm Class swine will have a maximum beginning weight of 75 lbs. at spring weigh-in.**

Swine Classes

- **40.01 Individual Derby - Barrow**
- **40.02 Individual Derby - Gilt**
- **41.01 Individual Market - Barrow**
- **41.02 Individual Market- Gilt**
- **42.01 Commercial Breeding - Gilt**
- **43.01 Purebred Market - Barrow**
- **43.02 Purebred Market - Gilt**
- **44.01 Purebred Breeding - Gilt**
- **45.01 Pen of Three**
- **46.91 Farm Class**
- **58.01 Junior Showmanship**
- **58.02 Intermediate Showmanship**
- **58.03 Senior Showmanship**

Bucket Bottle Department

Interviews: Sunday, July 12th in the Extension Office; times TBD.

Show: Friday, July 17th at 4:00 PM

Superintendents: Valerie Sieren, Heather Snedigar, & Leann Voyles

1. All bucket bottle animals must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.

2. Interview schedule will be posted a week prior to interviews.
3. Exhibitors should wear a 4-H shirt and jeans/shorts to interview.
4. Exhibitor must bring their completed record book with them to their interview.
5. Special bucket bottle record books can be obtained from the Extension Office and must be turned in when interviewed.
6. Each exhibitor will be interviewed about management & care of their animal(s).
7. Judging will be based on:
 - a. A completed record book and interview.
 - b. What the member has learned about caring for and raising the animal
 - c. The fitting and showing of the animal (according to beef or dairy guidelines) with emphasis on what the member learned during the process.
 - d. General health, condition, and management of the animal, and the exhibitor's knowledge of these areas.

Conformation or quality of the animal will not be considered, as purchase should not be made on this basis.
8. **Exhibitors will be scored by the following:**
 - a. **90 point - the interview & report**
 - b. **10 point- showing the animal**
9. In the event that the animal dies before Expo Fair, the exhibitor may still participate in the interview and report; however, they will be ineligible to receive Champion or Reserve Champion in their division.
10. Calves/lambs/goats must be stalled in the barn beginning July 15th between 11:00 AM and Noon. Exhibitors/parents must stay by pen to sign-in with superintendents.
11. Exhibitors that have previously won will be moved up to a higher category.

Division Rules

1. Animals must be bottle or bucket fed (*no nursing permitted*).
2. **Lamb and goats MUST be castrated. NO EXCEPTIONS! Bull calves not mandatory.**
3. **Animals MUST be ID'ed with a 4-H or 840 tag. 4-H tags are**

available at the Keokuk County Extension Office. First tag is free after that is a fee.

4. Any newborn or orphaned lamb, goat, calf, steer or heifer, dairy, beef, or crossbred that is born between January 1, 2026, and April 30th, 2026, may be shown.
5. If purchased, the animal must be purchased and in possession of member within 2 weeks of birth.
6. Scrapies Tags are MANDATORY in all sheep and goat projects. Animals will not be allowed to come to Expo Fair without tags.
7. Calves will be shown at halter. Lambs/goats may be shown at halter or at hand.
8. Classes will be adjusted by the department superintendents using the factors of age and number of participants in each age group. **Classes may be split depending on number of entries and is at the discretion of the Bucket/Bottle department's superintendents.**
9. Exhibitors may keep their animal(s) for breeding or market classes for the following year's Expo or sell privately.
10. Bucket bottle calves need to be broke to tie. They will have pens, but if a safety concern or space issues arise, they will need to be tied.
11. Bottle bucket lambs or goats may be in the pen with exhibitors' other sheep/goats.
12. Lambs/goats will show first, followed by the calves.
13. Exhibitors may show one animal per species.
14. Age Divisions are as follows:
 - a. *Junior: 4th- 6th graders; Intermediate: 7th- 8th graders; Senior: 9th- 12th graders*

Bucket Bottle Classes

- **46.01 Lamb/Goat - Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **46.02 Lamb/Goat – Intermediate (7th - 8th grade completed)**
- **46.03 Lamb/Goat – Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**
- **47.01 Calf - Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **47.02 Calf - Intermediate (7th - 8th grade completed)**
- **47.03 Calf - Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Sheep Department

Show: Thursday, July 16th at 8:00 AM in Show Ring (market pens will be judged first)

Superintendents: Anne Axmear & Tiffany Tremmel

General Sheep Rules

1. All sheep must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. Market Lamb beginning weigh-in date: April 25th
3. Market Lamb ending weigh-in date: July 15th
4. ALL lambs need to be penned by 9:00 AM before weigh-in. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Days on test: **81 days**
6. All Livestock Health Requirements and Rules and Regulations apply ([see pages #33-34](#)).
7. **ALL sheep MUST weigh in at the Spring weigh in on April 25th.**
8. All lambs must have 4-H/FFA tag and Scrapie Tag. **1st initial tag is free, replacement tags will be \$4/tag.**
9. Exhibitors are expected to care for their sheep in an acceptable manner. No muzzles are allowed. No drenching is allowed. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of sheep will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show superintendents, Extension staff, and Fairboard.
10. Market and commercial lambs must be slick shorn prior to entering the check-in line. Clippers can be used to fit on any market lamb, commercial ewe, or non-fitted purebred ewe on the Fairgrounds. Full or extensive slick shearing on the fairgrounds is prohibited.
11. No coloring agent or paint is allowed to be used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.
12. Showmanship Classes will be divided by age divisions:
 - a. Junior: 4th – 6th graders; Intermediate: 7th – 8th graders; Senior: 9th - 12th graders
13. Supreme Showmanship, Saturday, July 18th. Rules and details can be found on [page 62](#).

Breeding Sheep Rules

1. **Animals shown in breeding classes (28.01, 28.02, 29.01, 29.02,**

29.03, 30.01, 30.02, and 30.03) are not eligible to be shown in Individual Market Classes.

2. Champion ewe class will be composed of the first and second place ewes provided they receive blue awards. Champion and Reserve lambs will compete in the Supreme Female Drive.
3. Each exhibitor may enter a max of 3 ewe lambs and/or 3 yearling ewes per breeding class.
4. All breeding sheep must be sheared at fair weigh in time.
5. Ewes exhibited in the purebred ewe classes cannot be exhibited as commercial ewes.
6. Registration papers must be presented at fair weigh-in for registered lambs.

Purebred Breeding Sheep Classes

- **28.01 Purebred Ewe Lamb**

- Breeds will show in separate breed classes (provided there are at least 2 of each breed present). Entries in purebred lamb classes must be born after January 1st, 2026, and registered in their respective breed association.

- **28.02 Purebred Yearling Ewe**

- Breeds will show in separate breed classes (provided there are at least 2 of each breed present). Entries in Purebred Yearling Ewe Class must be born between September 1st, 2024, and December 31st, 2025, and registered in their respective breed associations.

Commercial Ewe Lamb

1. Entries must be born after January 1st, 2026. Classes will be split by face color.

Commercial Ewe Lamb Classes

- **29.01 Black Face**
- **29.02 White/Speckled Face**
- **29.03 All Other Breeds**

Commercial Yearling Ewe

1. Entries must have had a lamb in the fall of 2025 or spring of 2026.

2. Entries must be born between September 1st, 2024, and December 31st, 2025.
3. Classes will be split by face color.

Commercial Yearling Ewe Classes

- **30.01 Black Face**
- **30.02 White/Speckled Face**
- **30.03 All Other Breeds**

Market Sheep Rules

1. Exhibitors may nominate up to 15 (black, white, speckled, or hair lambs) from which they may exhibit a total of 6 individual lambs (pen lambs are in addition to the 15 nominated).
2. It is suggested that lambs weigh at least 80 pounds by Expo. Wet animals will be docked 5 pounds.
3. Lambs must be slick shorn upon arriving on Fairgrounds.
4. **Lambs must be born after January 1st, 2026.**
5. Classes will be divided based on weight by the superintendents after fair weigh-in.
6. First and second place animals may compete in the championship class for their division provided they receive blue ribbons.
Champion and Reserve lambs will compete in the Supreme Market Lamb Drive.
7. The Overall Grand Champion Market Lamb and the Champion Breeding Ewe will go on to represent Keokuk County Expo Fair in the Best of the Best Show in Iowa County.
8. Lambs shown in Market Classes may not be shown in Purebred or Commercial Ewe Classes.

Feeder Lamb Pen Rules

The objective of the project is to weigh-in and feed a group of lambs for market.

To be nominated:

1. Lambs must be weighed, and ear tagged at spring weigh-in and designated as pen lambs on the identification form, and weighed again at fair weigh in.
2. Lambs must be slick shorn before check-in at Expo. Lambs must be

- docked & castrated.
3. You can nominate 6 lambs with a pen of 2 - 4.
 4. **Pen Lambs must be penned together at the Expo fair by 9:00 AM before weigh-in on July 15th.**
 5. Individual lambs may be entered in the carcass contest. See contest rules on [page 60](#) of fair book.
 6. Individual lambs are not eligible for rate of gain. Rate of gain will be awarded on pen average.
 7. Rate of gain and project records for 4-H and FFA are to be kept and used in the evaluation during the show for all sheep weighed.
 8. The class will be judged at the pen at 8:00 AM. Exhibitor must be present.
 9. One animal from the pen may be shown in an individual market class. Entry must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st.

Feeder Lamb Pen Class

- **31.01 Feeder Lamb Pen**

***NEW THIS YEAR* Single Source Lamb Rules**

1. Youth may purchase 1 lamb. All lambs will come from the same producer and be roughly the same age.
2. All lambs will be wethers.
3. Youth must be signed up through the Extension Office for the single source lambs by March 10. There will be a minimum number of youth needed for this class in order to proceed. There will be a non-refundable 'deposit' (\$10 per head).
4. Lambs will be picked up at the beginning of April (Date TBD).
5. Lambs will need to attend spring weigh-in on April 25.
6. All lambs will be selected and distributed randomly to youth.
7. Participants will be responsible for payment upon receipt of the animal. Price will be finalized once registration is closed and will be communicated with those signed up. Price will be set according to market value the day of pick up.
8. The purchased lambs are only allowed to be shown in the single source class.
9. Youth participating in the single source division are still eligible to

- exhibit other lambs in the market and breeding classes if desired.
10. Champion Rate of Gain will be calculated from spring to fair weigh-in and distribution.
 11. Single Source Lambs will not be eligible to compete in the Grand Champion Final Drive.
 12. Champion Single Source Lambs will be determined based on the following criteria: rate of gain, carcass, quality of the lamb, and showmanship

Thank you to Heisdorffer Dorsets for providing this opportunity for Keokuk County 4-H/FFA members.

Single Source Lamb Class

- **32.01 Single Source Wether**

Produce Lamb Rules

1. The lamb must have been raised from an ewe owned by the exhibitor and the lamb must have been raised by the exhibitor. Produce lambs cannot be shown in another market class.

Produce Lamb Classes

- **33.01 Produce Ewe**
- **33.02 Produce Wether**

Market Wether Classes

- **34.01 White/Speckled Face**
- **34.02 Black Face**
- **34.03 All Other Breeds**

Market Ewe Lamb Classes

- **35.01 White/Speckled Face**
- **35.02 Black Face**
- **35.03 All Other Breeds**

Showmanship Classes

- **36.01 Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **36.02 Intermediate (7th - 8th grade completed)**

- **36.03 Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Goat Department

Show: Thursday, July 16th at 10:00 AM (or following the sheep show)

Superintendents: Anne Axmear & Tiffany Tremmel

General Goat Division Rules

1. All goats must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. Market Goats Beginning Weigh-In Date: April 25th (all goats must be born after January 1, 2026)
3. Market Goat ending weigh-in: July 15th
4. Goats must be penned by 9:00 AM before weigh-in. NO EXCEPTIONS.
5. Days on Test: 81 days
6. **All meat goats MUST weigh in at Spring weigh-in on April 25th and Fair weigh-in on July 15th (All market goats must be weighed in for ending weight).**

Dairy Goat Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of six goats, but no more than two per class.
2. Entries may be grade or registered.
3. No horns are allowed on dairy does.
4. All goats must have 4-H/FFA tag and Scrapie Tag.
5. All animals must have 4-H/FFA ear tags.
6. No intact male goats are allowed on the fairgrounds.
7. All entries must be in place by 12:00 PM Wednesday.
8. Dairy goats will be split into divisions depending on the entries by age.

Meat Goat Rules

1. All Livestock Health Requirements and Rules and Regulations apply ([see pages #33-34](#)).
2. **ALL goats MUST weigh in at the Spring weigh in on April 25th.**
3. Exhibitors may enter a maximum of 8 goats, but no more than 2

- per class.
4. Market Wethers must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. All meat goats (both market and breeding) will be shown by weight.
 5. Breeding meat goats will be split into divisions by age and weight.
 6. Age: meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of Fair weigh-in. Any meat goat having lost any kids teeth will be disqualified.
 7. Hair: all market wethers AND market does must be uniformly clipped with 3/8" length of hair or less above the knee and hock joints to include the head, excluding tail, prior to arrival on the Fairgrounds.
 8. Fitting is allowed. 4-H'er must be actively involved and participating. Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring.
 9. Exhibitors are expected to care for their goats in an acceptable manner. No muzzles are allowed. No drenching is allowed. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show superintendents, Extension staff, and Fairboard.
 10. Goats can be registered or commercial. Registered entries must have registration included on the Livestock ID Form and registration papers must be presented at Fair weigh-in.
 11. Produce Meat Goat: the goat must have been raised from a doe owned by the exhibitor and the goat must have been raised by the exhibitor. Produce goats may not be shown in another market class. Wethers and does will be shown in the same class.
 12. ***NEW THIS YEAR*** Individual market goats may be entered in the carcass contest. See contest rules on [page 60](#) of fair book.
 13. All goats must have 4-H/FFA tag and Scrapie Tag. **1st initial tag is free, replacement tags will be \$4/tag.**
 14. Males must be castrated.
 15. Showmanship classes will be divided by age divisions: Junior Exhibitors are grades 4-6, Intermediate Exhibitors are grades 7-8, Senior Exhibitors are grades 9-12.
 16. The Overall Grand Champion Market Goat and the Champion Breeding Doe will go on to represent Keokuk County Expo Fair in

the Best of the Best Show in Iowa County.

17. Supreme Showmanship, Saturday, July 18th. Rules and details can be found on [page 62](#).

Goat Classes

- **36.01 Dairy Goat**
- **37.01 Market – Wether**
- **37.02 Market - Doe**
- **37.03 Market - All Other Breeds**
- **37.04 Market - Produce**
- **38.01 Breeding – Does (under 1 year of age as of August 1)**
- **38.02 Breeding – Doe (over 1 year of age as of August 1)**
- **38.03 Breeding – Aged Doe (over 2 years of age)**
- **38.04 Breeding – All Other Breeds**
- **39.01 Showmanship - Junior (4th - 6th grade completed)**
- **39.02 Showmanship - Intermediate (7th - 8th grade completed)**
- **39.03 Showmanship - Senior (9th - 12th grade completed)**

Beef Department

Show: Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 AM

Superintendent: David Weber & Kyle Huber

General Beef Division Rules

1. All beef must be identified in 4HOnline by May 15th, and classes selected in FairEntry by July 1st.
2. Market Beef must have attended beginning weigh in to be eligible to show.
3. Market Beef must record an ending weight at Expo fair weigh in on July 15th from 7:00 to 9:00 AM.
4. All cattle must be there by 9:00 AM. **ALL Beef need to be tied up; no penned calves allowed EXCEPT Feeder Pens and Cow/Calf pairs.**
5. Days on test: **221 days**
6. **Returning bucket bottle calves being shown as breeding beef must be designated in 4-HOnline by May 15th. Market Beef must be verified in 4-HOnline by February 1st.**

7. **Any cattle being shown as a Return Bucket Bottle at 2026 Expo must have been weighed in at the winter weigh-in to be eligible to show.**
8. Market Beef class entries limited to heifers/steers born no sooner than **January 1st, 2025.**
9. Lost ear tags need to be replaced immediately, and before Expo fair weigh-in. Stop into the Extension Office for a replacement tag. **1st initial tag is free, replacement tags will be \$5/tag.** A photo of the animal missing the ear tag and another photo with the new tag is required to be submitted to the Extension Office before fair.
10. All cattle must wear a neck tie up at night.
11. No one is permitted to be behind the chain linked fence. Exhibitors and animals must be in front of the chain linked fence and be able to hear the intercom speakers. All livestock trailers must be parked in designated trailer parking spots. Only beef tie-outs are allowed in the beef tie-out area from 8 pm to 7 am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday night of Expo Fair. This is the only exception and time animals are allowed to be behind the chain linked fence.
12. Any show bill corrections must be submitted to superintendents no later than 12:00 PM on Friday, July 17th.
13. A minimum of 2 of the same breed are needed to create a class.
14. The Overall Grand Champion Market Beef and the Champion Breeding Heifer will go on to represent Keokuk County Expo Fair in the Best of the Best Show in Iowa County.
15. Supreme Showmanship, Saturday, July 18th. Rules and details can be found on [page 62](#).

Beef Tie Out Rules

1. Keokuk County is providing tie-out space for only individual market steers, market heifers, breeding heifers, and prospect calves. **NO** pens of three, cow/calf pairs, bucket bottle calves, etc. will be allowed to tie-out.
2. **Failure to comply with any and all rules will result in one or more of the following: loss of tie-out privilege for the current or next year's fair, premiums forfeited, awards/placings revoked including Best of the Best.**
3. Tie-outs will be located on the north side of the chain linked fence

- that runs east and west located south of the horse arena. See [page 6](#) for a map.
4. Cattle cannot be tied outside until after 8:00 pm so the general public can view animals stalled in the barn. Cattle must be stalled back in the barn by 7 am the next day.
 5. It is required that all tied-out beef be tied out with no more than 2 feet of rope and have neckties. **ALL cattle must have a necktie.** No feed bunks/pans, water, etc. are allowed in the tie outs for safety reasons.
 6. Beef tie-out spots are not assigned but available at a first come, first serve basis. Members are allowed only 1 spot per animal (typically 3 feet allowed per animal). Cattle put out before 8 pm will be asked to go back to the barn and will lose their privilege to tie-out. Members who try to mark or save spots will also lose their privilege to tie-out.
 7. You are not allowed to move or rearrange spots of others. No generators, pens, or tents allowed in tie outs. No extension cords will be allowed in the tie outs.
 8. Members are responsible for picking up after themselves each night and helping at Sunday tear down. Everything will need to be cleared out each day, including halters, neck ties, etc.
 9. Cattle are **NOT** allowed to be tied out **Saturday night** due figure 8 races. See rule number 2 for those who attempt to tie out Saturday night.
 10. With 4-H and FFA member's using beef tie-outs they are assuming the RISK of participating. By participating, 4-H and FFA members agree to RELEASE from LIABILITY, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the State of Iowa, the Board of Regents of the State of Iowa, Iowa State University and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and their officers, employees, agents, and Expo Fairboard from any and all claim and/or cause of action arising out of and related to any injury, loss, penalties, damage, settlement, costs or other expenses or liabilities that occur as a result of their participation.
 11. All beef exhibitors regardless if they plan to tie-out or not are required to fill out the Keokuk County Expo Fair Beef Waiver. Forms will be available at the extension office and will be a question asked in FairEntry.

Dairy Cattle Rules

1. Any dairy female classes will be divided by age.
2. Exhibitors may show no more than 4 individuals.
3. All animals must be in place by 12:00 PM on Wednesday.
4. All animals must have the birth date in 4-HOnline by May 15th. All animals without recorded birthdates will be disqualified.
5. Two forms of identification are required to be entered in 4-HOnline by May 15:
 - a. Tag/Ear tattoo
 - b. Registration Number
 - c. DHIA metal tag ID

Dairy Cattle Classes

- **47.01 Brown Swiss**
- **47.02 Holstein**
- **47.03 Jersey**

Market Beef Pen of Three Rules

1. Exhibitors must be at their pen for judging promptly at 8:00 am.
2. Exhibitors may weigh in and exhibit 3 animals. They must be weighed in at December weigh-in and will be re-weighed at Expo to determine weight and rate of gain. If a beef pen animal dies before fair exhibitors can still bring the remaining live animals. Exhibitors should make note of the death in pen records and alert a Superintendent.
3. Calves of any breed or sex are accepted.
4. Animals must be dehorned.
5. Only one animal from the pen of 3 may show in an individual market class and must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st.
6. Pen of 3 calves may be washed and brushed before arrival to Fair, but no clipping (unless being shown as a market entry), or coloring.
7. The pen is eligible for only one ribbon and one rate of gain placing as a pen average.
8. The average of the pen of 3 for carcass value per day on feed will be used to place a champion and reserve champion pen carcass. Carcass premium will be configured by placing them as an

- individual.
9. Awards: The Grand Champion Beef Pen of Three will be awarded for best animals and records.
 10. Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Champion Beef Pen of Three's will be awarded to individuals with the most knowledge of their project.
 11. ***NEW THIS YEAR*** Market Beef Pen of Three will have an interview component to their judging.
 - a. Face-to-face interviews will take place at the Extension Office on Thursday, July 16. Question topics will include material from the record book and overall experience.
 - Record Book= 20 points
 - Interview= 60 points
 - Overall Presentation and Cleanliness of Pen= 10 points
 - Sale Price per Pound= up to 10 points
 - Total= 100 points
 - b. *Overall Presentation & Cleanliness of Pen:* The overall presentation and cleanliness of each pen will be evaluated throughout the duration of the fair. Pens are expected to be maintained in a clean, orderly, and presentable manner at all times. Judging for this component may occur at random times, and exhibitors should not assume evaluation will only take place during show day. Points will be awarded based on consistent care, bedding, manure management, and overall appearance of the pen.
 - c. *Sale Price Per Pound Scoring:* Exhibitors will be awarded up to 10 points based on the sale price per pound of their pen within their division. The pen receiving the highest price per pound in each division will receive the full 10 points. Remaining pens will receive points in descending order based on their price per pound, relative to the number of entries in that division.
 - d. Record book forms can be found on the extension website or in the extension office
 12. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e., stomach pump etc.) will be allowed. All animals

- giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.
13. The Pen of Three's will compete in their own carcass and rate of gain contests.

Market Beef Pen of Three Class

- **48.01 Market Beef - Pen of Three**

Return Bucket Bottle Rules

1. Return Bucket Bottle animals are calves that were shown the previous year in the 4-H Bucket Bottle Show OR the Clover Kids Show.
2. ALL Return Bucket Bottle animals must be weighed in at the winter weigh-in
3. Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifers require two forms of identification. **Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifers MUST have a tattoo and their ear tag from the prior year. This must be entered into 4-H Online by May 15th, along with their birthdate.** Return Bucket Bottle Market Steers/Heifers only need their ear tag from the prior year when exhibited as a bucket bottle calf.
4. Exhibitors bringing back a return bucket bottle calf are NOT required to show the animal in these Return Bucket Bottle classes. They may instead choose to show the animal in the market or breeding shows in the appropriate classes.
5. Exhibitors may NOT show the same animal in the Return Bucket Bottle classes as the individual market or breeding show classes.
 - a. Example 1: A Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer showing in class 51.01 may NOT also show in any class numbered 50.01-50.02.
 - b. Example 2: A Return Bucket Bottle Market Heifer in Class 51.02 may NOT also show in class 53.04, Individual Market Heifer.
 - c. Example 3: A Return Bucket Bottle Market Steer in Class 51.03 may NOT also show in any numbered classes 53.01-53.03, Individual Market Steer.
6. There will be a prize given to the winners of classes 51.02 and 51.03. Those winners will compete for the overall Grand Champion Market Return Bucket/Bottle award.

6. There must be at least 2 animals entered in each of the market classes to keep the Return B/B Market Heifers and Steers separated. In the event there are not 2 heifers signed up for Market Heifer class OR there are not two steers signed up for Market Steer, the heifers and steers will be combined into one overall Return Market Bucket/Bottle class. *This will be determined by the superintendents after the fair weigh-in on Wednesday, July 15th.*
7. The winner of class 51.01 may NOT compete in the Supreme Champion Female Drive but may be brought in for the appropriate showmanship class (determined by exhibitor's age).
8. The winner of class 51.02 may NOT compete for Grand Champion Market Heifer but may be brought in for the appropriate showmanship class (determined by exhibitor's age).
9. The winner of class 51.03 may NOT compete for Grand Champion Market Steer, but may be brought in for the appropriate showmanship class (determined by exhibitor's age).
10. Market Return Bucket/Bottle Animals will compete in their own carcass and rate of gain contests.

Return Bucket Bottle Classes

- **51.01 Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer**
- **51.02 Return Bucket Bottle Market Heifer**
- **51.03 Return Bucket Bottle Market Steer**

Prospect Calves

1. **Prospect calves are a weaned calf born between August 1st, 2025 and May 15th, 2026.**
 - a. ***Bull calves must be born between January 1st, 2026 and May 15th, 2026, otherwise they must be castrated.***
2. Classes will be divided by heifer, steers/bulls, or age (depending on numbers).
3. Calves must have a 4-H or 840 ear tag. 4-H tags are available at the Keokuk County Extension Office. First tag is free after that is a fee.
4. Calves must be entered into 4-HOnline under the "Beef, Feeder/Prospect Calf" animal type by May 15th.
5. Calves must be entered into FairEntry by July 1st.

6. Prospect calves will be tied.

Prospect Calves Classes

- **49.01 Weaned Heifer Prospect Calf**
- **49.02 Weaned Steer/Bull Prospect Calf**

Feeder Calves

1. Feeder Calves are specifically from the cow/calf project.
2. Classes will be divided by heifer, steers/bulls, or age (depending on numbers).
3. Calves are recommended to be at least 2 months of age (born by May 15th)
4. Calves must have a 4-H or 840 ear tag. 4-H tags are available at the Keokuk County Extension Office. First tag is free after that is a fee.
5. Cow/Calf pairs must be entered into 4-HOnline under the "Cow/Calf Pair" animal type in 4-HOnline by May 15th.
6. **Cows from the cow/calf pair must have two forms identification. The primary identification MUST be a tattoo. The secondary method of identification can be a calfhood vaccination, 4-H/FFA tag, or registration number.**
7. Calves must be entered into FairEntry by July 1st.

Feeder Calves Classes

- **55.01 Cow/Calf Pair**
- **55.02 Cow/Calf Heifer Feeder Calf**
- **55.03 Cow/Calf Steer/Bull Feeder Calf**

Breeding Beef Rules

1. **All breeding heifers MUST have a tattoo. A secondary method of identification is also required. This can be a calfhood vaccination number, a 4-H/FFA tag, or a registration number. This must be entered into 4-HOnline by May 15th, along with their birthdate.**
2. Heifer class entries limited to yearling heifers born between **Sept 1st, 2024, to Dec 31st, 2025.**
3. Both heifers and cow/calf pairs will be divided into classes by the

superintendents according to age, breed and the number entered. Calves involved in the Cow/Calf class are recommended to be at least 2 months old. Calves are not required to have been livestock ID'ed but should have an ear tag. Both cow and calf must be broke to lead and show in cow/calf and feeder calf classes.

4. All entries must be registered to show in breed classes, except that the feeder calves need only to be eligible to be registered.
Purebred registration papers are to be turned into the Extension Office no later than July 1st. Registration papers must follow the IJBBA breed specific rules regarding if the papers are in the exhibitor's name or a family farm name. Rules are located at <https://ijbba.com/breed-rules/>.
5. Breeds with fewer than 2 entries will show in AOB (All other breeds) class.
6. First and second place heifers and cows in all breeds are eligible to show for Supreme Champion Female (**Return Bucket Bottle Breeding Heifer first and second place winners may NOT compete for Supreme Champion Female for that class**).
7. All registered and commercial heifers will be checked in after steer weigh-in. Registered heifers must present registration papers at that time.
8. Any Commercial Heifer must show as a commercial heifer ONLY. The winner of this class will compete for the overall Supreme Champion Female.

Breeding Beef Classes

- 50.01 Purebred Heifer (Will be shown in breed divided classes)
- 50.02 Commercial Heifers
- 50.03 No-Fit Commercial Breeding Heifer

Produce Class Rules

1. Any yearling that is an offspring of a former 4-H or FFA heifer project.
2. Need at least two of each to separate heifer and steer.
3. Produce animal needs to be identified by July 1st in FairEntry.

Produce Classes

- 52.01 Produce of Dam, Heifer
- 52.02 Produce of Dam, Steer

Market Beef - Steers and Heifers

1. The superintendents will divide the entries into classes based on final weigh-in weights at the fair.
2. **Purebred steers will be allowed to show in breed specific class if two or more entries are present.**
3. Each Exhibitor will be allowed to show a maximum of 5 head of market beef. They may consist of: 1 calf from a pen of 3, 3 halter calves and 1 return bottle/bucket calf.
4. Both market steers and market heifers may be entered.
5. Market heifers will show in separate classes. The first and second place market heifers will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Market Heifer, provided they receive a blue ribbon.
6. The first and second place market steers in each class will be eligible to compete for Champion and Reserve Champion Market Steer in their weight divisions provided they receive a blue ribbon.
7. The top 10 rate of gain calves and top 10 carcass winners will be announced between the Breeding Show and the Market Show.
8. A carcass contest will be included and all market beef in the carcass contest will be placed on a grade and yield basis, per scanning information.
9. Beef rate of gain will be displayed on the exhibitor's shirt and the judge may use it at their own discretion.
10. Return bucket bottle or produce entries may enter their respective classes and are eligible to show in their weight divisions. **Calves must have ear tags from the previous year.**
11. Return Bucket Bottle animals showing in the Return Bucket Bottle Market Heifer & Return Bucket Bottle Market Steer classes may NOT compete in any of the classes below.
 - a. 53.01 Angus Purebred Market Steer
 - b. 53.02 All Other Breeds Purebred Steer
 - c. 53.03 Market Steer
 - d. 53.04 Market Heifer

Market Beef - No-Fit Rules

1. No-Fit class options will be available for the Individual Market Heifer and Individual Market Steer classes.
2. An exhibitor may not show in both the Fitted and No-Fit versions of the same class. The exhibitor may, for example, still enter and show 2 animals in the same Market Steer class, or one animal in the No-Fit Market Steer and one in the Fitted Market Heifer but may NOT show one No-Fit Market Steer and one Fitted Market Steer.
3. No-Fit class selection must be designated in FairEntry by July 1st. Entries may NOT be changed from No-Fit to Fitted, or vice versa, during Expo fair.
4. No-Fit entries will be shown in a purely “Blow and Go” fashion. Animals may be washed and blown dry at fair, and may be clipped at home prior to the Expo, but no products are allowed at the show, including but not limited to mousse, adhesive, Final Bloom, or paint.

Market Beef – No Fit Classes

- **54.01 No-Fit Individual Market Steer**
- **54.02 No-Fit Individual Market Heifer**

Carcass Contest Department

Division Rules

1. Entries Include:
 - Any or all market beef individuals or pens.
 - All swine must be entered.
 - Any or all market sheep individuals or pens.
 - Any or all market goats.
2. All entries must have been shown in the live show to be eligible.
3. All carcass projections will be based on real-time ultrasound.
4. Fees for all livestock scanning will be deducted from carcass contest premiums.
5. Carcass contest premiums will consist of donations from interested 4-H and FFA supporters.
6. Point value determination:

- a. Multiply the number of entries per specie by their prorated units, 10 units per head of beef, 4.5 units per head of swine, and 3.5 units per head of lamb, to obtain the total specie units.
- b. Divide the total donation collected by the total units of all specie to assign a unit value.
- c. Multiply the specie units by the unit value to obtain the payout total for that specie.
- d. Cattle payout= cattle units x unit value. Assign points to each entry. Divide the specie payout by the total points assigned for the specie to obtain the point value.
- e. Cattle point value= cattle payout/cattle points assigned.
- f. Entry premium= point assigned x point value.

Beef Contest Rules

1. Entries will be ranked according to the Iowa Beef Center Carcass Formula, which is based on “value added” gains per day.
2. Carcass premium will be figured by assigning the first-place carcass 75 points, the next place carcass 73 points and on down until a carcass receives 30 points. 30 points will be given to all remaining carcasses entered in the contest.

Swine Contest Rules

1. Derby entries will be ranked according to an index: “pounds of muscle gained per day on test.” This index is suggested in the National Pork Producers Council Bulletin, “Procedures to Evaluate Market Hogs,” and gives approximately equal emphasis to rate of gain and carcass merit.
2. Carcass premiums will be figured by assigning the first-place carcass 34 points, the next place carcass with 33 points and on down until a carcass receives 8 points, 8 points will be given to all remaining carcasses entered in the contest.

Sheep Contest Rules

1. Entries will be ranked according to the Iowa State University Sheep Carcass Formula.
2. Carcass premiums will be figured by assigning the first-place

- carcass 34 points, the next place carcass with 33 points and on down until a carcass receives 8 points. 8 points will be given to all remaining carcasses entered in the contest.
3. Carcasses will be evaluated by real-time ultrasound.
 4. All pen Lambs entered in the carcass class must be slick shorn.

Goat Contest Rules

1. Entries will be ranked according an industry-accepted Goat Carcass Formula.
2. Carcass premiums will be figured by assigning the first-place carcass 34 points, the next place carcass with 33 points and on down until a carcass receives 8 points. 8 points will be given to all remaining carcasses entered in the contest.
3. Carcasses will be evaluated by real-time ultrasound.

Supreme Showmanship

Show: Saturday, July 18th at 4:00 PM in Show Ring

Superintendent: Anne Axmear, Tiffany Tremmel, Tina Frank, Kyle Huber

General Rules

1. The ultimate showmanship learning opportunity for youth livestock exhibitors - Senior showmen across multiple species will learn how to show other species and put their new skills to the test in this multi-specie supreme showmanship event.
2. The champion senior showman from the following species will compete in Supreme Showmanship: beef, goat, sheep, and swine. If the champion senior showman declines, the spot is offered to reserve.
3. Supreme showman participants are eligible to return to the contest/event if they earn the right by winning the senior showmanship class. Once a 4-H/FFA member wins supreme showmanship they have officially completed their eligibility and will no longer be able to participate in showmanship at the Keokuk County Expo Fair for that specific species they were representing.

4. If one person wins senior showman in more than one species, they will represent the first species won, and the second species senior runner-up will be the specie representative.
5. 4 classes (beef, goat, sheep, and swine) will be set-up using animals that have been shown at the Keokuk County Expo Fair.
6. Contestants will draw numbers to determine the animal used for each species as the specie enters the ring. Contestants may not draw their own animal if it is being used.
7. Each species will be shown under the appropriate guidelines of that specie.
8. The contestants will be scored 100% on showmanship and knowledge exhibited to the judge. All show procedures are at the discretion of the judge
9. Points will be assigned to contestants based on the rank the judge assigns them. This will not be announced in class. (1pt for first, 2pts for second, etc.)
10. At the end of the last specie, contestants will introduce themselves and answer the judge's question on the microphone.
11. The contestant with the lowest score wins and will be named Supreme Showman at the end of the show.
12. Tiebreakers are to the judge's discretion on overall composure, knowledge, and the contestant's comfort/public speaking skills on the microphone.
13. Contestants should wear proper showmanship attire.
 - a. General appearance should be neat, clean, and professional.
 - b. Jeans, belt, collared shirt, cowboy boots or leather shoes are recommended. Cowboy hats may be worn. These are only recommendations, not a requirement; if it is show-appropriate, you as an exhibitor may wear it.

Information and rules are subject to change

Herdsmanship Contest

Division Rules

All livestock and small animal exhibitors are automatically entered into the Herdsmanship contest. It is vital that all 4-H/FFA exhibitors put their best foot forward and demonstrate the care that we give to our animals and the hard work that we as a 4-H program put into our projects, as well as how we work as a team.

Judging

A committee independent of 4-H and the fair board will be selected to judge. Those committee members will not be disclosed to the membership as an incentive to participate at all times.

Responsibility

Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of all exhibitors and club members rather than leaders, advisors, or parents. If an exhibitor is going to be gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to ask another exhibitor to water, feed and care for their animals.

Basis of Scoring

The Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging herdsmanhip.

- Animals are as clean as the facilities permit with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent. Animals are to be properly tied and penned. Animals are to always have water available and feed at proper times. Feed and water dishes are to be upright, and any excess spillage always cleaned up.
- Stalls/pens/cages are clean, dry, and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place.
- All manure cleaned out and deposited in designated place continuously throughout the day.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean, neatly arranged, and out of the way.
- Stall cards displayed neatly, are complete, and remain readable.
- Alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor participated in pre-fair set up and post-fair clean up.

- Exhibitor/attendant is courteous.

Time of Judging

Herdsmanship will be checked daily for the duration of the fair with no designated time of day each day.

Award

The Keokuk County 4-H will award an exhibitor for each species (beef, swine, sheep/goat, small animal (poultry/rabbit)) at Awards Night.

4-H Clubs Flowerpot Contest

Club Responsibilities

Pick up materials (flowerpot and soil provided) throughout the month of May. Clubs may also use their own flower pot of choice. Plant and arrange flowers nicely in container. Water regularly. Bring to Commercial Building on Monday, July 13th between 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM with club name on container and find an extension staff member to check-in.

Rules

All flowerpots will be displayed and used to decorate the fairgrounds. All flowerpots will be left on the fairgrounds for remainder of the Expo Fair. **Each club is responsible for caring for and watering the plants at the Expo fair** through 9:00 AM on Sunday. Other plants or decorations can be added. No artificial plants or flowers are allowed. Flowerpots will be judged and auctioned. Profits will be evenly dispersed back to the 4-H clubs, excluding the Expo Queen flowerpot. Flowerpots will be auctioned during the 4-H portion of the Queen Contest on the night of Thursday, July 16th. Buyers can pick up their flowerpot on Sunday between 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM or take it home after the auction. To pay for your flowerpot, find a Keokuk County Extension Staff member. *Checks can be made out to Keokuk County Extension.*

Additional Prizes sponsored by the Keokuk County Master Gardeners:

1st Place 4-H and 1st Place Clover Kid Flowerpots - \$50

2nd Place 4-H and 2nd Place Clover Kid Flowerpots - \$25

Basket Silent Auction

1. Any club, group, business, or individual may submit a basket.
2. Money raised through this fundraiser will go to the Keokuk County 4-H program, not to the specific clubs.
3. Suggested value of basket is \$25-50.
4. A sheet should be included reflecting basket theme, contents, and value.
5. Baskets are due to the Extension Office by July 1st, 2026.
6. Bids must be placed on the sheet by the basket in \$1.00 increments.
7. Bids will be taken Monday, July 13th through Saturday, July 18th at 5 PM.

2026 Keokuk County Expo Queen Contest Rules

Superintendent: Carolyn Holm (641) 295-6091

1. The last day for entering the Keokuk County Expo Queen contest will be Tuesday, July 1, 2026.
2. Interviews will be Sunday, July 12th. Location and time to be determined.
3. Each contestant must be at least 16 years of age and not more than 21 years of age on the first day of the 2026 Iowa State Fair.
4. Contestants must never have been married.
5. A county fair queen must reside in the county she represents or an adjoining county if the majority of her activities are in the county she represents. If a fair represents more than one county, the willing contestant must reside in one of the participating counties.
6. Each contestant must be an active member of at least one service organization in her community such as church group, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, etc. (Eligibility is not limited to 4-H or FFA membership).
7. Each entrant in the State Fair Pageant must be selected from a competitive queen contest at her county fair. If an Iowa fair does not have a contest, it may sanction another queen contest in their county as the "Official County Fair Queen Contest." The winner of this is then eligible to compete at the Iowa State Fair.
8. Only winners as indicated under Rule 5 are eligible to represent counties at the state pageant. In the event the county queen is unable to participate, alternates will be considered in order of

- selection.
9. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the state pageant.
 10. Any contestant who has competed at the State Fair Finals may not compete again.
 11. Any county fair queen selected after the 2025 Iowa State Fair and meeting the above qualifications is eligible for the 2026 pageant.
 12. The Iowa State Fair will accept only one entry per county. Should there be more than one queen contest in the county, it will be the responsibility of the fairs concerned to hold an elimination contest. The only exception to this rule will be in those counties where more than one fair qualifies for membership with the Association of Iowa Fairs. In those cases, both fairs will be eligible to submit candidates for competition.
 13. It is the responsibility of each contestant to make arrangement for transportation to and from Des Moines.
 14. The county queens will be the quests of the Iowa State Fair Tuesday, August 11th, through the time of the crowing Saturday evening, August 15th.
 15. County fairs are requested to select their candidates by competition in which personality, leadership and beauty are judged.
 16. A competent committee will select the "Iowa State Fair Queen". Judging comments are not available to the contestants or county representatives. Judging will be based on the following: personality, attitude, appearance and awareness, leadership and citizenship-contribution to community, overall appearance, charm, poise.
 17. Each contestant should be prepared to appear in a variety of dress, such as street dress or suit, evening dress and casual wear.
 18. The winner of the state pageant will be crowned "2026 Iowa State Fair Queen." The 2026 Queen will be required to remain at the Fairgrounds for the remaining time of the 2026 Fair.
 19. The winner of the state pageant must agree to appear for the Iowa State Fair Board in official capacities as requested throughout the year until her successor is crowned. This includes daily appearances

- at the 2026 Fair and a couple days at the 2027 Fair. The Iowa State Fair will help with food and transportation expenses for these appearances.
20. If the winner cannot reign until a new queen is crowned at the 2027 Fair, she must forfeit her title and all awards associated with it to the first runner-up. She may then accept the title and awards of the first runner-up.
 21. The winning contestant at the Iowa State Fair must agree to accept no other queen title nor endorse any commercial product as “Iowa State Fair Queen” for a period of 12 months following the 2026 Iowa State Fair without the written permission of the Iowa State Fair Board.
 22. The winning contestant will receive all prizes at the time of the finals with the exception of the scholarship. The scholarships will be presented to her after the 2027 Iowa State Fair Queen is selected.
 23. The reigning 2025 “Iowa State Fair Queen” is expected to conduct herself in a matter that reflects positively on herself, her family and on the Iowa State Fair. Should the reigning “Iowa State Fair Queen” become involved in any activity, including a drug, alcohol or tobacco related offense that reflects negatively on herself, her family or the Iowa STATE Fair, she may be required to forfeit her crown, title and rights on the scholarship award to the first runner-up.
 24. Should the 2026 “Iowa State Fair Queen” marry or become ineligible before the 2027 queen is crowned, she will forfeit her title, crown, and rights to the scholarship award to the first runner-up. Should the first runner-up become ineligible, she will forfeit title, crown, and rights to the scholarship to the second runner-up.
 25. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to change and interpret the foregoing rules and regulations at any time as may be deemed expedient.

2025 Keokuk County Expo Fair Queen: Carley Clarahan

Being your 2025 Keokuk County Expo Fair Queen has been an experience beyond amazing. I am deeply grateful to represent such an amazing community. This has been my dream since I was a little girl attending the fair, and it has lived up to everything I thought it would be and so much more. This year has flown by incredibly fast, and I have learned so much.

This position has shown many aspects of both the county and state fairs that I have never seen before. At the state fair, I got to meet the State Fair Board and made friends with some fellow queens. I also got to learn about leadership, table etiquette, interview professionalism, and using what you are good at to change the world.

I have met so many amazing people, but one of my favorites has to be my Little Miss, Riley Wehr. She has been the best helper and strives to show up whenever she can. We have shared many early mornings in the ring and late nights on the track.

I want to thank the people who got me here and supported me in this journey. This includes everyone from our Extension Council, Extension Staff, Fair Board, Carolyn Holm, past queens, and, most importantly, the community members. I could not have done any of this without your help. I also want to give a special thank you to my parents and family; you have always been my biggest supporters through it all.



Your 2025 Keokuk County Expo Fair Queen

Carley Clarahan

2026 Keokuk County Exposition Open Classes

Entry date for all Open Class entries:

Tuesday, July 14th: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 15th: 8:00 AM - Noon

Superintendents: Liz Gann, Alisca deRegnier, Carolyn Holm

General Open Class Rules:

1. "Best of Show" ribbons will be given in each division, if deserving.
2. All exhibitors must fill out an entry blank.
3. List the Division Letter, Class #, Category Item #, and your name, address, phone number and exhibitor's number.
4. Exhibitors are to fill out their entry tag for the categories they wish to show in. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to get their entries entered in each superintendent's judging book.
5. **THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE.**
6. All entries must be in place and checked in with division superintendent before noon on Wednesday, July 15.
7. Exhibitors are limited to **two** entries per class category item unless otherwise stated.
8. Judging on all divisions will be held on Wednesday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m.
9. If there is only one entry in a class category item, the judge may award as they see fit. First place money will only be awarded if deserving.
10. The original decision of the judge is final.
11. All entries must be the product of the exhibitor or someone who has taken an active part in the work.
12. The judging book will be the only criteria used for determining payment of premiums.
13. Exhibits must be picked up between 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday, July 19th. Any articles removed before the release time will forfeit any premium, unless otherwise approved.

Youth Divisions (15-younger)

YA—5 years and under

YD— 10 years to 11 years

YB—6 years to 7 years

YE—12 years to 13 years

YC— 8 years to 9 years

YF— 14 years to 15 years

Blue ribbon (\$1.50), Red Ribbon (\$1.00) and White Ribbon (\$0.50).

Adult Division 16 years and up

Blue ribbon (\$2.00), Red Ribbon (\$1.50) and White Ribbon (\$1.00) prize place premiums will be given in each category item #, if deserving.

Division A – Culinary

Please read all General Rules

****All entries must have the recipe attached TO**

1. One “Best of Show” and \$10.00-Baked Goods/One “Best of Show” and \$10.00- Canned goods.
2. All food products and food preparations used, illustrated, or described must be unquestionably safe. Any exhibit considered to be or to portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed. **All items need the recipe attached to be judged.**
 - a. All breads, rolls and cookies are to be exhibited on paper plates.
 - b. All cakes are to be exhibited on covered cardboard, 1” larger than the cake.
 - c. All pies are to be exhibited in foil pans.
 - d. All canned goods must have been canned during the past year (since Expo 2025).
 - e. Canned products must be displayed in Regulation jars, pint, or quart, with brand name on side of the jar.
 - f. Jelly may be displayed in 3/4 pint regulation jars or jelly jars.
 - g. Jars will be opened for judging. Please bring 2 jars of your entry: 1 for judging and one for display.
 - h. Exhibitors using two-piece lids must exhibit with ring in place. No rusting allowed on jars.
 - i. Following the judging, a small portion of each baked exhibit will be retained for display.
3. Unless notified to be the contrary, the remaining portion will be sold with the proceeds used for Open Class expenses.
4. Recipes should be printed on a 3x5 inch card. Entries without a recipe card will **NOT be judged.**
5. Anyone needing help filling out entry forms, or having questions, about classes, may ask a superintendent for assistance.

CLASS 1 - CAKES, unfrosted

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|---------------|---|------------|---------------------|
| 1. Angel Food | 2. Cake with fruit | 3. Chiffon | 4. Chocolate |
| 5. Nut | 6. White Cupcakes, four in paper liners | | 7. Other than named |

CLASS 2, CAKES, decorated

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Birthday/Holiday | 2. Cupcakes (4) | 3. Two-Layer Cake | 4. Other than named |
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CLASS 3, COOKIES

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|------------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. Decorated (6) | 2. Drop Cookies (6) | 3. Bars (6) | 4. No Bake (6) |
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CLASS 4, BREADS & ROLLS

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| 1. Baking Powder Biscuits (4) | 2. Cinnamon Rolls, unfrosted (4) |
| 3. Corn Bread | 4. Bread Loaf - white, wheat, rye, or other |
| 5. Swedish Tea Ring | 6. Pan Rolls (4) |
| 7. Other Rolls (4) | 8. Muffins (4) |
| 9. Bread Machine | 10. Quick Bread |
| 11. Other than named | |

CLASS 5, CANDIES

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|----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fudge | 2. Hard Candy | 3. Party, misc. | 4. Other than named |
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CLASS 6, PIES

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Fruit Pies | 2. Nut Pies | 3. Pumpkin Pie | 4. Other than named |
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CLASS 7, CANNED VEGETABLES

1. Any Vegetable

CLASS 8, CANNED FRUIT

1. Any
Fruit

CLASS 9, JELLIES (made of juice of fruit)

1. Any
Flavor

CLASS 10, JAMS (made of pulp & juice of fruit)

1. Any
Flavor

CLASS 11, PRESERVES

1. Any
Flavor

CLASS 12, BUTTERS (made by cooking, putting through sieve, adding sugar, cooking until thick)

1. Any
Flavor

CLASS 13 - SPICED GOODS, PICKLES & CUCUMBERS

1. Pickles
(cucumber)
2. Other Pickled
Vegetables
3. Sals
a

CLASS 14, MEAT

1. Any
Meat

CLASS 15, DEHYDRATED OR DRIED FOOD

1. Fruits
2. Meats
3. Vegetables
4. Dried Noodles

Division B – Textiles

Please read all General Rules

1. One “Best of Show” and \$10.00 - Quilts
2. One “Best of Show” and \$10.00 - Other Textiles
3. All textiles will be judged on general appearance, neatness of

design, and material, individuality, and neatness. **(MAY BE ENTERED ONLY ONCE).**

4. Care will be taken to ensure safety of articles, but Expo will not be responsible for loss or damage that may occur.
5. Exhibitors are to provide a clear plastic cover for quilts and afghans or any item the exhibitor wishes to protect.
6. All articles in this division must be MADE BY THE EXHIBITOR within the past three years.
7. All specimens must be completed pieces and shown in clean, sanitary condition.
8. Framing and matting of articles in the textile division will not be judged, only the article within the frame.
9. Quilts may be entered only once.

CLASS 16, KNITTING

1. Any
Item

CLASS 17, CROCHETING

1. Any
Item

CLASS 18, AFGHANS

1. Any
Item

CLASS 19, RUGS

1. Any
Item

CLASS 20, QUILTS

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Antique (25 years or older) | 2. Applique | |
| 3. Quilting by Hand | 4. Machine Quilting | |
| 5. T-shirt Quilt | 6. Pieced Quilt | 7. Other than named |

CLASS 21, SEWING

1. Clothing
2. Wall Hanging
3. Pillows
4. Tote Bag or Purse
5. Placemats
6. Other than named

CLASS 22, MISCELLANEOUS

1. Any Item

Examples: Chicken Scratch, Candle wicking, Embroidery, Needlepoint, Tatting, Cross Stitch, etc.

CLASS 23, HOLIDAY

1. Any Item

Division C - Floriculture

Please read all General Rules

1. One "Best of Show" and \$10.00 awarded.
2. **ALL FLOWERS ARE TO BE SHOWN IN CLEAR GLASS BOTTLE OR JAR.**
3. Exhibitors are to furnish their own clear glass bottles or jars to exhibit flowers.
4. Hanging plants must have a hanger furnished by the exhibitor.
5. In Class 24, Artistic Interpretation, no potted plants will be allowed unless otherwise stated. Dried flowers in arrangements will be acceptable with fresh flowers. Absolutely NO artificial flowers or greenery. Arrangements must contain some form of plant life. Dried Mullen seed pod is acceptable in flower arrangements.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for their own exhibit.
7. If you are exhibiting in the division, you must select your own flowers and make your own arrangements.

CLASS 25, WREATH HANGING

1. Natural Dried
2. Christmas Wreath
3. Swag
4. Flower Wreath with Silk Flowers

CLASS 26, SPECIMEN BLOOMS

1. Asters
2. Bachelor Button
3. Balloon Flowers
4. Black Eyed Susan
5. Cannas, 1 stalk
6. Calendula
7. Chrysanthemums
8. Coneflowers
9. Coreopsis
10. Cornflowers
11. Coxcomb
12. Dahlia, 1 bloom
13. Delphinium
14. Daisy
15. Dianthus
16. Gaillardia
17. Geranium
18. Gladiola, 1 spike
19. Lily (any), 1 stalk
20. Marigold, 1 bloom
21. Nasturtium
22. Pansy
23. Petunia (any), 3 sprays
24. Phlox, 1 spray
25. Rose (any), 1 bloom/stem
26. Snapdragon, 3 stems/stalks/spikes
27. Salvia
28. Sunflowers
29. Sweet Peas
30. Sweet William
31. Zinnia (any)
32. Other than named

CLASS 27, POTTED PLANTS

1. Aloe
2. Azalea
3. African Violet
4. Begonia
5. Caladium
6. Christmas cactus
7. Coleus
8. Cactus
9. Citrus Tree
10. Dieffenbachia
11. Fern (any)
12. Hoya
13. Geranium (blooming)
14. Gloxinia
15. Norfolk Pine
16. Ivy (any)
17. Palm
18. Philodendron
19. Purple Passion
20. Schefflera
21. Wandering Jew
22. Hanging Container
23. Planter of 3 or more variety
24. Other than named

CLASS 28, PLANTERS

1. Any 10" or smaller container
2. Any container over 10" with 3 or more plants

3. Any container over 10" with one variety

Division D - Art

Please read all General Rules

1. One "Best of Show" and \$10.00 awarded.
2. Expo will use diligence to ensure safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
3. Any article to be hung must have a good means of hanging.
4. All works will be judged on originality of subject, quality of handling of the materials used, appeal and overall representation.
5. Each entry should be done by the exhibitor and should not be photocopied.
6. No purchased or internet photos.

CLASS 29, FINE ARTS - PAINTING

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Oil Painting, Still Life | 2. Oil Painting, Scenery |
| 3. Oil Painting, Portrait | 4. Acrylics |
| 5. Block Print | 6. Charcoal |
| 7. Crayon/Tube Painting | 8. Pen & Ink |
| 9. Pastels or Chalk | 10. Watercolor |
| 11. China Painting | 12. Cartoon |
| 13. Poster Art or Collage | 14. Other than named |

CLASS 30 – PENCIL

Graphite Pencil

1. Portrait
2. Animal(s)
3. Still Life

Colored Pencil

4. Portrait
5. Animal(s)
6. Other than named

CLASS 31, TOLE & DECORATIVE PAINTING

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Barn Board Painting | 2. Porcelain/Glass |
| 3. Plaster Figurine | 4. Rose Maling |
| 5. Tole on Canvas | 6. Tole on Metal |
| 7. Tole on Wood | 8. Tole on other |

Division E – Photography

Please read all General Rules

1. One “Best of Show” Color and \$10.00 awarded
2. One “Best of Show” Black & White and \$10.00 awarded
3. Exhibitors are limited to **two** prints per class item number.
4. Prints must be 5 inches x7 inches or larger, printed on photo paper, matted, or mounted on cardboard (**No photo frames allowed**).
5. Photographs must be taken by the exhibitor but may be developed professionally.
6. Exhibits must have hanger. No hard frames.
7. No purchased or internet photographs.
8. Film and digital photographs will be judged in the same class.

CLASS 32, BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

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| 1. Adults | 2. Children |
| 3. Iowa Places | 4. USA Places |
| 5. Things & Still Life | 6. Family Farm |
| 7. Series of 3 Photos | 8. Sports |
| 9. Plants & Flowers | 10. Silhouettes |
| 11. Insects | 12. Wildlife |
| 13. Birds | 14. Landscape |
| 15. Animals | 16. Panoramic |
| 17. Fairs, Festivals & Parades | 18. Theme: “Fun at the Expo Fair” |
| 19. Toned, Tinted & Solarized
(sepia, toned) | 20. Other than named |
| 21. Photo printed on
wood/canvas/etc. | |

CLASS 32A Professional Photographers

(Same classes available in Class 32)

CLASS 33, COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

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|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Adults | 2. Children |
| 3. Iowa Places | 4. USA Places |
| 5. Things & Still Life | 6. Family Farm |

7. Series of 3 Photos
9. Plants & Flowers
11. Insects
13. Birds
15. Animals
17. Fairs, Festivals & Parades
19. Other than named
8. Sports
10. Silhouettes
12. Wildlife
14. Landscape
16. Panoramic
18. Theme: "Fun at the Expo Fair"
20. Printed on other

CLASS 33A Professional Photographers

(Same classes available in Class 33)

Division F - Crafts

Please read all General Rules

1. One "Best of Show" and \$10.00 awarded
2. Crafts made from kits are permitted; however, original work will be given preference in judging.
3. Expo will use diligence to ensure safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
4. Any article to be hung must have a good means of hanging.
5. All works will be judged on originality of subject, quality of handling the materials used, appeal and overall representation.

CLASS 34, CREATIVE ARTS

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| 1. Candles | 2. Decoupage |
| 3. Jewelry | 4. Plaster Item |
| 5. Leather work | 6. Novelty Doll |
| 7. Picture or plaque using dried plants or hoop | 8. Soft Sculpture |
| 9. Stained Glass | 10. String Art |
| 11. Wire Art | 12. Plastic Canvas |
| 13. Recycled Item | 14. Punch Art |
| 15. Tree Decorations | 16. Christmas Stocking |
| 17. Other than named | |

CLASS 35, COUNTRY CRAFTS

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Macramé | 2. Stenciling |
| 3. Copper Tooling | 4. Tin Punch |
| 5. Folk Art | 6. Rag Baskets |
| 7. Reed Weaving | 8. Rag Dolls |
| 9. Clay | 10. Other than named |

CLASS 36, WOOD CARVING & SCULPTURE

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Carving - Animals | 2. Carving - People |
| 3. Carving - Novelty | 4. Other than named |

CLASS 37, METAL ART SCULPTURE

1. Abstract Metal
2. Metal

CLASS 38, SCRAPBOOKING

Must be displayed in a plastic sleeve.

1. Christmas page
2. Sports page
3. Family page
4. Birthday page
5. "Fun at the Fair" page
6. School page
7. Christmas scrapbook
8. Mini album
9. 6 inches x 6 inches page
10. 8 ½ inches x 11 inches page
11. 12 inches x 12 inches page
12. Scrapbook
13. Other than named

CLASS 39, RUBBER STAMPING

1. Birthday card
2. Christmas card
3. Sympathy card
4. Collage card
5. Holiday card, other than Christmas techniques
6. Special/Advanced stamping techniques
7. Ornament
8. Holiday treat bag
9. Holiday treat boxes
10. Other than named

CLASS 40, REFINISHING

1. Metal
2. Upholstered
3. Wood

CLASS 41, WOODWORKING

1. Doll Furniture
2. Dollhouse
3. Toys
4. Scroll Saw work
5. Candleholder
6. Clock
7. Foot Stool
8. Kitchen Items
9. Wood Inlay
10. Miniature Items
11. Miniature Rooms
12. Coffee Table
13. Other than named

Division G - Fruits & Vegetables

Please read all General Rules

1. One “Best of Show” and \$10.00 awarded

CLASS 42, FRUITS & VEGETABLES

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| 1. Apples (5) | 2. Beans (6) |
| 3. Beets (3) | 4. Broccoli (1) |
| 5. Cabbage (1) | 6. Cauliflower (1) |
| 7. Carrots (3) | 8. Cucumbers (5) |
| 9. Eggplant (1) | 10. Gourds, mixed (4) |
| 11. Grapes (4 bunches) | 12. Head Lettuce (1) |
| 13. Herb Display (5 varieties) | 14. Indian Corn (5 ears) |
| 15. Kohlrabi (2) | 16. Lettuce (1 plant in water) |
| 17. Onions (3) | 18. Peppers (2) |
| 19. Potatoes (3) | 20. Pumpkin (1) |
| 21. Rhubarb (3) | 22. Squash (1) |
| 23. Sweet Corn, husks left on (2) | 24. Tomatoes (3) |
| 25. Cherry or grape tomatoes (8) | 26. Turnips (3) |
| 27. Garden Display, not less than varieties
in a basket | 28. Other than named (4
specimen) |

Division I - Honey

Please read all General Rules

1. One “Best of Show” and \$10.00 awarded

CLASS 45, Honey

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| 1. Comb | 2. Bottled |
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Division J - My Collection

Please read all General Rules

1. Please make a display card with your name and a few comments about the collection.
2. If there are 6 or more entries, one “Best of Show” and \$10.00 will be awarded.
 - **CLASS 46, 7 YEARS OF AGE & UNDER**
 - **CLASS 47, 8 - 17 YEARS OF AGE & UNDER**
 - **CLASS 48, 18 YEARS OF AGE & UP**

Tallest Corn Stalk Contest

Stalks will be measured from the ground line to the top of the tassel. Crooked stalks will be straightened to measure.

Each contestant may enter only 1 stalk.

Entries- Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, July 14th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 AM – Noon

Divisions:

Youth 4 & Under

Youth 5-9

Youth 10-15

1st Place \$5

2nd Place \$3

Place holders will also receive ribbons.

Best Expo Memorabilia

Display

Expo is celebrating 50 years! We want to see your best expo memorabilia from the years. There will be two classes: Photos and Other

Entries- Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, July 14th

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 AM – Noon

Ugly Cake Contest

Ugly! Ugly as can be! Let
your imagination go wild.

Everything on the cake
must be edible.

1 entry per person.

Entries- Exhibit Hall

Tues. July 14th 6:00 PM –
8:00 PM

Wed. July 15th 8:00 AM –
Noon

Divisions:

Youth 4 & Under

Youth 5-9

Youth 10-15

1st Place \$5

2nd Place \$3

Place holders will also
receive ribbons.

* Any animal brought in late will not be allowed to show. NO

EXCEPTIONS! *

2026 Fair Schedule

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, June 14th		
12:00 pm	Clothing Event	Extension Office
Saturday, July 11th		
5:30 pm	Farm Bureau Cook-Off Dinner (Free Will Donation)	Expo Hall
6:30 pm	Bingo hosted by Keokuk County 4-H Youth Council	Expo Hall
Sunday, July 12th		
9:00 am	Bucket Bottle Interviews	Extension Office
1:00 pm	Flag Raising Ceremony	Expo Fairgrounds
1:00-4:00 pm	Expo Fair Set-Up	Expo Fairgrounds
5:00 pm	4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Speed Events & Fun and Games Show	Horse Arena
Monday, July 13th		
8:30-11:30 am	4-H Static Judging	Exhibit Hall
8:30-11:30 am	Clover Kids Exhibit Judging	Extension Office
1:00-2:00 pm	Make & Take Craft	Commercial Building
2:00 pm	4-H Communications Judging	Commercial Building/Extension Office
Afternoon	Grain Bin Rescue Demo	Start in Commercial Building, Outside
3:00-4:00 pm	Pop Up Mini Golf (sponsored by Sigourney Public Library)	Commercial Building
4:00 pm	4-H Flowerpots Due	Commercial Building

5:00 pm	4-H/FFA Meal (sponsored by Vision Ag)	Tent between Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barn
6:00-7:00 pm	Mutton Busting (Sign-Up at 5:30, max 20 youth)	Track
7:30 pm	Rodeo	Track
Tuesday, July 14th		
8:00 am	Free Breakfast (sponsored by Sinclair/NAPA)	Commercial Building
9:00 am	4-H/FFA Horse & Pony Halter & Performance Show	Horse Arena
9:00-9:15 am	Clover Kids Pet Show Check-In	Commercial Building
9:30 am	Clover Kids Pet Show	Commercial Building
11:00 am	4-H/FFA Pet Show	Commercial Building
1:00-2:30 pm	Ag Olympics (Sign-Up at 12:30)	Show Ring
2:00-2:30 pm	Cookie Decorating	Commercial Building
3:00-6:00 pm	Water Rocks! Conservation Station	Between Exhibit Hall and Livestock Barn
4:00-5:00 pm	Toby Kid Mesozoic Adventure (sponsored by Sigourney Public Library)	Commercial Building
4:30 pm	Pedal Tractor Pull (Sign-Up at 4)	Commercial Building
5:00 pm	Clover Kids Graduation	Show Ring
5:30 pm	Baby Contest (Sign-Up at 5)	Commercial Building
6:00 pm	Clover Kids Gardener Fest	Show Ring
6:00 pm	Rabbit/Poultry Check-In	Livestock Barn

6:00-8:00 pm	Cattle and Sheep may be brought in	Livestock Barn
6:00-8:00 pm	Open Class Check-In	Exhibit Hall
7:00 pm	Little Mr./Ms. Contest (Sign-Up at 6:30)	Commercial Building
Wednesday, July 15th		
7:00 am	Juice and donuts (sponsored by Keokuk County Farm Bureau)	Livestock Barn
7:00-8:00 am	4-H/FFA Beef Pen of 3 Weigh-In and Scanning	Livestock Barn
8:00-9:00 am	4-H/FFA Market Beef Weigh-In and Scanning	Livestock Barn
8:00 am-12:00 pm	Open Class Check-In	Exhibit Hall
9:00 am	4-H/FFA Breeding Beef Check-In	Livestock Barn
9:00 am	4-H/FFA Sheep/Meat Goat must be penned	Livestock Barn
9:15-10:00 am	4-H/FFA Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In and Scanning	Livestock Barn
10:00 am	4-H/FFA Swine must be penned	Livestock Barn
10:00-11:00 am	Zoops Fun Zone Balloons (sponsored by Sigourney Public Library)	Commercial Building
10:00-11:30 am	4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-In and Scanning	Livestock Barn
11:00-Noon	All Other 4-H/FFA and Clover Kids Animals Check-In	Livestock Barn
11:00 am-1:00 pm	Family Lunch hosted by Nutrien Keswick	Commercial Building
1:00 pm	4-H/FFA & Clover Kids Dog Show	Show Ring

1:00-8:00 pm	Joe's Old Fashion Carnival (\$5/wristband)	Expo Fairgrounds
5:00 pm	Rabbit Show	Show Ring
5:30 pm	Kids Bags Tournament (Sign-Up at 5)	Commercial Building
6:00 pm (or following the rabbit show)	Poultry Show	Show Ring
7:00 pm	Adult Bags Tournament (Sign-Up at 6:30)	Commercial Building
Thursday, July 16th – Day Sponsored by Farm Bureau		
7:00 am	Juice and Donuts sponsored by Colbert Feed	Livestock Barn
8:00 am	4-H/FFA Sheep Show	Show Ring
10:00 am (or following the sheep show)	4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show	Show Ring
10:00 am	Farm Class Swine Interviews	Extension Office
10:00-11:00 am	Laura Ernst Acrobat (sponsored by Sigourney Public Library)	Commercial Building
11:00 am-1:00 pm	4-H/FFA Meal (sponsored by Wyffels Hybrids)	Tent between Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barn
11:00 am-7:00 pm	Joe's Old Fashion Carnival (\$5/wristband)	Expo Fairgrounds
TBD	Beef Pen of 3 Interviews	Extension Office
1:00-3:00pm	Farm Bureau Safety Zone	Commercial Building
1:00-4:00 pm	Mud Volleyball (\$10/team) (Check-In at 12-1 pm)	Horse Arena
1:30 pm	Spin Art	Commercial Building
3:00-5:00 pm	Bingo	Extension Office

5:30-6:00 pm	4-H Clothing Style Show/Awards	Extension Office
5:30 pm	Food Trucks	Expo Fairgrounds
6:00 pm	Bill Riley Talent Show <i>(During talent show judging: 4-H Awards and Recognition)</i>	Commercial Building
Following the Talent Show	Queen Contest <i>(during the contest: Friends of the Fair, 4-H Flower Planter Auction)</i>	Commercial Building
Friday, July 17th		
7:00 am	Free Breakfast (sponsored by Farmers Co-op)	Livestock Barn
8:00 am	4-H/FFA Swine Show	Show Ring
9:00- am-2:00 pm	BioFuels Mobile Educational Trailer sponsored by the Washington Keokuk County Corn & Soybean Growers	Expo Fairgrounds
11:00 am-1:00 pm	4-H/FFA Meal (sponsored by Pioneer)	Tent between Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barn
11:00 am-7:00 pm	Joe's Old Fashion Carnival (\$5/wristband)	Expo Fairgrounds
12:30-2:30 pm	Bingo	Extension Office
1:00 pm (or following the Swine Show)	Bacon Buddies	Show Ring
1:00-2:00 pm	Will Stuck Science & Music (sponsored by Sigourney Public Library)	Commercial Building
3:00 pm	Clover Kids Bucket Bottle Show	Show Ring
4:00 pm (or following the	4-H/FFA Bucket Bottle Show	Show Ring

Clover Kids Show)		
7:30 pm	Julia Neville Concert	Track
Saturday, July 18th		
7:00 am	Breakfast (sponsored by Agriland FS of Hedrick)	Livestock Barn
8:00 am	4-H/FFA Cattle Show	Show Ring
11:00 am-5:00 pm	Joe's Old Fashion Carnival (\$5/wristband)	Expo Fairgrounds
11:00 am	Lunch sold by Expo Fairboard	Tent between Exhibit Hall & Livestock Barn
1:00-3:00 pm	Bingo	Extension Office
4:00 pm	Supreme Showmanship	Show Ring
5:30 pm	Kid's Figure 8 Race Car Rides	Track
6:30 pm	Figure 8 Races, Kids Night (13 & Under – FREE)	Track
Sunday, July 19th		
6:00 am	Swine released (all other animals must wait until AFTER swine are gone)	Livestock Barn
7:00-8:30 am	4-H Flower Pot Pick Up	Commercial Building
7:00-8:00 am	All Open Class Exhibits Released	Exhibit Hall
7:00-9:00 am	All 4-H/FFA Exhibits released	Exhibit Hall
9:00 am	All exhibits must be picked up, exhibit area and stalls cleaned	Exhibit Hall

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