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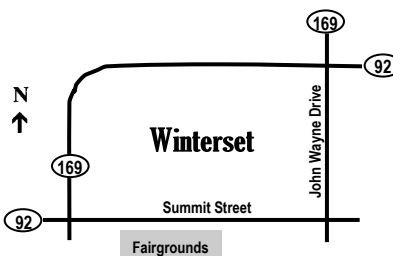
Madison County Fair Book 2026



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July 15-July 19

"Come to the Fair!"





Madison County Fair Vision, Mission and Purpose

Vision

To be a cornerstone of community life in Madison County Iowa—where agricultural heritage is honored, youth are inspired to become the leaders of tomorrow, and people of all generations come together to celebrate learning, tradition, and shared experiences.

Mission

The Madison County Livestock and Fair Association provides a safe, welcoming environment where youth and adults can showcase their talents, accomplishments, and skills while offering engaging entertainment, educational opportunities, and authentic fair experiences that bring our community together.

Purpose

The Madison County Fair exists to cultivate the character, leadership, citizenship and life skills of our youth while preserving the agricultural traditions that define our community. Through hands-on learning, friendly competition, and family-centered experiences, the fair strengthens community connections, creates citizens of tomorrow and builds pride in Madison County.



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2026 Summary of Fair Book Changes

ATTENTION ALL MADISON CO. FAIR EXHIBITORS:

Exhibitors are responsible for knowing, understanding, and complying with ALL Madison County Fair rules, regulations, and policies contained in this book. Please be sure to read ALL pages in this fair book that pertain to your participation in County Fair.

GENERAL/4-H/FFA CHANGES SUMMARY:

Vision/Mission/Purpose ... Front Cover	Revised Statements
Night Shows	Page 14 Beer Garden available at Night Shows
Extension Staff	Page 22 New Staff Members
Camping	Page 26 Increased Camping Price
Gen. Rules & Regulations.....	Page 35 #1—Added Nodaway Valley FFA
Livestock Rules & Regs.....	Page 39 #3— FFA to use jotform for Animal ID
.....	Page 40 #8—New Exhibit Release Times
..... #15— Revised Substitute Showman
Premium Auction	Page 42 Updated #2—late entries
Cattle Fitting Contest	Page 46 Removed “must wear a MCF shirt”
Herdsmanship.....	Page 47 #10—Release times for winners
.....	Page 48 Updated Scorecard
Beef.....	Page 52 Updated Superintendents
.....	Page 52 Pen of 3 weigh in/judging times
.....	Page 52 Moved Feeder Calves to Open Class
.....	Page 53 #2—Check-in times
.....	Page 53 #5—New Rule about fitting tents
.....	Page 54 Added Aberdeen Steer Class
.....	Page 55 New Advanced Feeder Calves Rules
.....	Page 56 Added Aberdeen Heifer Class
Cats.....	Page 59-60 New Rules—review all
Dog.....	Page 63-71 New Rules—review all



2026 Summary of Fair Book Changes

4-H/FFA CHANGES SUMMARY (cont'd):

Horse..... Page 77..... Rules & Regulation—updated #12
 Page 78..... Entries & Stalls—updated #9
 Page 79..... Awards—updated #3, #4

Poultry Page 82 Add'l Check-in times on Tues

Rabbit..... Page 86..... New Show Times
 Page 89..... Clover Bud—#2 Updated

Sheep..... Page 91-92..... Updated Rules & Regs—read all
 Page 94..... Market—#8 - Updated Home Raised
 Page 95..... Pen of 3—Updated Individual & Club

Communication..... Page 104-108..... New Superintendent
 Purpose—Rule #5 & #7
 Working Exhibits #3

Static Exhibits Page 109-122..... Read ALL Pages to View Changes

OPEN CLASS CHANGES SUMMARY:

Bottle Calf..... Page 124..... New Check-in time
 New Arrival Options

Carcass Steer..... Page 125-126..... \$10 entry fee, new weigh-in time and
 new viewing/awards time & location

Feeder Calf Page 129..... New as an Open Show—read all

Bottle/Bucket Lamb Page 132-133..... Updated Rule #3, #4, #5

Family & Consumer Sciences Pages 135-143..... New Divisions, Classes

Sunshine Garden Club .Page 144-153..... New Show Categories, Classes



Schedule of Events

*** Schedule as of 4/1/26. All dates & times subject to change. ***

- Sunday, Feb 1** Market Beef Identification forms due
(4-H—v2.4honline.com)
(FFA—<https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>)
- Sunday, March 1** 4-H Dog Project Enrollment and ID due
(4-H—v2.4honline.com)
(FFA—<https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>)
- Wednesday, April 15** 4-H Members must be enrolled in 4-H via 4-H on-line
(v2.4honline.com) to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
- Friday, May 15** All 4-H & FFA Livestock Identification due (excluding
Market Beef, Poultry and Rabbits)
4-H & FFA ID's are due by 11:59 p.m. on May 15
(4-H—v2.4honline.com)
(FFA—<https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>)
Deadline to order **FREE** 4-H/FFA Exhibitor T-shirts.
- Monday, June 15** 4-H & FFA Poultry and Rabbit Identification due
(4-H—v2.4honline.com)
(FFA—<https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>)
All 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibits, Communications, and
Clothing Fair Entries due at 11:59 pm. on Fair Entry
Website (<http://madison.fairentry.com>).
Last day to order 4-H/FFA Exhibitor T-shirts for **FEE**
- Monday, June 22** FINAL DAY for Fair Entries (with late fee) - see pg 39
- Wednesday, July 1** YQCA due for animal exhibitors (beef cattle, dairy
cattle, goats, market rabbits, poultry, sheep and swine)
All 4-H/FFA State Fair Entries due at 11:59 pm. on
Fair Entry Website (Fairentry.com)
- Friday, July 10** Static Exhibit Entry deadline
Fairboard campers may start arriving
6 p.m. Grand Champion Partner campers may start arriving

Saturday, July 11

- 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.....Communications & Clothing Judging (Community Building and Jackson Building)
- 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.....4-H/FFA Fair Set-up (come anytime)

- 3 p.m.....Reserved campers and 4H/FFA Livestock Lead Superintendents may start arriving
- 6 p.m.....Move in Non-Reserved Campers

Sunday, July 12

- 7:30 a.m.....4-H/FFA Dog Check-in
- 8 a.m.....4-H & FFA Dog Show - Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Agility (Carnival Area)
- 10:30—4 p.m.4-H/FFA Club Booth Set-up (Jackson Building)

Monday, July 13

- 8 a.m.– 4 p.m.....Club Booth set-up (Jackson Building)
- 9 a.m.....Static Exhibit Judging (Jackson Building)

Tuesday, July 14

- 9 a.m.—12 p.m.Little Farmer Barn Set-up (assigned club assist)
- 1 p.m.– 7 p.m.....Jackson Building Open Class Check-In Times:
 - Family & Consumer Sciences* 1 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Horticulture* 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- 6 p.m.....Free Hotdog Meal for anyone on grounds
Sponsored by American State Bank & Heritage Financial Group
- 6 p.m.....All Livestock Entries May Arrive
- 6—7:30 p.m.Beef Pen of Three & Carcass Beef Weigh-In (Sale Barn)
- 6—8 p.m.Horse Check-in
- 6—8 p.m.Poultry Check-in (Open Cage Barn)
- 6 – 8 p.m.....Sheep Vet Check in Roller Skating Rink Parking Lot (Required for All Sheep Exhibitors)
- 6 – 8 p.m.Goat Check-in & Weigh-in
- 6 – 9 p.m.Sheep Check-in & Weigh-in
- 6—9 p.m.Dairy Cattle Check-in
- 7 – 9 p.m.....Swine – On-Site Vet Check—at swine barn
- 7 – 9 p.m.....Swine – Those With CVI

Wednesday, July 15

- 6 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Livestock Entries Arrive:
Horses (final check-in) 6 – 7 a.m.
Dairy Cattle (final check-in) 6 – 9 a.m.
Llamas & Alpacas 6 – 9:30 a.m.
Lead Beef 6 – 10 a.m.
Swine (With CVI) 6 – 10 a.m.
Poultry & Rabbits 6–10 a.m.
- 7 – 9 a.m. Complimentary Donuts/Juice
Sponsored by *Farm Credit Services of America*
- 7:30 a.m.– 10:30 a.m. ... Jackson Building Open Class Check-In Times:
Family & Consumer Sciences 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Horticulture 7:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- 8 a.m. Lean Gain Ultrasound Scanning
Sheep (North End of Sheep Barn)
Beef (Winterset Sale Barn Vet Shack) - following Sheep
- 8 – 10:30 a.m. Swine Weigh-In
- 8 – 10 a.m. Rabbit and Poultry Check-In
- 9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 10 a.m. 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show (South Show Ring)
- 10 a.m. Jackson Building Opens - All Exhibits
- 10 a.m. Varied Industries Building Opens
- 10:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. . Jackson Building Open Class Judging Times:
Horticulture 10:30 a.m.
Family & Consumer Sciences 11:00 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Show (North Show Ring)
- After Dairy Cattle 4-H/FFA—Specialty Goat Show & Dairy Goat Show
(North Show Ring)
- 1 – 3 p.m. Lead Beef Weigh-In/Breeding Beef & Cow-Calf Check-In
- 1—1:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Cat Show Check-in (Varied Industries)
- 1:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Cat Show (Varied Industries)
- 2:30 p.m. Open Class Pet Show Check-In (Varied Industries)
- 3 p.m. Open Class Pet Show (Varied Industries)
- 3 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest (North Show Ring then South
Show Ring)
- 4 p.m. Photo for State Fair Static Exhibitors (Jackson Building)
- 4:45 p.m. 4-H Communication Awards (North Show Ring)

Wednesday, July 15 (continued)

- 5 p.m. 4-H Style Show (North Show Ring)
- 5:45 p.m. Conservation Awards - Madison County Soil & Water
(North Show Ring)
- 6 p.m. Premium Auction Forms Due
- 6:30 p.m. Mad. Co. Fair Queen & King Contest (North Show Ring)
Prince and Princess Contest
- 7 p.m. Truck Pull (Motor Arena)
- 8 p.m. Jackson Building Closes
- 8:30 p.m. Varied Industries Building Closes

Thursday, July 16 Day Care Day at the Fair

- 6:30 a.m. Complimentary Pancake Breakfast for Exhibitors
(North Show Ring) - *Sponsored by Summit Vet Services,
Winterset Vet.Center, Cedar Creek Animal Clinic, Hall Vet
Services & Agriland FS*
- 8:30 a.m. Meat Market and Clover Poultry Arrival/Check-in (Small
Animal Building)
- 9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 9 a.m. Jackson Building Opens
- 9 a.m. Poultry Show (South Show Ring)
- 9 a.m. Lean Gain Ultrasound Scanning
Swine (North End of Swine Barn)
- 9– 11 p.m. Beef Pen of Three Interviews (Jackson Blding Board Room)
- 10 a.m. Varied Industries Building Opens
- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Ag Mystery Walk for Youth, Grades K-6
Sponsored by Madison County Farm Bureau
- 2 p.m. Open Bottle/Bucket Lamb Show &
Sheep Show (South Show Ring)
- 5:00 p.m. Dancing Horses (Rodeo Arena)
- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Live FREE Music by Corey Jamison
- 5:30 p.m. Cattle Fitting Clinic (South Show Ring)
- 5:30 p.m. Bill Riley Talent Show (North Show Ring)
- 5:30 p.m. *NEW...* Bags Tournament (North of North Show Ring)
- 6:45 p.m. Mutton Bustin Check-in (Rodeo Arena)
- 7:15 p.m. Mutton Bustin Event (Rodeo Arena)
- 8 p.m. Full Rodeo—Duckworth Rodeo Productions
- 8 p.m. Jackson Building Closes
- 8:30 p.m. Varied Industries Building Closes

Friday, July 17

- 6:30 – 8 a.m. Complimentary Donuts/Juice for Exhibitors
Sponsored by *Madison County Democrats*
- 8 a.m. Beef Show—Pen of Three (Pens outside beef wash rack)
- 8:45 a.m. Rabbit Show (Varied Industries)
- 9 a.m. Beef Show—Lead Beef (order is Cow Calf, Heifers, Steers,
Showmanship and then Open Feeder Calf)
- 9 a.m. Jackson Building Opens
- 10 a.m. Varied Industries Building Opens
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Ag Mystery Walk for Youth, Grades K-6
Sponsored by *Madison County Farm Bureau*
- 2 – 4 p.m. Midwest Heritage Watermelon Feed (North Show Ring)
- 3:30 p.m. Beef Awards Presentation ceremony (North Show Ring)
- 4:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dog Project Awards Ceremony and Trick Dog
Competition (North Show Ring)
- 5:00 p.m. Dancing Horses (Rodeo Arena)
- 5 – 7:30 p.m. Open Class Bottle Calf Check-In (Bottle Calf Tent)
- 5—8:00 p.m. Live FREE Music by Mike Bernard
- 6 p.m. Bacon Buddies (South Show Ring)
- 6:45 p.m. Mutton Bustin Check-in (Rodeo Arena)
- 7:15 p.m. Mutton Bustin Event (Rodeo Arena)
- 8 p.m. Full Rodeo—Duckworth Rodeo Productions
- 8 p.m. Jackson Building Closes
- 8:30 p.m. Varied Industries Building Closes

Saturday, July 18

- 8 a.m. Swine Show (South Show Ring)
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Open Class Kid Goat Show Check-in (North Show Ring)
- 9 a.m. Jackson Building Opens
- 9:30 a.m. Archery Tournament Registration (South of Motor Arena)
- 10 a.m. Horse Project Fun Show (Horse Arena)
- 10 a.m. Open Class Kid Goat Show (North Show Ring)
- 10 a.m. Varied Industries Building Opens
- 10 a.m. Archery Tournament Start
- 11 a.m. Open Class Bottle Calf Pre-Show Parent Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Open Class Bottle Calf Show (North Show Ring)
Sponsored by *Winterset Sale Bar & Molln/Brown Family Farms*
- 2 p.m. Monster Arm Wrestling (South Show Ring)

Saturday, July 18 (continue)

- 4:30 p.m.....Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull Registration (North Show Ring)
- 5 p.m.....Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull (North Show Ring)
- 5 –8:00 p.m.....Live FREE Music by Rural Route
- 6 p.m.....Cattle Fitting Contest (North Show Ring)
- 7 p.m.....Circle Track Mud Races (Motor Arena)
- 8 p.m.....Family Movie Night (East of North Show Ring)
Sponsored by 4-H Youth Council
- 8 p.m.....Jackson Building Closes
- 8:30 p.m.....Varied Industries Building Closes

Sunday, July 19

- 6:30 – 8:00 a.m.....Heifer Pregnancy Ultrasounds by Dr. Holcomb, Cedar Creek
Animal Clinic (Winterset Sale Barn Vet Chute)
- 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.....Horseshoe Tournament Check-In
- 9:00 a.m.....Supreme Showmanship Competition (North Show Ring,
then South Show Ring)
- 10 a.m.....Jackson Building Opens
- 10 a.m.....Varied Industries Building Opens
- 10 a.m.....MCF Horseshoes
Sanctioned by Iowa Hawkeye Horseshoe Pitchers Association
- 10:30 a.m.....Cowboy Church (Horse Arena)
- 12:00 p.m.....Friends of the Fair Presentation (North Show Ring)
- 12:00 p.m.....Livestock Auction Event - Premium Sale (North Show Ring)
- 1 p.m.....Madison County Farm Bureau Cook-Out contest
- 3:30 p.m.....Varied Industries Building Vendors Released
- 3:30—5:30 p.m.All Exhibits Released – 4-H/FFA/Open Class
Exhibits will start releasing at 3:30 by the club release schedule..
{Any family or exhibitor that removes an open class or 4-H/FFA exhibit
(livestock or non-livestock) prior to their club schedule release time will
NOT be allowed to exhibit the next year and will forfeit **ALL** premiums
due (including premiums from the auction).
- 7:00 p.m.....Down and Back Mud Races (Motor Arena)

Monday, July 20

- 9 a.m.-12 p.m.....Club Fair Tear-Down (no early tear-down)
- 6 p.m.....Campers need to be out
- 6-6:30 p.m.....Beef Carcass Viewing
- 7 p.m.....Carcass Awards Presentation—Beef, Sheep, Swine
(Jackson Building)



FAIR

**ENTERTAINMENT
and EVENTS**



Entertainment Summary

Free Entertainment:

The Quad City Magician	Daily - 11 a.m - 5 p.m.
Face Painting	Wed - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thur - Sat 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sun - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Little Farmer Barn	Wed-Sat 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m-2 p.m.
Electrifying Magic	Daily - 1, 3 & 5 p.m.

Live Music (Free Stage Main Concourse):

Corey Jamison	Thur, July 16th, 5 p.m.
Mike Bernard	Fri, July 17th, 5 p.m.
Rural Route Band	Sat, July 18th, 5 p.m.

Grandstand Entertainment:

Truck Pull	Wed, July 15th, 7 p.m.
Full Rodeo (<i>w/Mutton Bustin'</i>)	Thur, July 16th, 8 p.m.
Full Rodeo (<i>w/Mutton Bustin'</i>)	Fri, July 17th, 8 p.m.
Circle Track Mud Race	Sat, July 18th, 7 p.m.
Down and Back Mud Race	Sun, July 19th, 7 p.m.

GRANDSTAND TICKETS

\$12 Adults ♦ \$6 Children (Age 5-12) ♦ Preschool Free
Tickets Available at the Gate or in-advance at
madisoncountyfair.net

FUN & FREE EVENTS AT THE FAIR!

LITTLE FARMER BARN

WHEN: July 15-19 (Wed.-Sun.)

WHERE: SE of Jackson Building

HOURS: Wed.-Sat.: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 pm.
Sun.: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



FACE PAINTING



WHEN: July 15-19 (Wed.- Sun.)

TIME: Wed: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thur: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fri: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Free Entertainment Area
(West of Little Farmer Barn)

QUAD CITY MAGICIAN including Balloons

WHEN: July 15-19 (Wed.- Sun.)

TIME: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Free Entertainment Area



MORE FUN & FREE EVENTS



ELECTRIFYING MAGIC

Daily 1, 3, & 5 p.m.

*Free Entertainment
Area*



New this year...

Night Show Beer Garden

Beer/Seltzers will be sold
Must stay in night show areas
No outside alcohol allowed

*Opens at 5 p.m, closes ~ 30 minutes be-
fore the end of the event*

Live Music on Thursday, Friday and
Saturday nights in Beer Garden

CARNIVAL

OZARK AMUSEMENTS

Hours:

Wednesday	Noon-4 p.m, 5 p.m-Close
Thursday	Noon-4 p.m, 5 p.m-Close
Friday	Noon-4 p.m, 5 p.m-Close
Saturday	Noon-4 p.m, 5 p.m-Close
Sunday	Noon-4 p.m, 5 p.m-Close

Special of \$25 Arm Bands—Daily from Noon to 4 p.m.

KIDDIE PEDAL TRACTOR PULL



WHEN: Saturday, July 18th

REGISTRATION: 4:30 pm

TIME: 5 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$1

WHERE: North Show Ring

FREE FOOD

TUESDAY: Free Hotdog Meal for anyone on grounds (4-H Food Stand)
Sponsored by American State Bank & Heritage Financial Group

WEDNESDAY: Complimentary Donuts/Juice (Fair Office)
Sponsored by Farm Credit Services of America

THURSDAY: Free Pancake Breakfast for Exhibitors (North Show Ring)
*Sponsored by Summit Vet Services, Winterset Vet.Center, Cedar Creek Animal Clinic,
Hall Vet, Services & Agriland FS)*

FRIDAY: Complimentary Donuts/Juice for Exhibitors (MC Democrats)
Sponsored by Madison County Democrats

Wyffels Hybrids & BASF
PROUDLY PRESENT:
Duckworth Rodeo Productions



Full Rodeo

- **Bareback**
- **Bull Riding**
- **Timed Events**

JULY 16-17, 2026
Performances 8 p.m. Nightly
Madison County Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena

Tickets Available At The Gate:

\$12 Adults ♦ \$6 Children (Age 5-12) ♦ Preschool Free

For Rodeo Information, Call Brad (641) 344-5403

Mutton Bustin'



During both nights of the rodeo
6:45 Check-in, 7:15 Event
Check Madison County Fair Social Media for registration details.
Contestants must be under 80 lbs and age 8 or under



Clover Bud /Youth Opportunities

Clover Bud Opportunities

(For 4-H Members Grades K-3)

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(For 4-H and Non-4-H Members)

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Check Out the Madison County Fair Website:
www.madisoncountyfair.net



Other Events

Varied Industries Bldg..... Daily 10-8:30 p.m. (Sun 3:30 p.m.)
Prince and Princess Contest Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
MCF King and Queen Contest Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Daycare Day..... Thursday
Ag Mystery Walk Thursday & Friday 10-2 p.m.
Cattle Fitting Clinic Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
NEW..Bags Tournament Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Bacon Buddies..... Friday, 6 p.m.
Archery Tournament Saturday, 10 a.m.
Monster Arm Wrestling..... Saturday, 2 p.m.
Dancing Horses Thursday, Friday, 5 p.m.
Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull Saturday, 5 p.m.
Cattle Fitting Contest Saturday, 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night Saturday, 8 p.m.
Horse Shoes Tournament Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Supreme Showman Competition..... Sunday, 9 a.m.
Cowboy Church..... Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Livestock Premium Auction Event Sunday, 12 p.m.
Farm Bureau Cook-Out Contest Sunday, 1 p.m.

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Be Sure To Visit the
**VARIED INDUSTRIES
BUILDING**
at the Madison County Fair!

Wed-Sat—10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday - 10 a.m.—3:30 p.m.



**FIRST AID
STATION**

**At Fair Office
and in every barn**

Madison County Fair Horseshoes Tournament



Sanctioned by Iowa
Hawkeye Horseshoe
Pitchers Association (IHHPA)

DATE: Sunday, July 19, 2026

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00

CHECK-IN TIME: by 9:30 a.m.

PITCHING BEGINS: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Horseshoe Pits - Madison
County Fairgrounds

- Divisions are determined by ringer percentages.
- All Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned Pitchers are welcome.
- Prizes awarded to top finishers.



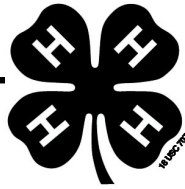
For More Information, Contact:

Chris Jordan: (641) 728-4751 or
(515) 669-3085 (cell—use day of tour-
nament)



**MADISON CO.
FAIR**

**GENERAL
INFORMATION**



2026 Madison County Fair
ISU EXTENSION - MADISON COUNTY STAFF

Lindsey Young – 4-H Coordinator

Nicole Navin – Executive Director

Lanie Petersen – Program Coordinator

Sara Wollner– Regional Director

Megan Carlson – 4-H Youth Program Specialist

Hope DeMan – Fair Intern

Gracie Briney – Summer Program Assistant Intern

Visit our ISU Madison Co. Extension website at:
www.extension.iastate.edu/madison
Or Call Our Madison Co. Ext. Office: (515) 462-1001

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
Extension and Outreach



2026 Madison County Fair Board Officers

President CJ Kading, Earlham
 Vice President..... Jess Erdman, Winterset
 Secretary Lisa Jones, St. Charles
 Treasurer..... Kayla Reynolds, Earlham

2026 Madison County Fair Board Directors

Jimi Davis	Justin DeBower	Bill Jensen
Bart Porter	Todd McCollough	Scott O’Neill
Jeremy Thornburg		

2025 Madison County Fair Board Photo



Front Row (left to right): Lisa Jones, Leah Wolff (intern), Kayla Reynolds, & CJ Kading

Back Row (left to right): Justin DeBower, Jeremy Thornburg, Bill Jensen, Todd McCullough, Jess Erdman, Jimi Davis & Bart Porter (Missing—Scott O’Neill)



Madison County Fair Association Committees

Program	CJKading, Chairperson Bart Porter, Justin DeBower, Jess Erdman, Todd McCullough
Grounds	Bill Jensen, Chairperson Todd McCullough, Scott O'Neall
Fair Property Rental & Storage	Dan Bush
Non-Fair Camping	Scott O'Neall, Chairperson
Insurance	Kayla Reynolds, Chairperson
Budget & Audit	Kayla Reynolds, Chairperson Doreen Caudle
Membership	CJ Kading, Chairperson Kayla Reynolds
Judges	Lisa Jones, Chairperson Jess Erdman
Partnerships	Doreen Caudle, Chairperson Kayla Reynolds
Volunteers, Ticket Sales, & Color Guard	Lisa Jones
Vendors	Lisa Jones
Fair Restrooms	CJ Kading, Jimi Davis
Finances/Fair Operations	Kayla Reynolds, Chairperson Doreen Caudle
Fair Camping	Scott O'Neall
Night Shows/Rodeo	Todd McCullough, Chairperson Bart Porter
Night Shows/All Others	Jeremy Thornburg, Chairperson Scott O'Neall
Beer Sales	Scott O'Neall, Chairperson



Madison County Fair Association Contacts

Electrician	Bart Porter
Beef Barns	Justin DeBower, West CJ Kading, East
Sheep Barn	Jeremy Thornburg
Swine Barn	Jimi Davis
Horse Barns	Bart Porter
Horse Cages/Poultry	Jimi Davis
Dairy/Goat Barn	Lisa Jones
South Show Ring	Lisa Jones
North Show Ring	Justin DeBower
Horse Arena	Todd McCullough/Bart Porter
Motor Arena ..	Jeremy Thornburg/Scott O'Neall
Varied Industries Building	Lisa Jones
Jackson Building	Bill Jensen
Sale Barn	John Porter
Little Farmer Barn	Teresa Barber
Security	Scott O'Neall Jess Erdman



Camping/Overnight Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations:

1. To camp during Madison County Fair, Reserved and Non-Reserved Campers must participate as a Volunteer, Exhibitor/Family or Grand Champion Level Partner.
2. No campers (reserved or non-reserved) on fairgrounds before 3:00 p.m. on Sat, July 11. Otherwise there will be a \$50 per day extra charge.
3. No Buddy Campers.
4. Reserved campers will send full payment with application. Your camping sticker, to be displayed on camper, can be obtained at the Fair Office. Campers need to be in by Wednesday a.m.
4. Non-reserved campers will register, pay and obtain your camping sticker upon entry beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sat, July 11.
5. Car parking is not allowed in area north of Varied Industries Building and in fire lanes
6. Everyone staying on the fairgrounds must be chaperoned by a local club leader, parent, or advisor. They must stay in a place designated by the Fair Board.
7. Exhibitors cannot stay in the Livestock Barns.
8. All campers need to be removed by 6 p.m., Monday, July 20.

Camper Move-in Schedule:

Friday, July 10:

Anytime Fair board campers may move into spots.

6 p.m. Grand Champion Partner campers may move into spots.

Saturday July 11:

3 p.m. Non-Reserved campers may start arriving to get in line. You may get in line earlier but see rule 2 above.

3 p.m. Reserved campers may start arriving and go directly to their spot.

3 p.m. 4-H/FFA Lead Livestock superintendents campers may move in.

6 p.m. Non-reserved campers will start moving into place

CAMPING FEES:

\$180.00 per unit for the County Fair

\$10.00 per extra tent per unit

Thank You

2025 Front Gate Admission Sponsors

Casper Farms
Heartland Co-op
Mark Sawhill & Andrew Sawhill
Madison Co. Cattlemen Assoc.
Madison Co. Farm Bureau
Madison Co. Pork Producers
Peru Quarry, Inc.
Rose Acre Farms

2025 Grand Champion Partners +\$3000

Beeler Pork
Mike and Kathleen Beeler
Rod and Karen Beeler
Roxanne Beeler
GTG Construction
SAS International, LLC

Thank You

2025 Purple Ribbon Partners +\$2000

BASF

Clanton Creek Custom Homes

Gibco, Inc.

Scott O'Neill & Dana Vasey

Southwest Junior Stockmen

Trucks Tiling

Winterset Sale Barn

2025 Lavender Ribbon Partners +\$1000

4D Grading LLC

Anchored Walls, Inc.

Bertelson Family

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

Cook Ag & Repair

Dawney Financial, Inc.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Jones Creek Apparel

Kane Manufacturing

Keeling Wealth Advisors

Madison County Fair Board

Madison County Herdsman

Midwest Professional Auctions

MRK Transport LLC

Newcastle Home Builders

POET

Revival Wellness & Weight Loss

Thank You

2025 Blue Ribbon Partners con't +\$500

5R Farms, Doug & Kayla Reynolds	Heartland Coop—Earlham
Adel & Winterset TV & Appliance	Heffron Dust Control
Affinity Insurance	Hilsabeck Dirtwork LLC.
Ag Hub Midwest	Hirsch Electric Inc.
Agriland FS	Homefront Realty
AgriVision	Huff Well LLC
Air Cooled Engine	HyVee
Allwood Flooring	J & L Custom Fence
American State Bank	Jason Hirsch
Anne Sneller	Jeff and Heather Honkomp
Azria Health	Karl Chevrolet-Stuart
Becky's Hair Loft	Landus
Bell Transmission & Auto Repair	Lanny's Auto Co
Benshoof Family Farms	Madison County Health Care Systems
Bill Jensen Heating & Cooling	Madison Enterprises
Billington Trucking	Maple Leaf Electric
Bomgaars	McDonalds Lawn & Tree Care
Broken Bar E Cattle Co.	Parker Welding & Fabrication
BTWI Wireless Internet	Porter's Ag Solution
Burt Rucker	Porter's Quarter
Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home & Crematory	Pro Team Insurance
Casey's General Stores	Pye-Barker Fire & Safety LLC
CFI Tire & Service	Quality Car Care
Country Cycle	Quarry Oaks Golf Carts
Cowboy Church	RCP Residential and Construction
David Thrailkill, Ed & Connie Smith	Robert VanScoy
Dryseal Roofing	Rose Acre Farms
Earlham Family Dentistry	Scot Clark Agency—Farm Bureau
Earlham Savings Bank	State Farm Insurance—Charlotte Speer
Erdman Family Farms	Summit Veterinary Services
Every Step—Hawki	Sundown Equipment
Falke Construction	Tony Wenck
Fareway	Tractor Supply Co.
Farm Credit Services	Union State Bank
Harms Oil Company	Vetter Equipment
	Winterset Redemption Center

Thank You

2025 Red Ribbon Partners con't +\$250

Barnes' Place LLC	Main Street Garage
Baur Farms	Master Gardeners
Birth Place of John Wayne	Montross Pharmacy
Brothers Ace	P & E Custom Chopping
Brittian's Standard Parts	Jerry & Randall Parkin
Duane Bush	Precision Signworks, Inc.
Cedar Creek Animal Clinic	Rainbow Restoration
CK Fairco, Inc	Dan & Lori Ryner
Paul & Kelly Cain	Sarah & Jerry Freestone
Mike & Dodie Caudle	SK8 Station
Faust Family Farms	Steve Sandquist & Family
Field and Feed Lot, LLC	Stuart Vet Clinic
Flander Rosien, P.C.	Sulco
Gillespie Family Farms	Summit Veterinary Services
Dan and Michelle Golightly	Talon Crest Farms, LLC
Hartman Auctioneering	Tuttle Insurance
Lyon Construction	Winterset Municipal Utilities
Lyon Enterprise	Winterset Optimist Club
Madison County Democrats	Winterset Seed & Garden
Madison County Soil & Water Conservation	Center

Thank You

2024 White Ribbon Partners con't +\$120

A+ Ag	Lillie Plumbing & Heating
B & C Spray Foam	Little Farmer Barn Sisters
Kevin & Teresa Barber	Lysa's Pet Grooming
Bridges Financial Associates, Inc.	Madison County Realty
Central Iowa Auto Car Club	Madison County Republicans
Country Cutters	Mark It Professionals
Covered Bridge Realty	Midwest Heritage
Cummings Repair	Moore's Show Cattle
DeVries Woodcrafters	Outback Embroidery
Earlham Building Center	P & P Contractors
Earlham Fitness—EFIT	Rafter B Show Supplies
Edward Jones-Whitney Mes- serschmidt	Sawyer Custom Homes
Marvin & Lillian Eivins	Simon Welding, Inc.
Golightly Cattle Company	Sports Page Grill
Groth Garden & Greenhouses	The Bakery Unlimited
Hall Veterinary Services, LLC	Thornburg Floor Covering
Hilltop Gardens and Green- houses	Up Town Styles
Hitchin' Post	Varied Industries - Sally Chapman
Integrity Financial	Van Wildin
The Jamison Family	Wagner Locker
Jordan, Oliver, Walters & Smith, P.C.	Wiegert Disposal, Inc.
	Winterset Kiwanis
	Winterset Veterinary Center

Thank You

FRIENDS OF THE FAIR PAST RECIPIENTS

- 2025 Jeff & Heather Honkomp ♦ Jim Gillespie ♦ Hirsch Electric
- 2024 Jim Ed Beach ♦ John Holcomb ♦ Bill & Tiffany Jensen
- 2023 Dodie Caudle ♦ Phyllis Jones ♦ Alan & Kristina Benschopf
- 2022 Agriland FS ♦ Dan Bush ♦ Becky Faust
- 2021 Teresa and Kevin Barber ♦ Jason Hirsch ♦ Parker Welding
- 2019 Farm Credit Services of America ♦ Ted Benschopf ♦ Tracy Faust
- 2018 Shari Bush ♦ Robert & Peggy Casper ♦ Larry & Shelley Molln
- 2017 Winterset Municipal Utilities ♦ Rod & Karen Beeler ♦ John & Shirley LaFratte
- 2016 Mike Erdman ♦ Ivan Strable ♦ Phil & Jan Moore
- 2015 Denny & Cindy Crase ♦ Michelle Golightly ♦ Rita Huntrods
- 2014 Tom & DeAnn Christenson ♦ Ron & Vickie Lyon ♦ Memory of Mark Pearson
- 2013 Katie Corbin ♦ John Sawhill ♦ Dylan Bush
- 2012 Jack Hanrahan ♦ Wade Porter ♦ Jim McDonald
- 2011 Byrle Algae ♦ Terry Allen ♦ Greg & Dan Alexander
- 2010 Shawna Comer ♦ Jess Erdman ♦ Randy Jaspersen
- 2009 Beth Flander ♦ Jack Kinney ♦ Jim Mease
- 2008 Robert Newton ♦ Jerry Lamers ♦ Fred Stookey
- 2007 Dixie Erdman ♦ Steve Hartman ♦ Kirkpatrick Locker (Bill & Dee Kirkpatrick)
- 2006 Randy Simon ♦ Mark Hirsch ♦ Tom Beeler
- 2005 Jim Pottebaum ♦ Mikael Songer ♦ Gary Davis
- 2004 Mark Hanrahan ♦ Leland Pitcock ♦ Randy Wheeler
- 2003 Wayne & Ardith Thrailkill ♦ John Stowell ♦ Frank & Peggy Shutt
- 2002 Dennis & Sheryl Gomez ♦ Dr. Eric Hollen ♦ Marlin & Gretchen Brittain
- 2001 Sharon Gibson ♦ Roy Foley ♦ Steven Parker



4-H & FFA

GENERAL

INFORMATION



4-H & FFA OBJECTIVES

FOR 4-H/FFA YOUTH:

- ◆ To provide a setting that encourages 4-H/FFA members to further demonstrate, learn and apply practical and university researched methods of production, management and/or marketing of their 4-H/FFA accomplishments.
- ◆ To assist in the continuing life skill development of 4-H/FFA members in the areas of self concept, communication, decision making, learning how to learn, coping with change, citizenship and leadership.
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to measure their progress and skills against individual goals and accepted standards.
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA youth to participate in a variety of program opportunities beyond the county level.
- ◆ To provide an opportunity for 4-H/FFA members to gain personal satisfaction, meet new people, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively with others.

FOR PUBLIC:

- ◆ To create an updated, comprehensive image of Iowa's 4-H Youth Development program to the Fair public.
- ◆ To provide a showcase for accomplishments of 4-H/FFA youth.
- ◆ To stimulate interest and learn new ideas from the variety of 4-H/FFA projects and experiences available.



4-H & FFA General Rules & Regulations

1. 4-H'ers who have completed 4th through 12th grade (or equivalent) of the completed school year (2026) and are in good standing with a Madison County 4-H club are eligible to exhibit at the Madison County Fair. Divisions are: Junior (grades 4-6), Intermediate (grades 7-8), Senior (grades 9-12).

4-H Clover Buds who have completed grades K through 3rd of the completed school year and are in good standing with a Madison County 4-H club are eligible to exhibit.

FFA members in good standing from the following chapters are eligible to exhibit at the Madison County Fair: Winterset FFA, Earlham FFA, Interstate 35 FFA, East Union FFA, Martensdale-St. Mary's FFA, Nodaway Valley FFA, ADM FFA and Van Meter FFA.

2. To be eligible to exhibit at the 2026 Madison County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must be an enrolled in their respective organization (4-H or FFA) and a member in good standing. 4-H membership is defined as an enrolled youth program member attending 3 or more club meetings during the 4-H year, running September 2025 through July 2026. FFA membership is defined as an enrolled youth program member receiving six or more hours of FFA educational programming during the FFA year, running September 2025 through July 2026. Good standing will be determined by their respective organization (4-H Members by Madison County Extension Office, FFA members by their respective FFA Advisor). Exhibitors that are planning to show horses or dogs need to attend at least 3 of their respective classes. For further clarification, your respective organization has a document that outlines approved hours.
3. FFA members must comply with 4-H rules at the Madison County Fair.
4. All judges' decisions are final.
5. A 4-H exhibitor must have participated in the project or program from which the exhibit comes.

Each exhibit must be the work of a 4-H'er during the current 4-H year.

The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of a project or program through 4-H.

6. All exhibitors are responsible for being aware of all information contained in the schedule of events and fair book. Be sure to read all sections contained within.

CONDUCT RULES

7. All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous and good representatives while on the fairgrounds and participating in events. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs on the Madison County Fairgrounds will result in disqualification of all exhibits in current fair including forfeiture of all awards and ribbons, forfeit ALL premiums including premiums from the auction and not be allowed to exhibit the next year.

All members staying on the fairgrounds must be chaperoned by a local club leader, parent or advisor and must stay in a place designated by the Fair Board. Exhibitors may not stay in the livestock barns.

ACCOMMODATIONS

8. The Madison County Fair Board and Madison County ISU Extension and Outreach Office are willing to make reasonable and necessary accommodations for youth participants with documented disabilities. Any necessary accommodations must be requested no later than six weeks prior to fair time to ensure requests can be appropriately fulfilled. Forms for such requests are available at the Madison County Extension Office. Requests for accommodations may be submitted closer to the fair, but may not be feasible to implement on such short notice.

PROTESTS

9. Division superintendents will have authority to make all decisions in accordance with the rules and regulations of the show in their respective divisions. The Madison County Fair Board will not consider a protest, complaint or appeal based upon the statement that judge or judges are incompetent.

When a protest or complaint is made, it must be made in writing and filed in the Madison County Fair Office within one hour of the time the project in protest was exhibited. \$50 must accompany the protest (refundable if sustained).

An executive committee made up of the Fair Board president, Extension Council chairperson, division superintendent and Extension staff member shall make the final decision.

Should general and specific rules conflict, the latter shall govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with the rules are subject to forfeiture of all premiums. If found guilty, the exhibitor must pay the cost of proof and return any awards received.

LIABILITY

10. The Madison County Fair Board will use all precautions to ensure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement at the Madison County Fair. However, under no circumstances will they be responsible for loss, injury or damage. The management will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery charges on articles sent for exhibition.

APPROPRIATE DRESS

11. See respective departments for more specifics.
All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting at the Madison County Fair must wear the provided Madison County 4-H/FFA T-shirt. Shirts must not be altered in any way. Each exhibitor will be provided with one shirt available for pickup at the Extension Office prior to the Fair if ordered prior to May 15. Additional shirts are available for purchase at time of initial order (prior to May 15). All shirts ordered from May 16-June 15 will only be available for purchase. Shirts will not be released to exhibitors without payment in full.
 - a. When exhibiting livestock all participants must wear the provided Madison County 4-H/FFA exhibitor's t-shirt and jeans or slacks. All hooped animal exhibitors must wear closed toe shoes.
 - b. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits Presenters – Madison County 4-H/FFA t-shirt or apparel appropriate to the presentation or representative of the 4-H Youth Development program.
 - c. 4-H arm bands acceptable for exhibiting horses will be available to purchase, prior to and during the Madison County Fair, at the Madison County Extension Office.

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS) NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics," fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations, which they impose, on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels. All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.

At anytime after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns or animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of the Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further consent that any action, which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be, released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.
12. Any violations of these rules at the Madison County Fair will be managed by the committee of: Fair Board president, Extension Council chairperson, Extension staff member and department superintendent.



Livestock Exhibits Rules & Regulations

4-H & FFA Livestock Identification Deadlines

Market Beef—February 1

Dog—March 1

Cat, Non-Market Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine—May 15

Rabbits and Poultry—June 15

(4-H—v2.4honline.com)

(FFA—<https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>)

4-H & FFA Fair Entry Deadline (see rule 4 below)

All Livestock—June 15

<http://madison.fairentry.com>

Final Deadline (with late fee) - June 22

1. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of the rules are subject to all premium cancellations and disqualifications from future participation in the Madison County Fair. Interpretation of rules, when necessary, shall be the responsibility of the superintendent and other appropriate parties.
2. Unless otherwise specified entries in this division are limited to youth who will have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or the equivalent) during the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Livestock Identification: Only livestock projects which have been enrolled by the exhibitor and properly identified may exhibit at the fair. 4-H & FFA members must submit animal identification no later than 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2026.. 4-H members submit identification at Iowa 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com) and FFA Members submit identification via jot form at <https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>
- 4 **Fair Entry Deadline and Rules:** The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. 4-H and FFA Fair Entry help sheets are available at the Madison County Extension Office.

On-Time Entry (without late fee): All entry for non-static exhibits (livestock, dogs, cats, horses, clothing, and communications) into the Madison County Fair is due 11:59pm on June 15 via the Fair Entry Website (<http://madison.fairentry.com>) for eligible 4-H and FFA members in "good standing" with the Madison County Extension Office.

Late Entry Period (with late fee): Entry after June 15 will be accepted up to 5 business days following the deadline (June 15 being day 0) with a late fee of \$25 per exhibitor regardless of number of entries. **NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LATE FEE PERIOD.** Static exhibit deadline stands as 11:59pm the Friday before the static judging day of the Madison County Fair.

5. All 4-H/FFA livestock must meet ownership/possession identifications and requirements outlined in 4-H form 202. Joint member partnership entries will not be accepted with the exception of horses and dogs as outlined in 4-H form 202. Animals **MAY NOT** be identified as both 4-H and FFA projects; animals must be declared as 4-H projects or FFA projects at the time of weigh-in or animal identification..

6. ENTRY IN OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS must be made on open class entry forms. See rules and fees in Open Class Livestock Premium section. Open class livestock entry forms will be available on www.madisoncountyfair.net or at the Madison County Extension Office.
7. Entry fees must be paid by July 1st, 2026. Entry fees must be paid by this date to be eligible for exhibition. -Fees can be paid by cash, check or credit card at the Madison County Extension Office, or they can be paid online at the time of entry. Checks should be made payable to *Madison County Extension*. No refunds will be made.
8. Livestock may be stalled at the Madison County Fairgrounds beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. All sheep must be vet checked at the Roller Skating Rink parking lot from 6-8 p.m. and checked-in/weighed and stalled by 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, All goats must be checked in by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14. All horses MUST be checked in with the division superintendent by 7 a.m. on Wed., July 15. All other species must be stalled/caged at the Madison Co. Fairgrounds by 12 noon on Wed., July 15.

All livestock, including horses, will **start** releasing on Sunday, July 19, at 3:30 p.m. Clubs are required to follow the published club release schedule. **No livestock shall be released early without written approval by the fair veterinarian.**

Any family or exhibitor that removes an open class or 4-H/FFA exhibit (livestock or non-livestock) prior to their club schedule release time will **NOT** be allowed to exhibit the next year and will forfeit **ALL** premiums due (including premiums from the auction).
9. YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS – All beef cattle, sheep, swine, dairy cattle, goat, market rabbit and poultry exhibitors must successfully complete and have current Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension Office by July 1, 2026.
10. Exhibits will be divided according to merit – a blue award will denote an excellent exhibit; red will denote a good exhibit; and a white award will denote an exhibit of less quality. First and second prize winners in each individual class are eligible to compete for Championships and Reserve Championships, provided they received a purple or blue award. Only class Champion and Reserve Champions will be eligible to compete for Grand and Reserve Grand Champion.
11. It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member takes responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills and be done by a family member and/or another Iowa 4-H/FFA member.
12. EQUIPMENT – Only one fan may be used per animal. Fans are to be off if the animal is not in barn. **FANS ARE TO BE HUNG FROM CEILING ONLY.** No pedestal fans will be allowed. The Madison County Fair Board reserves the right to limit fan usage for safety purposes. No blocking chutes allowed in the barns.
13. Any artificial means administered to alter the conformation and appearance of the animal is prohibited. This includes lifting or filling under the skin with air or fluids. Any unconventional means of providing animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e. stomach pump, drench tubes and IV unless specifically administered by the official fair veterinarian). Exhibitors, families and any involved parties using these methods will be disqualified, will forfeit all premiums and be subject to being **PERMANENTLY** banned from exhibiting at the Madison County Fair.

14. Any animal that becomes wild or uncontrollable, causing a safety concern during the show, may be declared ineligible by the division superintendent and will be asked to leave the fairgrounds.
15. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** – Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal or animals defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H/FFA work. Hence the management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.

If a 4-H/FFA member is injured or seriously ill at the time of the show or is involved in another Madison County Fair activity with a non-flexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory, the 4-H/FFA member may submit a request for a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be a 4-H/FFA member eligible to exhibit at the Madison County Fair and approved in advance of the show by the division superintendent and Fair Board. This will be formally documented.

An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class, need not secure approval for another eligible showman to exhibit one of his/her animals. However, it is expected such cases will be brought to the attention of the clerk checking animals into the check-in area or show ring.
16. Clover Buds are not allowed to exhibit personal livestock or to assist with exhibiting livestock belonging to other exhibitors in non-Clover Bud 4-H events, including but not limited to the beef show, sheep show, swine show, horse show, etc. Clover Buds are eligible to enter the dog, rabbit, poultry, and cat show. They will receive participation ribbons.
17. Any 4-H/FFA member who has exhibited, or is entered to exhibit, at any other county fair or 4-H/FFA show will not be eligible to exhibit at the Madison County Fair. This excludes showing at open class shows, district and state 4-H/FFA competitions.
18. The Madison County Fair Association requires animals to be fed, watered and cared for in a responsible and timely manner.
19. **4-H & FFA LIVESTOCK PREMIUM AUCTION** – All eligible exhibitors of market animals must opt-in to be included in the auction line-up. Exhibitor must be present at the Livestock Premium Auction in order to participate. See pages 42-43 for further information.
20. Violation of any of the General Rules & Regulations and/or department rules may result in forfeiture of a portion of, or all premium monies. Any family or exhibitor that removes an open class or 4-H/FFA exhibit (livestock or non-livestock) prior to their club release schedule will **NOT** be allowed to exhibit the next year and will forfeit **ALL** premiums due (including premiums from the auction).



4-H & FFA Livestock Auction Event

DATE/PLACE:

Sunday, July 19th at 12 p.m. in the North Show Ring

The Livestock Auction will be a **PREMIUM ONLY AUCTION**

(No Animals – Just Exhibitors)

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Exhibitors must be present at the event to sell premium.
2. To be included in the event all eligible exhibitors will need to complete form/questionnaire in Fair Entry by **Friday, July 10th or sooner** at the following link — <https://tinyurl.com/2026mcfa> .
 - ◇ After this date there will be a late fee of \$100.
 - ◇ The last day to enter the premium auction and complete the form will be no later than Wednesday, July 15th at 6 p.m. NO entries will be allowed after this deadline.
3. Exhibitors may sell one entry per species per exhibitor.
4. The animal project will be represented via a paper program at the event.
5. The bidders will be buying the premiums of the livestock the 4-H/FFA member showed at the Madison County Fair.
6. Buyers will have three ways to buy.
 1. Bid at the live auction
 2. Contribute funds to the general pool – the general pool is a great option for businesses to support the auction but don't have a specific exhibitor in mind
 3. Give add-on's for exhibitors either prior to live auction or at the auction.
7. Eligible livestock include all market livestock **of market age** (even those going to the State Fair or home after the fair). Market Animals include market cattle, market hogs, market dairy, market sheep, market goats, market rabbits, and meat market poultry.
8. **Reminder — Livestock can be sold/handled in the following manner:**
 1. Take livestock to the Tuesday Winterset Sale Barn auction. Swine are no longer accepted at the Winterset Sale Barn.
 2. Take the livestock home
 3. Take the floor price for swine, sheep and goats (if available)

***Swine are no longer required to take a floor bid to be included in the*

Livestock Auction Con't

9. Exhibitors will be:

1. Encouraged to contact buyers prior to the auction.
 2. Assist at the auction event and go on stage when their premium is auctioned.
 3. Write a Thank You Note to the premium purchaser, any add-on's and pool funds after the auction.
10. Sale order of species will be determined prior to the event based on the order of the previous year. All Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Grand Champion livestock will be sold at the beginning of the auction. Only exhibited animals will be eligible for the premium auction.
 11. There will be food and drink provided prior to and during the auction.
 12. Silent Auction — Donated items will be bid on prior and during the live auction event. The funds made from the silent auction will be split between exhibitors and a portion will be held back for future auction events.

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

ANY EVIDENCE OF WARTS, RINGWORM, FOOT ROT, PINK EYE, DRAINING
ABSCESSSES OR ANY OTHER CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS CONDITION WILL
ELIMINATE THE ANIMAL FROM THE SHOW.

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at 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 other 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.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

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

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.

Swine originating outside of Iowa. All exhibitors must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicate that 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.

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.

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

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). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.

POULTRY AND BIRDS

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of 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.**

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 a distance of ten or more feet and/or an eight-foot high solid partition.

DOGS AND CATS

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

FARM DEER

ACCREDITED VETERINARIANS MUST BE APPROVED TO ADMINISTER TUBERCULOSIS TESTS ON CERVIDAE.


"Cervidae" means all animals belonging to the Cervidae family, and "CWD susceptible cervidae" means whitetail deer, blacktail deer, mule deer, red deer, elk, and moose. Native Iowa Cervidae may be exhibited without other testing requirements when accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that lists individual official identification.

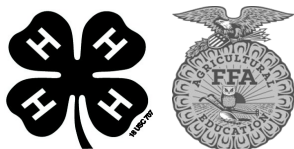
All Cervidae must have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions, or must have originated from a chronic wasting disease monitored or certified herd in which these animals have been kept for at least one year or were natural additions. Cervidae originating from a herd with a diagnosis, signs, epidemiological evidence, or area under quarantine for chronic wasting disease may not be exhibited.

The following statement must appear on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:

"All Cervidae on this certificate have been part of the herd of origin for at least one year or were natural additions to this herd. There has been no diagnosis, signs, or epidemiological evidence of chronic wasting disease in this herd for the past year."

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.


Jeff Kaisand, D.V.M., State Veterinarian
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship



4-H & FFA Cattle Fitting Clinic and Contest

Superintendent	Skylar Brittain
Clinic Time	Thursday, July 16, 5:30 p.m.
Clinic Location	South Show Ring
Contest Time	Saturday, July 18, 6 p.m. (or after kiddie pedal tractor pull)
Contest Registration	Beginning of Event
Contest Location	North Show Ring

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Participants must be a current Madison County 4-H or FFA member.
2. A team must include 4 members and one of them must be a junior.
3. There will be a clover kid division which will include four clover kids and a mentor. This will be glue only, no paint or clippers.
4. Contestants must bring any and all materials needed to the fitting area. (Generators and extension cords are strongly encouraged)
5. Calf that is being fitted must be already on grounds as a participant of the beef show.
6. The calf must be washed and dried before the contest starts.
7. The calf cannot go into the fitting area with a show halter on.
8. Contestants may not use the addition of any hair or hair like substances including twine, false tailheads, and false polls.
9. Clippers may be used at the discretion of the team members.
10. Team has 30 minutes to complete.
11. Participants may not leave the fitting area after the contest has started.
12. After fitting time is complete, each calf will be presented to be viewed by the judge(s). The calf will be held in line by one of the fitters while the other three team members stand behind the calf's off show side. Judges questions and walk through will take place at this time.
13. Participants do not have to be exhibiting an animal at the beef show.
14. Adults may not help, touch the animal or assist participants except in the case of preventing injury. Adults may not tell participants what to do and must stay outside of the blocked off area.



4-H & FFA Herdsmanship Department

Superintendent

Madison County Fair/ISUEO Intern

There will be 2 Herdsmanship Contests:

1. Clubs with 4 species and under
2. Clubs with 5 species and over

The First 3 Places for Each Contest will be Awarded as Follows:

<u>First Place:</u>	\$125
<u>Second Place:</u>	\$75
<u>Third Place:</u>	\$50

1. All clubs with livestock entries will automatically be entered and judged in the appropriate classes.
2. DO NOT MAKE ENTRY IN THIS DEPARTMENT.
3. The superintendents of the respective departments will assign stalls or pens together by club. Available stalls or pens for tack will be distributed as equally as possible among the club making entries.
4. All Exhibitors must stay within the assigned pens and stalls. Moving animals next to each other for easier choring must be approved by livestock Superintendent and Herdsmanship Superintendent.
5. Herdsmanship will be judged according to the following score card on page 48.
6. Judging will be held once daily, between 8 a.m.—5 p.m.
7. Results will be posted daily with the final results posted at the conclusion of the fair. Awards will be distributed to each club at the Annual Awards Banquet.
8. Species will not be judged on the day of their 4-H/FFA show.
9. Club members are to stay within assigned Club area. The Club is responsible for entire assigned area.
10. The first place winners for the two divisions (4 species and under and 5 species and over) will receive the earliest release time slot for the following year.

SCORE CARD

- I. CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS AND STALLS OR PENS.....30 Points**
 - 30 points - Very clean, neat; aisles swept, tools stored properly
 - 15 points - Fairly clean; some areas need attention
 - 0 points - Dirty, cluttered, strong odor; manure/feed scattered

- II. ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT AREA.....30 Points**
 - 30 points - Neatly arranged pen, tack stalls and supplies; decorations (if applicable)
 - 15 points- Some organization of pen, tack stalls and supplies.
 - 0 points - Unorganized pen, tack stalls and supplies.

- III. APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS20 Points**
 - 20 points - Clean, well-groomed, properly cared for with fresh water available; animals in stalls
 - 10 points - Some grooming or maintenance needed
 - 0 points - Animals dirty or lacking care

- IV. STALL CARDS10 Points**
 - 10 points - Readable, neatly arranged; club signs
 - 5 points - Unreadable cards; Some missing cards
 - 0 point - No stall cards or club signs

- V. ATTENDANTS 10 Points**
 - 10 points - Courtesy of attendants with at least 1 person present
 - 5 points - Attendants present, but lack conversation/welcome
 - 0 points - No attendants present Courtesy of the attendants and others in area.

- TOTAL..... 100 Points**

Results will be posted at the end of each day. Final placings are determined by the total score at the conclusion of the judging schedule.



4-H & FFA Livestock Judging Department

Superintendent	Earlham FFA, Van Meter FFA and Winterset FFA												
Fair Entry Deadline	Pre-Entry not required												
Entry Fee	None												
Judging Time	Wednesday, July 15, 3 p.m.												
Judging Location	North Show Ring or near cattle wash rack Then South Show Ring												
Premiums	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Junior (grades 4-6)</td> <td>Top Score....\$3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Second.....\$2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Intermediate (grades 7-8)</td> <td>Top Score....\$3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Second.....\$2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior (grades 9-12)</td> <td>Top Score...\$3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Second.....\$2</td> </tr> </table>	Junior (grades 4-6)	Top Score....\$3		Second.....\$2	Intermediate (grades 7-8)	Top Score....\$3		Second.....\$2	Senior (grades 9-12)	Top Score...\$3		Second.....\$2
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RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Open to Madison County 4-H/FFA members.
2. 4-H/FFA members from outside the Madison County area may participate in the contest, but are ineligible for premiums or awards.
3. Classes judged may consist of beef, swine, sheep and goats.
4. Reasons for placing livestock may be required for 4-H members wishing to participate in the Iowa State Fair contest, but will not be scored for the local contest.



4-H & FFA Showmanship Department

Superintendents

Madison County Fair/ISUEO Intern
Respective Dept. Superintendents

1. Showmanship is open to all livestock exhibitors.
2. Exhibitor will use their own animal for each respective showmanship contest.
3. Exhibitor will exhibit in his/her age division – Junior (grades 4-6); Intermediate (grades 7-8); and Senior (grades 9-12).
4. **All livestock species Showmanship classes will be shown in the following division order: Senior, Intermediate, Junior.**
5. Showmanship winners in each of the three age divisions will compete for the title of Master Showman in all departments. Once an exhibitor wins showmanship in his/her age division, he/she may only compete for Master Showman until he/she reaches the next age division. For example, if an exhibitor wins the Junior Showmanship competition as a 4th grader, he/she may only compete in the Master Showman competition for the following two years until he/she reaches the Intermediate age division.
6. **Supreme Showmanship Competition:** Master showmanship champions from beef, sheep, goats, horses, swine and dairy will be eligible to compete in the supreme showmanship event on Sunday, 9 a.m. The supreme showmanship competition will be a competition between master showmanship winners for the best overall. Exhibitors will be judged based on how they show each species and general knowledge.

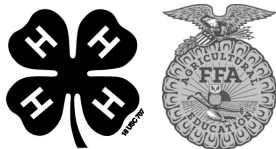
In an event of one exhibitor winning multiple species, a coin flip will be used to determine which reserve master showman will represent.



4-H/FEA

LIVESTOCK

EXHIBITS



4-H & FFA Beef Department

Superintendent	Mark Moore, Earlham—Lead Beef Kayle Eivins, Winterset—Pen of Three
Asst Superintendent	Garrett Moore, Earlham—Lead Beef Marnie Moore, Earlham—Lead Beef
Livestock Identification Forms Due	Market Beef—Feb 1 All other Beef—May 15 (4H—v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Dead-lines	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	Pen of 3\$6/Pen Market Beef \$4/Head Breeding Beef\$2/Head
Check-in/Weigh-in	Pens of 3—Wed, July 15, 6-7 a.m. Lead Beef—Wed, July 15, 1-3 p.m. Location: Winterset Sale Barn
Pen of Three Judging Schedule/ Location	Interviews—Thurs, July 16, 9-11 a.m. (Jackson Building Conference Room) Carcass Ultrasounds—Wed, July 15, 10 a.m. (following sheep which starts at 8 a.m.) (Winterset Sale Barn Vet Shack) NEW On Hoof—Friday, July 17, 8 a.m. (Pens outside Beef Wash Rack)
Lead Beef Judging Schedule/ Location	Lead Beef Show —Friday, July 18, 9 a.m Location: North Show Ring
Premiums	Pen of 3—Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$12 Pen of 3—Red.....\$10 Pen of 3—White.....\$8 Lead Beef—Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Lead Beef—Red.....\$5 Lead Beef—White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club re-lease schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. All beef must be weighed in and/or checked in at fair. Pens of 3 will be Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. Lead market beef will be Wednesday from 1-3. Cow-calf and breeding heifer tattoos and shoulder height will weigh and be read Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.
3. Tie-outs will not start before 7 p.m.
4. No grooming chutes are allowed in the barns.
5. Large tents (over 10x10 or 10x20) may only be set up in the Winterset Sale Barn parking lot. Tent location, as well as set-up and tear-down times, must be approved by the Winterset Sale Barn. This policy helps ensure adequate space around the barns on the fairgrounds. Pop-up tents are permitted on the fairgrounds. However, if placed near other species barns, they may only be set up on beef show day.
6. Rate of Gain sticker tags to be worn by exhibitors at judge's discretion.
7. Market Beef entries are open to animals enrolled this year. All market beef must be weighed and ear tagged on or before January 15 of the current club year and are automatically entered into the rate of gain contest.
8. Open to market beef of any breeding or crossbreeding.
9. Market Classes will be determined by using fair weights. An animal may be shown in only one class.
10. Home raised beef are 4-H & FFA calves born and raised on the home farm of the member exhibiting the animal, **MEANING THE ANIMAL WAS NOT PURCHASED, LEASED, OR BORROWED FROM ANOTHER PERSON, ENTITY, OR AUCTION, PUBLICLY OR PRIVATELY.** To be eligible for home raised ribbons or premium, beef must be identified "home raised" on the Market Beef Identification Report due at weigh-in. It must also be **CHECKED IN 4-H ONLINE AND/OR FAIR ENTRY.**
11. The 4-H/FFA Beef Show program will be posted in the barns by noon on Thursday at the Fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to verify the accuracy of information contained in the program. All changes or corrections must be submitted to the Fair Office by 5 p.m. on Thursday, prior to the printing of the program. No changes will be made after 5 p.m. on Thursday.
12. In order for a market animal to be considered for a blue ribbon, it must have an average daily gain of:
At least 2 lbs for a heifer
At least 2.2 lbs for a steer

Both steers and heifers of Miniature Breed are exempt to making a minimum average daily gain. Class winners of Miniature are able to compete for Overall Market Steers and Heifers.
13. Entries are open to all market steers which have been weighed and tagged at an official weigh-in site. Purebred divisions are provided for registered animals following the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association breed classifications.. The ID must include breed, tattoo (if required), sire's name and sire's registration number. **Registered steers must present the original registration papers at county fair check-in time.** Steers without necessary registration papers will be shown in the crossbred division.
14. All beef exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
15. Beef Showmanship shall follow guidelines on page 50.

MARKET BEEF

Champions and reserve champions will be selected from the three weight division steer classes and market heifer class. Ribbons will be presented to champion and reserve champion animals. Champions and reserve champion steers and heifers will compete for grand champion and reserve grand champion market beef honors.

The top two placing "home raised" steers and heifers will be the respective weight division champions. "Home raised" weight division champions will compete for "Home Raised" Champion and "Home Raised" Reserve Champion honors. The "Home Raised" champions will not compete for Grand Champion honors unless selected for that honor in the regular weight classes.

Breed steers will be exhibited in their respective breed class, regardless of the number of animals entered in each breed division. There will be divisions for each breed as well as crossbreds. Steers shown in breed classes must be registered with their respective association. **Registration papers must be presented at County Fair weigh-in, or the animal will be placed in the Crossbred Division.**

Any sexually intact male cattle will be steers before being weighed-in at an official weigh-in site.

CLASS NO.:

- 20230 Aberdeen Steers**
- 20231 Angus Purebred Steers**
- 20232 Charolais Purebred Steers**
- 20233 Chianina Purebred Steers**
- 20234 Gelbvieh Purebred Steers**
- 20235 Hereford Purebred Steers**
- 20236 Limousin Purebred Steers**
- 20237 Maine-Anjou Purebred Steers**
- 20238 Purebred Miniature Hereford Steers**
- 20239 Red Angus Purebred Steers**
- 20240 Saier Purebred Steers**
- 20241 Shorthorn Purebred Steers**
- 20242 Shorthorn Plus Purebred Steers**
- 20243 Simmental Purebred Steers**
- 20244 Lowline Purebred Steers**
- 20245 Maintainer Purebred Steers**
- 20246 All Other Breeds**
- 20220 Crossbred Steers**
- 20260 Market Heifers** - Heifers shown in this class may not be shown in the commercial or purebred heifer classes. Champion market heifer will compete for grand champion market beef.

Champion and Reserve Champion—by breed, crossbred divisions & market heifers

Champion and Reserve Champion Home Raised

Top 5 Market Beef

ADVANCED FEEDER CATTLE PROJECT (Pen of Three)

1. Purpose – the advanced feeder cattle project is designed to give youth a hands-on, realistic experience in cattle feeding. It emphasizes the importance of live animal evaluation, accurate record keeping, gaining knowledge about the cattle industry, tracking rate of gain, and understanding carcass data.
2. Calves must be tagged, weighed and identified at the Madison County 4-H beef weigh-in on the schedule date.
3. Members may weigh up to four (4) head of steers or four (4) head of heifers and select three (3) to exhibit in the Advanced Feeder Cattle Project. Advanced Feeder Cattle Project must be identified as such on the Market Beef Identification form at the scheduled weigh-in. *The fourth calf in the pen may be exhibited as a lead calf, or may be entered in the open carcass show by February 1st.*
4. Each exhibitor is limited to weighing and exhibiting two (2) pens.
5. Participants are expected to maintain accurate records of feed and related expenses, beginning on the day of weigh-in. A monthly feed record sheet will be provided and must be submitted to the extension office by the 10th of the following month (e.g. *January records are due by February 10*). Late submission will still be accepted; however, points will be deducted from the exhibitor's overall record-keeping score. The final set of records must be submitted at the time of weigh-in at the county fair.

CLASS NO.:

20290 Advanced Feeder Cattle Project

6. Exhibitors will participate in the following areas:
 - a. **Live Evaluation**
 - i. 1st place pen will receive **20 points**. All other pens will be scored based on their placing in respect to the total number of pens.
 - b. **Interview**
 - i. Interviews and records will be judged by a panel consisting of industry professionals
 - ii. Records will be evaluated and given a score out of **10**.
 - iii. Exhibitors will be evaluated on their depth of knowledge regarding their cattle feeding project and the industry. **(20 points)**
 - c. **Carcass Evaluation**
 - i. Utilizing ultrasound data and selecting high quality product window and high lean window. **(20 points)**
 - ii. Carcasses will be scored based on the average pen price per pound of hot carcass weight. The highest valued pen will receive **20 points** and each other pen will be scored as a percentage of the 1st place pen.
7. The Madison County Cattlemen's Association will award cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively to the top three overall Pen of Three champions.
8. Awards will be presented at the beef awards program on Friday afternoon.

BREEDING BEEF

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Entries are open to all purebreds, which are registered by their respective breed associations.
3. A class for commercial breeding heifers is available for non-registered breeding heifers.
4. All heifers to be eligible shall be born between Sept. 1, 2024 and Dec. 31, 2025.
5. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown in any Market Beef Class.
6. All Breeding Heifers need to be tattooed, that includes commercial heifers.
7. **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION: It is essential that the date of birth, tattoo and registration number of the animal along with the exhibitor's name and address be provided.** Commercial heifers must also provide the above information, with the exception of the registration number.
8. **Tattoos are required for all purebred and commercial beef heifers.** For purebred heifers, the animal's tattoo must match the tattoo on the registration papers. The calf-hood vaccination tattoo is not an acceptable form of identification.
9. An exhibitor may enter as many breeding beef heifers as desired.
10. All heifers will be judged from the standpoint of type, quality, conformation and breed characteristics (when applicable), with future usefulness as a breeding cow considered.
11. Classes in each registered breed will be determined after all entries are in -- based on total number shown. Classes will be set based on age.
12. Entries are open to all heifers properly identified by May 15th and born after September 2024 with known birth dates and identifiable parents.
13. All beef exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
14. All heifers that are identified as registered will be shown in a breed class specifically for that breed if the exhibitor presents registration papers at Fair check-in. There will no longer be an All Other Breeds class.
15. There will be a Bred & Owned breeding heifer class for all registered breed heifers. No additional entry fee is required. All Bred & Owned heifers must be registered in compliance with National Breed Associations to be eligible. During check-in, exhibitors must designate the animal for eligibility and all registration papers presented to officials to check for the appropriate documentation that states the animal was bred by and currently owned by the exhibitor and will be noted in the show catalog, and after the completion of each breed champion selection, a champion and reserve champion for each breed will be named based on the highest placings in each class for that breed. An overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female will be selected immediately following the Supreme Champion Breeding Heifer selections on Friday. The registration paper must be in the Exhibitors name, not a farm or ranch. This is only for Breed Heifers, not commercial heifers.

CLASS NO.:

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| 20120 | Aberdeen Heifer |
| 20121 | Angus Purebred Heifer |
| 20122 | Charolais Purebred Heifer |

- 20123 Charolais Cross Purebred Heifer
- 20124 Chianina Purebred Heifer
- 20125 Gelbvieh Purebred Heifer
- 20126 Hereford Purebred Heifer
- 20129 Limousin Purebred Heifer
- 20130 Lim-Flex Purebred Heifer
- 20131 High % Maine-Anjou Purebred Heifer
- 20132 Maintainer Purebred Heifer
- 20133 Red Angus Purebred Heifer
- 20134 Saier Purebred Heifer
- 20135 Shorthorn Purebred Heifer
- 20136 Shorthorn Plus Purebred Heifer
- 20137 Simmental Purebred Heifer
- 20138 Foundation Simmental Purebred Heifer
- 20141 Dexter Heifer
- 20142 Lowline Heifer
- 20143 Barzona Heifer
- 20140 Other Breeds Not listed

COMMERCIAL HEIFERS

1. All preceding beef rules above, in addition to the following rules apply.
2. Heifers shown in purebred classes are not eligible to show in commercial heifer classes.
3. Any breed or crossbred may be entered in this class.
4. All breeds and crossbreds will be shown together with class splits being determined by shoulder height.

CLASS

- 20150 Commercial Heifer

COW-CALF

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Animals must be identified by May 15. 4-H members at 4-H Online v2.4honline.com or FFA members at <https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id>
3. Cows must be identified by tattoo and calves identified by official tag or tattoo.
4. Calves must be born after January 1 of the current year. Calf identification and birthdate must be reported to the Extension Office within 10 days after the birth of the calf, if the May 15 deadline has already passed.
5. Open only to former 4-H /FFA breeding heifer projects exhibited by the exhibitor, which are 1st and 2nd calf heifers. The calf must be natural and not an implant. **Exception:** Heifers exhibited the previous year in the 2nd year calf Open Class Bottle Calf Show may be identified and exhibited as a 4-H/FFA cow-calf project.
6. Both cow and calf shall be haltered and led into the ring. Cow-Calf classes will be divided by the breed of the calf. To show as British Breed, the cow must be 100 percent Angus, Hereford, Shorthorn or crosses of these 3 breeds. Cows must show British Breed characteristics.

CLASS NO.:

20160 Cow-Calf British Breeds, 1st Calf

20161 Cow-Calf British Breeds, 2nd Calf

20162 Cow-Calf Other Breeds, 1st Calf

20163 Cow-Calf Other Breeds, 2nd Calf

A Champion will be selected over all breeds exhibited.

SUPREME BREEDING HEIFER

Champions in Purebred, Commercial and Cow-Calf classes will be eligible to compete for Overall Top 5 Breeding Heifer (feeder calves are not eligible).

CLUB/CHAPTER GROUP OF THREE

1. To participate exhibitors must be from the same club/chapter.
2. A group consists of 3 animals, 3 showman and 1 lead herd person.
3. Groups of three animals can all be from the same exhibitor and any combination of steers and heifers.
4. No Fair Entry required, exhibitors can decide day of show to enter.
5. This class will happen following selection of Master Showman



4-H & FFA Cat Department

Superintendent	Mitzi Berkland, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1/Class
Check-in	Wednesday, July 15, 1-1:30 p.m.
Judging Schedule	Wednesday, July 15, 1:30 p.m.
Judging Location	Varied Industries Building
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Check-out	Within 1 hour following show

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Madison County Fair “General Rules & Regulations” apply to this department.
2. Entries are open to cats and kittens, 4 months old and older.
3. Cats are to be cared for, groomed and shown by the exhibitor.
4. **Health Requirements:** All cats must be vaccinated for Rabies by a licensed veterinarian by July 1st. A Rabies Certificate that has been signed by the veterinarian who administered the vaccine is to be uploaded into 4-H online by July 1st. A copy of the signed Rabies Certificate is required and will be verified at check-in on the day of the show.
Cats are to be free of external and internal parasites, should be well groomed and have their nails trimmed prior to the show.
Pregnant or nursing cats, or cats who have had any kind of recent major medical treatment by a veterinarian, may not be brought on the fairgrounds or to the show due to the stress on that animal.. Cats will be examined at the show.
Any cat or kitten who has been exposed to any infectious or contagious disease in their household within 3 weeks prior to the show date may not come on the fairgrounds or be shown.
Cats will be examined by the judge at the show.

5. No kennels or cages will be furnished for the cat show. Please make sure each cat entered is wearing a collar or harness and has a leash attached while in the Varied Industries Building. Cats may be housed in a crate of your own while waiting for their turn to be judged.
6. Judging—each exhibitor will be assigned an exhibitor number which is used throughout the fair. It is the responsibility of all exhibitors to have their cat(s) ready when called up to the stage for judging.
The cat and exhibitor will only come up to the judging table one time during the show, and each cat will be judged for all classes entered during this time.
Exhibitors should hang on to their cat and keep it from moving around or escaping while the judge is examining their cat on the table.
Cats will be judged on their physical condition, cleanliness, and grooming. Their disposition will be evaluated by the judge while on the judging table and during the show.
The judge will ask each exhibitor questions during their exam. These can be anything relating to cats and will mostly focus on cat care.
During this time the judge will also be evaluating how well the cat is handled by the exhibitor.
7. Cats will be released and must be removed from the grounds within one hour following the show.

SHOWMANSHIP

All exhibitors must enter showmanship. Classes are divided by the last school grade the exhibitor has completed.

Classes

- 32107 Cloverbud**—for exhibitors who have finished Kindergarten through 3rd grade
32108 Junior—for exhibitors who have finished 4th through 6th grade
32109 Intermediate—for exhibitors who have finished 7th and 8th grade
32110 Senior—for exhibitors who have finished 9th through 12th grade
32111 Master—for an exhibitor who has won first place in their class of showmanship previously at the fair and is still showing the same class. The first-place winners of this year's showmanship classes will also compete for this award.

CAT SHOW CLASSES

- 32101 Kittens**—for kittens who are 4-12 months of age as of June 15th of the current year
32102 Adults—for cats who are over 12 months of age as of June 15th of the current year.

The first-place winners in these two classes will compete for the overall Champion Cat of the show.

FELINE FUN CLASSES

- 32104 Heaviest Cat**—all cats will be weighed during judging. The cat who weighs the most wins.
32101 Most Colorful Cat—will go to the cat with the most colorful fur. Their haircoat must be in a state of natural coloring, no artificial or added colors may be applied.
32101 Fluffiest Feline—will go to the cat with the fluffiest fur. Their haircoat must be all natural.



4-H & FFA Dairy Cattle Department

Superintendent	Phyllis Jones, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$2/Class
Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6-9 p.m. or Wednesday, July 15, before 9 a.m.
Judging Schedule	Wednesday, July 15, 12:30 p.m..
Judging Location	North Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Red.....\$5 White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club re-lease schedule)

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Members may own animals individually or in partnerships with parent or guardian, or they may have a share program or lease with the owner for the show season.
3. Eligible animals must be identified by May 15th at 4-H Online (v2.4honline.com) for 4-H members and at <https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id> for FFA members.
4. All dairy exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
5. Entries may be purebred or grade Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Red & White Holstein, and Crossbred (50% Dairy).
6. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on dairy heifers exhibited at the county fair, but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by the fair veterinarian.
7. Exhibitors should wear the provided 4-H/FFA t-shirt and white pants when exhibiting their animals.
8. All animals will be judged on conformation and soundness.
9. A maximum of six heifers per exhibitor are eligible to show.

10. A maximum of six dairy beef steers per exhibitor are eligible to show. Dairy beef steers will be judged as market animals.
11. All breeds of dairy cattle will show together.
12. The champion class shall be made up of 1st and 2nd place animals from classes 21102 to 21117 and 21320 to 21433, which are at least blue ribbon quality.
13. Dairy Showmanship shall follow guidelines on page 50.

CLASS NO.:

21102 Jr. Heifer Calves, born March 1, 2026 - May 15, 2026

21103 Int. Heifer Calves, born Dec.1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026

21104 Sr. Heifer Calves, born Sept. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025

21106 Summer Yearling Heifers, born June 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2025

21107 Jr. Yearling Heifers, born March 1, 2025 - May 31, 2025

21109 Sr. Yearling Heifers, born Sept. 1, 2024 - Feb. 29, 2025

Junior Champion

Reserve Junior Champion

21110 2 Year Old Cows, born Sept. 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2024

21115 3 & 4-Year Old Cows, born Sept. 1, 2022 - Aug. 31, 2023

21117 Aged Cows, born before Sept. 1, 2022

Senior Champion

Reserve Senior Champion

Grand Champion Female

Reserve Grand Champion Female

21320 Dairy Breed Junior Steers & Bull Calves, born March 1, 2026 and before May 15, 2026

21321 Dairy Breed Intermediate Steers, born Dec. 1, 2025 and before Feb. 29, 2026

21322 Dairy Breed Senior Steers, born Sept. 1, 2025 and before Nov. 30, 2025

21323 Dairy Breed Yearling Steers, born January 1, 2025 and before Aug. 31, 2025

Champion and Reserve Dairy Steer

21430 Dairy/Beef Breed Junior Steers & Bull Calves, born March 1, 2026 and before May 15, 2026

21431 Dairy/Beef Breed Intermediate Steers, born December 1, 2025 and before February 28, 2026

21432 Dairy/Beef Breed Senior Steers, born September 1, 2025 and before November 30, 2025

21433 Dairy/Beef Breed Yearling Steers, born January 1, 2025 and before August 31, 2025

Champion Dairy/Beef Breed Steer

Reserve Champion Dairy/Beef Breed Steer



4-H & FFA Dog Department

Superintendent	Mitzi Berkland, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	McKenzie Coudron, Winterset Cari Davis, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	March 1 (4H—v2.4honline.com) (FFA—https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1/Class
Check-in	Sunday, July 12, 7:30 a.m. (North Show Ring) Friday, July 17, 4:15 a.m. —Trick Dog, (North Show Ring)
Judging Schedule	Sunday, July 12, 8 a.m. (Agility, Handling, Obedience, and Rally Classes) Friday, July 19, 4:30 p.m. (Tricks Competition, Agility Fun Run & Awards Ceremony)
Judging Location	North Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Check-out	Completion of Classes

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Entries are open to dogs identified in 4-H Online (4-H youth and Clover Kid) or Jot-Form (FFA members) by March 1 of the current year. Youth and dog teams must meet the division and class qualifications required for classes entered. Entries are open to purebred or mixed breed dogs which are owned by the exhibitor or in partnership with their parents or guardian. In all cases, the dog is to have been trained, cared for and managed by the exhibitor.

Dogs must be 4 months of age before March 1st of the current year to participate.
3. **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**— Each exhibitor must upload a current rabies certificate signed by a veterinarian when enrolling in 4-H online. Exhibitors should keep a copy of this with them when coming to training classes and must have it when checking in for the fair shows.

A vaccination certificate from a veterinarian showing that the dog is current on it's Rabies, DHPP or DHLPP and Bordetella vaccinations must be sent to the Project Superintendent **BEFORE** the dog may come to any training classes or the fair show.

4. CLASS ATTENDANCE: Although it is encouraged for project members to attend as many training classes as they can, **ALL** exhibitors are required to attend a minimum of three dog project classes by July 1st to be eligible to show.

AGILITY classes require that the exhibitor and dog team must attend 2 practices using the Madison County 4-H Dog Project courses and equipment that will be utilized on the fair show day.
5. HOUSING cannot be provided on the fairgrounds for dog entries; thus, exhibitors should plan to arrive prior to check in and will be released upon the completion of their classes entered. All dogs must be leashed or crated while waiting for their class to be called. Dog owners will provide their own water dish, water, and any other necessary items needed for show day.

Exhibitors are responsible for picking up after themselves and their dog. Any trash must be placed in bins located at show locations. They are to walk their dogs in designated areas to allow them to urinate and defecate. Stools are to be picked up and disposed of in the garbage bins. Excess hair piles are to be disposed of in the same manner. The show location should be cleaned and look like they found it when they arrived.
6. CHECK-IN PROCEDURES: Exhibitors should arrive at their show location and check in at the times specified above. They will be given their exhibitor number (this will be used for the whole fair), class entries will be verified and the dog's rabies certificate signed by a veterinarian will be examined.
7. EXHIBITOR CONDUCT: Exhibitors shall not strike dogs or use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs. Exhibitors who display any behavior that the superintendent deems unsportsmanlike may warrant the excuse of the exhibitor from the class or show. The exhibitor must be ready to enter the show ring when called by the judge.

Physically correcting the dog in any show ring will result in point deductions with the possibility of disqualification and excusal from the ring.
8. EXHIBITOR DRESS: Exhibitors must wear the provided Madison County 4-H/FFA t-shirt or white blouse with blue, black, or khaki jeans or slacks and tie-shoes or boots. NO shorts, caps or hats, sandals, flip flops or slip-on shoes are allowed in the show ring.
9. Exhibitors are to notify the Superintendent if their dog comes into season. That dog should not come to any training classes during this time. If this happens on show day, the dog will need to stay isolated and can be ran as the last competitor of the fair show.
10. If an exhibitor is to be in a handling class and another class at the same time, the handling class will take precedence. Exhibitors are responsible for keeping track of their position in show rings and to notify the Superintendent or ring stewards if there is a conflict.
11. Exhibitors are not to practice with their dogs in any of the rings on show day!
12. JUMPS: For classes that have jumps, the jump height and distances will be determined by the measurement of the dog's shoulder height while standing. An official measurement of each dog will be completed by the project superintendent at training classes. Exhibitors are responsible for knowing their dog's measurement and jump heights and distances.

HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP)

1. ALL exhibitors must enter and participate in a Handling Class.
2. The exhibitor is limited to one entry in this division.
3. Dogs are to be shown in a show-lead and treats may be used in this class.
4. Class level is determined by the youth's last year completed in school.
5. Handling (Showmanship) classes will be judged using the following scores:

Exhibitor (appearance and attitude)	10 Points
Dog (grooming and condition)	10 Points
Handling	40 Points
Questions	<u>40 Points</u>
Total	100 Points
6. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue: 80-100 points; Red: 70-79 points; and White: 69 points or less.

The top scoring team in each class will receive a special award.

First place winners in each class will then participate in the Master Handler class.

HANDLING (SHOWMANSHIP) CLASSES

- 30900 Junior Handling**— For youth who completed 4-6th grade this year.
- 30901 Intermediate Handling**— For youth who completed 7-8th grade this year.
- 30902 Senior Handling**— For youth who completed 9-12th grade this year.
- 30903 Master Handling**— For youth who have won a class but are still in the same class this year.
- 30904 Cloverbud Handling**— For youth who completed Kindergarten-3rd grade this year. A parent may accompany the Cloverbud in the show ring. Cloverbuds are encouraged to show in a slip lead or show lead, but may use any of the training equipment approved for other classes if necessary.

OBEDIENCE

For Obedience Classes dogs may be exhibited in a gentle leader, choke chain, prong collar, or flat collar with a 6 foot nylon or leather leash. **If an exhibitor is planning on showing their dog at the Iowa State Fair, please note that the dog must be shown in a choke chain or a flat collar at that show. Prong collars and gentle leaders are NOT allowed**

1. Exhibitor and dog experience determine class level. Years completed include the current year and all previous years a dog was shown. A qualifying score is achieved when a team earns 170 points out of 200 points or more and achieves 50% or better of the points for each exercise in their class. When an exhibitor achieves this standard, they 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.
2. Any dog that earns an obedience title through a sanctioned show, such as AKC, UKC, etc. before January 1st, MUST compete in the next level above the title entered.

3. An exhibitor may have more than one entry in Graduate Novice B and Open. Dogs entered in Graduate Novice B may also enter in the Open class with the same exhibitor.
4. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score.
5. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue: 170-200 points; Red: 100-169.50 points; White: 99.50 points and below

The top scoring team in each class will receive a special award.

OBEDIENCE CLASSES

30200 Clover Bud Class— For youth who completed Kindergarten - 3rd grade this year. A parent may accompany the Clover Bud in the show ring.

Clover Bud Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel & Figure 8	On Leash		40 pts
● Sit for examination	On Leash		40 pts
● Recall (no finish)	On Leash		40 pts
● Long sit (1 min)	On Leash	Handler 1-2 steps in front of dog	40 pts
● Long down (1 min)	On Leash	Handler 1-2 steps in front of dog	<u>40 pts</u>
● Total Score			200 pts

30201 Intro Class

Intro class is for a FIRST YEAR exhibitor with a FIRST YEAR dog only. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

Intro Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel & Figure 8	On Leash		40 pts
● Sit for examination	On Leash		40 pts
● Recall (no finish)	On Leash		40 pts
● Long sit (1 min)	On Leash	Handler at the end of the leash	40 pts
● Long down (1 min)	On Leash	Handler at the end of the leash	<u>40 pts</u>
● Total Score			200 pts

30202 Beginner 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. Dogs must not have earned any obedience title through AKC, UKC, etc.

30203 Beginner 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.

Any dog that has earned a 'PCD' level title or higher, before January 1, of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Beginner Novice Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel	On Leash		40 pts
● Figure 8	On Leash		40 pts
● Sit for examination	On Leash		40 pts
● Sit/stay Handler walks ring	Drop Leash		40 pts
● Recall (No finish)	Off Leash		<u>40 pts</u>
● Total Score			200 pts

30204 Preferred Novice A - Teams may enter this class for 1 year.

30205 Preferred Novice B - This class is for dog and exhibitor teams who received a qualifying score in Beginners Novice A or B but did not receive a qualifying score in Preferred Novice A or B. They may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a "PCD" level title or higher, before January 1st of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Preferred Novice Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel & Figure 8	On Leash	40 pts
● Stand for Examination	Off Leash	30 pts
● Heel Free	Off Leash	40 pts
● Recall with finish	Off Leash	30 pts
● Stay—Sit or Down—Handler walks the Ring	Drop Leash	30 pts
● Sit Stay Get Your Leash	Off Leash	<u>30 pts</u>
● Total Score		200 pts

30206 Novice A - A handler/Dog team may enter this class one year.

30207 Novice B - A handler/Dog team may enter this class until they receive a qualifying score. Any dog that has earned a "CD" title before January 1st of the current year, is not eligible to enter these classes.

Novice Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel & Figure 8	On Leash	40 pts
● Stand for Examination	Off Leash	30 pts
● Heel Free	Off Leash	40 pts
● Recall with finish	Off Leash	30 pts
● Sit Stay Get Your Leash	Off Leash	30 pts
● Group Exercise—Sit Stay 1 minute with handler at the end of the leash		15 pts
● Group Exercise—Down Stay 1 minute with handler at the end of the leash		<u>15 pts</u>
● Total Score		200 pts

30208 Graduate Novice A – This class is for dogs attempting the dumbbell work and have not received a qualifying score.

30209 Graduate Novice B – For dogs that readily carry the dumbbell, or have received a qualifying score in Graduate Novice A.

Dogs must not have received any 'CDX' level titles.

Graduate Novice Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel Free & Figure 8	Off Leash	40 pts
● Drop on Recall	Off Leash	40 pts
● Dumbbell Recall	Off Leash	30 pts
● Dumbbell Recall over High Jump	Off Leash	30 pts
● Recall over Broad Jump	Off Leash	30 pts
● Stand Stay—Get Your Leash	Off Leash	<u>30 pts</u>
● Total Score		200 pts

30210 Open

Open Class Exercises and Points:

● Heel Free & Figure 8	Off Leash	40 pts
● Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit)	Off Leash	30 pts
● Drop on Recall	Off Leash	30 pts
● Retrieve on Flat	Off Leash	20 pts
● Retrieve over High Jump	Off Leash	30 pts
● Broad Jump	Off Leash	20 pts
● Stand Stay Get Your Leash	Off Leash	<u>30 pts</u>
● Total Score		200 pts

RALLY CLASSES

For Rally Classes dogs may be exhibited in a gentle leader, choke chain, prong collar or flat collar with a 6 foot nylon or leather leash. **If an exhibitor is planning on showing their dog at the Iowa State Fair, please note that the dog must be shown in a choke chain or a flat collar at that show. Prong collars and gentle leaders are NOT allowed.**

1. An exhibitor is allowed one entry in each class, except Rally Advanced, where 2 entries are allowed.
2. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score. All dogs must remain on the floor while in the show ring. Any dog picked up in or being held while entering the ring will have their score reduced by 1 ribbon color.
3. A dog who has received any Rally Novice title in any sanctioned show, such as AKC (American Kennel Club) or UKC (United Kennel Club), etc., must compete in Rally Intermediate or Rally Advanced.
4. AKC guidelines and rally signs will be used as the judging guidelines for these rally classes. Exhibitors are to know the signs in their appropriate class level prior to entering the class. The measurements for jumps will also follow AKC guidelines.
5. There will be a class briefing with the judge available prior to the start of each class. During this time exhibitors will walk the course without their dog and can ask the judge if they have any questions. If an exhibitor is showing in another ring and misses the class briefing, that exhibitor will be allowed to walk the course without their dog before being judged. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to let the ring steward know that they have not walked the course before entering the ring with their dog.
6. This is a timed event. Timing means nothing unless there is a tie for placement. Placements are determined by score.
7. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue – 80-100 points, Red – 70-79 points, White 69 points and below.

The top scoring team in each class will receive a special award.

RALLY CLASSES

30800 NOVICE RALLY A

For dogs and exhibitors which have not previously competed in any rally class and are in their first year of rally training. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice signs will be used for this class.

30801 NOVICE RALLY B

For dogs and exhibitors which have competed in any rally class and the dog is in its 2nd or 3rd year of rally training. Exhibitor/dog teams are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and maximum of five stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands and talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice level signs will be used for this class. The Novice A course will be used.

30802 RALLY INTERMEDIATE

For dogs which have competed in any rally class and are in their 3rd year of rally training or more, or for a dog who has earned any Rally Novice title (AKC, UKC, etc.) Exhibitor/dog teams are limited to 2 years in this class. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Intermediate courses will have a minimum of three Advanced level stations. There are no jumps in this class. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands and talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Intermediate level signs will be used for this class.

30803 RALLY ADVANCED

For dogs which have competed in a rally class with 4 or more years in rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Intermediate Title (AKC, UKC, etc.) All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 12-17 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have a minimum of three advanced level stations plus one required jump. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands and talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Advanced Level signs will be used for this class.

30804 RALLY EXCELLENT

For dogs which have competed in a rally class with 5 or more years in rally training or for a dog who has earned any Rally Advanced Title (AKC, UKC, etc.) All exercises are performed OFF leash. There will be between 15-20 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of three and a maximum of seven stationary exercises. Courses will have a minimum of three excellent level stations plus two required jumps.

30805 CLOVERBUD RALLY

For youth who completed Kindergarten – 3rd grade this year. All exercises are performed on leash. There will be between 10-15 stations (start and finish not included) with a minimum of two and a maximum of four stationary exercises. Exhibitors are allowed to pat their legs, clap their hands or talk to encourage the dog. Exhibitors may touch their dog only for a stand exercise. AKC Rally Novice signs will be used for this class. A parent may accompany the cloverbud in the show ring.

AGILITY

For Agility Classes dogs may be exhibited with a flat buckle collar with no tags attached and a nylon or leather leash.

1. Agility is open to every exhibitor who has attended at least 2 practices using the Madison County 4-H Dog Project courses and equipment that will be utilized on the fair show day. Each exhibitor is allowed 1 entry per dog.
2. Exhibitors may not touch the dog or equipment while running the agility course.
3. There will be a class briefing with the judge available prior to the start of each class. During this time exhibitors will walk the course without their dog and can ask the judge if they have any questions. If an exhibitor is showing in another ring and misses the class briefing, that exhibitor will be allowed to walk the course without their dog before being judged. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to let the ring steward know that they have not walked the course before entering the ring with their dog.
4. Obstacles that may be included in the course are: A-Frame, Dog Walk, Seesaw, Pause Table, Open Tunnel, Weave Poles and Jumps.
5. Dogs will work off leash in this event except for Beginning Agility "A" or "B" dogs. Dogs must enter and leave the ring on leash. An exhibitor leaving the ring without the dog on a leash will have major points deducted from their score. Dogs may wear a short leash during the competition without the exhibitor touching it without getting points deducted. Dogs shown on leash in any other classes will receive 5 fault points added to the final score.
6. This is a timed event. Timing means nothing unless there is a tie for placement. Placements are determined by score.
7. Ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue – 80-100 points, Red – 70-79 points, White 69 points and below.

The top scoring team in each class will receive a special award.

AGILITY CLASSES:

30139 Cloverbud Agility

This class will consist of no less than six and no more than ten obstacles. Cloverbuds will run the course on leash. A parent may accompany the cloverbud in the show ring. All obstacles will be set at the minimum height and cloverbuds may walk over jumps with their dogs.

30140 Beginning Agility "A"

For dogs and handlers who are in their first year of agility training and have never competed in any other agility competitions. This class will consist of no less than six and no more than ten obstacles. Entries will run the course on leash.

30141 Beginning Agility "B"

For the new dog with an experienced handler (the handler who has previously competed in Beginning Agility), an experienced dog with a new handler, or a dog not ready to progress to the next level. The course will be the same as in Beginning Agility "A". Entries will run the course on leash.

30142 Novice Agility "A"

For a handler and dog that have not competed in the Novice Agility "A" class. This is for the more experienced dog, ready to negotiate more and different types of obstacles at a faster pace. This class will consist of no less than eight and no more than twelve obstacles. Entries will run the course off leash.

30143 Novice Agility "B"

For the handler and /or dog that have previously competed in Novice Agility "A" or Open Agility. The course will be the same as in Novice Agility "A". Entries will run the course off leash.

30144 Open Agility

For the handler and/or dog that have previously competed in Novice Agility. This class will consist of no less than eight and no more than twelve obstacles. Obstacles may be added to the Novice Agility course. Entries will run the course off leash.

30145 Fun Agility

For the handler with a dog who is not ready or able to compete in one of the regular agility classes. This may be due to the dog's size or age, an injury, not wanting to or able to safely complete one or more obstacles, etc. Entries in this class must be approved by the dog project superintendent.

TRICK DOG

For Trick Dog classes dogs may be exhibited in a gentle leader, choke chain, prong or flat collar, with a leash. Treats can be used in the ring.

1. Exhibitors are allowed one entry in the Trick Dog division.
2. Each exhibitor / dog team must perform a minimum of one trick for judging. Tricks can be taken from the corresponding lists provided on the AKC website or exhibitors can be creative and come up with a trick of their own.
3. Exhibitors are to be creative and can add costumes, music, props, etc. to their trick performance.
4. Awards will be given based on the reaction from the crowd.

TRICK DOG CLASSES

31000 Trick Dog Cloverbud

For youth who completed Kindergarten-3rd grade this year. A parent may accompany the clover bud in the show ring.

31001 Trick Dog Junior

For youth who completed 4-6th grade this year.

31002 Trick Dog Intermediate

For youth who completed 7-8th grade this year.

31003 Trick Dog Senior

For youth who completed 9th-12th grade this year.



4-H & FFA Goat Department

Superintendent	Julia Rhodes, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Lisa Jones, St. Charles
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$4/Market \$2/Breeding
Check-in/Weigh-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. (All goats must check-in)
Judging Schedule	Meat Goats—Wed, July 15, 10 a.m. Specialty & Dairy –Wed, July 15, following dairy cattle
Judging Location	Meat Goats—South Show Ring Specialty & Dairy—North Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Red.....\$5 White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Madison County Fair “General Rules & Regulations” apply to this department (note department specific ‘substitutions’ rule).
2. All dairy goats must be identified with a tattoo on 4-H Online (for 4-H members) by May 15, 2026.
3. All goat exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension Office by July 1st.
4. All sexually intact goats must be properly identified with a certified Scrapies ear tag or the number tattooed in the ear. **Scrapies tag numbers or tattoo numbers must be recorded in 4-H Online or Fair Entry (FFA).**
5. All wethers must be banded at market goat weigh-in or they will be banded at that time to be considered a wether for the fair.

6. Kids must be born after January 1 of the current year **OR STILL HAVE MILK TEETH**. Kid identification and birthdate must be reported to the Extension Office within 10 days after the birth of the kid, if the May 15th deadline has already passed.
7. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting a maximum of 10 animals in the youth show with no more than two head in a class.
8. All market meat goats (does & wethers) must have an official 4-H tag and are required to weigh-in at the sheep and meat goat weigh-in in the spring. All meat breeding does can have a 4-H tag or tattoo as identification. The market wethers and market does either need to be debudded or blunt tip on horns. **Meat goats will also be weighed at the Madison County Fair check-in on Tuesday**. Exhibitors may weigh in a maximum of 10 animals.
9. Home raised goats are 4-H & FFA kids born and raised on the home farm of the member exhibiting the animal, **MEANING THE ANIMAL WAS NOT PURCHASED, LEASED, OR BORROWED FROM ANOTHER PERSON, ENTITY, OR AUCTION, PUBLICALLY OR PRIVATELY**. To be eligible for home raised ribbons or premium, goat must be identified "home raised". It must also be **CHECKED IN 4-H ONLINE AND/OR FAIR ENTRY**.
10. **All goats must be on the grounds and checked in by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday.**
11. Exhibitors should wear the provided 4-H/FFA shirt, long pants and boots with hard soles when exhibiting their animals.
12. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the ground in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification.
13. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on goats exhibited at the county fair, but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by the fair veterinarian. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited. NOTE: Evidence of visibly active warts, ringworm, foot rot, pinkeye, abscesses or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show and **must leave the Fairgrounds immediately with proper approval of Fair vet and superintendent.**
14. Does 24 months of age or over which have never freshened shall not be shown.
15. **Substitutions** – Exhibitors shall not substitute an animal without cause and approval of the Superintendent and fair committee.
16. Dairy goats with horns shall not be shown.
17. All grooming is to be done within the designated grooming area on the west side of the Goat Barn between Sheep Barn and between the Llama/Alpaca/Horse Shed and Swine Barn posted by the Superintendent during Fair.
18. Injection or drenching to fill the animal is prohibited. Exhibitors, families and any involved parties using these methods will be disqualified, will forfeit all premiums and be subject to being **PERMANENTLY** banned from exhibiting at the Madison County Fair.

19. Exhibitors are expected to care for their goats in an acceptable manner. NO MUZZLES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED! Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of goats will be grounds for disqualification. Exhibitors, families and any involved parties using these methods will be disqualified, will forfeit all premiums and be subject to being **PERMANENTLY** banned from exhibiting at the Madison County Fair.
20. Superintendent will assign stalls by club or chapter.
21. Goat showmanship shall follow guidelines on page 49.
22. Showbill will be posted Tuesday night. Exhibitors need to verify information and submit changes to superintendents by 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

CLASSES

Breeding Meat Goats

- 23102** Does - born April-May, 2026
23103 Does - born March, 2026
23104 Does - born February, 2026
23105 Does - born January, 2026
23111 Does - born December, 2025
23112 Does - born August-November, 2025
 Junior Division Champion
 Junior Division Reserve Champion
- 23113** Does - born April-July, 2025
23121 Does - born February-March, 2025
23122 Does - born August, 2024-January, 2025
 Yearling Division Champion Doe
 Yearling Division Reserve Champion Doe
- 23123** Does - born August, 2023 - July, 2024
23124 Does - born before August 1, 2023
 Senior Division Champion Meat Goat Doe
 Senior Division Reserve Champion Meat Goat Doe
- Overall Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe
 Overall Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat Doe
 Home Raised Champion Meat Goat Doe
 Home Raised Reserve Champion Meat Goat Doe

- 23130 Buck Kids, 0 to under 3 months
 - 23131 Buck Kids, 3 to under 6 months
 - 23132 Buck Kids, 6 to under 9 months
 - 23133 Buck Kids, 9 to under 12 months
- Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Buck

Market Wethers and Does

- 23210 Market Wethers and Does (divided by weight)
- Overall Champion Market Meat Goat
- Overall Reserve Champion Market Meat Goat
- Home Raised Grand Champion Market Meat Goat
- Home Raised Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat

Specialty Goats

- 23350 Specialty Junior Does, 0-12 Months
 - 23351 Specialty Intermediate Does, 12-24 Months
 - 23352 Specialty Senior Does, 24 Months and Older
 - 23353 Specialty Junior Wethers 0-12 Months
 - 23354 Specialty Intermediate Wethers, 12-24 Months
 - 23355 Specialty Senior Wethers, 24 Months and Older
- Grand Champion Specialty Goat
Reserve Grand Champion Specialty Goat

Dairy Goats

- 22102 Junior Does, Under 4 Months
 - 22103 Junior Does, 4 Months & Under 5 Months
 - 22104 Junior Does, 5 Months & Under 6 Months
 - 22105 Junior Does, 6 Months & Under 1 Year
 - 22106 Junior Does, 1 Year & Under 2 Years
- Junior Division Champion Doe
Junior Division Reserve Champion Doe
- 22111 Senior Does, In Milk or That Have Freshened
 - 22112 Senior Does, Under 2 Years In Milk
 - 22113 Senior Does, 2 Years & Under 3 Years
 - 22114 Senior Does, 3 Years & Under 5 Years
 - 22115 Senior Does, 5 Years & Over
- Senior Division Champion Doe
Senior Division Reserve Champion Doe
- Overall Grand Champion Dairy Doe
Overall Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Doe



4-H & FFA Horse Department

Superintendent	Melissa Karp, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Melissa Kiburz, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H—v2.4honline.com) (FFA—https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$2/Class
Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15 by 7 a.m.
Judging Schedule	Wednesday, July 15, 9 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m. (Rain date will be Saturday of the fair)
Judging Location	Horse Arena
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Red.....\$5 White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Entries are open to horses identified at 4-H Online (4-H) or JotForm (FFA) by May 15 of the current year that meet the division and class requirements.
3. "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" will be used as a reference for this event. A copy may be downloaded from the State 4-H Website.
4. All exhibitors are required to attend a minimum of three horse project classes by July 1 to be eligible to show. Exhibitors must bring each horse that they plan to show at the fair to a minimum of two classes by July 1 to be eligible to show. Department superintendent is responsible for communicating class attendance to the Extension Office. Exhibitors are encouraged to attend more than the 3 required classes.
5. All horse exhibitors must verify classes on Tuesday, July 14, in Horse Barn between 6-8 p.m.
6. Horses may be checked in on Tuesday, July 14, in Horse Barn between 6-8 p.m.
7. All horses must be checked in by 7 a.m., Wednesday, July 15.

8. Stallions may be shown in the foal class only. No stallion foaled prior to January 1 of the current year may be exhibited.
9. An individual 4-H'er may exhibit no more than three horses. A mare and foal will count as one entry.
10. Good Sportsmanship and conduct of exhibitors are essential for the well-being of exhibitors and audience. Unnecessary roughness and discourtesy may cause the exhibitor to be dismissed from further competition. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Exhibitors must keep their animal under control at all times.
11. County 4-H age divisions will be as follows (grade most recently completed):
 - a. Junior – grades 4-6
 - b. Intermediate – grades 7-8
 - c. Senior – grades 9-12
12. To exhibit in classes in which the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of youth, ownership is not required. Youth may lease up to two horses. Youth must meet all requirements of the lease agreement. If a horse is leased, you must upload a signed lease agreement to 4-H Online by May 15 of the current year. Only showmanship and riding horses are eligible for lease; horses in halter classes cannot be leased and must be owned by the 4-H member or his or her immediate family (parents, siblings or guardians). Horses owned by distant family members (aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents) are considered leased horses.
13. Horses, ponies and mules may be exercised every morning and afternoon in the arena between 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m. (so long as the arena is not occupied for a scheduled event). Exercise times may differ on show days and will be announced by superintendents. The remainder of herdsman duties are to be completed by 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. respectively. Horses, ponies and mules are not to be ridden north of the south fairgrounds drive. (Food stands, other livestock barns, carnival area, etc.)
14. Only the exhibitor may warm up and ride their own horse throughout the fair. A parent or other adult (not a 4-H/FFA exhibitor) may lunge the horse if deemed necessary. No riding or schooling shall be done by anyone other than the exhibitor.

Dress for Exhibitors

1. Heeled boots, jeans and ASTM/SEI approved helmets must be worn at all times - during practice, exercise and while riding in classes. **ASTM (American Society of Testing Materials)/SEI (Safety Engineering Institute) approved helmets are required every time you ride, for any reason.**
2. Proper Western Dress will be long-sleeved shirts, provided 4-H/FFA t-shirt, blue jeans for 4-H members, and blue OR black jeans for FFA members (no other jean colors allowed). Ties and gloves are optional - no chaps. A solid, plain, front button or snap long-sleeved, collared shirt of any color (including white) may be worn. The following is prohibited: personalized logos or embroidery, zippers, sheer or lace fabric, embellishments or bling of any kind including, but not limited to, sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirt must be tucked in.
3. English Dress optional.
4. 4-H arm band or FFA chevron required if not wearing the provided 4-H/FFA t-shirt.
5. No additional attire will be allowed in the ring.
6. No advertising for any breed, feed, or other product shall be worn in the show ring.
7. The judge will not give credit for extra costly attire.

Entries and Stall Check-in

1. **Stalling** – In fair entry, you must designate the total number of horses you are entering. No stall will be provided for mare and foals or yearlings. Mare and foals and yearlings are released as soon as they are finished showing and must leave the grounds at the end of the show day. **A minimum of one entry will be required to remain throughout the fair.** Additional stalls may be reserved for other entries, depending on available space. Stalling assignments will be posted by department superintendent prior to the fair. Horses must be stalled when not being shown, exercised or at the wash rack.
2. **Exhibitors are limited to one entry in all classes.** Showing one's own horse or pony is a requirement in all classes including showmanship. The only exception to this rule is that if an exhibitor has a conflict and is showing another species during halter classes, a substitute showman, as defined in the General 4-H Rules, may show the exhibitor's halter class entries only (NOT showmanship).
3. **Release – Any member using a stall must keep their horse at the fair the full five days of the fair.** Sunday release times will be based on the club release schedule. A horse may be released early if determined to be sick, or a danger to itself, its handler, or visitors to the barns, or shortage of stall space. To be released early, the exhibitor must present a "uniform early release form" to the Fair Office with the signatures of the county fair veterinarian and show superintendent or their designee.
4. **Check-In** – All horses are required to check in by **7 a.m.** on Wednesday, July 15th.
5. Height division for horses and ponies will be as follows with an allowance of one-half (½) inch for horses wearing shoes: Horses are considered 57" and over. Ponies include heights less than 57", measured from the highest point of the withers to the ground. Class entries will then be verified by the horse's height and any necessary correction in class entries made. Equine entered in pony halter and pony pleasure will be verified at check-in.
6. The age of the horse is used to divide halter classes. A horse's age is based on January 1, not the actual birth date of the animal. Horses increase in age one year each January 1. Use January 1 as the date when determining the horse's age. A colt or filly born during the current calendar year is eligible to show in Mare and Foal class.
7. Every exhibitor must show in halter or showmanship.
8. Exhibitors must pre-enter for showmanship. No entry fees will be collected for showmanship and no premiums will be paid.
9. Exhibitors who have won their age division of showmanship in a previous year are not eligible to enter that same age division of showmanship in subsequent years. Instead, they will automatically advance to Master Showman until they advance to the next age division. For example, a 5th grader who wins Junior Showmanship will also show in Master Showman that same year. The following year as a 6th grader, they will not be eligible to enter Junior Showmanship again, but instead will only show in Master Showman. Two years later as a 7th grader, they will be eligible to enter Intermediate Showmanship and must win in order to advance to Master Showman.
10. Horses may be shown in both English and Western classes as long as appropriate equipment for the class is worn.
11. Classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent, based on the number of entries in each class. If combined, exhibitors will be evaluated based on 4-H age division, with awards provided to the winners in each 4-H age division.
12. Any youth & horse combination are only eligible to compete in **one** pleasure class under western tack. A youth may show different horses in pony pleasure, western pleasure, ranch horse pleasure and 2 & 3 year old western pleasure.

13. **Exhibitors cannot cross-enter walk/trot classes and classes that call for the lope/canter.** Walk/trot riders may enter barrels and poles, but must not go faster than a trot in these classes. Exhibitors entering classes that call for the lope/canter may still enter Bareback Equitation—Walk/Trot if they are not comfortable loping bareback; however, no points toward high point will be given to these exhibitors. (Exhibitors entering only walk/trot classes WILL still receive points for Bareback Equitation—Walk/Trot.)
14. **In Fair Entry, exhibitors must enter all classes they wish to participate in at the fair.** Classes can later be scratched or changed, but additional classes cannot be added.

AWARDS

1. **Halter and Performance Classes** – In each class the judge will select those entries deserving purple, blue, red and white awards and place them accordingly. A ribbon or other award will also be presented for the top five placings.
2. **Halter Champion** – First and second place winners in the halter classes will return to the show ring after the scheduled halter classes, where the judge will determine the "Champion" and "Reserve Champion" horse or pony. A ribbon or other award will be given for Champion and Reserve Champion Pony, Mare and Gelding.
3. **High Point Performance Horse Awards** – A high point and reserve high point performance horse award will be given in each age division (Junior, Intermediate and Senior) to the exhibitor and horse combination earning the most cumulative points in the performance classes. All classes will count toward high point with the exception of: all showmanship classes, including Master Showman, all Halter classes, including Championship Halter classes, Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation-Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Horsemanship-Walk/Trot and Trail-Walk/Trot.

The point system will be as follows:

<u>Entries in Class</u>	<u>Points per class</u>
1	1
2	2-1
3	3-2-1
4	4-3-2-1
5	5-4-3-2-1

Points will be posted at the end of the day. In the event of a tie in points, the horse and rider with points in the most events will be declared the high point horse and rider. In the event of a tie, high point will be awarded to the rider who has the most higher places with the nominated horse. For example: If horse & rider #1 enter five classes and stand in first place in four of the classes and fourth in the other, and horse and rider #2 enter five classes and stand in first place in two classes, and second place in three classes, horse and rider #1 will be given the award.

4. **Walk/Trot High Point Awards** - A high point and reserve high point award will be given to the exhibitor and horse combination earning the most cumulative points in the following classes: Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation—Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Horsemanship– Walk/Trot, Trail– Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles (completed at a walk/trot pace). The point system and tiebreakers above will also be used to determine the walk/trot high point awards. **These awards are intended for exhibitors that are not yet ready to lope/canter.**
4. **Master Showman Award** – Winners of Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmanship classes at this year's fair compete against each other for the title of Master Showman.

SHOW SCHEDULE

SPECIAL NEEDS (Date & Time TBA)

Special Needs Riding Classes (exhibitors entered in classes 31701, 31514, and 31680 may only enter these classes). See Adaptive Riding Division Section in *Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equines Shows in Iowa* for details.

- 31701 Walk/Trot - Special Needs
- 31514 Trail - Special Needs
- 31680 Game - Special Needs

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15th

Showmanship

- 31203 Senior Showmanship
- 31202 Intermediate Showmanship
- 31201 Junior Showmanship
- 31204 Master Showman

Halter Class

- 31101 Pony Mare and Foal
- 31102 Pony Mares 57" and Under
- 31103 Pony Geldings 57" and Under

Champion and Reserve Champion Pony

*(First and Second place winners from **Classes 31101-31103**)*

- 31104 Mare and Foal – All Breeds
- 31105 5-Year-Old and Under Mares—All Breeds
- 31106 6-Year Old and Over Mares—All Breeds

Champion and Reserve Champion Mare

(First and Second winners from classes 31104-31106)

- 31107 5-Year-Old and Under Geldings—All Breeds
- 31108 6-Year-Old and Over Geldings—All Breeds

Champion and Reserve Champion Gelding

(First and Second place winners from classes 31109-31110)

Performance

- 31311 Western Pleasure - Senior
- 31312 Western Pleasure - Intermediate
- 31313 Western Pleasure - Junior
- 31331 Ranch Horse Pleasure - Senior
- 31332 Ranch Horse Pleasure - Intermediate
- 31333 Ranch Horse Pleasure - Junior
- 31320 Pony Pleasure
- 31321 2 & 3 year old Western Pleasure - Snaffle Bit or Bosal

Other Horse Classes

- 31700 Western Walk/Trot—All Ages *(This class is for exhibitors not ready to lope. Exhibitors entered in this class can only enter Halter, Showmanship, Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation-Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Herdsmanship-Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles at Walk/Trot)*
- 31702 Bareback Equitation - Senior (Rail work only)

- 31703 Bareback Equitation - Intermediate (Rail work only)
- 31704 Bareback Equitation - Junior (Rail work only)
- 31705 Bareback Equitation - Senior Walk/Trot (Rail work only)
- 31706 Bareback Equitation - Intermediate Walk/Trot (Rail work only)
- 31707 Bareback Equitation - Junior Walk/Trot (Rail work only)

English Pleasure & Equitation

- 31451 English Walk/Trot - All Ages (This class is for exhibitors not ready to lope. *Exhibitors entered in this class can only enter Halter, Showmanship, Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation-Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Herdsmanship-Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles at Walk/Trot*)
- 31411 English Pleasure - Senior
- 31412 English Pleasure - Intermediate
- 31413 English Pleasure - Junior
- 31421 English Equitation - Senior
- 31422 English Equitation - Intermediate
- 31423 English Equitation - Junior
- 31440 Hunter Hack - Senior
- 31441 Hunter Hack - Intermediate
- 31442 Hunter Hack - Junior

THURSDAY, July 17th

Trail - will be held in the warm-up arena from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- 31510 Trail - Walk/Trot - All Ages (This class is for exhibitors not ready to lope. *Exhibitors entered in this class can only enter Halter, Showmanship, Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation-Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Herdsmanship-Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles at Walk/Trot*)
- 31511 Trail - Senior
- 31512 Trail - Intermediate
- 31513 Trail - Junior
- 31708 Ranch Riding - Senior
- 31709 Ranch Riding - Intermediate
- 31710 Ranch Riding - Junior
- 31340 Western Horsemanship - Walk/Trot - All Ages (This class is for exhibitors not ready to lope. *Exhibitors entered in this class can only enter Halter, Showmanship, Western Walk/Trot, Bareback Equitation-Walk/Trot, English Walk/Trot, Western Herdsmanship-Walk/Trot, Barrels, and Poles at Walk/Trot*)
- 31341 Western Horsemanship - Senior
- 31342 Western Horsemanship - Intermediate
- 31343 Western Horsemanship - Junior
- 31521 Reining - Senior
- 31522 Reining - Intermediate
- 31523 Reining - Junior
- 31611 Barrels - Senior
- 31612 Barrels - Intermediate
- 31613 Barrels - Junior
- 31631 Poles - Senior
- 31632 Poles - Intermediate
- 31633 Poles - Junior



4-H & FFA Poultry Department

Superintendent	Jared McDonald, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Jessica Lawrance, Winterset Shelly Ford, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	June 15 (4H—v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$3/Market, \$1/Breeding
Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 8-10 a.m. (excluding Meat Market Poultry & Cloverbuds) Thursday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. (Meat Market Poultry & Cloverbuds)
Judging Schedule	Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m.
Judging Location	South Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Check-out	Following Show (only Meat Market Poultry & Cloverbuds) Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. All poultry exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
3. CHECK-IN times are 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday or 8 – 10 a.m. on Wednesday. All exhibition birds must be in the cages in the small animal barn by noon. All market birds, including broilers, will check in Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; do not bring birds in Wednesday. Broilers not checked in at this time will be unable to show. Superintendent will assign cages and will be grouped by club. Check-out is Sunday starting at 3:30, based on the club release schedule. Exhibitors are responsible for clean out and tear down of the pens and tables.

4. Cages and shavings are provided to 4-H exhibitors. Exhibitor is responsible for providing feed and fresh water. Exhibitor is responsible for providing feed, water, and related containers for their birds.
5. Limitations: A maximum of 10 entries total in any combination of classes of egg production, exhibition, meat market, weight gain special division, and poultry breeding is allowed. Showmanship and Egg Decorating Contest are not included in the total.
6. Exhibitor must wear exhibitor number on the front of his/her provided 4-H/FFA t-shirt.
7. All exhibition birds that are showing are required to be pullorum tested within 90 days of the show, dependent on the availability of Pullorum Antigen. Birds will be tested Wednesday evening. Exhibitors are not expected to be present. If exhibitor needs a pullorum certificate, inform the show superintendent at check-in Wednesday and the certificate will be handed out Thursday. During the fair, all market broilers will be separated from the exhibition birds and will be released at the conclusion of the poultry show for butchering at exhibitor's discretion.
8. Poultry Showmanship shall follow guidelines on page 50.

CLOVER BUDS PARTICIPATION

A Clover Bud participant is allowed to show a single bird for a participation ribbon. Register the Clover Bud in the CLASS 25289 online by the June 15th deadline. Clover Buds may also participate in the Egg Decorating Contest if they also participated in the Clover Bud exhibit. Clover Bud exhibitors are allowed to show one bird they can carry themselves. Birds are to be checked in on Thursday at 8:30am with bird in dog cage or similar and remain in cages when not actively shown. Birds will be released at the conclusion of the show. Chickens or ducks are recommended; geese and turkeys are not allowed.

CLASS

25289 Clover Bud

EGG PRODUCTION POULTRY

1. Judging based on health, vigor, uniformity, general appearance and egg production characteristics.

CLASS

24410 White and non-white egg breeds - 3 pullets or 3 hens

EXHIBITION POULTRY

1. Judging based on health, vigor, and conformity to breed characteristics as per the "American Standard of Perfection."
2. Shown as single birds. Exhibitors limited to two entry per class.

CLASS NO		25287	Pigeons
24010	Largefowl American	25288	Game Birds (pheasants, quail, chuckers, guinea)
24020	Largefowl Asiatic	25241	Ducks, Bantam
24040	Largefowl English	25231	Ducks, Light Weight
24050	Largefowl Mediterranean	25221	Ducks, Medium Weight
24030	Largefowl Continental	25211	Ducks, Heavy Weight
24060	Largefowl Any Other Breed	25271	Geese, Light Weight
24130	Bantam, Single Comb-Clean Legged	25261	Geese, Medium Weight
24140	Bantam, Rose Comb-Clean Legged	25251	Geese, Heavy Weight
24101	Bantam, Game	25280	Turkeys
24156	Bantam, Any Other Comb		
24160	Bantam, Feather Legged		

MEAT MARKET POULTRY

1. Judging based on health, vigor, general appearance and feel for market bird and uniformity of size.
2. A market poultry entry shall be a pen of two birds, either sex.
3. All meat market birds, including broilers, are not to arrive until morning of show. All market birds will be separate from exhibition birds and released after the show. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning up shavings and cages after release or premiums will be forfeited.
4. Class #'s 24301-24328 qualify for participation in the livestock premium auction.

CLASS NO.

24301	Broiler Chickens, 4 pounds and under (less than 12 weeks of age)
24302	Broiler Chickens, over 4 pounds (less than 12 weeks of age)
24310	Roaster Chickens (between 12 weeks and 6 months of age)
24332	Pigeons, Meat Type
24333	Game Birds (pheasant, quail, chuckers, guinea)
24322	Ducks, Medium Weight
24323	Ducks, Heavy Weight
24325	Geese, Light Weight
24326	Geese, Medium Weight
24327	Geese, Heavy Weight
24328	Turkeys

POULTRY BREEDING

CLASS NO.

24200 The purpose of this class is to encourage exhibitors to improve their flocks by developing skills in breeding and hatching poultry. An exhibit shall be a pen of one to four offspring (less than 8 months old, either sex). A half-page project sheet shall accompany the exhibit and include the following: the goals for breeding and the breed of the parents; how many eggs were collected to hatch; the beginning incubation date; the ending incubation date; the method of incubation; percent hatchability; percent of hatch surviving to 3 weeks; self-evaluation of success of meeting goals. Judging will be based largely on how goals were met. Health, vigor, and general appearance are also important. No preference given for method of incubation. Percent hatchability and survival used only as a tie-breaker.

EGG DECORATING CONTEST

CLASS NO.

25285 Exhibitor is limited to ONE (1) decorated egg entry. Decorated egg must be the work of the exhibitor only (no groups) and done within the year. (Pictures of egg will be photographed and kept on file). Egg must be REAL and have contents REMOVED. See: <https://www.eggs.ca/eggs101/view/59/how-to-create-hollow-eggs#> on how to remove contents of egg. Egg must be from either a chicken, duck, goose, or turkey. Egg can be decorated with any artistic medium: paint, paper, crayons, markers, glitter, googly eyes etc. Top egg in each age division will be awarded. All entries will receive ribbon. Egg will be numbered upon arrival to the show so no exhibitor names will be displayed – bring decorated egg to poultry show day. Eggs will be displayed at fair for remainder of fair and will be released with all other exhibits on Sunday. Judging will take place during Poultry Show. ELIGIBILITY: Must be an exhibitor in the Poultry Show. Open to Clover Buds.



4-H & FFA Rabbit Department

Superintendent	Heather Jamison, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Tad Eddleman, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	June 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1/class \$3/meat pen
Check-in	Wednesday, July 15, 8-10 a.m.
Judging Schedule	Friday, July 17, 8:45 a.m. (Showmanship) 10 a.m. (Breed Show)
Judging Location	Varied Industries Building
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. All rabbits to be exhibited at the Madison County Fair must be identified with a tattoo by June 1 at either 4-H Online (for 4-H). Entries are open to properly identified rabbits that meet the division and class requirements. NO SUBSTITUTIONS.
3. CHECK-IN: Wednesday, July 15, 2026, between 8:00-10:00 a.m.
CHECK OUT: Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. Exhibitors are responsible for clean out and tear down of the pens.
4. Meat rabbit exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
5. All rabbits must be identified with a tattoo or ballpoint pen/permanent marker in the left ear prior to check-in.
6. Exhibitors must be present when rabbits are judged and carry their own stock to the judging table. Substitute showman may be allowed if there is a conflict with another livestock show at the discretion of the Superintendent.

7. Showmanship will be observed and judged.
8. Wire cages will be supplied in the Varied Industries Building at the Madison County Fairgrounds. However, exhibitors should bring a lock for each cage door. Exhibitors may bring his/her own pen(s). Exhibitors are to supply food and water for each pen.
9. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are limited to 8 individuals total in the following divisions, with a maximum of two rabbits entered per class. A pen of 3 is considered one entry.
10. Exhibitor numbers should be worn on the front of the provided 4-H/FFA t-shirt during exhibition. No hats.

POSTER CLASS

1. To encourage youth to explore the rabbit project more in depth and to educate those watching the show.
2. Each exhibitor is allowed to enter one poster per year in the class. There will be two sub-classes: Breeds and Animal Science.
3. Posters will be judged using a 100-point system.
 - a. Use of correct information 70 points
 - b. Poster is clear, easy to read 20 points
 - c. Poster is attractive 5 points
 - d. Use of visual aids; charts, photos, etc. 5 points
4. Posters will be displayed during the show. The youth may then choose to enter them in the Iowa State Fair contest. This would be a great opportunity to have posters evaluated before the Iowa State Fair.

CLASS NO.

- 27441** Breeds Poster - Discuss and explain one or more breeds of rabbits, their history, markings, judging, or any other information about the breed. An opportunity to discuss their rabbit as well.
- 27440** Animal Science Poster - Include topics such as rabbit anatomy, health concerns, healthy diets, rabbit housing, etc.

STANDARD BRED RABBITS

(Commercial and Fancy)

1. Entries in these divisions (commercial and fancy) are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds and varieties.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (A.R.B.A.) standards and rules, which is based on the age of the rabbit.
3. Use show date as date to determine age for class entry.

COMMERCIAL RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Californian, Palomino, Satin

CLASS NO.

27101	Senior Bucks (over 8 months of age)
27102	Senior Does (over 8 months of age)
27103	Intermediate Bucks (6-8 months of age)
27104	Intermediate Does (6-8 months of age)
27105	Junior Bucks (under 6 months of age)
27106	Junior Does (under 6 months of age)

FANCY RABBITS

BREED EXAMPLES: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf

CLASS NO.

27201	Senior Bucks (over 6 months of age)
27202	Senior Does (over 6 months of age)
27203	Junior Bucks (under 6 months of age)
27204	Junior Does (under 6 months of age)

MEAT PEN

1. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits, less than 70 days of age, any color and uniform in size from 3-5 pounds.
2. Limitations in the Meat Division: one pen of 3, 2 fryers, and 2 broilers.

CLASS

27310	Broiler
27301	Fryer
27320	Meat Pen of 3

MIXED BREEDS

1. If background of rabbit is all the same breed, it is still a purebred, no matter what color.
2. These will be judged on body type, fur condition and general appearance.

CLASS

27001	Senior Bucks (over 6 months)
27002	Senior Does (over 6 months)
27005	Junior Bucks (under 6 months)
27006	Junior Does (under 6 months)

FUR RABBITS

CLASS

27501	White Fur
27502	Colored Fur
27503	Rex

PET RABBITS

CLASS

27401 Spayed/Neutered

CLOVER BUDS CLASS

PURPOSE: To allow young children to learn the basics of animal care and feeding.

1. Open to all Madison County 4-H families. Exhibitor Age: 5-9 years old as of June 5, 2026.
2. Clover Buds will show in the Clover Bud class and Clover Bud Showmanship. One participation ribbon will be given per Clover Bud.
3. Entry is available at the Fair Entry Website and must be completed and submitted by the June 15th entry deadline.
4. This class may be split into sections as numbers warrant.
5. Judging will be based on exhibitor's knowledge of rabbit's care and routine, condition and information shared with the judge in one-on-one discussion.

Judging Criteria:

1. How well rabbit has been fed.
2. Child's knowledge of rabbit and its care.

CLASS:

27420 Clover Buds Rabbit

SHOWMANSHIP

1. First year Showman is designed for 4-H'ers of any age who are showing rabbits for the first time. All participants are allowed one "helper", who may be a sibling, parent, or other 4-H member. Each group will bring one rabbit to the table. They will go through what they know with the judge, with the aid of the helper. After all participants in the First Year Showman class have spoken with the judge, the judge can then discuss their expectations for showmanship with the youth. Youth are encouraged to ask questions about showing to gain knowledge about the showmanship process.
2. Participants in the First Year Showman class may also participate in their age division (Jr., Int. or Sr.) however, first year showman will go last in the showmanship order.
3. One "top first year showman" will be chosen. Ribbon and trophy will be awarded, no premium awarded.

CLASS

27900 Senior Showmanship
27901 Intermediate Showmanship
27902 Junior Showmanship
27903 First Year Showmanship
27904 Clover Bud Showmanship

AGILITY

1. Rabbits will be led through an agility course and scored on their ability to complete the course. (Course may include jumps, tunnels, teeter-totter, weave poles, A-frame, and pause table.)
2. Rabbit must be 4 months of age or older. (Under 4 months poses risk of injury to rabbit.)
3. Rabbit must be shown in a division class to be eligible to participate in agility.



4-H & FFA Sheep Department

Superintendent	Allison Porter, Waukee
Asst Superintendent	Casey Jamison, Pleasant Hill
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$2/breeding \$4/market \$2/pen of three \$1 Lean Gain Contest (all exhibitors)
Check-in/Vet Check	Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m.
Check-in Location	Roller Skating Rink Parking Lot
Weigh-in	Tues, July 14, 6-9 p.m (South Show Ring).
Lean Gain Ultrasound	Wednesday, July 15, 8 a.m. (North End of Sheep Barn)
Judging Schedule	Thursday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. (Following Bottle Lamb Show)
Judging Location	South Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Red.....\$5 White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)
Lean Gain Results Presented	Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. (Jackson Building)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. All lambs must be weighed in at a county weigh-in to be eligible to be shown.
3. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on sheep or lambs exhibited at the County Fair. Vet checks will be on Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. in the Roller Skate Rink parking lot. All sheep are not to leave the trailer before being inspected by the official fair vet. If animals cannot be thoroughly examined, animals must be unloaded for inspection. All blankets, tubes, and leg wraps must be removed for official vet inspection and weigh-ins. Weigh-ins will be from 6-9 p.m. in the South Show Ring. **ANIMALS THAT MISS INSPECTION ARE INELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.**
4. Animals found to have a contagious illnesses may be quarantined and/or sent home. Animals inspected and found to be ill will be ineligible for competition and cannot be brought on the fairgrounds. **NOTE: Evidence of visibly active warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, abscesses, club lamb fungus, or other contagious or infectious conditions will eliminate the animal from the show.**
5. All lambs should arrive on the fairgrounds slick shorn, clipped and show ready. All market lambs and commercial ewes (with the exception of hair sheep varieties) must be slick shorn upon arriving on the fairgrounds. All lambs must be inspected prior to unloading by the county fair veterinarian. The veterinarian reserves the right to request additional shearing if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately for inspection. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm or sore mouth will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the fairgrounds. **A non-washable marker may be used to identify lambs excused from exhibition.**
6. All lambs must be identified with a tag number recorded at 4-H Online (4-H) or FFA Jot Form (FFA) by May 15. Animals to be exhibited at the fair must also be entered on Fair Entry by June 15.
7. All lambs must have readable ear tags when they arrive at the fair. If tags become unreadable or fall out, please notify the Extension Office immediately and set up a time to retag the lamb. Retagging will be done by the Sheep Superintendents or Extension Staff. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H/FFA tag will be investigated.
8. All sheep exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file in the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.
9. All sexually intact sheep must be properly identified with a certified Scrapies ear tag.
10. All lambs must be born after January 1, 2026. Yearling ewes shall be born between Sept. 1, 2024 and Dec. 31, 2025. The member may not have purchased more than one as a yearling.
11. Sheep must be solely owned by the exhibitor and may be shown in one county only. Lambs may be shown by another exhibitor in the open bottle/bucket lamb class.
12. Sheep Showmanship will follow guidelines of the Showmanship section of this fair book.
13. No grooming stands will be allowed in the barn.
14. **NO PLUG IN OR BATTERY OPERATED CLIPPERS ALLOWED.**
15. All sheep must be done washing and removed from the wash rack by **1:00 p.m.** before the show starts.

16. Painting, use of coloring agents or any other method used to alter the normal physical composition of the sheep shall be prohibited. Exhibitors in violation and their sheep will be disqualified from showing at the county fair.
17. Any liquid applied to the outside of any slick shorn lambs within one hour of the beginning of the sheep show must be approved by the sheep superintendent (a pre-approved list of products will be provided by the superintendent at check-in). When animals enter the show ring they must be completely dry.
18. Absolutely **NO** "ICING" or "SLAPPING". ICING - No ice is allowed in spray buckets or bottles or blankets. SLAPPING – Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found "ICING" or "SLAPPING." Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
19. No drenching or administering medication to lambs at any time while on the Madison County Fairgrounds by an exhibitor, an exhibitor's family member or other person(s). Sheep superintendents must be notified at any necessary medication for an animal. A licensed vet, superintendent, and the exhibitor must be present if a lamb requires any medication or drenching.
20. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring while being judged. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
21. Implants will not be allowed in any sheep exhibits. Lambs found to have implants will be disqualified from competition.

BREEDING & PUREBRED SHEEP

1. All entries in purebred classes must be accompanied by registration papers and presented at weigh-in at the Madison County Fair.
2. Birthdate, ear tag number and registration number of each purebred animal must be given on the entry form and correspond with information on the Sheep Identification Form. All breeding sheep **MUST** be properly tagged with a certified Scrapies ear tag.
3. Classes for purebred ewes and purebred rams will be provided for each of the following breeds of sheep: Hampshire, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk, Dorset, Corriedales and other breeds will show in alphabetical order. A champion will be selected from each breed class and one from the 'Other Breeds' class.
4. A Supreme Champion Ewe will be selected from the champion purebred ewes and the champion commercial ewes.
5. Purebred yearling ewes may or may not have had a lamb and be shown in any fleece.
6. All breeding sheep must have been sheared over the entire body. Fleece length should be 1/4" to 3/4" maximum. Exception: wool breeds – no maximum length.
7. Not more than 2 sheep owned by one exhibitor may be shown in any one class.

CLASS NO.

Purebred Ram Lamb

- 25122 Purebred Ram Lambs - Suffolk
25160 Purebred Ram Lambs - Polypay
25127 Purebred Ram Lambs - Dorset
25161 Purebred Ram Lambs - All Other Breed Rams
25143 Commercial Ram Lambs

Champion and Reserve Ram

Purebred Ewe Lamb

- 25120 Purebred Ewe Lambs - Suffolk
25162 Purebred Ewe Lambs - Polypay
25125 Purebred Ewe Lambs - Dorset
25163 Purebred Ewe Lambs - All Other Breed Lambs

Purebred Yearling Ewe

- 25121 Purebred Yearling Ewes - Suffolk
25164 Purebred Yearling Ewes - Polypay
25126 Purebred Yearling Ewes - Dorset
25165 Purebred Yearling Ewes - All Other Breed Ewes

Champion and Reserve Purebred Ewe

COMMERCIAL EWES

1. Commercial ewes may be sired by a ram of any breed. The commercial yearling ewe may or may not have had a lamb.
2. Champion commercial ewes will be eligible to compete for Supreme Champion Ewe.
3. All commercial ewes must be weighed in during the check in process at the fair on Tuesday between 6-9 p.m in the south show ring.

CLASS NO.

- 25144 Commercial Ewe Lambs - complete white face
25150 Commercial Ewe Lambs - complete black face
25147 Commercial Ewe Lambs - speckled face
25145 Commercial Yearling Ewes - complete white face
25151 Commercial Yearling Ewes - complete black face
25148 Commercial Yearling Ewes - speckled face
25140 Commercial Ewes - All Other Breeds

Champion and Reserve Commercial Ewe

Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion Ewe

MARKET LAMB RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. All market lambs must be tagged and weighed at the official county sheep weigh-in in the spring of the current year. 4-H (4-H on-line) and FFA members (jot-form) must identify lambs by May 15.
3. Exhibitors are limited to five market lambs (no matter the weight). These must be ewe or wether lambs. Any lambs showing evidence of testicles or late castration will be disqualified.
4. Market lambs will be divided into weight classes by the superintendent following check-in so that there are 4 weight divisions with a minimum of two classes per division.
5. No market lambs may have been exhibited in any of the breeding lamb classes.
6. All lambs shall have been born after January 1, 2026.
7. All lambs must be slick shorn to show.
8. Home-raised sheep are 4-H & FFA sheep born and raised on the home farm of the member exhibiting the animal, MEANING THE ANIMAL WAS NOT PURCHASED, LEASED, OR BORROWED FROM ANOTHER PERSON, ENTITY, OR AUCTION, PUBLICALLY OR PRIVATELY.
Home-raised sheep will show in the regular sheep classes for premiums and ribbons. To be eligible for home raised ribbons or premium, sheep must be identified "home raised". It must also be **CHECKED IN 4-H ONLINE AND/OR FAIR ENTRY.**
9. Market lambs will be weighed at the Madison County Fair on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. **All blankets, tubes and leg wraps** must be removed from lambs prior to entering the weigh-in lines.
10. Sheep will be released on Sunday, July 20, based on the published schedule. If you are selling your sheep at the Winterset Sale Barn on Tuesday, you may keep your animal in the sale barn. You are responsible for feed and water during that time, and cleaning stalls after animal is sold.
11. Not more than 2 sheep owned by one exhibitor may be shown in any one class. **EXCEPT ANY PEN OF 3 CLASSES.**
12. A 0.25 or greater rate of gain is REQUIRED of all Market Lambs. Lambs gaining less than 0.25 pounds per day will receive a red ribbon regardless of quality.

CLASS

25220 Feeder Lambs Class (Under 85 lbs.)

25200 Individual Market Lambs

Grand Champion Home Raised Market Lamb

Reserve Grand Champion Home Raised Market Lamb

Grand Champion Market Lamb

Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb

PEN OF THREE

Individual Pen of Three:

1. Exhibitors may select three of their lambs to participate in the individual pen of three.
2. All lambs exhibited in the pen of three must have also been shown as individual market lambs.
3. No Commercial Ewes may be exhibited in a pen of three.
4. Exhibitors will register for this class in Fair Entry.

Club/Chapter Pen of Three:

1. To participate exhibitors must be from the same club/chapter.
2. A group consists of 3 market lambs and 3 showmen.
3. A club/chapter pen of three can consist of 3 market lambs from one individual or a combination of market lambs from you club/chapter.
4. All lambs exhibited in the pen of three must have also been shown as individual market lambs.
5. No Fair Entry required, exhibitors can sign-up with the superintendent until 8 PM on Wednesday.
6. This class will happen following selection of Master Showman.

Production Pen of Three:

1. Members may feed a pen from three (3) to five (5) head of lambs of either ewes, wethers, or some combination of the two. Each member is limited to one production pen of feeding project lambs.
2. Lambs are to be started on feed at weigh-in with feed records kept as soon as lambs are weighed-in.
3. A beginning price on the project will be the actual purchase price provided the member can produce a sales slip or by contacting the sheep superintendent for the feeder lamb price.
4. The Production Pen of Three project must be started at county weigh-in. **Weight limitations:** Lambs should not exceed 80 pounds at weigh-in or be under 45 pounds to be appropriate market weight on the sale date.
5. Lambs included in the production pen of three must be identified specifically as production pen lambs with the Madison County Extension Office no later than May 15th.
6. Animals are to be fed separately from other livestock on the farm. 4-H/FFA Market Lamb animals may be fed with production pen lambs only if space isn't available to keep them separate. Records are important in this project. Therefore, it is to your advantage to keep production pen lambs separate from your other 4-H/FFA lambs so records are more accurate.
7. These animals will be on display during the Madison County Fair. All Production Pen of Three lambs will be weighed in at the same time as the other sheep. This weight will be used as the "sale weight" for project calculations only. [Note: Any lambs running through the Fair Auction held at the Winterset Sale Barn will be re-weighed for actual sale weight.
8. All Production Pen of Three lambs are eligible to participate in the Fair Auction, may be sold privately, may go to the locker, or may return home.
9. At the beginning of the project, **Production Lamb Form A: Project Enrollment** must be completed and returned to the Extension Office no later than May 15.

10. **Production Lamb Form B:** Monthly Feed Record Sheet should be completed and sent in to the Extension Office monthly (except July records—see below). Your cooperation in doing this will influence points received for accuracy of records. The deadlines are as follows:
 - a. Records for May 4-May 31: Due June 10
 - b. Records for June 1-30: Due July 10
 - c. Records for July: Due Wednesday of the County Fair by noon to MADISON COUNTY FAIR OFFICE
 - d. Feed records may be dropped off in person or mailed to:
Madison County Extension Office, 117 N. John Wayne Dr., Winterset, IA 50273
OR e-mailed to lindseyy@iastate.edu
11. **Production Lamb Form C:** Project Completion Worksheet should be completed and returned to the Madison County Fair Office no later than Thursday of the Fair at noon.
12. Production Pen of Three Lambs are eligible to be scanned for the Lean Gain Contest.

CLASS

25210 Production Lamb Pen of Three

25211 Individual Pen of Three

Group/Club Pen of Three

Champion and Reserve Champion Production Pen of Three

LEAN GAIN/RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

1. All sheep exhibitors must enter one lamb in the Lean Gain Contest.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to entering one lamb.
3. Placing of this class will be done with ultrasound equipment and rate of gain figures.
4. The ultrasound carcass test evaluates the animal's meat quantity produced per day on feed using the newest live measurement technology available. The purpose of this test is to educate and expose the exhibitor and public to this technology.
5. The test will be conducted at the Madison County Fair on Thursday, July 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
6. The following awards will be presented on Monday, July 20st at 7 p.m. at the Jackson Building.
 - a) 1st place—\$50
 - b) 2nd place—\$40
 - c) 3rd place—\$30

CLASS

25800 Lean Gain Contest



4-H & FFA Swine Department

Superintendent	Ted Benshoof, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Don Schulz, Macksburg Bob Benshoof, Winterset
Livestock Identification Forms Due	May 15 (4H— v2.4honline.com) (FFA— https://form.jotform.com/xmadison/ffa-id)
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	Market Swine.....\$4/head Commercial Gilt.....\$2/head Pen of Three.....\$2/pen Lean Gain Contest (all exhibitors).....\$1
Check-in	Wednesday, July 15th, 8-10:30 a.m.
Judging Schedule	Saturday, July 18, 8 a.m.
Judging Location	South Show Ring
Premiums	Purple/Lavender/Blue.....\$6 Red.....\$5 White.....\$4
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

RULES & REGULATIONS

THIS SHOW IS NO LONGER A TERMINAL SHOW. ALL pigs coming onto the fairgrounds **MUST** fill out an Iowa Swine Exhibition Reporting Form at the Fair Office. This is a mandate from the State of Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. **This form needs to be completed by 5:00 p.m., Saturday, July 18.**

Individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) will be required on swine exhibited at the Madison County Fair or have On-Site Vet Check upon arrival on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, from 7-9 p.m. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited. Swine exhibitors must sign an affidavit that to the best of their knowledge, swine dysentery or pseudorabies has not been in evidence in their herd for the past 12 months. Pen assignments for swine will be posted Tuesday evening by 6 p.m. All swine exhibitors must have a current *Youth for the Quality Care of Animals* (YQCA) certification on file at the Madison County Extension office by July 1st.

No pseudorabies testing is required for swine originating from a Stage 5 county.

In the event of illness, the county fair veterinarian has the option at any time to declare the entire show terminal where all swine exhibits must go to slaughter.

If you are selling your swine via the floor bid, please communicate the number of head at check-in with your superintendent.

Pigs will be released on Sunday, July 20, 2026, at 5:30 p.m

All swine at exhibition purchased by another individual shall be released with a certificate of veterinary inspection by the exhibition veterinarian. A certificate of veterinary inspection is not required for swine that are moved directly to an approved slaughter establishment after exhibition.

Swine Showmanship will follow guidelines on page 50.

Registered Breeding Gilts, Crossbred Breeding Gilts and Market Swine are to be farrowed on or after DECEMBER 1, 2025. This follows State Fair rules.

MARKET SWINE

1. Madison County Fair "General Rules & Regulations" apply to this department.
2. Market pigs may be purebred, crossbred or grade barrows or gilts.
3. All pigs must be weighed and tagged at an official spring weigh-in. Each exhibitor may weigh-in up to eight pigs. 4-H pig weights must be verified at 4-H Online by May 15. Exhibitors are encouraged to weigh-in pigs at 65 pounds or less.
4. **Each exhibitor may exhibit up to a total of four pigs at county fair.** The four pigs can be any combination of market barrow(s), market gilt(s), and/or commercial gilt(s). No commercial gilts may be exhibited in a pen of three.
5. All pigs will weigh individually at the fair. Weigh-in time is 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday of fair. Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own pigs to the scale to be weighed. All Purebred pigs must present registration papers at weigh-in.
6. All pigs will automatically be entered in the Rate of Gain competition. Trophies will be given to the top three placings.
7. The superintendents will divide large classes by weight.
8. Pens of three shall be classified as heavy weight or light weight depending upon the weight of the pigs.
9. All Purebred Market breeds will show in the Purebred division. Classes will be divided at Superintendent's discretion.
10. Show order will be individuals followed by pens of three. Light weight animals will show before heavy weight.
11. A minimum hair length of 1/2" is recommended for all pigs to participate in the show.

MARKET SWINE

CLASS

26640 Purebred Market Pigs (Gilts & Barrows)

26251 Individual Market Gilt

26252 Individual Market Barrow

26260 Pen of Three Market Pigs

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Market Hog

Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Gilt

Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Barrow

Champion & Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Hog

Champion & Reserve Champion Market Hog

Champion & Reserve Champion Pen of Three

BREEDING GILTS

Entries open to gilts farrowed after December 1st, 2025. Gilts will be judged on the basis of their potential value as breeding stock in a profitable commercial swine production. Breeding gilts may not be shown as an individual market pig or in a pen of three.

All Purebred Breeding Gilts will show in the Purebred division. Classes will be divided at Superintendent's discretion.

CLASS

26140 Purebred Breeding Gilts (All Breeds)

26130 Commercial Breeding Gilt

Champion & Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt

Champion & Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt

Grand & Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Gilt

LEAN GAIN CONTEST

1. All swine exhibitors must enter one pig in the Lean Gain Contest.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to entering one pig.
3. Placing of this class will be done with ultrasound equipment and rate of gain figures.
4. The ultrasound carcass test evaluates the animal's meat quantity produced per day on feed using the newest live measurement technology available. The purpose of this test is to educate and expose the exhibitor and public to this technology.
5. The test will be conducted at the Madison County Fair on Thursday, July 16, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m., or following sheep.
6. The Madison County Pork Producer's Association will provide for the cost of the ultrasound test in excess of exhibitor's entry fee.
7. The Madison County Pork Producer's Association will award the following:
 - 1st Place - \$25 and Trophy
 - 2nd Place - \$22
 - 3rd Place - \$20
 - 4th Place - \$15
 - 5th Place through 10th Place - \$10 each
8. The Lean Gain awards will be presented following the Rate of Gain trophy presentation.

CLASS

20001 Lean Gain Contest



**4-H CLOTHING,
COMMUNICATION,
AND
4-H/FFA
STATIC
EXHIBITS**



4-H Clothing Event

Superintendent	Rebecca Hornback, Winterset
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1
Check-in	Prior to your judging time
Judging Schedule	Saturday, July 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Judging Location	Jackson Building
Premiums	Purple/Lavender.....\$4 Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Style Show Date	Wednesday, July 15, 5 p.m.
Style Show Location	North Show Ring

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Participant Eligibility

Purpose: The Clothing Event is designed to provide opportunities for youth to select a method by which they choose clothing to enhance appearance and increase self-confidence. Youth are evaluated according to the consumer skills acquired, stage presentation, attractiveness of garment and accessories, fit, self-expression/poise and oral communication skills.

1. Age for participation – Clover Buds and 4-H youth in grades 4–12 are encouraged to participate. However, to be selected for the Iowa State Fair Clothing Event, youth must be senior 4-H'ers (grades 9–12).
2. Outfits or accessories which will be worn in the Clothing Event may be entered as a county fair static exhibit. However, senior level 4-H'ers who are eligible for Iowa State Fair consideration must indicate their first choice Iowa State Fair consideration on their Clothing Event entry form prior to judging. (Example: If you are selected to represent Madison County in the Iowa State Fair Fashion Revue and the same outfit is selected as an Iowa State Fair clothing project static exhibit, you may only exhibit your outfit in one and therefore, must indicate your first choice for Iowa State Fair consideration on your Clothing Event entry form.) In the event the exhibitor does not indicate his/her preference, the exhibit will be entered in the division in which it was selected for Iowa State Fair consideration first.

3. Participants must bring the garment or outfit and accessories to the Madison County Fair on the day of the Fashion Show (Wed., July 15, 2026, at 5 p.m.).
4. All participants must participate in the Fashion Show at the Madison County Fair (see Madison County Fair schedule for time and location) unless the 4-H'er is involved in another Madison County Fair activity at the same time with a non-flexible schedule.
5. Exhibitors may combine a purchased item with a constructed item to form a complete outfit. The purchased item may be judged in the Clothing Selection event and the purchased piece may be entered and judged in the Fashion Revue event.
6. Clothing may be worn prior to the Clothing Event.
7. Clothing selected for the Clothing Event may include:
 - a. Casual – clothes for work, school or church.
 - b. Functional – clothes that assist with a task or activity, protect you from the environment or promote safety. Clothing may be chosen for a particular sport (bicycling), climate (hot or cold) or for use in a specific hazardous situation (farming).
 - c. Special Occasion – clothing for special events: graduation, prom, weddings, etc.

AWARDS LIST

- Outstanding Fashion Revue (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Outstanding \$20 Challenge (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Outstanding Clothing Selection (Junior, Intermediate, Senior)
- Selected for State Clothing Event
- Overall Clothing Event

SPECIAL CRITERIA RELATED TO EVENT PARTICIPATION

Fashion Revue

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

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| 12100 | Clover Bud |
| 12101 | Junior |
| 12102 | Intermediate |
| 12103 | Senior |

Clothing Selection

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

12200	Clover Bud	12202	Intermediate
12201	Junior	12203	Senior

\$20 Challenge

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.
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 typically charge sales tax.
5. Receipt(s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.
6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that 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

12300	Clover Bud	12302	Intermediate
12301	Junior	12303	Senior



4-H Communications Department

Superintendent	Erin Cumings, Prole
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (no late fee) June 22 (with late fee) (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1
Check-in	Prior to your judging time
Judging Schedule	Saturday, July 11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Judging Location	Varied Industries Building
Premiums	Purple/Lavender.....\$4 Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2

PURPOSE

The Communication Department is designed to provide opportunities for youth to select a method by which they might develop their personal communication skills in sharing talents, knowledge or information with others. The classes are designed to provide a series of developmental experiences for various age levels. The ability to communicate will be the major criteria for evaluating this department.

1. 4-H members participating in the 4-H Communications program are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth program and/or the topic of the presentation. If clothing contributes to the topic being presented, such as wearing a bee keepers outfit while doing a presentation on bee raising, the 4-H'er should be encouraged to wear such clothing.

Where distinctive clothing is not involved, it is encouraged to wear the Madison County Fair Exhibitor shirts.

2. 4-H members doing presentations that involve food must be concerned about safe handling of the food they are using. 4-H member's should use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. 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 member. Plastic gloves and hair nets are just a couple of items that should be considered and used as appropriate.

3. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, including HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs—Quick Reference Guide" found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434>. Presenters are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

4. The following awards will be given to outstanding presentations: Judge's Choice, Iowa State Fair Selection, Outstanding Junior Communicator, Outstanding Intermediate Communicator, Outstanding Senior Communicator, Best Use of Visuals, Best Verbal Delivery, Best Stage Presence, Best Audience Involvement.
5. Stickers and self-adhesive products are not allowed in the 4-H Exhibits Building. Stickers and self-adhesive products may not be used in any Communication Event for any reason. If tape is needed, painter's tape is preferred.
6. 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 Show 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.
7. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations, Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

Educational Presentation

Purpose: An opportunity for 4-H members to personally demonstrate their communications skills by presenting knowledge, information or a process to gain a desired response from an audience. **The topic selected by the 4-H member should be an outgrowth of his/her 4-H experience.**

1. Age for participation – Clover Buds and 4-H youth in grades 4-12 are encouraged to participate. However, to be selected for the Iowa State Fair, youth must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent).
2. A 4-H member may participate in only one educational presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Educational presentations may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the division of the member in the highest grade level. (i.e. A team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader must be entered in the Intermediate division.)
4. The topic of the presentation should determine its length, but Intermediate/Senior divisions must not exceed 20 minutes. Junior/Clover Buds presentations must not exceed 15 minutes.
5. Presentations utilizing PowerPoint or slides must bring the full presentation on a memory stick each time you perform. Do not rely on internet access for your document, or use web links within your presentation. Keep in mind that there are many software versions. You may wish to bring your own laptop with a HDMI or USB output to ensure it views as you desire. When presenting at the county fair, please make your background design mainly white because it shows up much better. Dark backgrounds cannot be seen as well.
6. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

CLASS

11100	Clover Bud
11101	Junior
11102	Intermediate
11103	Senior

Share the Fun

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to perform before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. Provide 4-H members an opportunity to share their skills and talent and to have fun and fellowship with members from their community. Provide a program that will help broaden the image of 4-H, keeping current members enrolled and inviting new ones to “take a look”.

1. Age for participation – Clover Buds and 4-H youth in grades 4–12 are encouraged to participate. However, to be selected for the Iowa State Fair, youth must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) and not have graduated from high school prior to 2026. The 4-H member must be an active member of an Extension sponsored youth group in the current year. 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 contest at the Iowa State Fair.
 - ♦ At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade or that equivalent, during the current club year
2. The act must not exceed **SIX MINUTES IN LENGTH**. This time limit will be enforced.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dances (folk, square, modern, tap), plus other entertainment will be acceptable.
4. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

CLASS

11200 Share the Fun

Working Exhibit

Purpose: Working exhibits provide an opportunity for youth to communicate and interact with an audience in an informal way. **The youth’s subject should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience.** It is important that the subject used in the working exhibit be of interest to fair audiences.

1. Age for participation – Clover Buds and 4-H youth in grades 4–12 are encouraged to participate. However, to be selected for the Iowa State Fair, youth must have completed 5th grade through 12th grade or that equivalent, during the current club year.
2. A 4-H member may participate in only one working exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Working exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H’ers. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades must be entered in the class of the oldest team member. (i.e. A team with a 5th grader and 8th grader must be entered in the Intermediate class.) Working exhibits will be scheduled up to a 30-minute period, with a 10 minute set up before and 5 minute clean up, during the Madison County Fair, depending on time and number of entries.

CLASS

11300 Clover Bud
11301 Junior
11302 Intermediate
11303 Senior

Extemporaneous Speaking

Purpose: This contest is designed to encourage the development of the communication life skill through enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak and to answer questions readily by participating 4-H members before an audience when given a limited amount of preparation time.

1. Age for participation – youth must be a senior 4-H member, 9th through 12th grade or that equivalent during the current club year.

2. Contest format:
 - a. Each contestant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on, 30 minutes before the contest. The selected topic will not be available to the other contestants. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics will be returned to the available topics for the other contestants.
 - b. A preparation room is to be used with one contestant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional contestant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the contest progresses. A contestant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a contestant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. Each contestant will have 30 minutes preparation time. A contest official will assist contestants with the time requirements.
 - c. All reference material will be screened by a contest official on the following basis:
 - i. Contestant may bring their own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the 30 minutes of preparation.
 - ii. Reference material must be printed materials such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the contestant or by another person for use in this contest).
 - iii. Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
 - iv. Use of any electronic device during preparation time is prohibited.
 - d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own effort using approved reference material which the contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3"x5" note cards will be provided for each contestant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3"x5" note cards must be used in delivering the speech.
 - e. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.

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- f. Each speech shall not be less than four or more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judge. The contestant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six (6) minutes.
 - g. Each contestant will be introduced by a contest time keeper by name and the club they represent and the contestant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
 - h. Contestants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.
3. 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
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

CLASS

11400 Extemporaneous Speaking



4-H & FFA Building Static Exhibits

Superintendent	Janis Hochstetler, Winterset
Fair Entry Deadline	July 10, by 11:59 p.m. (http://madison.fairentry.com)
Entry Fee	\$1
Booth Set-up	Sunday, July 12, 10:30 a.m.—4 p.m. Monday, July 13, 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Check-in	Prior to your judging time
Judging Schedule	Monday, July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m..
Judging Location	Jackson Building
Premiums	Purple/Lavender.....\$4 Blue.....\$3 Red.....\$2.50 White.....\$2
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. (see club release schedule)

General Exhibit Rules

1. Age for participation – Clover Buds and 4-H and FFA Youth are encouraged to participate. Clover Buds will not be eligible for premium money, but will receive participation ribbons.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of the 4-H member's or FFA member's participation in the selected project or program. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish goals determined by the member or group **during the current year**. Exhibits might be, but are not limited to, an actual product, poster, display box, report, notebook, model, audio cassette, video tape, CD or DVD, etc.
 - a. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa. (See also *4-H & FFA Department General Rules & Regulations*.)
 - b. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
3. Entry deadline for static exhibit classes is 11:59 p.m., Friday, July 10th. Each exhibitor will check in on Monday and will receive exhibit tags at that time. At the conclusion of the exhibitor's judging experience, the exhibitor must take all exhibit cards to the attendant at the check-out table in order to receive premium money

4. All exhibits must be evaluated with the exhibitor present at the Jackson Building on the Madison County Fairgrounds on judging day, Monday, July 13th, beginning at 9 a.m. and/or the assigned club entry time, published in the June Madison County Clover Connection Family Newsletter.. If you are unable to come at the assigned time, contact the Extension Office.
5. Exhibit classes are broad categories. To plan exhibits, 4-H and FFA Members are encouraged to use project area guides, manuals and program materials to determine goals and learning experiences. Some project manuals include specific exhibit suggestions and procedures. An exhibit can represent an idea, a part or all of learning involved in the respective project or program.
6. Exhibits must comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright, safety and approved methods specified for each division. Exhibits that do not comply with size guidelines, copyright and safety procedures will be evaluated but will not receive a ribbon, premium, or be eligible for the Iowa State Fair.
7. Preparation for judging:
 - a. Write your goal(s) statement and what you learned and attach to the exhibit. See Example Goal Sheets from Extension Office
 - b. If audio cassettes, video tapes, CDs or DVDs are prepared as part of the exhibit, the member must pre-arrange for equipment for playing them with Extension Staff/Static Superintendent.
8. The 4-H member's goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design.
9. Exhibitors will have a conference judging experience, allowing youth the opportunity to explain their goals and what was learned through the experience. Youth will also receive written evaluation comments on the exhibit and be awarded a lavender, blue, red or white ribbon. If special accommodations are required, the Madison County Extension Office must be notified at least 30 days before Static Exhibit Judging Day.

Judges have 7 to 10 minutes to evaluate the total exhibit. The information requested needs to be well organized, brief and relate to the stated goal.

Check for special rules and additional requirements in exhibit classes for clothing and fashion, food and nutrition, home improvement, photography, visual art and 4-H poster communication classes.

**Each exhibitor has the option to select one of his or her exhibits for Verbal Conference Judging only (meaning no write-up will be required for this one project). A written goal sheet and the principles & elements of design will not be required in written format; however, for this exhibit, the 4-H or FFA member must be prepared to discuss with the judge each step in preparing the exhibit, as well as the elements and principles of design that pertain to the exhibit (if applicable). Please note that all prepared foods must include an attached, written recipe, and all preserved foods must include a food preservation label (see Food & Nutrition Division Special Rules).*

If the entry is selected to advance to the Iowa State Fair, a project write-up or goals presentation (using audio cassette, video tape, CD or DVD, or flash drive) must be completed; the State Fair requires written goals for ALL PROJECTS, and applicable project areas must include the elements & principles of design. Youth exhibitors must respond briefly but thoroughly to the questions asked on the goal card and may choose to add supplemental materials such as photographs, cost analysis, etc.

10. If you are unable to attend judging all exhibits* should include a written explanation, audio cassette, video tape, CD or DVD with the exhibitor responding to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - a. 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 as you worked toward your goal(s)?
11. To be eligible for the Iowa State Fair, 4-H youth must have completed 5th through 12th grade, or that equivalent, in 2026. (See exception under 4-H Clothing Event.) If your 4-H project is selected to go to the State Fair and is larger than 24 inches x 24 inches in size, you must deliver it to and recover it from the Iowa State Fair Exhibit Building yourself or arrange alternate accommodations with the County Youth Coordinator. The County Youth Coordinator has the right to refuse to deliver any project that is too large or cumbersome to be delivered easily or safely. Clover Buds and 4th Graders are not eligible to advance to the State Fair. 4th Graders may receive the Outstanding 4th Grade Award. Group projects that include the whole club may include 4th graders and still advance to the state fair as projects are judged based on the age of the oldest member in the group. FFA Members are allowed to directly enter their projects to the State Fair FFA competition. For more details see your FFA Advisor.
12. There is no limit to the number of entries each youth may exhibit, unless otherwise noted in specific classes.
13. Each item in the exhibit must be securely labeled, including the exhibitor's name, club, and entry number. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks, and cards and in an inconspicuous place on other items. A completed Madison County Fair exhibit tag should also be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location. Entry tags will be available on Static Exhibit Judging Day.
14. Due to security, we discourage youth from exhibiting items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Madison County Fair Association and Madison County Extension and Outreach will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by fire, theft, water, etc.
15. When limited by exhibit space and size and nature of the exhibit, the department superintendent reserve the right to rotate exhibits for display. Exhibit displays should be in proportion to the main item or idea being displayed. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned, the following maximum size guidelines apply:
 - a. **Posters may not exceed 24 inches x 36 inches in size.** (See classes 10490 or 10530 for smaller requirements)
 - b. **Chart or graph boards, project display boards and model displays, etc., are not to exceed 48 inches x 48 inches in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.** (See class 10255 for the smaller requirement).
 - c. **Display boxes are not to exceed 28 inches x 22 inches in height or width and 12 inches in depth.**
 - d. **More information can be found at:**
<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/tipsheets.htm>

16. Endangered, threatened plants, and “special concern” plants and animals (including insects) or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (*Sus* species) - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included. (Links to specific information below)
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious Weed List: Iowa Code Section 317.1A (2022) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia
17. Firearms, ammunition, and knives (including models and replicas designed to closely resemble these items) are not allowed in any exhibits or communication events at the Madison County Fair. SPENT BULLETS OR CASINGS, archery arrows without tips (blunt ends) and archery bows may be allowed. Youth should consider personal and public safety, as well as the safety of exhibit items, when preparing exhibits for county and
18. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and General Copyright Information.)
19. All exhibits, activities and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit, and during the evaluation process. This includes static exhibits and activities involved in the communication program.
20. A small portion of all food exhibits will be packaged with tags and a ribbon for display during the fair. The larger portion may be donated to the 4-H Senior Youth Council bake sale. Proceeds will go toward funding the Katherine Bowman Scholarship.
21. Club leaders, chapter advisors, and members are responsible for displaying and handling exhibits of their respective clubs in designated locations. The quality and types of exhibits, as well as each club’s total display, contribute much to the public’s image of the 4-H and FFA programs. To celebrate clubs’ efforts to organize and decorate their assigned booths, club booth decorating awards will be given. Judging criteria include, but are not limited to: use of the Fair’s theme, use of the 4-H Clover/FFA emblem, highlights of club activities and membership, positive promotion of 4-H/FFA youth organizations, and general attractiveness & organization of booth space. Clubs are responsible for supplying their own materials and supplies. The top three 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters whose booth best meet the above criteria will be selected as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and will receive cash awards at the annual 4-H Awards Banquet (\$30 for 1st, \$20 for 2nd, \$10 for 3rd). The 2026 Theme is *“Ride the Tide of Tomorrow”*.
22. 4th grade outstanding exhibits (lavender ribbons) will be displayed in a designated area, not in the club’s display area.
23. **All exhibits must remain in the Jackson Building until their clubs release time (between 3:30-5:30) on Sunday, July 20th**, and be checked out with the department superintendents before being removed from the Jackson Building. Exhibitors who remove their projects before their clubs scheduled time on Sunday will result in disqualification of all exhibits in current fair including forfeiture of all awards and ribbons, forfeit ALL premiums including premiums from the auction and not be allowed to exhibit the next year, .
24. Exhibitors shall wear the provided Madison Co. Fair 4-H/FFA Shirt during judging.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process. Members are strongly encouraged to go to:

www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

ANIMALS

10110 Animal Science - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of an animal is not required.

10120 Veterinary Science - An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy, animal diseases, animal/human health interaction, or other learning related to Veterinary Science.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

10210 Crop Production and Plant Science - An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops, plant growth, soils and soil fertility, or any other learning related to Crop Production and Plant Science.

10220 Conservation, Environment, and Sustainability - An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, energy conservation, stewardship, conservation, creating habitat, etc.

10222 Entomology – An exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (ex: honey) or equipment as part of the display.

10224 Fish and Wildlife – An exhibit that shows learning about a fish and/or wildlife project or program such as identification, habitats, harvest, taxidermy, etc. Any specimens must have been legally taken and must include information about date and location of harvest, and who the specimen was acquired from if not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

10226 Forestry – An exhibit, including collections, that show learning from participation in a forestry project or program.

10230 Horticulture and Plant Science – An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. (Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in County Fair horticulture classes are not eligible for Iowa State Fair consideration. However, all 4-H members may enter garden crops and herbs in the Iowa State Fair 4-H show during the Iowa State Fair Livestock Entry period between June 1st and July 1st of the current 4-H year. Entry will be made in Fair Entry under the livestock department. Nominal fees apply but no pre-qualification is required exhibition.)

10235 Home Grounds Improvement – An exhibit that shows learning about landscape plans, selection of landscape plants, ornamental garden features, home yard improvement, storage sheds, careers, etc.

- 10240 Outdoor Adventures** – An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.
- 10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports** – An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows.)
- 10255 Farm Model Display**— An exhibit that depicts an aspect of farm life that demonstrates a practice or practices that include farm safety or farm operation. Evaluation is primarily based on a clear goal statement that outlines the purpose of the model and the research done to support the exhibit. This exhibit may be a display on a firm base no larger than 36 inches by 36 inches, accompanied by the required written or audio/video explanation of the exhibit. A binder presentation is an acceptable alternative to a physical display.
- 10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources** – An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

Agriculture and Natural Resources 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.

CREATIVE ARTS

- 10310 Music** – An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history.
- 10320 Photography** – An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:

1. A maximum of 5 entries in this exhibit area will be allowed.
 2. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
 3. Photographs should be a minimum of 5 inches x7 inches. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11 inches x14 inches. Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches in height by 24 inches in length.
 4. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished product must not exceed 1/2" 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.
- 4-H'ers are responsible for design decisions such as border, color and size. **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**

6. A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches x 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches x 8 inches.
7. Edited altered photos should include a copy of the photo before changes.
8. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
9. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
10. Photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
11. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa.

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7. Edited altered photos should include a copy of the photo before changes.
8. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
9. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
10. Photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.
11. Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the FFA Photography Show and vice-versa.

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 photograph(s).

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matted or submitted (uploaded) as a digital image.
2. If matted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 5 inches in length or larger than 14 inches in length.
3. Photograph/image can be digitally created.
4. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop exhibit.
5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
6. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

10345 Photography Idea/Educational Display – An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches x 48 inches.

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 element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

10355 Visual Arts: Design, Process or Technique Exploration – This exploration class emphasizes process and provides an individual 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 still be credited, acknowledged or have copyright permission obtained. See visual arts special rule #5 and #6.

10360 Visual Arts: Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics – Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

Visual Arts Special Rules:

1. Items entered must be ready for display in the home, gallery, or intended final display location: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like saw tooth 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 or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information see the Visual Arts and Design Elements & Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheets at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object, information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

10410 Child Development – An exhibit that shows learning about children. An exhibit could include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, or safety and health. An exhibit that includes items intended for use with children, such as babysitting kits, books, learning games, or toys, must include information about what you have learned about children while creating and using the exhibit OR what the child/children learned from their use of the item(s) in the exhibit.

- 10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories** – A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.
- 10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories** – Purchased garments or accessories that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.
- 10424 Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits** – Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:

1. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the State Fair Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair exhibit.
 2. Exhibits in classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.
- 10430 Consumer Management** – An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.
- 10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product** – An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and *HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products at the Iowa State Fair.**
- 10442 Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product** – An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and *HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food products.
- 10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display** – An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation & service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food & Nutrition Special Rules* below and *HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table setting or menu planning must include a menu.

Food & 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 food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
 9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a reclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.
Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
 Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
 Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product.
 10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.
 11. **Check out Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs - Quick Reference Guide for additional information and requirements.**
- 10450 Health** – Shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.
- 10460 Home Improvement** – An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.
- Home Improvement Special 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.
- Home Improvement Special Rule #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).
- Additional recognition is available when you do a project to restore an old piece of furniture / or some kind of antique back to its original look/condition. In the write up include the items history, cost when new when purchased, and who it belonged to if from your family. Awards chosen at county fair, which would include medal, certificate and monetary gift.**
- 10470 Sewing and Needle Arts** – Constructed Item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, or other items. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans. **The Covered Bridge Quilters of Winterset will give \$20 to any exhibitor who does a quilt.**

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.

Note: Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

10480 Other Family and Consumer Science – An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a Family and Consumer Science topic that does not fit any other previous Family and Consumer Science class listed.

SPECIAL EXHIBITION – THRIFTY MEAL CHALLENGE

10490 Thrifty Meal Challenge – Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the recommended food groups with a budget of \$11 (the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefit allowance for one meal for a family of four as of November 2025).

\$11 Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
2. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
3. 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 Grain
 - a. Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
4. The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22 inches x 28 inches or 20 inches x 30 inches) that includes the following:
 - a. The menu, a list of food items, and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.
 - b. Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).
 - c. Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).
 - d. Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.
 - e. The completed the Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet attached to the back of the poster.
 - f. Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.
5. Only one entry can be selected for the State Fair if eligible.

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

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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.

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

10520 Communication – An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction and non-fiction, etc.

10530 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit – Special poster exhibit to visually tell a story or idea about 4-H to the general public. Exhibitors must use one of the following themes:

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

Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Only one poster per 4-H'er may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board - size minimum of 14 inches x 20 inches or maximum of 15 inches x 22 inches.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
7. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
9. All 4-H Communication Poster participants will be given Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit. Superior poster will receive Seals of Excellence.

10540 Digital Storytelling – An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video. (This class is also listed in Creative Arts)

10550 Leadership – An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

10560 Self-Determined – An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

- 10610 Mechanics** – An 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.
- 10612 Automotive** – Repaired or restored vehicle.
- 10613 Automotive**— Educational display showing learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.
- 10614 Electric** – Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.
- 10615 Small Engine** – Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.
- 10616 Tractor** – Repaired or restored tractor (lawn mower or larger). All tractors will be displayed outside.
- 10617 Tractor**—Educational display showing learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.
- 10618 Welding** – Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.
- 10620 Woodworking** – An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.
- 10630 Science, Engineering & Technology** – An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include: biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.
- 10632 Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.
- 10634 Robotics** – Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) that shows learning about robotics and robotic systems.

Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes may not enter 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.



OPEN

CLASS

LIVESTOCK



Open Bottle Calf Show

Superintendent	Jessica Conaway, Dexter
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (www.madisoncountyfair.net)
Entry Fee	\$2/Head—Collected at Check-in \$4/Head—Late Entries
Check-in	Friday, July 17, 5-7:00 p.m.
Check-in Location	Bottle Calf Tent (North of North Show Ring)
Arrival/Stalling	May arrive as early as 6 p.m on Tuesday, must be checked in by 7 p.m. on Friday Bottle Calf Tent (North of North Show Ring)
Pre-Show Meeting	Saturday, July 18, 11 a.m. (North Show Ring)
Judging Schedule	Saturday, July 18, 1:30 p.m. Interviews to happen before entering ring
Judging Location	North Show Ring
Check-out	Saturday, July 18, 5:30 p.m.

PURPOSE:

To allow young children to learn the basics of animal care and feeding.

1. Open to all Madison County residents or a member of a Madison County 4-H family.
2. Web-based entry forms are available at the Madison County Fair website under "Fair Rules & Entry Forms." The entry form must be completed and submitted by the above mentioned entry deadline. Show superintendent will mail additional information after entries are processed.
3. Calves must have been bottle-fed. No nurse animals allowed.
4. Superintendents may divide class by age of exhibitor, if necessary. All decisions of judge and superintendents are final.
5. Judging Criteria:
 1. How well calf has been fed.
 2. Child's knowledge of calf and its care.
 3. How well calf has been broken to lead and cleaned.
(Fitting, above washing, is not a criterion.)

CLASS

1. Exhibitor Age: 5-12 years old as of June 5, 2026
Calves must be born after March 1, 2024 and before June 5, 2026.
2. Exhibitor Age: 8-13 Years of age as of June 5, 2026
Advanced Bottle Calf – 2nd year calves.
Exhibitor must have shown this calf the previous year.



Open Carcass Steer Class

Superintendent	Kayle Eivins, Winterset
Beginning Weigh-in/Entry Deadline	Prior to February 1, 2026
Entry Fee	\$10/Steer (paid at weigh-in)
Final Check-in/Weigh-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Judging Schedule	Live-on hoof—Friday, July 17, 8 a.m. On-the-rail viewing/awards, Sunday, July 19, 4 p.m. (Weaver Locker, Afton)
Awards	Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. (Jackson Building)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Show will include live-on-hoof placings and carcass placings.
2. The show is open to any 2026 Madison County 4-H or FFA beef steer exhibitor, or adults who live in Madison County or who have been in 4-H or FFA in Madison County, and to any adult who has children currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA in Madison County, providing they have weighed in their steers prior to February 1, 2026.
3. Each exhibitor may enter 2 steers at start of feeding period with \$10 per steer entry fee paid at time of weigh-in.
4. Steers must weigh 900 pounds or more on July 14th to be eligible for show.
5. Steers will be shown loose. Exhibitors will not be allowed in the show ring. Head and tail clippings will be allowed but not necessary. Steers need not be halter broken. They should, however, be reasonably clean when shown.
6. Death, injury of carcass or portion thereof condemned at lower price than expected is the responsibility of the animal's owner. Any insurance desired in transporting animal to slaughter is at owner's expense.
7. Final weigh-in time for entries will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tuesday of fair. If changes permit superintendent will communicate with exhibitors.
8. Final decision on show entry deadline is up to the discretion of the show superintendent.
9. Carcass placing will be determined by carcass value per day on feed.

- 10.. Carcass must have a minimum hot weight of 540 pounds.
11. On-the-rail carcass viewing/awards will be held at Weaver Locker in Afton at 4 p.m Sunday last day of the fair.

ON-HOOF PLACINGS

- 1st **Champion Ribbon**
- 2nd **Reserve Champion Ribbon**
- 3rd **Ribbon**
- 4th **Ribbon**
- 5th **Ribbon**
- Etc.**

CARCASS PLACINGS

- 1st—Processing fee paid for by Madison County Cattlemen + Awards
- 2nd—Awards



Open Carcass Swine Show

Superintendent	Ted Benshoof, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Don Schulz, Macksburg Bob Benshoof, Winterset
Beginning Weigh-in and Entry Deadline	At 4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-in
Entry Fee	\$5
Check-in/Weigh-in	Wednesday, July 15, 8-10:30 a.m.
Judging Schedule	Ultrasound — Thursday, July 16, 9 a.m. Live-On Hoof—Saturday, July 18, 8 a.m
Awards	Monday, July 20, 7:00 p.m. (Jackson Building)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Show will include live-on-hoof placings and carcass placings.
2. Show is open to any 2026 Madison County 4-H or FFA exhibitors, children ages 5-9, or adults who live in Madison County, or Madison County 4-H or FFA alumni who have weighed in pigs at the official 4-H swine weigh-in.
3. Each exhibitor may weigh up to 3 pigs at the spring weigh-in and enter one pig at fair time. Maximum beginning weight will be 65 pounds.
4. Hogs must weigh at least 200 lbs. to be eligible for show.
5. Each show person will be responsible for caring for his/her hog while it's on the fair-grounds and for taking it to and from the show ring at show time.
6. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning out their pens following departure of animals post-show, no later than 5:30 p.m. Sunday.
7. All exhibitors in the Carcass Swine Show are responsible for marketing/selling their hogs. Due to the high demand for locker space, the 2026 Carcass Show will not be terminal.
8. Hogs may be shown in the show ring by children ages 5-9. All other hogs will be shown unattended.

10. Hogs must be reasonably clean when exhibited.
11. Death, injury to carcass, or portion thereof condemned at lower price than expected is the responsibility of the animal's owner. Any insurance desired in transporting animal to slaughter is at owner's expense.
12. An entry fee of \$5 must be paid at final fair weigh-in. Weigh-in time is 8 - 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Final decision on entry deadline is up to the discretion of the show superintendent.
13. Carcass information will be obtained by ultrasound evaluation of loin eye area and back fat measurement. The program ranks carcasses on rate of gain produced per day on test. Minimum for the show will be loin eye area of at least 4.5 square inches.
14. All carcass information will be sent to each exhibitor.
15. The Madison County Pork Producers Association and the Madison County Fair Association will each contribute \$50 to be added to the premium money. Additional sponsorship may be procured impacting final premium payment.
16. Premiums will be paid according to the following scale:

On-Hoof Placings

1 st	Champion Ribbon
2 nd	Reserve Ribbon
3 rd	Ribbon
4 th	Ribbon
5 th	Ribbon

Carcass Placings

1 st	35% of \$100.00 and entry fee and Champion Ribbon
2 nd	20% of \$100.00 and entry fee and Reserve Champion Ribbon
3 rd	15% of \$100.00 and entry fee and Ribbon
4 th	10% of \$100.00 and entry fee and Ribbon
5 th	5% of \$100.00 and entry fee and Ribbon

Balance of entries will be split equally amongst remaining exhibitors, 15% of \$100 and entry fee.

17. Carcass viewing will not be held for 2026.
18. Carcass awards will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21 at the Jackson Building.



Open Class Feeder Calf Show

Superintendent	Mark Moore, Earlham
Asst Superintendent	Garrett Moore, Earlham Marnie Moore, Earlham
Registration Tool	Google Form on MCF Website
Entry Fee	Non-County Residents: \$25 Madison County Exhibitors: \$10
Check-in	Friday, July 17, 12:00 p.m. (North End of North Show Ring)
Judging Schedule	Friday, July 17, at completion of regular cattle show
Judging Location	North Show Ring
Check-out	Following Show (if not staying on grounds)

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Exhibitors must be 21 years old or younger to exhibit. Adults may assist exhibitors if needed.
2. Calves may or may not be from the Cow-Calf class.
3. Calves must be born after January 1, 2026. Entries must be submitted by Friday, July 10, 2026.
4. Birthdate must be listed. Tag #
5. Divisions are male and female only. Steers will be shown with bull calves. Calves will be split by animal age.
6. Calves must be halter broke.
7. Stalling on grounds for fair week is available for current Madison County 4-H/FFA exhibitors if registered under the exhibitors name. If doing so, you must following normal arrival and release times. Other Madison County residents may stall if space is available for a fee of \$30/head.
8. No ATV's, golf carts, scooters, skid loaders or UTV's will be driven on the fairgrounds, except by fair board members.
9. All trailers must enter through the Winterset Sale Barn entrance. All calves must be shown off trailers from the sale barn parking lot in the designated area.
10. Fitting is optional.
11. All decisions of the judge will be final.



Open Pet Show

Superintendent	Madison County Fair/ISUEO Intern
Fair Entry Deadline	Prior to the Show
Entry Fee	None
Check-in	Wednesday, July 15, 2:30 p.m..
Judging Schedule	Wednesday, July 15, 3 p.m.
Judging Location	Varied Industries Building
Check-out	Following Show

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Check-in will begin at 2:30 p.m.
2. Pets will be released immediately following the show.
3. The show is open to 4-H and non 4-H youth.
4. Pets must stay at the pet show and must leave the fairgrounds immediately following exhibition. Pets are not to move about the fairgrounds.



Open Kid Goat Show & Costume Contest

Superintendent	Julia Rhodes, Winterset
Asst Superintendent	Lisa Jones, St. Charles
Fair Entry Deadline	June 15 (www.madisoncountyfair.net) July 1 (late entry deadline)
Entry Fee	\$2/Head \$4/Head (late entry)
Check-in	Saturday, July 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m..
Pre-Show Meeting	Saturday, July 18, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-Show Location	North Show Ring
Judging Schedule	Saturday, July 18, 10 a.m. Costume Contest to follow
Judging Location	North Show Ring
Stalling	Will be assigned at check-in
Check-out	Following Show

RULES & REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: To allow young children to learn the basics of animal care, feeding and showing.

1. Open to all Madison County Residents or a member of a Madison County 4-H or FFA Family. **Exhibitors eligible are 5-12 years old as of June 5, 2026.**
2. Entry forms are available at the Madison County Extension Office and at www.madisoncountyfair.net. Forms must be completed and submitted to the Madison County Extension Office by the above-mentioned entry deadlines. Show superintendent will mail additional show information after entries are processed.
3. Superintendent may divide class by age of exhibitor, if necessary. All decisions of judge and superintendents are final.
4. Exhibitor attire: Jeans, t-shirt and closed toe shoes are appropriate.
5. Judging Criteria:
 - a. Interview with judge: How well the kid goat has been fed. Child's knowledge of kid goat and it's care.
 - b. Showmanship and handling: How well the child can handle and show the goat.
6. Any breed of kid goat or lamb is acceptable born after February 1, 2026 and before June 5, 2026, or under 50 lbs.
7. Goats do not need to be bottle fed.
8. Health papers not needed. Scrapie tags required for sexually intact animals.



Open Bottle/ Bucket Lamb Show

Superintendent	Allison Porter, Waukee
Asst Superintendent	Casey Jamison, Pleasant Hill
Entry Deadline	July 1 (www.madisoncountyfair.net)
Entry Fee	\$2/head collected at check-in \$4/late entry
Vet Check	Tuesday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. (Roller Skating Rink Parking Lot)
Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 6-9 p.m. (South Show Ring)
Judging Schedule	Thursday, July 16, 2 p.m.
Judging Location	South Show Ring
Stalling	Will be assigned at check-in
Check-out	Following Show (unless 4-H/FFA project)

RULES & REGULATIONS

PURPOSE: To allow young children to learn the basics of animal care, feeding and showing.

1. Open to all Madison County residents or a member of a Madison County 4-H or FFA Family. **Exhibitors must be 5 years or older as of June 5, 2026.**
2. Entry forms are available at the Madison County Extension Office and at www.madisoncountyfair.net. Forms must be completed and submitted to the Madison County Extension Office by July 1, 2026.
3. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on sheep or lambs exhibited at the County Fair. Vet checks will be on Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. in the roller skating rink parking lot. All sheep are not to leave the trailer before being inspected by the official fair vet. If animals cannot be thoroughly examined, animals must be unloaded for inspection. All blankets, tubes and leg wraps must be removed for official vet inspection and weigh-ins. Weigh-ins will be from 6-9 p.m. in the South Show Ring. **ANIMALS THAT MISS INSPECTION ARE INELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT AT THE FAIR.**
4. Animals found to have a contagious illnesses may be quarantined and/or sent home. Animals inspected and found to be ill will be ineligible for competition and cannot be brought on the fairgrounds. **NOTE: Evidence of visibly active warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, abscesses, club lamb fungus, or other contagious or infectious conditions will eliminate the animal from the show.**

5. All lambs should arrive on the fairgrounds show ready. All lambs must be inspected prior to unloading by the county fair veterinarian. The veterinarian reserves the right to request additional shearing if they feel the lamb has been sheared inappropriately for inspection. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus, ringworm or sore mouth will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the fairgrounds. **A non-washable marker may be used to identify lambs excused from exhibition.**
6. The Superintendent may divide class by age of exhibitor, if necessary. All decisions of judge and superintendents are final.
7. Exhibitor attire: Jeans, t-shirt and closed toe shoes are appropriate.
8. Judging Criteria:
 - a. Interview with judge: How well the lamb has been fed. Child's knowledge of the lamb and it's care.
 - b. Showmanship and handling: How well the child can handle and show the lamb.
9. Any breed of lamb is acceptable born after January 1, 2026 and before June 5, 2026.
10. Lambs do not need to be bottle fed.
11. Health papers not needed. Scrapie tags required for sexually intact animals.
12. Lambs may be exhibited with or without a halter.
13. All sheep must be washed and removed from the wash rack by 1 p.m. before the show starts.
14. No grooming stands will be allowed in the barn.
15. No plug-in or battery operated clippers are allowed.
16. Open class exhibitors may show a lamb that will also be shown in the 4-H/FFA show by another exhibitor.



OPEN

CLASS

OTHER

DEPARTMENTS



Open Class Family and Consumer Sciences Department

Superintendents	Connie Manny, Winterset Holly Schutz, Macksburg
Entry Period / Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 3 p.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 7:30-9:30 a.m. (Tags and Entry Forms for early completion are available through Connie or Holly)
Entry Fee	None
Check-in Location	Jackson Building, Madison Co. Fair
Judging Schedule	Wed, July 16, 11 a.m. until completed.
Premiums	Blue.....\$2 Red.....\$1.50 White.....\$1
Divisions	Junior—up to age 12—please state age on tags Intermediate—ages 13-17 Adult—ages 18 & older
Check-out	Sunday, July 19, 3:30 p.m.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Superintendent's Choice Award - \$25.00 to any entry that captures the flavor of the fair from any category.

****Other Awards** may be added as community individuals/groups request to sponsor a class or classes award related to their special creative interest.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. **All entries must be the work of the exhibitor.**
2. Non-food items previously awarded premiums may not be entered again.
3. All classes are open to all exhibitors. However, exhibits will be evaluated according to exhibitor's age division.
4. Enter by class number and a "J" for Junior, "I" for Intermediate and "A" for Adult.
5. All Youth entries must include the exhibitor's age.
6. Other rules specific to different Divisions are listed under their respective titles.
7. Where there is only one exhibit in a class, the first prize, if merited will be awarded. Where articles are not worthy of first prize, the judges may, at their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the article(s) deserve. ** Please note that any comments by judges are for participants encouragement and improvement of their skills, not criticism.

8. Premium money will be paid as you check out.
9. Open Class Department will be closed from 5:00-5:30 p.m. on Sunday to prepare for the release of exhibits.
10. All exhibits will be released at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday – **no exceptions. If exhibits are picked up prior to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, the exhibitor will forfeit all premium money.**
11. **Exhibits must be picked up on Sunday by 4:00 p.m. or they will be forfeited to the Fair Board. Valid phone number for time of pickup must be provided.**
12. **A 3x5 card describing how your entry was created is required for all classes with the exception of photography. This will be used to assist in judging and will be a factor in judging.**

FOOD DIVISION:

- **Baked goods must be covered with plastic wrap or with plastic bags on disposable plates. Disposable pie tins are required for pies.**
1. Food entered in classes 1 through 42 will be sold at a bake sale unless otherwise noted with the money to go to the Madison County Fair Association. A portion of each exhibit will be left for display.
 2. **Items that require refrigeration (i.e., cream fillings, cream pies, cream cheese, custards, fresh fruit, etc.) will not be accepted, judged or displayed. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are entered, whether tasted or not.**
 3. All canned goods must be in regulation canning jar. No paraffin seals will be accepted. Canned goods to be opened and tasted at the judge's discretion. (Leave screw-rings on; not acceptable if rusty.)
 4. **All items must have recipes. Please sign your name on the back.**

CLASS

1. White Yeast Bread (Loaf)
2. Dark Yeast Bread (Loaf) - (wheat, rye, etc.)
3. Bread Machine Bread (Loaf), White
4. Bread Machine Bread (Loaf), Dark (wheat, rye, etc.)
5. Sourdough Bread, White
6. Sourdough Bread, (dark, wheat, rye, etc.)
7. Sourdough Bread, Other
8. Focaccia Bread
9. Rolls – Plate of 6
10. Sweet Rolls – Plate of 6
11. Bread – Miscellaneous
12. Quick Bread (non-yeast), (Banana, Pumpkin, etc.)
13. Biscuits/Scones—Plate of 6
14. Muffins – Plate of 6
15. Made with Lard – any worthy entry
- 16.. Angel Food, Whole Cake
17. Bundt Cake
18. Whole Cake, Frosted
19. Whole Cake, Unfrosted

20. Decorated Cake—Display only, not tasted or judged
21. Cupcakes—Frosted— Plate of 6
22. Cupcakes—Unfrosted—Plate of 6
23. Ugly Cake Contest - display only – not tasted or sold
24. Brownies – Plate of 6
25. Bar Cookies – Plate of 6
26. Cookies, Chocolate Chip – Plate of 6
27. Cookies, Peanut Butter – Plate of 6
28. Cookies, Oatmeal – Plate of 6
29. Cookies, Other – Plate of 6
30. Cookies, Decorated – Plate of 6
31. Pie, 2 Crust, Homemade
32. Pie, Crumb-topped, Homemade
33. Cobblers/Crisps
34. Recipe Exchange (Gluten-free, diabetic, etc.)
35. Candy – Plate of 6 (no cream cheese)
36. Canned Fruit
37. Canned Vegetables including Tomatoes
38. Jam
39. Jelly
40. Marmalade
41. Pickles
42. Relish
43. Salsa
44. Spaghetti Sauce
45. Miscellaneous Canned Goods
46. Honey
47. Canned Meats
48. Fruit Butter (apple, peach, etc.)
49. Snack Mixes
50. Wild Card

HOME ARTS AND CRAFTS DIVISION

- Please include a 3x5 card explaining how entry was created, to assist in judging.
- Wall Décor must be able to be hung up.
- 60. Pottery or Clay - fired or painted
- 61. Wood Craft- carvings - figurative
- 62. Wood Craft – carving - religious
- 63. Wood Craft- carving - series (narrative)
- 64. Wood Craft – carving - relief (a piece of art intended to be viewed from the front side only)
- 65. Wood Craft- carving- bowl
- 66. Wood Craft- carving – other
- 67. Basketry
- 68. Leather Work
- 69. Toys
- 70. Jewelry, Beaded
- 71. Jewelry, Other
- 72. Jewelry, Earrings - Mounted to dark card stock
- 73. Key Chain, Beaded
- 74. Key Chain, Other
- 75. Other Beaded Craft
- 76. “Generation Class” (Entry completed together by different generations.) Give explanation on 3x5 card
- 77. “Recycled Crafts” (Entry made from recycled materials – include explanations.)
- 78. Best of Madison County (Any entry that shows pride in Madison County, its resources and/or people.)
- 79. Good Humor Category (Something curious or unusual to tickle funny bone of fair-goers.)
- 80. Wall Décor, Fabric – other than quilting
- 81. Wall Décor, Other
- 82. Christmas Decoration, Table or Mantle
- 83. Christmas Decoration, Wall Hanging - other than quilting
- 84. Christmas Decoration, Stocking
- 85. Other Holiday Decorations, Table or Mantle
- 86. Other Holiday Decorations, Wall Hanging—other than quilting
- 87. Miscellaneous Home Décor
- 88. Stained Glass
- 89. Painted Nature Items, such as gourds
- 90. Dolls
- 91. Doll Clothes
- 92. Homemade Cook Book
- 93. Scrapbook, Themed Album
- 94. Homemade Cards - mounted on foam core using photo corners
- 95. Tolle Painting
- 96. Duct Tape Creations - any worthy item
- 97. Accessories
- 98. Homemade Soap/Lotions/Salves
- 99. Felt Crafts – any worthy item
- 100. Paper Crafts - any worthy item
- 101. Homemade Gift Tags – mounted on foam core using photo corners
- 102. Wild Card

INDUSTRIAL ARTS AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

- **Please include a 3x5 card with a brief description of how your entry was created to include patten/plan number used, to assist in judging.**

110. Legos—Original Design
111. Legos—Made from a kit
112. Models
113. Robotics
114. Wood Craft – turned work – bowls
115. Wood Craft – turned work – hollow vessel
116. Wood Craft – turned work – seasonal
117. Wood Craft – turned work – figurative
118. Wood Craft – turned work – natural/live edge
119. Wood Craft – turned work - Natural Voids—bowls
120. Wood Craft—turned work—Miscellaneous
121. Wood Craft—Wooden Utensils
122. Wood Craft—Misc. Wood Toys
123. Wood Craft—Segmented—Open
124. Wood Craft—Segmented—Closed
125. Woodworking—Furniture—built
126. Woodworking—Refinished item
127. Metal Craft (not welded)
128. Welded Items—Invention
129. Welded Items—Gadget
130. Welded Items—Shop Project
131. Welded Items—Sculpture/Yard Art
132. 3D Printing
133. Taxiderry
134. Wild Card

TEXTILE DIVISION

- **Include a 3x5 card with a brief description of how your entry was created to include patten number or name, to assist in judging.**
- When entry would fit in more than one category, it will be judged on the category entered.

140. Needlepoint, Fabric
141. Counted Cross Stitch, Any Item
142. Embroidered Item
143. Machine Embroidered Item (not a quilt)
144. Pillow - not pieced or quilted
145. Rugs - All
146. Miscellaneous Household Linens
147. Clothing, Any worthy Item (other than fleece)
148. Tatting
149. Felting
150. Weaving
151. Crochet Baby Clothing
152. Crochet Afghans, Baby
153. Crochet Afghans, Other
154. Crochet, Table Cloth
155. Crochet, Doily
156. Crochet Clothing, any item
157. Crochet Toys
158. Crochet Hats
159. Crochet Item, Other
160. Knit Afghan, Baby
161. Knit Afghan, Other
162. Knit Item, Other
163. Knitting - clothing
164. Knitted Hats
165. Accessories- Homemade bags
166. Fleece Blankets
167. Creative Fibers (i.e. home spun fibers)
168. Wild Card

QUILT DIVISION

- When entry would fit in more than one category, it will be judged on the category entered.
- Please **include a 3x5 card describing how your entry was created to include if this was created from a patten or original design.**

173. Baby, Tied (1 person)
174. Baby, Hand Quilted (1 person)
175. Baby, Machine Quilted (1 person)
176. Baby, Appliquéd (1 person)
177. Baby, Patchwork (1 person)
178. Baby, Embroidered - Machine (1 person)
179. Baby, Embroidered - Hand (1 person)
180. Baby, Whole Cloth (not pieced) (1 person)
181. Baby, Quilt Made from a Kit (1 person)
182. Baby, Tied (more than one person)
183. Baby, Hand Quilted (more than one person)
184. Baby, Machine Quilted (more than one person)
185. Baby, Appliquéd (more than one person)
186. Baby, Patchwork (more than one person)
187. Baby, Embroidered - Machine (more than one person)
188. Baby, Embroidered - Hand (more than one person)
189. Baby, Whole Cloth (more than one person)
190. Baby, Quilt Made from a Kit (more than one person)
191. Adult, Tied (1 person)
192. Adult, Hand Quilted (1 person)
193. Adult, Machine Quilted (1 person)
194. Adult, Appliquéd (1 person)
195. Adult, Patchwork (1 person)
196. Adult, Embroidered - machine (1 person)
197. Adult, Embroidered - hand (1 person)
198. Adult, Whole Cloth (not pieced) (1 person)
199. Adult, Quilt Made from a Kit (1 person)
200. Adult, Tied (more than one person)
201. Adult, Hand Quilted (more than one person)
202. Adult, Machine Quilted (more than one person)
203. Adult, Appliquéd (more than one person)
204. Adult, Patchwork (more than one person)
205. Adult, Embroidered - machine (more than one person)
206. Adult, Embroidered - hand (more than one person)
207. Adult, Whole Cloth (not pieced) (more than one person)
208. Adult, Quilt Made from a Kit (more than one person)
209. Group Quilts (Church group, etc.)
210. Memory Quilts (give description) (1 person)
211. T-Shirt Quilts (1 person)
212. T-Shirt Quilts (more than one person)
213. Quilts of Valor
214. Made from a panel (any item)
215. Quilted Accessories (table cloths, pillows, etc.)
216. Wall Hangings
217. Doll Quilts
218. Miniature Quilts
219. Wild Call

PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION

*Due to overwhelming growth, limit of 3 entries per category.

*For Tells a Story or Themed, attach a written description on a separate sheet of paper mounted on front

***All pictures must be mounted on foam core no frames.**

****Cut foam core so picture can be hung with butterfly clips. ****

- 221. People, Color
- 222. Scenic/Landscape, Color
- 223. Flowers, Color
- 224. Pets, Color
- 225. Wildlife, Color
- 226. Farm Animals, Color
- 227. Insects, Color
- 228. Foliage, Color
- 229. Things & Still Life, Color
- 230 Buildings & Architecture, Color
- 231. Sports/Action, Color
- 232. Farm Equipment, Color
- 233. Other, Color
- 234. Tells a Story or Themed, 3-6 Photos, Color - must be mounted together along with description
- 235. Tells a Story or Themed, 3-6 Photos, Black & White or Sepia - must be mounted together along with description
- 236. People, Black & White or Sepia
- 237. Scenic, Black & White or Sepia
- 238. Flowers, Black & White or Sepia
- 239. Pets, Black & White or Sepia
- 240. Wildlife, Black & White or Sepia
- 241. Farm Animals, Black & White or Sepia
- 242. Insects, Black & White or Sepia
- 243. Things & Still Life, Black & White or Sepia
- 244 Buildings & Architecture, Black & White or Sepia
- 245. Sports/Action, Black & White or Sepia
- 246. Farm Equipment, Black & White or Sepia
- 247. Other, Black & White or Sepia
- 248. Manipulated Photo (All categories)
- 249. Digital Photo Book
- 250. Professional Photograph (for professional photographers to show their talent!)
- 251. Wild Card

CREATIVE ARTS DIVISION

- Please **include a 3x5 card describing technique and inspiration for your entry to assist in judging.**
- Canvas or Mounted on Foam Core
- Please supply table top easels to display your wall art.
- Please label easel with name for return.
- ****No glass frames****

260. Plants/Architecture, Water Color
261. People, Water Color
262. Animals, Water Color
263. Abstract, Water Color
264. Watercolor, Other
265. Plants/Architecture, Acrylics
266. People, Acrylics
267. Animals, Acrylics
268. Abstract, Acrylics
269. Acrylics, Other
270. Plants/Architecture, Oil
271. People, Oil
272. Animals, Oil
273. Abstract, Oil
274. Oil, Other
275. Plants/Architecture, Pastel or Charcoal
276. People, Pastel or Charcoal
277. Animals, Pastel or Charcoal
278. Abstract, Pastel or Charcoal
279. Pastel or Charcoal, other
280. Plants/Architecture, Pen or pencil
281. People, Pen or pencil
282. Animals, Pen or pencil
283. Abstract, Pen or pencil
284. Pen or Pencil, other
285. Plants/Architecture, Mix Media
286. People, Mix Media
287. Animals, Mix Media
288. Abstract, Mix Media
289. Mixed Media, Other
290. Plants/Architecture, other
291. People, other
292. Animals, other
293. Abstract, other
294. Framed photo or art work (i.e. Judge by quality of frame and how it accents piece.)
295. Framed Pastel or Charcoal (Due to nature of materials)
296. Computer Generated Artwork—not photography
297. Diamond Art
298. Wild Card



Open Class “Sunshine Garden Club”

Superintendent	Lillian Eivins, 573-355-0682 Denise Sawhill, 515-468-1182
Entry Period / Check-in	Tuesday, July 14, 4.-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 15, 7:30-10:30 a.m.
Check-in Location	Jackson Building, Madison Co. Fair
Judging Schedule	Wednesday, July 15, 10:30 a.m..
Premiums	Varies by Division

In cooperation with the Madison County Fair Association present the show

“Flower and Garden Produce Show”

At the Jackson Building at the Winterset Fairgrounds
Open to the public at 10 a.m., Wednesday, July 16, 2026.

Evaluation by Nationally Accredited Judges.

1. Show is open to anyone interested in participating. Assistance will be available during the Entry Period to make entries. Please have a list of your entries ready for the entry chairperson when you arrive. Entry tags, schedules and other information may be obtained from the Madison County Extension Office.
2. Entries must remain in place until Sunday at 5:30 p.m. If you are unavailable to pick up entries, please make arrangements for someone else to do so for you. Any premiums not claimed will be turned back to the fair.
3. Exhibitors are limited to making one entry per class, or subclass, except in the Horticulture classes where more than one entry may be made in a class or subclass if they are different cultivators, or different color. If you know the name of your horticulture entry, be sure to name it either botanically or common name. This adds to the educational value of the show.
4. NO NOXIOUS WEEDS ALLOWED IN THE SHOW.
5. Decision of the judge is final. Nationally Accredited Judges will judge the show according to the latest edition of *The Handbook of Flower Shows* and any authorized revisions. Only show personnel, judges and clerks will be permitted in the show room during judging.
6. All designs must contain some plant material. No artificial plant material is permitted. Container grown plants may be used in designs where appropriate.

7. It is recommended that **clear containers** be used for specimens, adequate for size of specimen. Containers should be marked with your name and address.
8. Horticulture exhibits and container grown plants must be grown by the exhibitor or in their possession at least three months prior to the show and should be labeled as to variety. Multiple plantings such as terrariums or hanging planters must have been grown together at least six weeks. Correct botanical labeling will increase the educational value of the show. Arrangements must be the work of the exhibitor.
9. Exhibitors will be responsible for keeping their entries fresh and watered. Exhibitors must furnish their own containers. There will be hostesses ready to help you.
10. The staging committee reserves the right, if necessary, to separate Horticulture entries in terms of color or size. The staging committee may move entries after they are judged for better display.
11. Largest vegetable will be weighed and tagged at the time of entry.
12. Special Awards will be given as designated.

Sweepstakes Award – presented to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons. The *Sweepstakes Award* will be presented in both the Horticulture and Design Divisions. The exhibitor receiving the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Division will also receive the **Sunshine Garden Club Award**; these classes include the Garden Products and Fruits.

Award of Horticultural Excellence – presented to the finest exhibit the judges choose in the Horticulture Division.

Award of Merit – presented in the cut specimen classes, container grown plants and garden products. To be eligible for these awards, the exhibit must score 95 or more and must be named either as a cultivar or botanical name.

ATTENTION:

1. Primary noxious weeds, which shall include: quack grass (*Agropyron repens*), perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), bull thistle (*Cirsium lanceolatum*), Musk Thistle (*Carduus nutans*), European morning glory or field bindweed (*Convolvulus arvensis*), horse nettle (*Solanum carolinense*), leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*), perennial peppergrass (*Lepidium draba*), Russian knapweed (*Centaurea repens*), buckthorn (*Ramnus*), and all other species of thistles belonging in genera of *Cirsium* and *Carduus*.
2. Secondary noxious weeds, which shall include: butterprint (*Abutilon theophrasti*) annual, cocklebur (*Xanthium commune*) annual, wild mustard (*Brassica arvensis*) annual, wild carrot (*Daucus carota*) biennial, buckthorn (*Plantago lanceolata*) perennial, sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*) perennial, sour dock (*Rumex crispus*) perennial, smooth dock (*Rumex altissimus*) perennial, puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*) annual, teasel (*Dipsacus*) biennial, wild sunflower (*Helianthus Anuus*), and multiflora rose (*Rosa Multiflora*).

DESIGN DIVISION

Premiums will be awarded according to the following scale:

First: \$5 Second: \$3 Third: \$2

- A. First, second, and third place ribbons will be awarded in all classes where merited, and rosette ribbons will be awarded as follows:
- B. The Designer's Choice Rosette will be awarded in the Design Division. To be eligible, an exhibit must have won a blue ribbon. There must be a minimum of 3 classes with 4 entries (12 designs) in these classes. The exception is for a club award. Club rosettes will be awarded where stated.
- C. The following classes will be eligible for the DESIGNER'S CHOICE AWARD. To be eligible for this award the following rule applies: Exhibit must be a blue ribbon winner, either creative or traditional. Exhibitor has complete freedom to choose plant material and components for these designs. Staging may be specified.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR ALL DESIGNS:

Conformance	20
Design	42
Artistic Concept.....	12
Expression	10
Distinction	<u>16</u>
Total	100

"Flower and Garden Produce Show"

Accessories and/or features are permitted in all classes.

1. Hike in Pammel State Park (include limestone)
2. Rodeo (use rope in design or accessory)
3. Farmers Market (include vegetables in design)
4. Walk on the Wild Side
5. Novice – "My Favorite Things" (For someone who has never had a blue ribbon in design at the Madison County Flower Show).

Table Award – Call for information on exhibition and functional table: Lillian Eivins or Denise Sawhill.

6. Exhibition Table: "Football Tailgate"
1 place setting conveying an artistic arrangement of table components, within an allotted space, to provide a creative effect without consideration for functional placement.
7. Functional Table: "Christmas in July"
2 place settings including a decorative unit, a floral design (with or without candles and/or other accessories).
8. Caricature: "Octopus" Animal or figure made of all plant material.
9. A Vignette: "Back Porch on Farm House"
The use of a 4x4 space to set up a display relating to the theme. Plants/plant material must be included.

10. Miniatures: May not exceed 5 inches in height, width or depth. Staged in niches provided. Exhibitor may provide different backgrounds if they choose.
 - a. Dried - "dainty"
 - b. Fresh - "dainty"
11. Fairy Garden: "Home far a Fairy" Must contain 1 fairy, 2 or more plants and accessories. Size limit of 15" x 15".

JUNIOR DIVISION

Premiums will be awarded according to the following scale:

Blue: \$1 Red: \$.75 White: \$.50

1. Entries will be judged on their own merit.
2. ***Junior Achievement Award*** – awarded to the best Junior exhibit in both Design and Horticulture.
3. Accessories are permitted in Design classes.
4. The same schedule will be used as in the Adult Division in Horticulture; display as instructed.
5. Enter under Jr. Class entry numbers.

JUNIOR DESIGN

- J-1 Caricature - animal or figure made of all plant material.
- J-2 Arrangement - arrangement in a container.
- J-3 Fairy Garden - must contain 1 fairy, 2 or more plants and accessories. Size limit of 15" x 15".

JUNIOR HORTICULTURE

- J-4 Container grown plant or plants. (In one container)
- J-5 Any cut flower specimen. (Limit 3)
- J-6 Any vegetable. (Limit 3)
- J-7 Any fruit. (Limit 3 entries)

HORTICULTURE DIVISION

Premiums will be awarded according to the following scale:

First: \$1.50 Second: \$1 Third: \$.75

AWARD OF HORTICULTURAL EXCELLENCE – presented to a named Horticulture exhibit judged as the finest in the Horticulture Division.

AWARD OF MERIT – presented in the Cut Specimen Classes, the container grown plants and the garden produce and fruits (must be named).

SWEEPSTAKES AWARD – awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons.

SUNSHINE GARDEN CLUB AWARD – awarded to the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons in all classes in the Horticulture Division, cut specimen, container grown plants, garden products and fruit.

CUT SPECIMEN

1. Ageratum, 1 stem, any variety
2. Alstroemeria, 1 stem
3. Asters, 3 blooms
4. Babies Breath (gypsophelia), 1 spray
5. Calla Lily, 1 bloom
6. Canna, 1 stalk with bloom
7. Celosia, 1 stalk
8. Clematis, 1 flower of large, 1 spray of small
9. Cleome, 1 stem
10. Chrysanthemum, 1 spray
11. Coreopsis, 1 spray
12. Cosmos, 1 spray
13. Dahlia, large, over 6", 1 bloom
14. Dahlia, medium 2-6", 1 bloom
15. Dahlia, small under 2", 3 blooms
16. Dianthus, 3 blooms
17. Delphinium, 1 spike
18. Echinacea (Coneflower), 3 blooms
19. Feverfew, 1 spray
20. Gaillardia, 3 blooms
21. Gerbera Daisy, 1 bloom
22. Gladiolus, 1 spike
23. Gladiolus, 3 spikes
24. Gloriosa Daisy (Black-eyed Susan), 3 blooms
25. Hemerocallis (Daylily), 1 scape (Divided by color if warranted)
26. Hosta, 1 bloom stalk and leaf
27. Hosta large leaves, 3 leaves of different varieties
28. Hosta miniature leaves, 3 leaves of different varieties

29. Impatiens, 1 stem
30. Liatris—1 stem
31. Lily, 1 stalk, named – divided by color
32. Lycoris (Surprise Lily), 1 scape
33. Marigold, small, under 3", 1 spray
34. Marigold, large, over 3"
35. Ornamental Grasses, 3 stems with head, cut to appropriate size for variety
36. Osteospermum (African Daisy), 3 blooms
37. Pansies large, 3 blooms
38. Pansies small (violas), 1 spray
39. Petunias single, 1 spray
40. Petunias double, 1 spray
41. Phlox, 1 head (Divided by color if warranted)
42. Rose - Tea, 1 bloom
43. Rose - Floribunda, 1 spray
44. Rose - Grandiflora, 1 spray
45. Rose - Grandiflora, 1 bloom
46. Rose - Climber, 1 spray
47. Rose - shrub, 1 spray
48. Rose - miniature, 1 spray
49. Shasta Daisy, 3 blooms
50. Snapdragon – Rocket, 3 spikes
51. Snapdragon – Miniature, 3 spikes
52. Snapdragon – Angelonia (Summer Snapdragon), 3 spikes
53. Salvia - Annual, 3 spikes
54. Salvia - Perennial, 3 spikes
55. Statice, 1 spike
56. Sunflowers, 1 head
57. Begonia, 1 bloom floated with leaf
58. Wildflower, 1 bloom
59. Yarrow, 1 stalk
60. Zinnia, 3 blooms under 2"
61. Zinnia, 3 blooms, 2" to 4"
62. Zinnia, 3 blooms, 4" or over
63. Any flowering shrub (in bloom) (Divided if warranted)
64. Collection of 5 perennials, named as to variety, 1 container
65. Collection of 5 annuals, named as to variety, 1 container
66. Any other annual not provided for above (named)
67. Any other perennial not provided for above (named)

ARBOREAL

68. Evergreens – 2 feet, staged in a clear bottle of water
69. Evergreens with cones – 2 feet, staged in a clear bottle of water

CONTAINER GROWN PLANTS

70. African Violets
71. Begonia
72. Caladium
73. Cacti / Succulents
74. Coleus
75. Ferns
76. Geranium
77. Ivy
78. Philodendron
79. Pothos
80. Hanging plants
81. Dish garden containing 3 or more plants
82. Terrarium, covered, containing 3 or more plants
83. Planter – pot containing at least 3 different plants (named)
84. Any other plant grown for its foliage
85. Any other plant grown for its flowers

Help Beautify Our Fairgrounds, Plant a Flower Bed!

Any individual or group interested in planting a garden at the Madison County Fairgrounds may be eligible to add to the beauty of the grounds and may also win a premium. If you are interested, contact superintendent Lillian Eivins. There will be help to till the ground, if needed, from the Madison County Fair Association.

Premiums will be awarded according to the following scale:

1st place	\$20
2nd place	\$10
3rd place	\$5

Judging will be done by qualified judges. The gardens must be well cared for, with plants that do well and remain in bloom at fair time.

GARDEN PRODUCTS

AWARD OF MERIT – available for the entries in this category; the specimen must be named to receive this award.

Information regarding numbers and preparation is available in the 4-H 462 *Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit* and may be obtained at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/4H462.pdf>.

Be sure that all entries are clean: onions, carrots, potatoes, etc. may be cleaned by washing carefully, **DO NOT SCRUB!**

Display on white paper plates, unless categories call for other

1. Beans Green– 5 on a plate
2. Beans Other – 5 on a plate
3. Beets – 2 on a plate, 1" of top remaining
4. Broccoli – 1 head
5. Brussel Sprouts – 4 on a plate
6. Cabbage – 1 head (leave 1 or more outer leaves and 1/2" stem)
7. Carrots – 3 on a plate, 1" of top remaining
8. Cauliflower – 1 head
9. Cucumbers – Pickling 2-3 inches – 5 on a plate
10. Cucumbers – Dill 4-5 inches – 2 on a plate
11. Cucumbers – Slicing 6-8 inches – 2 on a plate
12. Eggplant – regular - 1 on a plate
13. Ground Cherries - 5 on a plate
14. Herbs – 5 different varieties, named in one bottle - shown at stage used
15. Kohlrabi – 2 on a plate - leave 1" top and don't trim roots too closely
16. Leek - 2 on a plate
17. Onions Red – 2 on a plate
18. Onions Yellow – 2 on a plate
19. Onions White – 2 on a plate
20. Okra – 3 on a plate - leave 1/2" stem attached
21. Peas (edible pods) – 5 pods on a plate
22. Peas (unshelled) – 5 pods on a plate
23. Peppers Hot – 3 on a plate
24. Peppers Bell – 2 on a plate (Divided by color)
25. Peppers Other – 2 on a plate
26. Potatoes Red – 3 on a plate
27. Potatoes White – 3 on a plate
28. Potatoes Yellow – 3 on a plate
29. Potatoes Other – 3 on a plate
30. Radishes – tie 3 roots in a bundle

31. Squash – summer - 2 specimen
32. Sweet Corn – 2 ears – trim silk to within 1" of husk, shank to 1" – peel partially back to show corn
33. Swiss Chard – 4 leaves
34. Tomatoes Red – 2 on a plate
35. Tomatoes Red Cherry – 4 on a plate
36. Tomatoes Yellow – 2 on a plate
37. Tomatoes Yellow Cherry – 4 on a plate
38. Tomatoes Yellow Pear – 4 on a plate
39. Turnips – 2 on a plate – 1" of top remaining
40. Basket of Vegetables and/or Herbs - must include at least 5 different varieties – named
41. Any other vegetable not listed above
42. Any novelty grown in your garden

FRUITS

50. Apples, Summer – 3 on a plate
51. Apples, Winter – 3 on a plate
52. Blackberries – 5 on a plate
53. Blueberries – 5 on a plate
54. Cherries – 5 on a plate
55. Crabapples – 3 on a plate
56. Gooseberries – 5 on a plate
57. Grapes – 1 bunch, named
58. Nuts, any variety – 5 on a plate, named (judges will sort varieties if warranted)
59. Peaches – 3 on a plate
60. Plums – 3 on a plate
61. Pears – 3 on a plate
62. Raspberries, Black – 5 on a plate
63. Raspberries, Red – 5 on a plate
64. Raspberries, Other – 5 on a plate
65. Rhubarb – 3 stalks on a plate, tied at both ends – 1" top
66. Any variety of fruit not listed

LARGEST VEGETABLES

All vegetables will be judged by weight unless otherwise noted.

70. Bean
71. Beet
72. Cabbage
73. Carrot
74. Cucumber
75. Eggplant
76. Onion (trim roots and necks to 1", do not peel, do clean off dirt by brushing carefully)
77. Pepper
78. Potato
79. Radish
80. Squash
81. Sunflower (seed head)
82. Tomato
83. Turnip
84. Tallest Stalk of Corn
85. Zucchini

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