



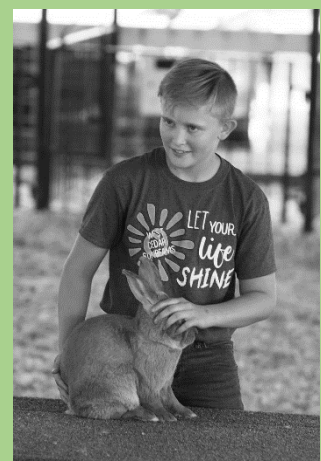
2023

# Mitchell County Fair

August 2, 2023 -  
August 6, 2023



4-H & FFA RULES &  
SCHEDULE



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## 2023 4-H/FFA Schedule

### Saturday, July 1

Mitchell County Fair Entries Due online in the Fair Entry Program ([www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com)). **Late entries will not be accepted.**

### Tuesday, July 18

6:00 p.m. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits Judging at CRC Lobby and Conference Room

### Wednesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. Clothing & Fashion Judging: Fashion Revue/\$20 Challenge/Clothing Selection/Innovative Design at the Extension Office

### Monday, July 31

5:30-6:00 p.m. Style Show Rehearsal and Share the Fun Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Building Booth Set-up. Additional set-up can be done on Tuesday.

2023 Theme: **"Spy Your Potential"**

### Tuesday, August 1

All exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Building entered & judged by **Club Schedule:**

8:30 a.m. ....Osage Warhawks  
 9:00 a.m. ....St. Ansgar Believers  
 9:30 a.m. ....Mitchell County Outlaws  
 10:00 a.m. ....Mitchell County Straight Shooters  
 10:30 a.m. ....Stacyville Shooting Stars  
 11:00 a.m. ....Rocky Ramblers  
 LUNCH

12:30 p.m. ....Jenkins Sunshine  
 1:00 p.m. .... Osage High Towers  
 1:30 p.m. ....West Cedar Sunbeams  
 2:00 p.m. ....Washington Warriors  
 2:30 p.m. ....FFA Chapters

### Tuesday, August 1

9:30-11a.m. ....Clover Kid Judging  
 (Bring Projects for judging)  
 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. ....Swine Check-in  
 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. ....Poultry Check-in

### Wednesday, August 2

8:00-9:00 a.m. ....Sheep & Meat Goat Weigh-in  
 8:00-10:00 a.m. ....Beef Weigh-in  
 9:00-11:00 a.m. ....Rabbit Check-in  
 10:00 a.m.-12 noon ....Dairy Check-in  
 4:00 p.m. ....Dog Show/Judging

### Thursday, August 3

8:00 a.m. .... Swine Judging  
 8:00 a.m. ....Horse and Pony Judging/Games  
 3:00 p.m. .... State Fair Pictures

### Friday, August 4

8:30 a.m. .... Beef Judging  
 1:00 p.m. ....Sheep & Meat Goat Judging  
 6:00 p.m. ....Events in CRC Bldg.  
 Order:  
 Installation of 4-H County Council  
 Share the Fun  
 4-H Clothing & Fashion Style Show

### Saturday, August 5

10:00 a.m. .... Dairy Judging  
 1:00 p.m. .... Rabbit Judging  
 3:00 p.m. .... Poultry Judging  
 4:00 p.m. .... Ed. Pres./Working Exh.

### Sunday, August 6

12:00 p.m. .... Bucket/Bottle Calf Judging  
 2:30 p.m. ....Ribbon Auction  
 (Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine)  
 3:00 p.m -5:00 p.m. .... \*Release of Exhibits in 4-H Bldg.  
 Livestock..... See Department Rules for Release Time

\*Removing 4-H projects from the 4-H Building before 3 p.m. is prohibited and will result in forfeiture of premiums. (Please make arrangements with 4-H leaders or the Extension office for another pick-up time if needed.)

## Mitchell County Fair Board and Staff

<b>President:</b>	Karl Fox	Elma		
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Rodney Koch

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**Sheep:** Don Counsell, Andy Johnson

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**Horse:** Angela Nelson, Tina Offen

**Rabbit:** Katie Hall

**Poultry:** Kirk Phelps

**Dog:** Alyssa Staudt

**4-H Bldg:** Gena Meitner

### Mitchell County 4-H Clubs and Leaders:

**Jenkins Sunshine:** Emily & Dane Schipper

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**Osage Warhawks:** Kari Schwarting

**Rocky Ramblers:** Lisa Peterson, Marylou Ahrens,  
Beth Rachut

**St. Ansgar Believers:** Brian Kruse, Brandon  
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**Stacyville Shooting Stars:** Jennifer Retterath,  
Katie Schell

**Washington Warriors:**

Diane Wright, Jamie Schallock

**West Cedar Sunbeams:** Steph Taets

**Mitchell County Straight Shooters:** Calvin Thyer

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**Shooting Sports Shotgun:** Calvin Thyer

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## General Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be enrolled as a Mitchell County 4-H member or a student of vocational agriculture in Mitchell County Schools. 4-H and FFA age rules are as follows:
  - A. 4-H members who have completed 4th grade-12th grade (or that equivalent) in the 2022-2023 school year.
  - B. FFA members certified by a county chapter advisor may show as per state FFA age rules.
2. Livestock must be properly identified according to the 4-H regulations.
3. All fair entries must be in FairEntry ([www.fairenty.com](http://www.fairenty.com)) by **July 1, 2023**.
4. Exhibits must be in place on the fairgrounds by **12 noon Wednesday, August 2, 2023**.
5. Junior Show animals cannot be released before **set times on August 6<sup>th</sup>** (See department rules for specific times). Animals must be removed before **6 p.m. Aug. 6th**. If this rule is not followed, premiums will be forfeited. *(The only exception is if special arrangements are made with the fair board, superintendents, and a 4-H Office representative. Please visit the 4-H fair office for an official release form).*
6. Champion livestock selected to participate at Showdown Invitational will be released at 8 p.m. Friday and need to return by 8 p.m. Saturday.
7. All exhibits meeting the required qualifications will be rated blue, red or white and given a ribbon except where otherwise specified.
8. Premium money will be paid according to the dollar value of the entry and the ribbon and award it receives, unless otherwise specified. Premiums will be paid to each 4-H or FFA member through the Mitchell County Ag Society.
9. State 4-H rules will govern on questions arising in absence of other rules.
10. Junior exhibitors who feel it necessary to sleep in the barns must have adult supervision and must get written permission from the fair board office.
11. As stated in the Iowa State Fair 4-H Premium Book General Exhibit Rules: **"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."**
12. Exhibits that do not comply with size guidelines, copyright, and safety procedures will not be accepted for entry, evaluation, or display at the Mitchell County Fair and/or the Iowa State Fair.
13. All pictures for awards are the responsibility of the exhibitor.

**Remember- Fair Entries are due in [www.fairenty.com](http://www.fairenty.com) by July 1, 2023**

Premium Awards for Livestock	<u>Purple Ribbon</u>	<u>Blue Ribbon</u>	<u>Red Ribbon</u>	<u>White Ribbon</u>
Market Beef	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Beef Pen	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Breeding Beef	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Market Swine	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Market Swine Pen	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Dairy	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Goats	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Market Sheep	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Breeding Sheep	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Market Sheep Pen	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Horse	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Rabbit	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Poultry	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00
Dog	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	\$2.00

Premium Awards for Static (4-H Bldg.)	<u>State Fair</u>	<u>Cons. State Fair</u>	<u>Blue Ribbon</u>	<u>Red Ribbon</u>	<u>White Ribbon</u>
Animals	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Agriculture and Natural Resources	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Creative Arts	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Family and Consumer Sciences	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Personal Development	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
Science, Engineering, and Technology	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00
4-H Communications	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.00	\$1.00

## Agricultural Exhibits Rules

1. State Fair 4-H Grooming Rules will be enforced for all animal species. In addition, all exhibitors (FFA and 4-H) are to be actively involved in the care and grooming of their livestock exhibits.
2. **An exhibitor may not exhibit the same animal(s) that have been previously shown in another county junior show during the same year.**
3. Purebred livestock must be registered in accordance with Iowa State Fair Rules. Registration certificates must be brought for inspection by department superintendent upon entry at the Fair.
4. The Fair Board has established the following rule for all exhibits that require bedding. Only wood chips, wood shavings, or sawdust may be used for stall bedding. Each individual is responsible for obtaining this. No paper or straw allowed. **BEDDING BAGS GO IN THE DUMPSTERS.**
5. Each exhibitor is required to keep alley, stalls, and pens clean.
6. The judge may, at his/her discretion, and, with the approval of department superintendent(s), select purple ribbon winners from among the blue-ribbon winners.
7. 4-H and FFA members will show their own animals in the show ring. If for some reason, such as having two animals in the same class, or illness of the member, he or she may, with the permission of the department superintendent, have another 4-H or FFA member show the animal. Adults are not to show or assist in showing, including the 4-H/FFA Ribbon Auction.
8. Exhibitors, volunteers, and parents handling large livestock must wear footwear that protects feet AND ankles in the show ring and while caring for or helping in the barn areas. Crocs, flip flops, and sneakers are not considered appropriate footwear.
9. Junior exhibitors may sell one ribbon in the ribbon auction. Only exhibitors in 4th - 12th grade are allowed to participate. The ribbon auction includes Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Cattle, and Dairy Goats.
10. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion animals must be penned in designated stalls/pens (Market Beef, Breeding Beef, Market Sheep and Breeding Sheep). Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of premium. Unless showing at Regional Show Down on **Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## Health Requirements for Exhibiting Livestock at the Mitchell Co. Fair

1. See additional information from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at <https://iowaagriculture.gov/livestock-shows>.

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## NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS AS ADOPTED BY THE MITCHELL COUNTY FAIR BOARD

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.

### ***Continued- National Code of Show Ring Ethics***

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 actively 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 any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show 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 of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
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 this 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 of 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 a 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.



# DEPARTMENT B

## Beef

Willie Weis, Sydney Hartogh, Rodney Koch - Superintendents  
Riley Ruble, Albert Lea, MN - Judge

### Rules:

1. All market beef must be properly identified in the 4-H Online system by 11:59 p.m. on February 1, 2023.
2. All Market & Breeding animals will be checked in on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, from 8 am to 10 am. **All Market steers and heifers will be weighed. No late weigh-ins accepted.** Minimum weights for market steers and heifers are: 850 pounds for steers and 750 pounds for heifers. All other breeding animals and feeder/prospect calves will be checked in from 10:00 am-11:00 am, or immediately following the market weigh in. **Do not stall until checked in!**
3. Only calves entered in the beginning cattle feeding project may be entered in classes 801, 802, 803 and 805.
4. An exhibitor is limited to three (3) entries in classes 801, 802 and 803 *combined*.
5. Intermediate (grade 7-9) and Senior members (grade 10-12) that exhibit a Market Pen or Stocker Pen (Classes 806 & 807) must also show a lead animal, i.e.; market heifer, market steer, dairy beef, breeding heifer or cow/calf pair.
6. Market beef animals will be divided into groups by ending weight without regard to breed. The judge will be asked to take Rate of Gain into consideration when placing the market classes.
7. Rate of Gain show (class 805): The top ten (10) gaining Market Beef animals will receive sponsored monetary awards. Animals entered in classes 801, 802, and 803 are eligible for this class. An exhibitor will be able to receive only one award. These animals will be paraded in reverse order at the beginning of the Market Beef show. Rate of Gain Ribbons:  
P = 3.25+, B = 2.6 – 3.24, R = 2.0 - 2.59, W = 1.99 & under.
8. Animals shown in classes 806 and 807 cannot be shown in 801, 802 or 803.
9. Classes 806 and 807 exhibitors must submit all required records and management sheets to the beef superintendent before being allowed to unload at Fair.
10. Classes 806 and 807 will be judged by rules and criteria mailed to exhibitors before the Fair. For safety reasons, the beef superintendent may refuse to allow 806 and 807 animals to unload at Fair.
11. Steers originally identified as a market pen animal can be shown as a lead steer. However, a steer originally identified as a lead steer cannot be entered as a Pen of Three animal at Fair.
12. Recognition will be given to grand champion market animal, reserve champion market animal, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place market animals overall. Selection will not go deeper than top 2 places in a class.
13. All exhibitors must be **YQCA certified by July 1<sup>st</sup>** to show beef in the Mitchell County Beef Show.
14. State 4-H Beef Show grooming rules apply – as follows: It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA members take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA members learn new skills and be done by an immediate family member and/or another Mitchell County 4-H/FFA member.
15. ALL Animals in Department B (market, breeding, and prospect division) will be released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Beef and Dairy barn on Sunday of Fair.

### Division I - Market Beef

**Class 801** - Market Beef Steers

**Class 802** - Market Dairy Beef

**Class 803** - Market Beef Heifers

**Class 805** - Rate of Gain

**Class 806** - Market Beef Pen of Three

**Class 807** – Stocker Pen of Three

Daily rate of gain for classes 806 and 807 will be based on beginning weight as certified by Extension Staff or 4-H & Youth Committee members. Ribbons will be awarded.

### Division II - Breeding Beef

1. All breeding beef, purebred and commercial, must be properly identified in the 4-H Online system, including tattoo/tag, Registration Number (Purebreds), and birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) by 11:59 p.m. on May 15, 2023.

2. Breeding Beef-must have 3 or more in a class to be shown as a separate class. A copy of your registration papers must be presented to the Extension Office before July 1, 2023.

**Class 809** – Breeding Heifers born after 1/1/2022

**Class 810** – Cow/Calf Pair (Owned & raised by exhibitor, cow shown at prior fair, calf must be first born)

**Class 811** – Cow/Calf pair with 2<sup>nd</sup> calf or older



# DEPARTMENT B

## Beef

Willie Weis, Sydney Hartogh, Rodney Koch - Superintendents  
Riley Ruble, Albert Lea, MN - Judge

### Division III – Feeder Calf

#### Rules:

1. Any newborn beef calf (steer or heifer) calved between January 1 and May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
2. Calf must be identified in FairEntry by **July 1, 2023** (This date is an exception for Prospect Calves only – all other beef is required to be identified by **May 15, 2023**.)
3. Both market and breeding feeder calf division. Exhibitors can show market heifer feeder calves, but will show in a class with steers. Market prospects will show by weight taken at fair check in. Breeding prospects will be classed by breed and age. Superintendents will classify breeds at fair check in.
4. Calves will be shown on halter. Calves may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the superintendents.
5. Weaned calves are eligible as long as calf was born in time frame in rule #1.
6. Nurse cows will only be allowed if being shown in cow/calf division also.
7. Any participant may identify four (4) animals and exhibit two (2) at the county fair.
- 8. Calves owned by exhibitor are eligible for the Ribbon Auction.**
9. Judging will be based on conformation or quality of the calf.
10. See Health requirements in General Rules section.
11. Participants may keep animals for breeding or market beef project the following year.
12. Feeder calf projects WILL be eligible for showmanship.
13. Feeder calf classes will be available to young people for only two (2) project years as their sole beef project; after the two years prospect calves may be shown only if in conjunction with another beef project (e.g. cow/calf, breeding beef, market beef).

**Class 812** – Prospect Calf, breeding heifer born between Jan 1-May 15 of the current year

**Class 813** – Prospect Calf, market born between Jan 1-May 15 of the current year

# DEPARTMENT C

## Swine

Greg Weis, Garrett Barker, Brendt Warrington, Adam Koch - Superintendents  
Katlyn Cain - Judge

### Rules:

1. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified and provide Premise ID number to the Extension office by July 1 of the current year to show swine in the Mitchell County Swine Show.
2. To be eligible for entry, all hogs (market, derby, and commercial) must have been properly tagged and identified in 4-H Online by **May 15** of the current year.
3. The maximum number of hogs to be identified in 4-H Online by May 15 of current year is **twelve (12)**.
4. Each exhibitor is limited to bringing **eight (8) hogs** to the Fair to enter in classes 817-822.
5. **Exhibitors may bring up to four (4) entries total in the Market Divisions, up to two (2) Derby, and up to two (2) Commercial Gilts.**
6. Exhibitors cannot bring pigs that are not being exhibited.
7. **On Tuesday, August 1, 2023**, all hogs must be unloaded at the chute located at the East end of the hog barn. The animals will be weighed between **4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**
8. There will be a **\$10.00/head** scanning fee for each Derby pig entered at the fair (**Classes 817 and 818**). All animals entered as a derby barrow and derby gilt will be in a live derby class. Those entered in the derby live class will be scanned. The data from the scanned pigs will be ranked and champion plaques and cash awards will be given out in the scanned data contest. The scanned data will not be shown as a live class.
9. Only the animals entered in Classes 817 and 818 will be scanned.
10. Superintendents may divide each class in sub-classes to facilitate judging; such divisions will be based on market animals by ending weight.
11. **Class 821-Market Pen must consist of three (3) pigs entered in Classes 817, 818, 819 and 820.**
12. This is a **non-terminal** show, hogs will be taken home.
13. Any adjustments due to Showdown eligibility will be finalized by superintendents on Thursday after the show.
14. Awards will be given to Champion Market Barrow, Champion Market Gilt, and Champion Pen of Three, and Grand Champion Hog.
15. All exhibitors are required to help clean up the barn and under the bleachers immediately following the swine show.
16. Animals in Department C will be released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Swine and Sheep arena on Sunday of the fair.

### **Class Numbers:** (\*Limit of 8 hogs total)

#### **Class 816 - Home Bred and Raised** (limit – 1 entry; animal identified at weigh-in on Aug. 1, 2023)

Animals defined as those that were born on the farm or ranch operated by the immediate family of the exhibitor. This class is not eligible for selection as the Champion or Reserve Champion animal, but can be entered in additional classes 817, 818, 819, 820, or 822 which would make them eligible for those awards mentioned.

#### **Class 817 - Derby Barrow** (limit - 1 entry) (\$10 scanning fee)

#### **Class 818 - Derby Gilt** (limit - 1 entry) (\$10 scanning fee)

Ribbons given during live judging in classes 817 and 818. Derby premiums are given as follows for each of Classes 817 and 818: 1=\$30, 2=\$25, 3=\$20, 4=\$15, 5=\$10, all others=\$3

#### **Class 819 - Market Barrow** (limit - 4 entries)

#### **Class 820 - Market Gilt** (limit - 4 entries)

\*Exhibitors may bring a total of 4 market animals.

#### **Class 821 - Market Pen of Three:** must consist of 3 pigs entered in Classes 817, 818, 819 and 820.

#### **Class 822 - Commercial Gilt** (limit – 2 entries)

# DEPARTMENT D

## Sheep

Andy Johnson, Don Counsell - Superintendents  
Scott Smalley, Nevada, IA - Judge

### Rules:

1. Sheep shown in the purebred class must show registration papers at Fair weigh-in and carry proper ear identification tag.
2. All lambs in classes 839, 840, 843, 847, 848, 850 must have been lambled after January 1, 2023.
3. Each exhibitor may make two (2) entries in each of the classes 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846 and three (3) entries in class 847.
4. Lambs shown in the breeding classes cannot be shown in market classes. **All 4-H sheep** must be identified in the 4-H Online system, including birthdates (mm/dd/yyyy) by 11:59 p.m. on May 15 of the current year.
5. Weigh-in will be held between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
6. There will be weight divisions, at the discretion of the superintendent, in classes 847 and 848 based on ending weight.
7. There will be a derby lamb class based on scan data. **\$10.00 per head scanned.** Maximum Class 850 entries - 2 per exhibitor. Derby lambs **cannot** be entered in class 847 as an individual market lamb.
8. Picture plaques will be awarded to Champion and Reserve Champion Market Lamb, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Pen of Three Market Lambs, Supreme Champion Breeding Sheep, Champion Senior Showman, Champion Intermediate Showman and Champion Junior Showman. **Picture for plaques is the responsibility of the exhibitor.**
9. If the Champion Individual Market Lamb is sired by a purebred Hampshire or purebred Suffolk Ram, those breed associations will award a \$10 premium. Contact the Extension Office within one (1) week after the Fair if you are eligible for this additional premium.
10. There will be no halters in the show ring.
11. All exhibitors must be **YQCA certified and provide Premise ID number** to the Extension office by July 1st to show sheep in the 2023 Mitchell County Sheep Show.
12. State 4-H Sheep Show grooming rules apply – immediate family or current Mitchell County 4-H/FFA member only.
13. Animals in Department D will be released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Swine and Sheep Arena on Sunday of the fair.

**When entering in the online system, choose the class number followed by the individual breed letter. Example: A Purebred Suffolk ewe lamb would be entered into class 839SU.**

### Division:

*Purebred Cheviot (CH)  
Purebred Columbia (CO)  
Purebred Corriedale (CR)  
Purebred Dorset (D)  
Purebred Hampshire (H)  
Purebred Montadale (M)*

*Purebred Rambouillet (R)  
Purebred Shropshire (SH)  
Purebred Southdown (SO)  
Purebred Suffolk (SU)  
Other Breeds (O)*

### Class Numbers:

**Class 839** - Purebred Ewe Lamb

**Class 840** - Purebred Ram Lamb

**Class 841** - Purebred Yearling Ewe

**Class 842** - Purebred Yearling Ram

**Class 843** - Grade Ewe Lamb

**Class 844** - Grade Yearling Ewe

**Class 845** - Grade Ewe - two years or over, must have dropped a lamb

**Class 846** - Ewe Lamb Progeny - A dam who was shown the previous year in the commercial or purebred ewe lamb class) and her offspring. Limit of two entries per exhibitor.

**Class 847** - Individual Market Lamb

**Class 848** - Pen of Three Market Lambs. - May include lambs entered in Class 847, Class 850 or may be three additional lambs.

**Class 850**-Derby Market Lamb (limit – 2 entries) *Ribbons awarded based on scan data. Derby premiums are given as follows: 1=\$30, 2=\$25, 3=\$20, 4=\$15, 5=\$10, all others = \$3*

## DEPARTMENT D

### Meat Goats

Andy Johnson, Don Counsell - Superintendents  
Scott Smalley, Nevada, IA - Judge

#### Rules:

1. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified and provide a Premise ID number to the Extension office by July 1<sup>st</sup> to show goats in the 2023 Mitchell County Meat Goat Show.
2. All market meat goat wethers and does must have been born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Each exhibitor may nominate a maximum of 6 goats by May 15, 2023 and show a maximum of 3 entries (wethers or does, no bucks).
4. All potential meat goats must be tagged and identified by May 15, 2023.
5. All female goats must have a scrapie tag.
6. No sexually intact males will be allowed to be identified or shown.
7. **Meat goats must have horns disbudded, dehorned, or tipped blunt before arrival on the fairgrounds. Removal of horns on the fairgrounds is NOT permitted.**
8. All meat goats must be weighed at the fair on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
9. All breeds will show together.
10. No pygmy goats will be allowed.
11. There will be weight divisions at the discretion of the superintendent based on ending weight.
12. Goats must be broke to lead. Exhibitors will be allowed to use halters, collars, and collars with short chains in the show ring.
13. Immediate family or current Mitchell County 4-H/FFA members only may groom goats at the fair.
14. Animals in Department D will be released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Swine and Sheep Barn, Sunday of fair.

**Class 851:** Market Wethers and Does

**Class 852:** Breeding Does – under 1 year of age as of August 1 of the current year

**Class 853:** Breeding Does – over 1 year of age as of August 1 of the current year

## DEPARTMENT E

### Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats

Mike Gerdts, Steve Brumm, Gregg Krebsbach - Superintendents  
Scott Ellinghuysen, Altura, MN - Judge

#### Division 33 - Dairy Goats

#### Rules:

1. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to show dairy goats at the 2023 Mitchell County Fair.
2. Check-in of dairy animals will be held between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
3. **All 4-H dairy animals**, including birthdates (mm/dd/yyyy), must be identified in the 4-H Online system by 11:59 p.m. on May 15 of the current year.
4. Only does may be exhibited. They may be registered or grade animals.
5. Does 24 months of age or older which have never been freshened shall not be shown.
6. Animals participating in Department E are released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Dairy and Beef Barn on Sunday of fair.

#### Classes:

**Junior Does** - Under 24 months of age that have never freshened.

**Class 837a** - Under 12 months

**Class 837b** - 12 months up to 24 months

**Senior Does** - In milk or that have freshened.

**Class 838a** - Under 24 months in milk

**Class 838b** - 2 years and older

# DEPARTMENT E

## Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats

Mike Gerds, Steve Brumm, Gregg Krebsbach - Superintendents

Scott Ellinghuysen, Altura, MN - Judge

### Rules:

1. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to show dairy at the Mitchell County Fair.
2. Check-in of dairy animals will be held between 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
3. Purebred (registered) and Grade (registered Grade through Holstein Association as grade or non-registered) animals will show together.
4. **All dairy animals**, including birthdates (mm/dd/yyyy), must be identified in the 4-H Online system by 11:59 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.
5. Grade Dairy heifers must possess good breeding characteristics.
6. Any heifer is considered to be purchased except daughters of present or former project heifers.
7. Not more than two (2) animals may be shown by an exhibitor in any one class. Not more than one purchased animal may be shown in any one class except in the classes for cows, where the animals must have been enrolled as a project by the exhibitor as a two-year-old or younger, one may have been purchased as a cow.
8. The ages of animals shall be reckoned as shown below, date inclusive:

**Junior Calf** - born March 1 - April 30, 2023

**Intermediate Calf** - born Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023

**Senior Calf** - born September 1 - Nov. 30, 2022

**Summer Yearling** - born June 1 - August 31, 2022

**Junior Yearling** - born March 1 - May 31, 2022

**Winter Yearling** - born Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022

**Senior Yearling** - born Sept. 1 - November 30, 2021

**2-Year-Old Cow** - born Sept. 1, 2020 - Aug. 31, 2021

**3-Year-Old Cow** - born Sept. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2020

**4-Year-Old Cow** - born Sept. 1, 2018 - Aug. 31, 2019

**Aged Cows** - born before September 1, 2018

9. Exhibitors must record birthdate of animals in fair entry database ([www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com))
10. Awards will be given to the Champion Dairy Heifer, Champion Dairy Goat, Senior Dairy Showman, Junior Dairy Showman.
11. If less than three (3) animals are shown in either the Jr. Calf or Int. Calf classes, those two classes will be combined into one class. If less than three (3) animals are shown in either the Summer Yearling or Junior Yearling classes, those two classes will be combined into one class. If less than three (3) animals are shown in either the Winter Yearling or Senior Yearling classes, those two classes will be combined into one class. If less than three (3) animals are shown in either the 3-Year-Old or 4-Year-Old classes, those two classes will be combined into one class.
12. Animals in Department E will be released at the conclusion of the Ribbon Auction in the Dairy and Beef Barn on Sunday of fair.

**When entering in FairEntry, choose the class number followed by the individual breed letter. Example: A Holstein Junior Calf would be entered into class 823H.**

### **DAIRY CLASSES:**

***Holstein (H)***

***Jersey (J)***

***Ayrshire (A)***

***Guernsey (G)***

***Brown Swiss (B)***

***Milking Shorthorn (M)***

**Class 823** - Junior Calf

**Class 824** - Intermediate Calf

**Class 825** - Senior Calf

**Class 826** - Summer Yearling

**Class 827** - Junior Yearling

**Class 828** - Winter Yearling

**Class 829** - Senior Yearling

**Class 830** - 2-Year Old Cows

**Class 831** - 3-Year Old Cows

**Class 832** - 4-Year Old Cows

**Class 833** - Aged Cows

# DEPARTMENT F

## Horse and Pony

Angela Nelson, Tina Offen - Superintendent  
Shannon Moeller, Waverly - Judge

### Rules:

1. **The Horse Superintendents are in charge of the horse barn and the show.**
2. **One entry per exhibitor per class.**
3. No stallions over 12 months old may be exhibited
4. January 1<sup>st</sup> will be used to determine the age of horses and ponies.
  - a. Yearling - Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 of previous year
  - b. 2-Year-old - Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 two years prior to show date
5. **All horses**, including birthdates (mm/dd/yyyy), must be identified in the 4-H Online system, by 11:59 p.m. on May 15 of the current year.
6. 4-H Helmet rule is in effect on fairgrounds: "Helmet required for riding your horse during exercise or exhibition."
7. Exhibitors should wear appropriate dress: boots, white shirt, and blue or black jeans. Western hats are recommended for Showmanship at halter.
8. Classification of exhibitors is according to grade level for the 2022-23 school year.
9. **Junior=grades 4-6; intermediate=grades 7-9; Senior=grades 10 and above.** All classes will be divided.
10. **To participate in the game classes, youth must show in both a halter and a pleasure class.**
11. Grand and Reserve ribbons will be awarded to the first and second place exhibitors in all classes. These ribbons will be awarded in junior, intermediate, and senior divisions.
12. 4-H members and FFA members must participate in a minimum of two club workouts with their horse to be eligible to participate in the horse show at the Fair. **Appeals should be presented to the 4-H & Youth Committee.**
13. An exhibitor cannot be a champion winner two (2) years in a row in the same class for High Points trophies, unless on a different horse than the previous year.
14. Exhibitor may enter a horse in yearling and horse showmanship at halter and trail classes (classes 855, 857,863, and 864). However, trophy points will only be added from one class. Likewise, if an exhibitor is entered in both English and Western Horsemanship, points will only be totaled from one horsemanship class. Exhibitor must choose which class they wish to use for point totals before the show begins.
15. One (1) High Point Pleasure trophy for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors will be awarded as follows: Points will be totaled from one halter class, one horsemanship class, Western Pleasure, and one trail class. One (1) High Point Game trophy will be awarded for Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. Points will be totaled for classes 867-870.
16. Game classes are not ribbon classes and do not affect the above trophies. However, the Mitchell County Outlaws 4-H and FFA will award a High Point trophy to a Junior, Intermediate, and Senior member who participate in all the events using one horse. This trophy will be awarded the final day of the show.
17. One horse per member unless extra room in the horse barn. All members **must stall the horse being shown in competition** unless approved by superintendents prior to fair.
18. Rain date for horse show will be the Monday following Fair beginning at 10 a.m.
19. Horses will be released at 2:30 pm the Sunday of fair.

### Halter & Pleasure Classes:

**Class 855** – Showmanship at Halter – Yearling

**Class 857** – Showmanship at Halter – Horse 2 yrs and older

**Class 858** – Walk Trot \*\* (exhibitors showing first time)

\*\*For 1st year rider, cannot enter another pleasure class.

**Class 859** – English Horsemanship

**Class 860** – Western Horsemanship

**Class 861** – Western Pleasure

**Class 862** – Bareback

**Class 863** – In-hand trail class for horses 2 yrs. and younger

**Class 864** – Trail Class

**Class 865** – Driving

**Class 866** – Drill Team

### Game Classes:

**Class 867** – Pole Bending

**Class 868** – Keyhole

**Class 869** – Jumping Figure 8

**Class 870** – Barrel Racing

**Class 871** – Flag Race

**Class 872** – Stake Race

**Class 873** – Egg & Spoon

**Class 874** – Musical Chairs

**When entering in Fair Entry, add "j" for Junior age exhibitor (Grades 4-6); "i" for Intermediate age exhibitor (Grades 7-9); and "s" for Senior age exhibitor (Grades 10-12).**

# DEPARTMENT H

## Dogs

Alyssa Staudt - Superintendent

Katherine Johnson - Judge

### Rules:

1. **All dogs**, including birthdates (mm/dd/yyyy) and rabies vaccination number, must be identified in the 4-H Online system, by 11:59 p.m. on May 15 of current year.
2. **All dog exhibitors must present a current rabies vaccination certificate at the first dog workout and at the time of judging. Please bring paperwork with you.**
3. Exhibitors may have one entry in each class.
4. Dogs must be leashed and kept away from buildings and animals. They are to be on the grounds only during the Dog Show and Exhibition.

**Class 875 - Dog Obedience:** (A dog may only be entered in either A or B—please indicate correct letter.)

A. Pre-Novice Obedience: on leash, figure 8, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.)

B. Novice Obedience: on and off leash, heel, figure 8, on and off leash, stand for examination, recall, long sit (1 min.), long down (3 min.).

**Class 876 - Dog Handling:** Member exhibits knowledge of commands and handling abilities.

Additionally, a fun, timed, event for Dog Agility exhibition will be held. Dogs on leash and off leash exhibit their speed and agility on the agility course. No premium points awarded—ribbons only.

# DEPARTMENT I

## Rabbits

Katie Hall - Superintendent

Kristin Peterson, Ellsworth, IA - Judge

### Rules:

1. Exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to exhibit at the Mitchell County Fair
2. NO padlocking of pens prior to checking rabbits in on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. Locks will be cut if padlocked early!
3. Each exhibitor may have 5 entries total in all classes 878, 879, 880, 882, and 883, plus one Pen of Three (can have a total of 8 rabbits at the Fair).
4. Pen of Three Rabbits (class 881) may include animal entered in 880 or be different animals. The Pen of Three is judged on uniformity of size and weight.
5. A market rabbit should be between two and three months old and weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds.
6. Rabbit Age classification for classes 878, 879, 882 and 883 are: a-Junior, under 6 months of age; b-Intermediate, at least 6 months of age to 8 months of age; c-Senior, more than 8 months of age. Age classification refers to the rabbit(s) being exhibited NOT the exhibitor.
7. Show rabbit is defined as breed(s) not ordinarily considered meat animals. Decision on classing will be at the discretion of the superintendent.
8. Awards will be given to: Champion Breeding Rabbit, Champion Market Rabbit, Reserve Champion Breeding Rabbit, Reserve Champion Market Rabbit, Champion Show Rabbit, Reserve Champion Show Rabbit, Champion Market Pen of Three and Reserve Champion Market Pen of Three.
9. Animals in Department I are released at 2:30 pm the Sunday of fair.

### Division 56 - Meat Animal

**Class 878** - Buck (a-junior; b-intermediate; c- senior)

**Class 879** - Doe (a-junior; b-intermediate; c- senior)

**Class 880** - Single Market Rabbit

**Class 881** - Pen of Three Rabbits

### Division 57 - Show Animal

**Class 882** - Buck (a. junior, b. intermediate, c. senior)

**Class 883** - Doe (a. junior, b. intermediate, c. senior)



# DEPARTMENT J - Poultry

Kirk Phelps - Superintendent  
Tim Larson, Medford, MN - Judge

## Rules:

1. All exhibitors must be YQCA certified by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to exhibit at the Mitchell County Fair.
2. All entries must be owned prior to May 15 of the current year and checked in upon arrival at the Fair.  
**Exception:** Broilers in Class C will be distributed from a common site and date to ensure standard feeding period.
3. **Birds exhibited previously at another county fair within the same project year are not to be exhibited at the Mitchell County Fair.**
4. The Fair Board will furnish coops for housing projects at the Fair. Exhibitor will furnish bedding and containers for feed and water.
5. Check-in of poultry at Fair is Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 5-6 p.m.
6. All poultry exhibited must have a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test. All birds will be inspected and blood tested during check-in at the Fair.
7. Poultry showing symptoms of disease or parasites will be removed from this show.
8. Entries in Production Classes and Market Classes will be judged on the basis of uniformity, maturity, development, handling qualities, pigmentation and general conformation.
9. Entries in Market Classes will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of Quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include health, feathering, and conformation (breast, back, legs and thighs), fleshing and fat covering. The pen may consist of either or both sexes.
10. All pens will be judged on a Blue, Red, and White basis.  
In classes A, B, and C, an entry will consist of three (3) birds (only 1 entry per class). In Classes D, E, and F, an entry will consist of one bird (2 entries per class). In Class G, no limit to entries. Premiums will be awarded only to those exhibitors who are present to hand their birds to the judge for judging.
11. ALL animals in Department J will be released at 2:30 pm the Sunday of fair.

## Class A - Production Hens

01 – Production Pen of 3  
Champion Pen for Class A – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class A – Lavender ribbon

## Class B - Production Pullets

01 – Production Pen of 3  
Champion Pen for Class B – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class B – Lavender ribbon

## Class C - Market Poultry

**\*CASH prize for the heaviest market broiler weighed at entry (1 entry per individual)\***

01 – Broilers, heavy weight, meat type Pen of 3 (Male)  
Champion Pen for Class C – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class C – Lavender ribbon

## Class D - Waterfowl

01 – Ducks (1 bird) judged on Meat Quality  
02 – Geese (1 bird) judged on Meat Quality  
Champion Pen for Class D – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class D – Lavender ribbon

## Class E - Market Turkeys

01 – Turkeys (1 bird) judged on Meat Quality  
Champion Pen for Class E – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class E – Lavender ribbon

## DEPARTMENT J - Poultry

Kirk Phelps - Superintendent  
Tim Larson, Medford, MN - Judge

### Class F - Miscellaneous Market Species

01 – Guineas (1 bird) judged on Meat Quality  
02 – Pigeons (1 bird) judged on Meat Quality  
Champion Pen for Class F – Purple ribbon  
Reserve Champion Pen for Class F – Lavender ribbon

### Class G - Fancy Breeding Stock

01 – Turkey (Male to be used as sire)	08 – Large Breeding Stock (Female)
02 – Turkey (Female – 6 mo. or older)	09 – Bantam (Male)
03 – Duck (Male to be used as sire)	10 – Bantam (Female)
04 – Duck (Female – 6 mo. or older)	11 – Other Breeds
05 – Geese (Male to be used as sire)	Reserve Champion Pen for Class G – Lavender ribbon.
06 – Geese (Female 6 mo. Or older)	Champion Pen for Class G – Purple ribbon
07 – Large Breeding Stock (Male)	

## DEPARTMENT G Club Activities

### ***Division J - Junior Showmanship***

### ***Division I - Intermediate Showmanship***

### ***Division S - Senior Showmanship***

Judging is based on fitting and showing of the animal as well as the skill and appearance of exhibitor. Classification of exhibitors in these divisions is in accord to grade level of exhibitor on January 1, 2023. **Dairy:** Juniors: Members in grade up to and including eighth (members who will be in ninth grade this fall). Seniors: Members in ninth grade and above (members who will be in tenth grade this fall). **Beef, Sheep, and Swine Classes:** Junior: Members up to and including sixth grade. Intermediate: Members in grade seventh, eighth, and ninth. Seniors: Members in tenth grade and above. An exhibitor cannot win showmanship in consecutive years in a division and species. If an exhibitor wins in one division, they may bump up to the next division. Exhibitors **may not** bump up two divisions. Junior, (Int.-Beef, Sheep and Swine only) and Senior Champion and Reserve.

Note:

**Dairy Class 882** will only have a junior and senior division. Junior 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade, senior 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Meat Goat Class 885** will have one age division, youth grades 4-12 will show together.

*\*Combining age divisions can be done at any time at the discretion of show Superintendents.*

Champion ribbons will be awarded in the following classes:

<b>Class 881</b> – Beef	<b>Class 882-</b> Dairy	<b>Class 883</b> – Swine
<b>Class 884</b> – Sheep	<b>Class 885</b> – Meat Goat	<b>Class 886-</b> Rabbit

### ***Division 74 - Herdsmanship Contest***

1. All livestock departments are judged on the club or chapter basis. All clubs and FFA Chapters are eligible.
2. Judges will check barns at unannounced times each day to inspect livestock, stall, pens and alleys. They will avoid show times for each species. Exhibits must be penned/stalled in assigned area to qualify.
3. Clubs and Chapters are urged to put up name signs and decorations.
4. Awards will be given on the following basis: a. Cleanliness of animals exhibited-25%; b. Courtesy and friendliness to patrons-10%; c. Method of keeping feed and equipment-25%; d. Exhibitor's signs and decorations-10%; e. Cleanliness of stalls and alleys-30%.

Premiums awarded in each species (beef, sheep, swine, and dairy): 1st=\$10; 2nd=\$6; 3rd=\$4. (The \$20 premium for horse will be paid to the superintendent for reimbursement for decorations, etc.)



## 4-H Building Exhibits General Exhibit Rules

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the Mitchell County Fair General Rules listed at the front of this book, the General Exhibit Rules and all department exhibit class rules and regulations. For helpful hints on preparing your fair exhibits visit: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mitchell/4h> or <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>

1. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the exhibitors' participation in projects or programs **during the current 4-H/school year**. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
2. Eligibility of a 4-H project to be selected for the Iowa State Fair:  
4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members. 4-H Youth who have completed 4th grade may participate in all the department areas at the county fair, however, they will not be eligible for State Fair selection.
3. **Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.**
4. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size. (See classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.)
  - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
  - These size guidelines apply to all departments.
5. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits.
6. **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 for 4-H members.)**
7. **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. Exhibitors will receive a verbal evaluation on the exhibit and a blue, red, or white exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics (scoring guidelines/criteria) for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Rubrics (scoring guidelines/criteria) are located on each 4-H project page at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.
8. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
  - **What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal or goal(s)?)**
  - **What steps did you take to learn or do this?**
  - **What were the most important things you learned?**

\*\*\*If you would like your exhibit to be considered for State Fair, check for additional requirements and suggestions on exhibit tip sheets for Photography, Visual Arts, Clothing and Fashion, Food and Nutrition, Home Improvement, 4-H poster communication classes, and Sewing at: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>.  
**All judges' decisions are final.**

9. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled with an entry tag, including the name of the county, class number, club name, and exhibitor's name.
10. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class.
11. All exhibits will be evaluated on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, in the 4-H Exhibits Building on the Mitchell County Fairgrounds. Please refer to the club judging schedule on page 3.
12. Smaller exhibits **selected for State Fair** will be transported by Extension staff. This includes most photo, visual arts, food and nutrition, personal development and poster or displays. Transportation of larger exhibits, such as, furniture, woodworking, large visual art, ag or mechanical/engineered items will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. If you have a concern about the size of your project or cannot transport a large item selected for State Fair, please notify the Extension office as soon as possible after judging.
13. All exhibits must remain on display until **Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** All persons picking up (one or more) exhibits must adhere to this time schedule. **Removing projects prior to this time will result in forfeiture of premiums.**

### **Other Exhibit Information**

1. Due to security, exhibitors are discouraged from entering items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Mitchell County Fair and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will use diligence to insure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, etc.
2. All exhibits in the 4-H building will be arranged in the club booth or in the State Fair display area after judging. Clubs are encouraged to display club name, leaders' names, names of members, activities, pictures of members, and tell about livestock projects, etc. in their booth. Club booths are normally decorated based on the current year 4-H Youth Conference theme, **SpY Your Potential**. Club Booth Certificates will be awarded to those clubs who meet club booth criteria.

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## **4-H Bldg. 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 <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets> for information on judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

**Members may have a maximum of four (4) entries in each class** (each class is numbered) **unless stated otherwise.**

### **DEPARTMENT: ANIMALS**

#### **Class 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.

#### **Class 10120 - Veterinary Science**

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

### **DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **Class 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.

#### **Class 10213 - Garden Vegetables and/or Herbs**

An actual display of vegetables or herbs from your gardening experience. (Refer to "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" 4-H462 to properly exhibit your produce. This publication details the number of specimen to be included in the exhibit.) Exhibit should be displayed on a heavy paper, plastic or Styrofoam plate.

**Class 10220 – Conservation, Environment and Sustainability**

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

**Class 10222 – Entomology**

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

**Class 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, or who the specimen was acquired from if it was not self-harvested. Feral pigs (including Russian/European Boar) are NOT permitted in taxidermy exhibits.

**Class 10226 - Forestry**

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

**Class 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.

**Class 10235 - Home Grounds Improvement**

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

**Class 10240 - Outdoor Adventures**

An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.

**Class 10250 - Safety and Education in Shooting Sports**

An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit may not include actual firearms; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).

**Class 10260 - Other Agriculture and Natural Resources**

An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

## DEPARTMENT: CREATIVE ARTS

**Class 10310 - Music**

An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles or history.

**Class 10315 - Photo Challenge Class - Theme: "Favorite Animal"**



1. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter.
2. Participants may enter 2 photos.
3. All entries must be made in Fair Entry by July 1.
4. Exhibitor name and the place where the photo was taken must be documented on the back of the photo.
5. The entries are to be 5"x 7". Judging will be done during scheduled club exhibit judging.
6. Photos depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities (including trespassing), will NOT be judged or displayed.
7. **Exhibitor does not need to complete rule eight in the general rules; answering goal questions or the photo exhibit label.**
8. **Entries in this class are not eligible to advance to State Fair.**

**Class 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. *Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.*
2. *Photographs must be a minimum of 5" x 7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11" x 14". Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24" in length.*

3. *All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed ¼ inch thick.*
4. *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 members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.**
  - **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
5. *A series is a group of photographs [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 should not exceed 6" x 8".*
6. *Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.*
7. *Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.*
8. **Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.**
9. *Exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits.*
10. *Exhibitors entered in 4-H Photography are not eligible to exhibit in the State FFA Photography Show and vice versa.*

### **Class 10340 - Creative Photography**

A photographic image that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. Could be a composite of multiple photographs.

#### **Creative Photography Special Rules:**

1. *Photography/image may be mounted/matted or submitted (uploaded in Fair Entry) as a digital image.*
2. *If mounted, photograph/image may be mounted on foam core no smaller than 4' in length or larger than 14" in length.*
3. *Photograph/image can be digitally created or from a film negative.*
4. *Exhibit must have 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, photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.*

### **Class 10345 - Photography Idea/Educational Display**

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about photography that does not fit into any previous photography class. This class may include educational displays about printing, processing, editing, marketing, branding, merchandising, etc., as it relates to photography.

### **Class 10540 – Digital Storytelling (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540)**

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative 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/video/movie.

### **Class 10350 - Visual Arts- Original Art**

An exhibit that shows learning through creation of original art. 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. See visual arts special rules below.

### **Class 10355 - Visual Arts -Design, Process, or Technique Exploration**

This class emphasizes process and provides opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit **must be included**. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See Visual Arts Special Rule #5 and #6.

### **Class 10360 - Visual Arts - Other Visual Art Ideas/Topics**

Exhibits might include the study and research about an individual artist, style, craft, business or marketing process, planning group tour, career options, etc.

### **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 are usually not adequate hangers.
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 member is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

## **DEPARTMENT: FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

### **Class 10410 - Child Development**

An exhibit that shows learning about children. Exhibits that include items intended for use with children (books, toys, learning games, babysitting kits, etc.) should include information about what you have learned 1) about children while creating and using the exhibit or 2) what the child(ren) learned from use of the item(s) in the exhibit. Exhibit examples include careers in child development, caring for children with special needs, childcare, growth and development, safety and health, etc.

### **Class 10420 - Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories**

A constructed garment or accessory (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

### **Class 10422 – Clothing and Fashion: Purchased Garments and Accessories**

Purchased garments or accessories that show learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and/or clothing care. Exhibits must be intended to be worn by humans.

### **Class 10424 - Clothing and Fashion: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion, including design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

### **Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:**

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

### **Class 10430 - Consumer Management**

An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, or consumer rights and responsibilities.

### **Class 10440 - Food & Nutrition: Prepared Product**

An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practice through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules Below and HS 76 "Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide" at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food product. Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products.*



### **Class 10442 – Food & Nutrition: Preserved Product**

An exhibit of a preserved food product that shows skills or learning about food preservation through the making of a prepared or preserved food product. Processed honey may be exhibited in this class. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules Below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding preserved food product.

### **Class 10445 - Food & Nutrition: Educational Display**

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating, and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation and service, safety practices, or food preservation. See *Food and Nutrition Special Rules Below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide”* at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food product. Exhibits showing learning about meal planning and service 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, 2022 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 must be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the Exhibit:  

Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. - four (4) to six (6) items  
Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. - one (1) whole product
10. **The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.**

### **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 five food groups for each person with a budget of \$11.

#### **Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:**

1. Each exhibitor may enter one (1) exhibit in this class.
2. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
3. The meal must include a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups. Recommended portion sizes per person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.
4. The meal must serve four (4) people.
5. Total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
6. The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20" x 30") that includes:
  - a. Menu
  - b. Meal type
  - c. Copy of receipts (up to 2)
  - d. Photos of participant experience
  - e. Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet (required)

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

## Recipe Challenge Class



**Class 10414J (Junior Grades 4-6)**  
**10414I (Intermediate Grades 7-8)**  
**10414S (Senior Grades 9-12)**

1. Any 4-H member is eligible to enter.
2. The 2023 Challenge Recipe is Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Muffins.
3. Entry is due in Fair Entry by July 1st.
4. Members may enter one plate with four muffins on the plate with entry tag fastened outside the bag.
5. The purpose of the class is to use only the following recipe - make, bake, and present your best. Do not use substitute ingredients or change measurements. It is important that the recipe be followed as it is written, as your exhibit will be compared with others.
6. **Exhibitor does not need to complete rule eight in the general rules; answering goal questions.**
7. Entries are not eligible for State Fair.

*This recipe is provided by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. For more resources like this, visit the Spend Smart. Eat Smart. website at [spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu](https://spendsmart.extension.iastate.edu). Spend Smart. Eat Smart. is a registered trademark of Iowa State University.*

### CHOCOLATE CHIP OATMEAL MUFFINS

#### INGREDIENTS

**1 cup** old fashioned or quick cooking oats  
**1 cup** milk  
**1/3 cup** vegetable oil  
**1/3 cup** brown sugar  
**1 cup** white all-purpose flour  
**1/2 teaspoon** salt  
**1 teaspoon** baking powder  
**1/2 teaspoon** baking soda  
**1/3 cup** mini milk chocolate chips

#### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Spray a muffin tin with cooking spray or line with muffin liners.
2. Stir oats, milk, oil, and brown sugar together in a medium bowl. Let oats soak in wet ingredients for 10 minutes.
3. Stir flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda together in a small bowl. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients until just combined.
4. Stir in chocolate chips.
5. Divide batter into the muffin tins. Bake until the muffins are golden, and a tester inserted into the center of a muffin comes out clean, about 14-16 minutes.

### Class 10450 - Health

An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, physical activity, safe activities, skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and/or healthy lifestyle choices.

### Class 10460 - Home Improvement

An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving, and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. **Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items.** Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied. Information can be found at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Design-Exploring-the-Elements-and-Principles>

#### Home Improvement Special Rules:

1. Items entered for exhibition must be ready for display in the home: pictures framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products are usually not adequate hangers.
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to the original author(s), designer(s), artist(s).

### Class 10470 - Sewing and Needle Arts

A constructed item (sewn, knitted, crocheted, or other process) that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts. May include the construction of household items such as pillowcases, curtains, table runners, quilts, wall hangings, etc. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

### Class 10472 – Sewing and Needle Arts: Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about sewing and needle arts including construction techniques, use and care of fabrics and fibers, design illustrations, decorative processes, careers, etc.

*Note: Exhibits in classes 10470 and 10472 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit. <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/Design-Exploring-the-Elements-and-Principles>*

### Class 10480 - Other Family and Consumer Science

An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family and Consumer Science class listed.

# DEPARTMENT: 4-H CLOTHING & FASHION EVENT

The Fashion Revue, \$20 Challenge, Innovative Design, Clothing Selection participants will be **judged on Wednesday, July 19th, at the Extension office. A schedule will be sent out to members that sign up for this event with their judging time prior to the event. The members will model their outfit in the style show at the CRC Event Center Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup> during fair.** Results, ribbons earned, and State Fair selection will be announced at that time. Junior members are in grades 4-6, intermediate members are in grades 7-8 and senior members are in grades 9-12. Members may have 1 exhibit in each of the following categories. **To be eligible to advance to state fair, 4-H members must be in the senior 4-H designated level (completed grades 9-12).**

**The \$20 Challenge** - Purchase and model an outfit for \$20 or less at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place.

**Class 12301** – Junior \$20 Challenge

**Class 12302** – Intermediate \$20 Challenge

**Class 12303** – Senior \$20 Challenge

## ***\$20 Challenge Special Rules:***

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H members 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, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify but may be entered in Clothing Selection if 4-H members selected the items to meet a specific purpose/goal.
4. Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some second-hand 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 and pants or a dress. Shoes, undergarments and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that cost less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member’s goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.

**Clothing Selection** – Select and model an outfit that represents the 4-H member’s goal or intended use for the selected outfit. *(No limit on cost and can include gifts/hand-me-downs)*

**Class 12201** – Junior Clothing Selection

**Class 12202** – Intermediate Clothing Selection

**Class 12203** – Senior Clothing Selection

## ***Clothing Selection Special Rules:***

1. The purpose of this category 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 recordkeeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may also be purchased at garage sales or other second-hand 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 actually selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.
5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

**Fashion Revue** - Make and model a garment or outfit. The garment or outfit can be constructed, sewn, hand-knitted, machine knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.

**Class 12101** – Junior Fashion Revue

**Class 12102** – Intermediate Fashion Revue

**Class 12103** – Senior Fashion Revue

***Fashion Revue Special Rules:***

1. The purpose of this category is to encourage the sewing of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered as garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.

**Innovative Design** – To encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.

**Class 12401** – Junior Innovative Design

**Class 12402** – Intermediate Innovative Design

**Class 12403** – Senior Innovative Design

1. The purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely, or permanently alter the silhouette or pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.

## **DEPARTMENT: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Class 10510 - Citizenship and Civic Engagement**

An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country, or your world.

**Class 10520 - Communication**

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

**Class 10530 - 4-H Poster Communication Exhibit**

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

- 4-H is... (open to 4-H members interpretation)
- Join 4-H
- Opportunity4All (2022 National 4-H Week theme)
- Spy Your Potential (2023 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- Best Days Ever (in 4-H) (variation of Iowa State Fair theme)

#### **4-H Poster Communication Special Rules**

1. Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22".
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc.
4. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
5. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
6. 4-H members **MAY** include the 4-H clover in the poster.

#### **Class 10540 - Digital Storytelling** (See also Creative Arts)

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.

#### **Class 10550 - Leadership**

Any exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.

#### **Class 10560 - Self-Determined**

Any exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

## **DEPARTMENT: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

**Class 10610 – Mechanics** - An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involve a combination of skills.

**Class 10612 - Automotive** – Repaired or restored vehicle. (Note: Automotive now separated into two classes.)

#### **Class 10613 – Automotive: Educational Display**

An exhibit that shows learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems.

**Class 10614 - Electric** – Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

**Class 10615 - Small Engine** – Repaired or restored operating engine or educational display or other type exhibit that shows skills or learning about small engines. This class includes repaired or restored lawn tractors, small motorcycles, go-karts, etc.

**Class 10616 - Tractor** – Repaired or restored tractor. (Note: Release time is Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> after 3 p.m.-no exceptions).

**Class 10617 – Tractor: Educational Display** – An exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

**Class 10618 - Welding** – Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

#### **Class 10620 - Woodworking**

An exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished/reclaimed/restored wood items.

### **Class 10630 - Science, Engineering & Technology**

An exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of science, engineering, or technology.

**Class 10632 – Aerospace** – Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

**Class 10634 – Robotics** – Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) showing learning about robots and robotic systems.

### **Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:**

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

## **DEPARTMENT: 4-H COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM**

### **GENERAL COMMUNICATION EVENT PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Educational Presentation and Working Exhibit participants will **be judged Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants will also perform their presentations and working exhibits during Fair on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.**
2. Share the Fun will be judged on Friday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup> during the fair at the Cedar River Complex Event Center located on the Mitchell Co. Fair Grounds.
3. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H member(s). Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class 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/senior class).
4. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
6. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
7. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.

### **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate communication skills by presenting knowledge, information, or a process to an audience.

**Class 11101 - Educational Presentations (Junior) - must have completed 4th - 6th grade.**

**Class 11102 - Educational Presentations (Intermediate/Senior) - must have completed 7th -12th grade.**

### ***Educational Presentation Special Rules***

1. *4-H members may participate in ONE Educational Presentation per year at Fair.*
2. *Time limit: Junior presentations must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to "STOP" when they exceed the time limit.*
3. *Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.*
4. *Participants will receive a Blue, Red or White ribbon based on the judge's decision.*

## **WORKING EXHIBITS**

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

**Class 11201 - Working Exhibit (Junior) - must have completed 4th - 6th grade.**

**Class 11202 - Working Exhibit (Intermediate/Senior) - must have completed 7th -12th grade.**

### ***Working Exhibit Special Rules:***

1. *Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30 minutes period.*
2. *4-H members may participate in ONE Working Exhibit per year at Fair.*
3. *Participants will receive a Blue, Red or White ribbon based on the judge's decision.*

## **SHARE-THE-FUN**

Purpose: Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment. (Friday Evening)

**Class 11301.... Share-The-Fun: Individual Performance (one person)**

**Class 11311.... Share-The-Fun: Group Performance (two or more in performance - \*NOT the club challenge)**

### ***Share-The-Fun Special Rules:***

1. *Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023. Exception: If the Share-The-Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if a club can be entered in the Share-The-Fun Program at the Iowa State Fair:*
  - *At least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2023.*
2. *Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six (6) minutes in length.*
3. *Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.*
4. *Participants of individual and group performances will receive a Blue, Red or White ribbon based on the judge's decision.*
5. *The Share the Fun \*Club Challenge entry will be entered through a separate form submitted by the 4-H club leader by July 1.*



## **FAIRGROUNDS CLEAN-UP DUTY**

4-H Clubs will be asked to help make the fair a better experience for fairgoers. Each club will be assigned a day to clean up the Fairgrounds. This job will include trash pick-up and general cleanup of the grounds. The clubs assigned for the day should report to the Fair office (CRC Event Center on the Fairgrounds) at 8:00 a.m. and finish clean-up by 9:00 a.m. (Except on Sunday, see below) Your support and participation is much appreciated. —remember, “More hands make light work!”

**CLUB ASSIGNMENTS: (Report at 8:00 a.m. and finish clean-up by 9:00 a.m.)**

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

St. Ansgar Believers

**Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>:**

West Cedar Sunbeams

**Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Stacyville Shooting Stars, Mitchell County Straight Shooters

**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>:**

Jenkins Sunshine, Osage Warhawks, Washington Warriors

**Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> \*Report at 11:30 a.m.:**

Mitchell Co. Outlaws, Osage High Towers, Rocky Ramblers



For helpful hints on preparing your fair exhibits visit:

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibits-tip-sheets> or

<http://www.extension.iastate.edu/mitchell/4h>

# 4-H Photography Exhibit Label

Attach this form to your photograph for class 10320 Photography or 10340 Creative Photography

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Years in project \_\_\_\_\_ Date Photo taken \_\_\_\_\_

Where was photo taken? \_\_\_\_\_

1. **What did you plan to learn or do? What was your photography goal?**

2. **What did you do?** Explain what you did so the judge easily understands it. What steps did you take?

3. **Tell us about your camera.** Did you use: digital camera phone/tablet film camera

Brand and model \_\_\_\_\_

What lens did you use? \_\_\_\_\_

(Example: 18-55 mm, zoom, telephoto, wide, front-facing, etc.)

**What changes did you make to the original photo to create the final exhibit?** List any edits and explain your decisions. (Editing examples: color, exposure, cropping, straightening, size of photo, etc.) Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before any changes were made.

**Who selected the matting or mounting? Why?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Who matted or mounted the photo?**

\_\_\_\_\_

4. **What were the most important things you learned?**

5. **What story does this photo tell? How does it make you feel?**



# BASIC 4-H Fair Exhibit Form

(You can use this form or create your own report that includes the following information)

Refer to the 4-H website: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/> for specific information to include related to your project area

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Project/Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years in the Project: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. What did you want to learn about or what did you plan to do? (What was the goal of your exhibit?)**

\*For Visual Art exhibits the goal should be well defined using visual art terms stating what you wanted to learn or show by creating the exhibit. Visual Art terms can be found at: <http://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/464>

**2. What steps did you take to learn or do this? (Explain what you did so it is easily understood)**

\*For baked items, attach the recipe.

**3. What were the most important things you learned? (Did you learn any new skills?)**

\*Include design principles if applicable

**4. Cost of supplies/materials:**

**5. To avoid copyright infringement list the original sources you used for your exhibit (books, magazines, \*websites, people, and projects you've seen in a store, etc.) if applicable.**

\*Do not site Pinterest, Google, etc... as the source. They are search engines and not the original source – you will need to find the original source.

**6. Include additional pages and pictures if applicable with report.**