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2026 YOUTH EXHIBITOR GUIDE

INCLUDES LIVESTOCK & STATIC EXHIBITS



EXPERIENCES THAT LAST A LIFETIME

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These sites are <https://mhcfair.com/entertainment/competitions/> and www.extension.iastate.edu/howard/

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POLICY STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO DISABLED PERSONS

HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

CRESCO, IOWA

It is the desire of the Howard County Agricultural Society to comply with Chapter 104A of the Iowa Code and the Americans for Disability Act reference to public attendance at functions held on the Howard County Fairgrounds. To this end, the Howard County Agricultural Society has adopted the following policies:

1. **Handicapped parking.** Handicapped parking shall be available at several locations on the fairgrounds in clearly marked spaces, all of which shall be located as closely as possible to the area of activities relative to the function held.
2. **Motorized wheelchairs.** All motorized wheelchairs will be accepted and permitted on the fairgrounds proper, except where emanate risk of injury is apparent, such as the fairgrounds' speedway during racing events.
3. **Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles of conveyance.** Golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles of conveyances shall be limited to fair personnel and staff. There shall be no public use of said vehicles on the fairgrounds, except as may be permitted reference to grandstand activities in which such vehicles are employed.
4. **Children on fair equipment and fair displays.** Children will not be permitted to sit or stand on unattended motorized vehicles, fair related displays of all types of equipment and vehicles. Staff and other personnel authorized to use golf carts or ATVs will be subject to sanctions if this rule is violated.
5. **Request for assistance.** Upon request for assistance by a disabled person to enter upon, go to and from the grandstand or other place of activity, if reasonably possible, authorized personnel will assist.
6. **Public policy.** The restriction reference golf carts, ATVs and similar vehicles is placed in our policy due to congestion which occurs in the traffic area of the fairgrounds and is intended for protection of the public and public safety and is not in any manner discriminatory not intended to be discriminatory against any person suffering physical or mental disabilities.

The policy is passed and adopted on this 5th day of February 2002.

Attested by:



Thomas V. Barnes, Executive Secretary, Howard County Agricultural Society

HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
CRESCO, IOWA

POLICY FOR WILD OR DANGEROUS ANIMALS

As per official action by the Board of Directors of the Howard County Agricultural Society, the following wild or dangerous animals are not allowed on the property of the Society. The only exemption to this policy shall be if the Society enters into contract with a State licensed attraction for the educational display of any of the following in a controlled enclosure during an event sponsored by the Society, such as a zoo or exhibition open to the public.

1. "Dangerous animal" means any animal (including a dog) which has bitten or clawed a person and the attack was unprovoked, or any animal that has exhibited vicious propensities in the past or present, including such that said animal (i) has bitten or clawed a person on one or more occasions within a 12-month period; or (ii) could not be controlled or restrained by the owner at the time of the attack to prevent the occurrence; or (iii) has attacked any domestic animal or fowl on three separate occasions within a 12-month period.
2. "Wild animal" means: (i) any animal that is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon or causing disease among human beings or domestic animals and having known tendencies as a species to do so; and (ii) the following animals, which are deemed to be wild animals per se:
 - a) Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx and bobcats
 - b) Wolves, coyotes and foxes
 - c) Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunk and mink
 - d) Raccoons
 - e) Bears
 - f) Monkeys and chimpanzees
 - g) Bats
 - h) Alligators, crocodiles and caimans
 - i) Scorpions
 - j) Snakes and reptiles that are venomous
 - k) Snakes that are constrictors, regardless of size or length
 - l) Gila monsters
 - m) Opossums
 - n) All apes, baboons and macaques
 - o) Piranhas

Adopted on 6/4/2024 by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Howard County Agricultural Society.

Attested By:



Thomas Barnes, Executive Secretary, Howard County Agricultural Society

RULES & REGULATIONS of the MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

GENERAL RULES

NOTE: Fair Management reserves final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding exhibiting or selling at the Howard County Fair.

1. The term "Board" as found in these rules & regulations refers to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Agricultural Society.
2. Violation of any of these Rules and Regulations, and the Show Ring Code of Ethics, of the Fair, shall result in disciplinary action by a committee, acting for and appointed by the Board.
3. The Howard County Agricultural Society reserves to its Board the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions, and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, connected with, or incidental to the fair.
4. In the event of conflict between the general and special rules, the latter will govern.
5. The Society will use diligence to ensure the safety of stock or articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will the Society be responsible for any theft, accident or loss of property that might occur.
6. The Board of Directors will be in session at the Fair Office each day of the Fair for the transaction of any necessary business. Meeting times will be posted in the Fair Office.
7. Unless special permission is obtained from the Fair Secretary or Manager, the promiscuous distribution by individuals, businesses or organizations of handbills or other promotional matter is prohibited, and no tacking or posting of advertising, bills, cards, etc., will be permitted on any buildings or elsewhere on the Fairgrounds. The only posting of advertising materials allowed will be the promotion of official Fair sponsors and Fair events, and such posting of official Fair sponsors and Fair events will be under the control of the Fair Secretary or Manager.
8. To protect the health of all fairgoers, food and/or beverages cannot be served or otherwise distributed in all livestock areas (stalled areas and show arenas) of the fairgrounds. Refrigerators not allowed in livestock barns and adjoining areas.
9. Campers must be parked in area designed for RV camping on the Fairgrounds and pay fees for camping as set by the Fair.
10. No horses, bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles, or other motorized vehicles may be ridden in the immediate area of livestock barns, exhibit buildings, or outdoor exhibit areas. Only golf carts used by Fair personnel allowed. Refer to "Policy Statement in Reference to Disabled Persons" printed elsewhere in these rules & regulations.
11. No animal shall be allowed to run at large on the grounds. All animals must be on a leash, confined to a cage or otherwise restrained. While every precaution will be taken for safe keeping of the same the Board will in no case be responsible for loss or damage that may occur. **Pets are not allowed on the fairgrounds unless entered in a Fair competition.**
12. **Service dogs**, as defined in the Code of Iowa, are allowed on the grounds but must be on a leash.
13. No person can serve on an awarding committee or advisory committee in any department, in which the person may directly, or indirectly, be interested in the result, as owner, agent or otherwise. The Board shall govern appointment of people serving on such committees, as well as appointment of department superintendents.
14. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the fairgrounds, except for the licensed beverage area as governed by the Society. Consumption of alcoholic beverages allowed in the licensed beverage area only. Any person found to have in possession, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages outside of the licensed beverage area will have beverages confiscated and could face criminal charges if the situation is determined to warrant the filing of criminal charges.
15. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages are allowed in the youth areas of the fairgrounds, and no alcohol may be consumed during any competitions, shows or other judging involving youth. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the family from all activities and competitions of the Fair, forfeiture of all premiums, awards and other prizes earned by the family and the filing of criminal charges on the offending persons.
16. Commercial exhibit enclosures and equipment, and other articles of personal property may be attached to any buildings and other property of the Fair. All must be free standing.
17. The Society, its superintendents and office personnel are not responsible for articles left at the Fair.

JUDGING & JUDGES

1. Judges are required to read carefully the general rules and special rules under the heading of the department in which they are to serve, previous to entering upon their duties, and to specifically note and mark those bearing on the classes to be judged by them. Judges are required to meet with department superintendent and Fair office prior to the show to finalize show schedule and rules.
2. Judges must not award prizes to an unworthy animal or exhibit. It is the intention of the Fair Board that no premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to an exhibit that is not deserving. This rule must be strictly adhered to whether there is competition or not.
3. Where there are fewer entries in the class than the number of premiums offered, judges may, in their discretion, award a prize or prizes of such grade as the exhibit deserves.
4. Judges must report to the Superintendent of the department any exhibitor, who in any way, whether in person or by agents, interfere with them during the judging or showing any disrespect to them. Whereupon the Superintendent shall, at his discretion, demand a proper apology or exclude him from further competition, and the Board may withhold from such exhibitor any premiums earned, and expel them from further exhibiting at the Fair.
5. In the case of all junior departments, absolutely no parental participation in the judging is allowed. The exhibitor is responsible for the actions of his/her parents, guardians, and other family members and friends that intercede in the judging of that exhibitor.
6. The judge and person acting as clerk to the judge must take special pains after making an award to see that the same is properly entered in the award class.
7. The decision of every judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, discovered at time of award is obvious. In such case, the Superintendent may render a decision.

ENTRIES

1. All entries must be filed with the department superintendent and in its proper place at the time listed.
2. All entries must be made on forms provided by the Fair.
3. Should any individual enter an animal or article in a name other than the bona fide owner or attempt to perpetrate a fraud by misrepresenting any fact, the entry thus made shall not be allowed to compete for any premiums. In case as to the age of any animal, the superintendent shall appoint an expert whose decision will be final.
4. Exhibits, which may have been erroneously entered, may, at the digression of the Fair Secretary and the Superintendent of the department, be transferred to their proper class before judging. In case such classes have been judged they shall not be re-judged.
5. No animal can be entered or exhibited as a purebred unless the same has been recorded in the recognized books of record for their respective breeds, and exhibitors must produce certificates of registry at the request of the Superintendent in charge at any time during the Fair.
6. Stalls and pens will not be reserved unless the required fee accompanies application. All stall or pen rates will be doubled when occupied by animals not exhibited.
7. All premiums and awards earned by an Exhibitor will be forfeited if the Exhibitor's entries, or any part of the entries, are removed before the designated checkout time. This also applies to any entries left after designated checkout time.
8. Fair Office and department superintendents make stall assignments. Any changes made in stall assignments without permission of Fair Office and Superintendent will result in forfeiture of all awards and premiums earned by the exhibitor(s) involved. In case of involvement by non-exhibitors, those exhibitor(s) who benefit from the situation will be penalized.

PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1. Unless noted, premiums will be distributed to exhibitors as soon after the Fair as possible.
2. The standard colors of awards will be used:
 - Champion - Royal Purple; Reserve Champion – Lavender; First - Blue; Second - Red; Third - White.
3. If the award for a competition is something other than ribbons (plaque, award, award etc.), then ribbons will not be given.
4. If an entry is made up of more than one person, it shall be referred to as a 'group entry'. If a group entry wins a major award (plaque, rosette or similar), the group entry shall be awarded the award that represents the competition of which the group entry participated in, and members of the group entry shall each receive a blue ribbon.
5. Should circumstances beyond the control of the Society prevent the usual income and thus diminish the funds so far as to fall short of funds to pay premiums in full they will be paid pro rata.
6. Special prizes will not be accepted for classes that do not conform to the regular classifications of the department in which they are offered unless for urgent reasons satisfactory to the Board and the Superintendent of the department in which they are offered.
7. Specials are limited to money prizes or articles of intrinsic value. Cups, medals, or other articles offered as special must be in the hands of the Secretary on opening day of the Fair or awards will not be made. The Board, in no way, will guarantee the delivery of such prizes offered.
8. No animals will be awarded a prize unless promptly brought into the show ring when class is called.
9. All entries will compete for listed premiums in the Class or Class LOT they are entered in. Should any Classes or Class LOTS be combined for any reason, premiums will be paid for the Class or Class LOT the entries are competing in. Premiums will not be combined between Classes or Class LOTS.
10. The Society will have absolute jurisdiction over all awards, premiums and trophies presented to exhibitors. Any special awards, other than those presented by the Society, must first be approved by the Society.

PROTESTS

1. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a deposit of \$30 in the livestock department and \$20 in all other departments, which will be forfeited if protest is not sustained.
2. Such protest must state plainly the cause of the complaint or appeal and must be filed with the Secretary within 12 hours after cause of protest.
3. The Board will consider no complaint or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent.
4. Where the protest is to be made against the competition of an animal or article in any class, notice of the same should be filed with the Superintendent of the department before the class is passed upon, that the judges may be instructed to place a reserve award, that premiums may be properly distributed in the event of the protest being sustained.
5. The person(s), exhibitor, or agent of the same, who the protest decision is rendered against, shall pay all costs incurred in resolving the protest, including fees paid to persons hired by the Board to test, investigate and evaluate the animal or article that has been protested.
6. Some decisions cannot be protested or appealed and those are:
 - Decisions made by judges, which are final.
 - Issues related to deadlines for 4-H /FFA enrollment, livestock identification, and/or county & state fair entry deadlines.
 - Code of Conduct related violations which are addressed in a separate document.

CONCESSIONS AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS

1. All people desiring to obtain leases for the sale of articles or for exhibitions must pay the price of such permits in advance. Contracts issued by the Fair office must be returned by the deadline date with payment in full for space fee, both as specified on the contract or the contract will be voided, and the space will be leased to another exhibitor.
2. Set up hours for commercial exhibits and concessions will be Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. of Fair week.
3. Space assigned and not occupied before 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, the first day of the Fair, will be forfeited.
4. Commercial exhibit spaces must be occupied by the lessee by 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday of the Fair and remain in place until 7:30 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair. Vendor display hours will be set by the Fair Office.
5. Any lessee of space leaving before designated time loses right to return to the Fair, unless expressed permission has been secured from the Fair Office. Lessee also forfeits any deposits made to Fair for the space.
6. **The Fair reserves the right to restrict products or services offered by any and all vendors.**
7. No parking of vehicles, unless a part of the concession, will be allowed around the exhibit and central building complex. Vehicles may enter the area to load/unload goods or exhibits only. **No vehicles are allowed in this area from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., unless expressed permission is received from the fair office.**
8. All special electrical and water hookups will be charged to exhibitor and collected for at time of hookup.
9. All concessions must furnish the Fair proof of product liability insurance for products sold. Those who do not have insurance must apply through the Fair office for proper insurance coverage, at a rate set by the Board of Directors of the Fair. Concessionaires will not be allowed to lease space without proper insurance and proof of such.
10. Charge for camping, electricity and water must be made with the Fair office.
11. All campers must park in the campground of the fairgrounds and pay fees for camping as set by the Fair Office.
12. All food concessionaires shall cause to be posted in a conspicuous manner, at the front or entrance of place of business, a sign showing the price charged for meals, lunches, drinks or articles of food offered for sale.
13. Exhibitors and concessionaires may advertise and distribute from their assigned concession space only.
14. To protect the health of all fairgoers **food and/or beverages cannot be served or otherwise distributed in all livestock areas (stalled areas and show arenas) of the Fairgrounds.**
15. No part of a commercial exhibit, inside or outside, may be in any way attached to any buildings and other property of the Fair. All exhibits must be free standing.
16. Expo Center exhibitors are prohibited from using nails, pins or other metal fasteners on walls and ceilings of Expo Center. Only approved tapes may be used. At no time may any inside exhibitor hang or attach any signs, materials, awards, articles and such from light fixtures and/or any part of the ceiling.
17. Any commercial concession wanting to sell its product in the grandstand during the shows must first receive permission from the Fair office and pay any fees deemed appropriate by the office. All people selling for vendors during the grandstand shows must pay the normal admission price to the shows.
18. A contracted concession or commercial exhibitor cannot sub-lease exhibit space to another party.
19. All commercial and food concessions must pay local and state sales tax on their food and goods sold and must provide to the Fair the Federal ID number, Iowa State Sales Tax number and/or personal Social Security number of the owner or agent of the concession. Temporary Iowa sales tax forms are available at the Fair office.
20. The Society will carefully guard against extortion in any form being practiced on the patrons of the Fair. A violation of the rule will cause forfeiture of contracts, money paid, and expulsion from the grounds.

OPEN CLASS SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Each Superintendent shall have full charge of his, or her, department. They shall have the authority to select assistants and helpers unless otherwise provided, subject to the approval of the Board.
2. It shall be the duty and responsibility of Superintendents of departments, in cooperation with the Fair Board, to make and enforce such rules and interpretations as may be needed to ensure proper functioning of departments. This shall cover eligibility and handling of entries, and all matters of procedures and conduct on part of exhibitors, in their relationship with the Fair, other exhibitors, and judging officials. Decisions shall be made that will carry out the policy of the Fair, to serve all interests in a dignified and beneficial manner with absolute fairness to all.

LIVESTOCK

1. All animals presented for exhibition at the Fair shall be subject to daily inspection during the Fair. Should any animal be found to be affected with any contagious, infectious or communicable disease, it shall be immediately removed. The Fair reserves the right to pregnancy-check any market heifer.
2. Any exhibitor with animals requiring medical attention for any reason will go through the following steps:
 - a. Notify Superintendent of the department.
 - b. Superintendent will contact the Fair veterinarian to inspect the animal in question.
 - c. At any time after an animal arrives on the Fair premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
 - d. Upon diagnosis a licensed veterinarian will determine if treatment is necessary. If treatment is necessary, the owner's veterinarian will be notified to treat animal unless owner requests a Fair veterinarian to treat the animal.
 - e. Costs incurred in treating animals during the Fair will be paid by the Exhibitor.
 - f. Animals requiring treatment will be removed from the Fair if deemed necessary. If an animal is requested to be removed from the Fair by the Superintendent, it must be done so immediately.
3. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of forbidden drug residues. The act of entering an animal in the Mighty Howard County Fair is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor and/or ultimately responsible person for Fair 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 cumulates 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.
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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 internal 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 or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise.
 - c. Costs for testing of any animal shall be the responsibility of the owner, exhibitor or ultimately responsible person.
4. 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.
5. An animal will be disqualified from exhibition if the animal's conformation (body shape) has been altered in any way to change the appearance of the animal; also included are diuretics before and after weighing or falsifying the age.
6. By the act of entering an animal in the Mighty Howard County Fair is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor or ultimately responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the Fair for violation of the rules of competition of the Fair without recourse against the Fair.
7. By the act of entering an animal in the Mighty Howard County Fair the owner, exhibitor or ultimately responsible person shall allow Fair Management, at its discretion, to engage testing to authenticate the validity of any livestock entry. All exhibitors must present, upon request of Fair officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
8. Owners, exhibitors or ultimately responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by Fair officials.
9. Exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at the Fair.
10. Livestock must remain in place until posted release time of the Fair. Anyone removing livestock before release time without consent of Superintendent will lose all premiums awarded.
11. All animals must be raised in their natural environment. No artificial means shall be allowed.
12. When only one entry is exhibited in a class, the quality of the individual entry determines the award. A class does not necessarily have to have a blue or red award if the projects do not merit the placing.
13. All entries will compete for listed premiums in the class or class LOT they are entered in. Should any classes or class LOTs be combined for any reason, premiums will be paid for the class or class LOT the entries are competing in. Premiums will not be combined between classes or class LOTs.
14. Purebred calves may be registered in the name of the member or jointly as father and son or daughter.
15. Paper bedding is NOT allowed. Bedding is to be straw, wood chips or the like.
16. All awards and premiums earned by exhibitors will be withheld if stalls are not cleaned at close of the exhibition.
17. All swine, market beef and market lambs must be ear tagged (late ear tags will not be accepted).
18. Aisles in all barns must be kept open at all times.
19. Grooming chutes are allowed only in designated areas. Animals are to be groomed in their own stall/pen, or if more room is needed, outside of barn in area set aside for grooming by the Superintendent of the department. Designated areas for grooming chutes will be posted. Grooming chutes must be self-supporting.

20. Exhibitors must wear closed-toe shoes or boots in livestock barns, show arenas and wash racks.
21. Refrigerators are not allowed in livestock barns and adjoining areas.
22. Unless otherwise approved by the Fair Office, exhibitor's supplies/tack shall be stored in the same housing area/building as their animals or in the exhibitor's truck/trailer.
23. Any exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agents, interferes with the judging procedure shall forfeit or cause forfeiture of all awards and premiums he/she would have gotten for that department.
24. The decision of every judge shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation, or collusion, discovered at time of award is obvious. In such case, Superintendent may render a decision.
25. Fair Management reserves final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding exhibiting or selling at the Howard County Fair.
26. Refer to "PENALTIES" regarding penalties and sanctions for violation of any of the rules listed in this area.

PENALTIES

1. All premiums and awards earned by an exhibitor will be forfeited if the exhibitor's entries, or any part of the entries, are removed before the designated checkout time. This also applies to any entries left after designated checkout time.
2. Any lessee of commercial exhibit space leaving before designated time loses right to return to the Fair, unless expressed permission has been secured from the Fair Office. Lessee also forfeits any deposits made to Fair for the space.
3. Any person(s) consuming alcohol in the youth areas of the fairgrounds, and/or during any competitions, shows or other judging involving youth will result in the disqualification of the family from all activities and competitions of the Fair, forfeiture of all premiums, awards and other prizes earned by the family and the filing of criminal charges on the offending persons.
4. Regarding violations in livestock departments the following shall apply:
 - a. Any violation shall result in immediate disqualification of the animal(s) from the department that the violation occurred in and forfeiture of all premiums and awards earned, and disqualification from the ribbon auction. Violations for this penalty shall include, but not limited to:
 - i. Intervention of judging by family and/or friends
 - ii. Changing stall assignments without consent of the department superintendent and/or Fair office.
 - iii. Failure to care for, feed and water animal(s).
 - iv. The grooming of animals by parties other than the exhibitor and his/her family.
 - v. Failure to comply with direction of, or intervention with the duties of, the department superintendent.
 - vi. The animal(s) have been found to be entered in, or shown at, another 4-H and/or FFA achievement show or fair.
 - vii. Other violations as determined by the superintendent and/or Fair office.
 - viii. Should the exhibitor violate another rule the following year that the exhibitor has been disqualified due to any of the previously mentioned rules, the exhibitor shall be in "serious violation" of the rules and section "b." shall apply.
 - b. If a serious violation of the rules is found, the following shall be sanctioned upon the exhibitor, and the exhibitor's family if they are deemed involved with the violation;
 - i. The exhibitor and family shall be barred from exhibiting in all livestock departments at the Howard County Fair and the Iowa State Fair for the next calendar year's fair.
 - ii. The exhibitor and family shall be barred from exhibiting in the livestock department that the violation occurred at the Howard County Fair and the Iowa State Fair for the next two calendar year fairs.
 - iii. The exhibitor, and the exhibitor's family, shall be placed on probation for the remainder of their years eligible to exhibit. Any further violation of the rules and regulations of the Fair shall permanently bar the exhibitor, and the exhibitor's family they are deemed involved with the violation, from exhibiting at the Howard County Fair and the Iowa State Fair.
 - iv. In the case of a serious violation of these rules, the name of the exhibitor and family, and the particulars of the violation(s) shall be forwarded to the International Association of Fairs and Expositions to be placed in a file that could prevent exhibition at livestock shows in the United States and Canada. Refer to guideline #10 in the Show Ring Code of Ethics.
 - v. Serious violations shall include, but not limited to;
 1. Altering the conformation of an animal by artificial means.
 2. Administering illegal drugs, or drugs that are not prescribed by a licensed veterinarian.
 3. Administering prohibited or dangerous drugs, or the use of legal drugs to artificially alter the appearance or performance of an animal.
 4. Falsifying records regarding ownership, age, or any facts thereto.
 5. Misrepresenting an exhibit, such as switching an animal(s) after they have been officially weighed in or otherwise entered.
 6. Leaving the Fair prior to scheduled release day and time unless permission is granted by the Fair Office and Department Superintendent.
 7. Repeated violations as outlined in 'a.' above.
 8. Other violations as determined by the superintendent and/or Fair office.

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Animal Care Policy

Purpose of the Animal Care Policy

The Animal Care Policy was established to ensure all animals involved with events of the Society receive the best care that is possible and practical. Some attendees of these vents are not familiar with common standards of care for livestock, pets and other animals. The animal displays and exhibits are intended to provide education and enjoyment for exhibitors and the public. The Society diligently works to enhance the image of animal ownership and to provide a positive experience for all.

General

- The Society does not tolerate animal cruelty, abuse, neglect or discomfort.
- The image of quality care is as important as the reality.
- The Fair serves as a teaching medium and offers the opportunity to educate the public about animal husbandry.
- The Fair provides a positive venue for exhibition, education and competition for youth and adults.
- The Society recognizes the standards of animal care have changed throughout the years.
- The role of animals, especially companion animals, in the quality of life of many members of the public has increased.
- Some may confuse tradition with acceptable standards. They are not the same.
- The Society works to ensure the safety of the public as well as animals at the Fair.

Superintendents of the Fair

- Superintendents are responsible to the Fair for ensuring accepted standards of animal care and for assisting in the enforcement of the rules/regulations of the Fair.
- Animals, contests, displays, pens and related environment should be viewed from the perspective of Fair visitors who know little about husbandry, the standards of care and related matters.
- Animals should be clean, well-bedded, fed and watered at all times.
- Problems and concerns should be called to the attention of the exhibitors immediately.
- Violations should be dealt with in a professional manner, but Superintendents should insist on corrective action.
- Report evidence of disease, significant discomfort and other serious problems to the Fair Veterinarians and to Fair Management.
- Animal abuse or neglect is cause for removal from the Fairgrounds. This action should be taken by the Fair Veterinarian.
- Rules require that all animal treatments, injections or administration of medications, including oral medications, must be approved by the Fair Veterinarians. **This means all animals, all classes, no exceptions.**
- Watch carefully for signs of discomfort or distress, especially heat stress, and take corrective action immediately.
- Any animal showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be immediately isolated and removed from the Fairgrounds as soon as possible.
- The Board has implemented a policy that no pets will be allowed on the Fairgrounds, except for exhibition or those that provide assistance such as guide dogs for the blind.

Regulatory Matters

- The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Veterinarians are responsible for enforcing state and federal animal disease control regulations. Only the IDALS Veterinarians and their designees have authority to make decisions related to disposition of animals that have or are suspected of having an infectious or contagious animal disease.
- All animals must be free of infectious, contagious or communicable disease or exposure thereto.
- Issues related to control of infectious diseases and regulatory matters shall be referred to the State Veterinarian or members of his staff.
- Animal drug use is governed by the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Illegal use of animal drugs is a criminal violation of the U.S. Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, Animal Medical Drug Use Clarification Act, and other laws and regulations of the FDA.
- Rigorous control of veterinary drugs in show animals is necessary in order to protect the reputation of the Society and the market for animals exhibited at the Fair.

Fair Veterinarians

- The Fair Veterinarians are responsible for the delivery of veterinary services and performance of health procedures at the Fair.
- All issues of animal care, welfare or health should be referred to the Fair Veterinarians.
- The Veterinarians will report all major health and animal care issues to Fair Management.

Other Personnel

- It is the responsibility of Board Members, employees, volunteers and especially the exhibitors to help provide and enforce high standards of animal care at the Fair.
- Discrepancies or concerns should be reported to the Superintendents, responsible employees, Veterinarians and Board Members.
- Confrontation should be avoided, if possible, but animal abuse or neglect will not be tolerated.

Biosecurity

- Signs that address prevention or introduction of contagious foreign animal diseases are posted throughout exhibition areas.
- Food is discouraged in all livestock housing and showing facilities.
- No raw food products prepared in a foreign country may be brought onto the property of the Society.
- Questions regarding these matters should be addressed to the Management.
- Being alert and observant can do much to help protect the livestock industry of the state and nation.

Protests and Demonstrations

- The Society recognizes the First Amendment of the US Constitution relating to free speech.
- If confrontations or protests occur or appear likely to occur, notify the Society's Manager and/or President of the Board immediately. Do not take personal or direct action.
- Media questions about protests, picketing or issues related to animal care should be addressed by the Manager, the Board President or their designees.
- Rules for protests/demonstrations on property of the Howard County Agricultural Society:
 - No individual or group may interrupt the normal activities of the Fair or other events of the Society.
 - Handing out literature of any type must be from a rented booth or similar facility.
 - A protest/demonstration must be arranged with Management of the Society.
 - Amplified methods are not allowed at any protest/demonstration.
 - Protesting/demonstrating group or individual shall be responsible for the proper disposal at their expense of any or all debris resulting in their event.
 - Protesting/demonstrating group or individual(s) shall be responsible for the actions of all people involved during their event and shall be held responsible for the actions of all people.
 - Location of a protest/demonstration shall be in west parking lot adjacent to horse arena.
 - A protest/demonstration shall be allowed between 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
 - The Society shall not be held liable for any actions or activities brought forth by any group or individual participating in a protest/demonstration.
 - The Society reserves final and absolute right to interpret these rules and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding protesting/demonstrating at any event/activity of the Society.

Animal Care Policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Howard County Agricultural Society on April 5, 2016.

Attested by:



Thomas Barnes, Executive Secretary, Howard County Agricultural Society

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


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

No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at County 4-H/FFA Fair, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected either before being unloaded or before leaving a designated isolation and inspection area (prior to mixing with any other pigs). All animals moving from out of state into an Iowa county 4H/FFA Fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show must have an official veterinarian.

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle and bison of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.

SWINE

All swine must originate from a herd or area not under quarantine and must be individually identified. All swine are required to have individual official identification. All 4-H and FFA tags bearing the US shield  are official identification tags.

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

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

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

SHEEP AND GOATS

All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678) or another official Scrapie tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag (Ex. IA1234-5678), another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG; 1-866-873-2824). Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and a Scrapie tag may be used, but a Scrapie tag is not required.

POULTRY AND BIRDS

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, or have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition and the test must have been performed by an authorized tester. (SEE GENERAL SECTION 1.B) **Please note: Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.**

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

DOGS AND CATS

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

FARM DEER

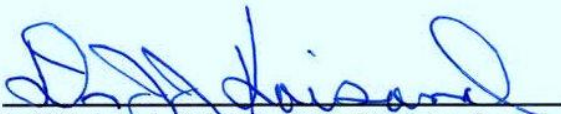
Accredited veterinarians must be approved to administer tuberculosis tests on Cervidae.

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

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

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

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL.



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

HOWARD COUNTY 4-H AND FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK ACHIEVEMENT SHOW

ADVISORY COUNCIL: Mike Adams, Sue Barnes, Tom Barnes, Myranda Bartels-Carey, Marge Dohlman, AJ Friedges, Diana Huhe, Tim Huhe, Keith Klimesh, Dallas Linkenmeyer, Bill Mahr, Brent Mehmert, Sarah Mitchell, Dan & Janice Ollendick, Jason Ryan, Camilla Schlosser, Allen Stoddard.

Harmony Veterinary Clinic - Official Fair Veterinarians

👉 REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS 👈

1. These following rules, the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair listed elsewhere in this premium book, and the Iowa Youth Code of Ethics shall be adhered to at all times. All exhibitors are to refer to all the rules prior to entering and showing at the Fair. In order to participate in the Mighty Howard County Fair, 4-H and FFA members must abide by the Expected Standards of the Howard County 4-H Program and Iowa FFA Association. Rules and regulations are approved and recommended by representatives of the Fair Board, Extension Service, Vocational Agriculture, 4-H clubs, and FFA chapters active in Howard County.
2. **Exhibitor Membership:**
 - a. Exhibitors must be enrolled in the Howard County 4-H Club prior to May 1 or members of the FFA chapters in the County.
 - b. 4-H exhibitors must meet the membership guidelines as set by Iowa State University Extension & Outreach.
 - i. 4-H ages are set by the September 15 deadline with each member exhibiting in only one grade division. These grade divisions are as follows; juniors are grades 4, 5 and 6; Intermediates are grades 7 and 8; and seniors are grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.
 - c. FFA exhibitors must meet membership guidelines as set forth by the Iowa FFA Association.
3. **Exhibitor Eligibility:**
 - a. All exhibitors in livestock and related classes of these departments must be a bona-fide 4-H or FFA member of Howard County.
 - b. All 4-H and FFA Exhibitors must have attended or completed YQCA training, passed YQCA test, or hold a valid PQA certificate in order to show.
 - c. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit in the Junior Achievement show at the Howard County Fair upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
 - d. An FFA member becomes ineligible to exhibit in the Junior Achievement show at the Howard County Fair upon completion of the year of the 3rd National FFA Convention after the FFA member's graduation from high school.
 - e. Due to safety in a public setting, "Clover Kids & Associate 4-H members" (grade 3 and under & those who do not fall into the membership guidelines of 4-H) will not be allowed to enter a project in, or participate in, the Junior Livestock Achievement Show, with exception of the Junior Pet Show.
4. **Livestock ID:**
 - a. All 4-H and FFA livestock projects exhibited must be identified on the proper ID form due at the Extension Office on **May 15. 4H members ID through 4H online 2.0. Animal IDs received after May 15 will not be eligible to show. No exceptions!! May 15 is deadline for all animals.**
 - b. Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Goat, and Swine ID forms were completed at weigh-in of these animals.
 - c. Two forms of ID are required for Iowa State Fair & County Fair Breeding Heifers.
 - i. Iowa State Fair Breeding Heifers
 1. Primary form of ID is ear tattoo for both registered beef and commercial beef.
 2. Secondary forms of ID are calfhood vaccination and/or EID ear tag.
 - ii. Howard County Fair Breeding Heifers
 1. Accepted forms of ID at the Howard County Fair shall include two of the following types of ID: home tag, calfhood tag, EID ear tag, and/or ear tattoo. The two types of ID must be listed on the exhibitor's ID form.
 - iii. Fresh tattoos will not be allowed.
 - d. If an animal is in a breed class, registration number is necessary in 4HOnline along with two forms of ID.
 - e. Exhibitor can change in 4HOnline a Market Heifer to a Breeding Heifer without re-IDing, but the exhibitor must notify Extension Office if this change is made.

5. Livestock Ownership/Housing:

- a. All animals (except swine housed in the Ag Education Center and animals in the Dairy Heifer Program) must be owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's family prior to May 1. The exhibitor shall provide proof of ownership if requested by Fair officials.
- b. Horses need to follow ownership guidelines on the ID forms 4-H 106 C.
- c. All animals being exhibited in the Howard County Fair by 4-H and FFA members must be housed within the 4-H and FFA member's school district area.

6. Livestock Entries:

- a. All livestock entered online are due Sunday May 31, 2026, and must correspond with information on 4H Online ID or FFA paper ID forms. Payment of entry fee is part of the online entry process.
- b. Exhibitors will exhibit either FFA or 4-H within each department, not both.
- c. **Livestock entries will not be accepted after May 31, 2026.**
- d. Entry fee is \$15.00 per animal for Dairy and Beef. No refunds...
- e. Entry fee is \$5.00 per animal for Horse, Sheep, Swine and Goats. No refunds...
- f. Entry fee is \$1.00 per animal for Rabbits, Poultry and Novelty. No refunds...

7. Number of Livestock Entries:

- a. Each exhibitor limited to following entries in each livestock department ...
 - i. Beef: four market beef; up to four in Buyers Choice Class; three breeding beef with limit of one per breed
 - ii. Dairy: five in dairy, six in dairy goat
 - iii. Sheep: three per weight group
 - iv. Swine: two barrows; two gilts; pen of three for home raised. Home raised can move two weighed-in gilts to breeding gilt class by May 15. Facility swine: two barrows and two gilts.
 - v. Meat Goat - two entries: Breeding Meat Goat - two entries.
 - vi. Horse: maximum of five horses (must stall one horse at the fair). Entry fees will be paid on all horses entered in the Fair.
 - vii. Rabbit & Poultry/Novelty: refer to department rules for number of entries allowed in these departments.

8. Stalls & Stall Assignments:

- a. Stall assignments are made by Fair Office and Livestock Committee.
- b. Any changes made in stall assignments without permission from the Fair Office and superintendent will result in forfeiture of all awards and premiums earned by the exhibitor(s) involved.
- c. In case of involvement by non-exhibitors, those exhibitor(s) who benefit from the situation will be penalized.
- d. Stalls fees are paid per animal, not by stall.
- e. Mechanical fasteners cannot be used to support stall enhancements, riggings and chutes, signs and decorations.
- f. Unless otherwise approved by the Fair Office, exhibitor's supplies/tack shall be stored in the same housing area/building as their animals or in the exhibitor's truck/trailer.

9. Care of Livestock:

- a. All Exhibitors must care for, feed and water, and show their own animals.
- b. Exhibitors must be actively participating in the grooming of their animals. People outside of the exhibitor's family may not participate in the grooming of animals.

10. Show Ring Dress Code:

- a. Exhibitors must be dressed in clean, neat and appropriate attire.
- b. Junior exhibitors are to wear their respective uniform (4-H is solid white or solid green shirt, T-shirt, or blouse with 4-H emblem); FFA is an FFA T-shirt and appropriate pants) during project judging.
- c. Representation of any organization, business or individual other than 4-H or FFA on any apparel or equipment will not be allowed. This includes names or emblems of feed, equipment, livestock breeds or farms.
- d. Caps/hats are not allowed to be worn during any show, with the exception of horse shows where exhibitors must wear an approved helmet.
- e. Exhibitors must wear closed-toe footwear.

11. Livestock Release:

- a. Livestock will be released at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday of the Fair (immediately after the Livestock Ribbon Auction).
- b. Swine home raised projects will be able to return to exhibitors' home. Facility pigs are marketed by owner.
- c. All premiums and awards earned by any exhibitor will be forfeited if the exhibitor's entries, or any part of the entries, are removed from the Fair before the designated release time. This also applies to entries left at the Fair after the designated release time.

12. Record Books:

- a. All 4-H members are encouraged to submit to the Extension Office by September 1, a complete up to date 4-H record book including project inserts.
- b. Club leaders must file member completion forms with the Howard County Extension Office by September 15, indicating minimum 4-H standard requirements have been met by members.

13. Herdsmanship:

- a. Herdsmanship prizes will be awarded to a 4-H/FFA exhibitor, group of 4-H/FFA exhibitors, or a 4-H club or FFA chapter that has kept their livestock housing area rated the best based on neatness, attractiveness and cleanliness.
- b. The area may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. throughout the Fair.
- c. A traveling plaque will be awarded to the club judged best overall in keeping its area clean and attractive.
- d. Refer to page 20 for Herdsmanship judging points and related.

14. Participation in Show Ring:

- a. All junior livestock exhibitors must be on hand to show their livestock for judging.
- b. When an exhibitor has more than one entry in a class, the exhibitor shall secure another 4-H or FFA member from Howard County to show for him/her.
- c. No parents, supervisory personnel or other people that are not Howard County 4-H or FFA members may show for any Howard County 4-H or FFA exhibitor.

15. Safety Clause:

- a. For the safety of the exhibitor and/or the other exhibitors, show officials have the authority to dismiss from the ring any entry that, *in their judgment*, is unruly or not in sufficient control by the exhibitor.

16. Interpretation of Rules Clause:

- a. *Fair Management reserves final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding exhibiting or selling at the Howard County Fair.*

IOWA YOUTH CODE OF ETHICS

A hard copy, signed by the exhibitor and parent/guardian, must be on file at The Extension Office.

Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program, and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, club and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

1. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
2. All exhibits will be a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
3. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
4. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All food exhibits will be safe to exhibit and for judges to evaluate. Other exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
5. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications and be free of violative drug residue.
6. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
7. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
8. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
9. I will follow all livestock health requirements for this fair or exhibition, according to the state health requirements as printed in the premium book of the fair or exhibition. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the management of the fair or exhibition.
10. By my entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence that such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
11. I am responsible for my exhibit, and I will not allow others to violate this code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this fair or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
12. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
13. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in 4-H and FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical, and upstanding manner and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this code of ethics, and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition as printed in its premium book.

Exhibitor's Signature (Required)

Date

Exhibitor's Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature (Required)

Date

Parent/Guardian's Name (Print)S

Showmanship Guidelines

Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep/Goat, Rabbit, Poultry Departments

1. Exhibitor may be awarded “Junior Showman” and “Senior Showman” only once.
2. Junior Showman will move up to show in Senior Showman the next year.
3. Breakdown of awards for Showman classes will be as follows:
 - a. Junior Showman and Senior Showman will each receive an award.
 - b. Some Departments will offer an Intermediate Showmanship class.
 - c. The top three placings under both Junior and Senior Showman will receive participation ribbons.
4. Junior Showman is for members completing 4th, 5th and 6th grade this year.
5. Senior Showman is for members completing 7th grade and above this year, plus all previous Junior Showman winners.
6. Winner's Class Showman is being offered for the at the Fair. This class is being offered in the dairy, beef, swine, sheep/goat, poultry and rabbit departments. This class will be for current Junior and Senior winners and anyone else who may have won Junior or Senior class previously. There must be competition (more than one entry) in this class to be judged.
7. Showmanship order will be Senior Showmanship first, followed by Junior Showmanship and then the Winner's Class Showmanship.
8. Showman judging criteria points:
 - a. Appearance of Animals - Condition 10, Grooming 10, Clipping 10, Cleanliness 10
 - b. Appearance of Exhibitor - 10
 - c. Showing in Ring - Leading 15, Posting 15, Show Animal to Best Advantage 10, Poise, Alertness, Attitude 10.
 - d. Total criteria points, 100

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

- Junior Showmanship (grades 4 - 6): Award to winner.
- Intermediate Showmanship (grades 7 - 8): Award to winner.
- Senior Showmanship: (grades 9 - 12): Award to winner.

HERDSMANSHIP

- All 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters with entries in the following departments will compete for Herdsmanship honors:
 - Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep/Market Goats, Rabbit, Poultry/Novelty, Horse
- Judging of livestock departments is based on several areas as shown on the Herdsmanship Score Card below.
- Herdsmanship prizes will be awarded to a 4-H/FFA exhibitor, a group of 4-H/FFA exhibitors, or a 4-H club or FFA chapter that has kept their livestock housing area rated the best based on neatness, attractiveness and cleanliness.
- The highest scoring exhibitor, group of exhibitors or club/chapter in each livestock department will be awarded a monetary Barn Prize.
- An overall Barn Prize is awarded to an exhibitor, group of exhibitors or club/chapter that scores highest in the judging of all livestock departments combined.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD

JUDGING AREA	POINTS
<u>ALLEYS</u> ⇒ Alleys swept clean, free of dust, bedding and manure ⇒ Alleys free of obstructions and other hazards	25
<u>PENS/STALLS</u> ⇒ Bedding is adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place. ⇒ Fan and blocking chute rules observed ⇒ Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place ⇒ Extra bedding and feed stored neat and orderly ⇒ No advertising of commercial enterprises	25
<u>WELFARE OF ANIMALS</u> ⇒ Animals clean and properly taken care of ⇒ Sufficient supply of water and proper cooling equipment ⇒ Animals properly tied or penned and appear comfortable with surroundings	30
<u>CLUB AREAS</u> ⇒ Neatly arranged and inviting to visitors ⇒ Proper signage for Club, easily readable from Alley ⇒ Club area decorated appropriately and attractively (decorations not required) ⇒ Club animals arranged in order and ⇒ Club members polite to visitors and answer questions as requested ⇒ Club member(s) close by the animals in case of emergency	20
TOTAL SCORE	100

Herdsmanship Award Sponsors

DEPARTMENT	SPONSOR	AWARD
Beef	Bill & Angie Mahr in memory of John Mahr, Lime Springs	\$20
Dairy	H & H Farms	\$20
Horse	T & V Grover Farms, Cresco	\$20
Poultry/Novelty	Keith Klimesh, Cresco	\$20
Rabbit	Brad and Alison Holten	\$20
Sheep/Market Goats	CUSB Bank Cresco, Lime Springs, Ridgeway, Osage, Shell Rock, Waverly and Charles City	\$20
Swine	Cresco Bank & Trust, Cresco	\$20
Overall (Top Scoring Club of All Departments)	Jeff & Colleen Peckham in memory of Shay Peckham	\$50

MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR
2026 ENTRY & SHOW SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Friday May 15	4-H - 11:59 p.m.	4-H Livestock ID forms are due by 11:59 p.m. on 4-H Online 2.0.
	FFA - 4:30 p.m.	FFA Livestock ID forms due by 4:30 pm at Extension Office (FFA uses paper copy)
Sunday May 31	<u>No later than</u> 11:59 p.m.	Online entry portal is used for all project entries (both static exhibits and livestock entries). Payment of related entry fees is incorporated in the online entry process.
Monday June 22	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Static exhibits are to be entered as per club schedules. Conference Judging all day.
	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Enter Poultry and Novelty - Pullorum Testing of Poultry.
	6:00 p.m.	Veterinary Check of all Horses
Tuesday June 23	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Enter Swine & Beef
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Enter Sheep & Market Goats
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Enter Rabbits (Superintendent will check in all entries at 7:00 p.m.)
	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Enter Horses
	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Enter Dairy and Dairy Goats
Wednesday June 24	9:00 a.m.	Open Class Bucket Calf Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	Immediately Following Open Class Bucket Calf Show	Junior Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	10:00 a.m.	Junior Horse Show – Classes 1-7 Only: Horse Arena
	6:00 p.m.	Junior Pet Show: Scheidel Plaza Stage
Thursday June 25	9:00 a.m.	Junior Goat (Meat & Pygmy) Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	9:00 a.m.	Junior Sheep Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	12:30 p.m.	Junior Poultry & Novelty Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	5:00 p.m.	Buyers' Choice Class Judging (Beef Department), Reicks View Ag Education Center
Friday June 26	To Be Determined	Bacon Buddies Swine Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	8:30 a.m.	Junior Swine Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	3:00 p.m.	Junior Rabbit Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
Saturday June 27	8:30 a.m.	Junior Beef Show, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	1:00 p.m.	Junior Horse Show – Classes 8-18 only, Horse Arena
Sunday June 28	12:30 p.m.	Junior Livestock Ribbon Auction, Reicks View Ag Education Center
	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Livestock release time
	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Release time for 4-H Building static exhibits
	8:00 p.m.	Pens must be cleaned

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK RIBBON AUCTION

Sunday, June 28 -- 12:30 p.m., CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Sale Order for 2026: Rabbit, Poultry, Meat/Breeding Goat, Horse, Beef, Dairy, Sheep and Swine

This ribbon auction serves as a bonus to the exhibitors and as an encouragement for raising, fitting and showing their livestock projects. The ribbon buyer will receive a duplicate ribbon, certificate of purchase and a picture of the exhibitor with his/her livestock project.

1. No change in ownership of animals occurs at this auction. Only the ribbons earned during the various shows are offered at the auction. The exhibitors have the opportunity to market their animals as they see fit (with the exception of animals in the facility swine program, which are transported to the packer).
2. **Exhibitor must be present at the auction if his or her ribbon is to be sold.** If an exhibitor does not attend auction, his/her ribbon will not be offered for sale.
3. Exhibitor is to lead his/her own animal that has earned the ribbon into selling ring unless it is determined by Fair office that the animal is not led into the ring. If an exhibitor has a physical condition that is deemed to be unsafe for the exhibitor to lead his/her animal into the ring, the exhibitor may have another person lead his/her animal into the ring.
4. **Each exhibitor is limited to selling one ribbon per 4-H member and one ribbon per FFA member.** Associate and Clover Kid 4-H members are not allowed to participate in the auction.
5. Exhibitor is responsible for animals displayed with their ribbon at auction. After the auction is over, all swine will be transported to packer on Sunday for slaughter. All other breeds are the responsibility of the owner.
6. A sale commission (17%) will be withheld from the exhibitor's ribbon sale to pay for administration costs of the auction. Any money left over after all expenses have been paid will be split between exhibitors' organization to fund future club projects and used for improvements to livestock facilities.
7. In order for an exhibitor to qualify for inclusion in the auction, the exhibitor must have shown the project in its respective department at the current year's Fair.
8. If an exhibitor's animal is registered or has been ID'd for the Iowa State Fair, only the exhibitor and the ribbon can enter the show ring.

THANK YOU TO THE 2025 RIBBON BUYERS

H & H Dairy Farm, Cresco	Farmer's Mill, Protivin	Greg Recker, Cresco
Christensen Agri Seeds, Riceville	Koshatka Farm Equipment, Protivin	LindD Feeders, Riceville
Farmers Win Coop, Cresco	Decorah NFO	Cresco Bank & Trust
Security State Bank, Elma	Trent Linkenmeyer, Riceville	Reicks View Farms, Lawler
Allen Stoddard, Cresco	Marzolf Implement, Spring Valley	Damon Gragert, Lime Springs
Darrin and Erin Ludwig, Elma	Alum-Line, Cresco	CUSB Bank, Cresco
Windridge Implement, Cresco	June Moudry, Protivin	Cresco Livestock Market
South Winn Vet Clinic, Ossian	Bodensteiner Implement, Cresco	Gordon Lockie, Elma
Max Schmidt, Elma	KMAX Farms, Elma	CIA Insurance, Cresco
Don Anderson Insurance, Cresco	Art's Milling Service, Protivin	Donald Burns, Rochester Mn
Steve and Rosie Christensen, Riceville	Elma Locker	Norwegian Mutual Insurance, Decorah
New Hampton Red Power	Decorah Sales Commission	Vision Crop Consulting, New Hampton
Trinity Asphalt Paving, Riceville	Dave and Ruthie Fritcher, Lime Springs	Joe and Jane Truka, Lime Springs
Lanesboro Sales Commission		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 4-H & FFA PROGRAMS AND THE EXHIBITORS

2026 4-H & FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS & SPONSORS

	AWARD	SPONSOR
BEEF	Rate of Gain	Howard County Cattlemen's Association
	Grand Champion Beef	Windridge Implement, Cresco
	Reserve Champion Beef	Security State Savings Bank, Elma
	Champion Dairy Steer	Bill & Angie Mahr Farms, Lime Springs
	Champion Mixed Breed/Multi-Purpose Dairy Beef	Crestwood FFA Chapter
	Champion Breeding Female	Howard County Cattlemen's Association
	Reserve Champion Breeding Female	Keith Klimesh, Cresco
	Champion & Reserve Champion Market Heifer	Northland Classic Club Calf Sale
	Champion Market Steer	Adams' Angus, Mike & Melissa Adams, Cresco
	Reserve Champion Market Steer	Husky's Liquid Service, Kris Haskovec, Protivin
	Champion Buyer's Choice	Don Anderson Insurance, Cresco; Mihm Trucking, Fort Atkinson;
	Reserve Champion Buyer's Choice	F7 Farms, Cresco; Others TBA
	Senior Showmanship	Genex-CRI, Mike Roling
	Intermediate Showmanship	Tom and Sue Barnes, Cresco
	Junior Showmanship	Farmer's Mill, Protivin
	Winners Class Showmanship	Windridge Implement, Cresco
	County Origin, Market Beef	Howard County Cattlemen's Association
	County Origin, Breeding Beef	F7 Farms, Cresco
	Celebrity Beef Showmanship	Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee
	SWINE	Champion Home Raised Pen of Three
Overall Home Raised Champion		Iowa Select Farms, Iowa Falls
Overall Commercial Champion		Melissa Lee Reicks Foundation, Lawler
Champion Home Raised Gilt		Roger & Elaine Kleve Family, Cresco
Champion Commercial Gilt		Salon Synergy, Cresco
Champion Commercial Barrow		Michael Ollendieck, Lime Springs
Champion Home Raised Barrow		Farmer's Mill, Inc., Protivin
Champion Home Raised Breeding Gilt		Cresco Building Service
Senior Showmanship		Cut R, Cresco
Intermediate Showmanship		LinkD Hogs, Riceville
Junior Showmanship		Duane & Kelly Bodermann, Elma
Winners Class Showmanship		LinkD Feeders, Riceville
Lean Gain Per Day, Barrow		Howard County Fair Board
Lean Gain Per Day, Gilt		Howard County Fair Board
Rate of Gain, Home Raised Gilt		F7 Farms, Cresco
Rate of Gain, Home Raised Barrow		F7 Farms, Cresco
MAC SCAN Ultrasound Scan (Sponsors of scan fee of all swine entries)		Iowa Select Farms, Iowa Falls Farmers Feed & Grain, Riceville Reicks View Farms, Lawler

2026 4-H & FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS & SPONSORS

	AWARD	SPONSOR
DAIRY CATTLE & DAIRY GOATS	4-H Bottle Calf Project (2 awards)	Arnie Kriener Agency Farm Bureau, Cresco
	Junior Champion Heifer	Joe Wacha, Cresco
	Senior Champion Cow	H & H Farms, Cresco
	Supreme Champion	Select Sires, Lars Sivesind & Greg Frana
	Senior Showmanship	Bev Meade, Cresco
	Intermediate Showmanship	H & H Farms, Cresco
	Junior Showmanship	Suzanne Ollendieck, Cresco
	Winners Class Showmanship	H & H Farms, Cresco
	Dairy Quiz Bowl	H & H Farms, Cresco
	Best Udder, Dairy Cow	Kleveridge Holsteins, Cresco
	Best Udder, Dairy Goat	Howard County Fair Board
	Dairy Goat, Overall	Joe Wacha, Cresco
	Dairy Celebrity Showmanship	Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee
SHEEP & GOATS	Rate of Gain	Scheidel Farms, Schley
	Champion Purebred Ram	Arnie Kriener Agency Farm Bureau, Cresco
	Champion Purebred Ewe	Security State Bank, Elma
	Champion Market Lamb	Arnie Kriener Agency Farm Bureau, Cresco
	Champion Pen of Three	Campsite RV, Cresco
	Champion Commercial Ewe	Howard County Mutual Insurance Agency
	Senior Showmanship	Alum-Line, Inc., Cresco
	Junior Showmanship	Featherlite Inc., Cresco
	Winners Class Showmanship	Joe Wacha, Cresco
	Champion Market Goat	Cresco Building Service
	Market Goat Rate of Gain	Jason and Sara Ryan, Cresco
	Top Commercial Breeding Goat	Howard County Fair Board
	Top Purebred Breeding Goat	Howard County Fair Board
Champion Breeding Market Goat	Cresco Building Service	
RABBITS	Champion Pen of Three	Dale and Julie Dietzenbach, Cresco
	Champion Market Rabbit	Howard County Business & Tourism & Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce
	Champion Commercial Rabbit	Tom & Sue Barnes, Cresco
	Champion Fancy Rabbit	Wacha Insurance, Elma
	Best of Show	LinkD Feeders, Riceville
	Junior Showmanship	Judy Bartels, Riceville
	Senior Showmanship	Cresco Kiwanis Club
	Winners Showmanship	Joe Wacha, Cresco

2026 4-H & FFA JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW AWARDS & SPONSORS

	AWARD	SPONSOR
HORSES	Junior Showmanship	Howard County Business & Tourism & Cresco Area Chamber of Commerce
	Intermediate Showmanship	Lime Springs Saddle Club
	Senior Showmanship	Howard County Mutual Insurance Assn.
	Junior Horsemanship	Cresco Saddle Club
	Intermediate Horsemanship	Cresco Saddle Club
	Senior Horsemanship	Cresco Saddle Club
	English Equitation	Featherlite Inc., Cresco
	English Pleasure	Cresco Kiwanis Club
	Junior Hi-Point Game	Featherlite Inc., Cresco
	Intermediate Hi-Point Games	Featherlite Inc., Cresco
	Senior Hi Point Game	Gene & Karen Koschmeder, Cresco
	Reserve Champion Halter	Chuck and Sanna Feldman, Cresco
	Grand Champion Halter	CUSB Bank; Cresco, Lime Springs, Ridgeway
	Junior Trail	T & V Grover Farms, Cresco
	Intermediate Trail	T & V Grover Farms, Cresco
	Senior Trail	T & V Grover Farms, Cresco
	Walk Trot Pleasure: Junior, 1 st Year Rider	Mike Nosbisch Construction, Ridgeway
	Walk Trot Pleasure: Intermediate/Senior	Don & Normie Ferrie, Cresco
	Junior Western Pleasure	Howard County Mutual Insurance Agency
	Intermediate Western Pleasure	Cresco Motor Company
Senior Western Pleasure	Cresco Motor Company	
POULTRY	Champion Production Pen	Dale and Julie Dietzenbach, Cresco
	Heaviest Market Broiler	Keith Klimesh, Cresco
	Champion Broiler Pen	Kaidence Mahr, Lime Springs
	Reserve Champion Broiler Pen	RJTNT Miniature Herefords, Ron & Janice Klimesh, Lawler
	Champion Male Clean Leg Standard Breed	Keith Klimesh, Cresco
	Champion Female Clean Leg Standard Breed	Dallas Linkenmeyer, Riceville
	Champion Male Feathered Leg Standard Breed	Jeff & Tess Kennon, Lime Springs
	Champion Female Feathered Leg Standard Breed	Jeff & Tess Kennon, Lime Springs
	Champion Male Clean Leg Bantam	Allan Stoddard, Cresco
	Champion Female Clean Leg Bantam	Austin & Myranda Carey, Riceville
	Champion Male Feathered Leg Bantam	Gosch's Plumbing, Heating and Well Service, Cresco
	Champion Female Feathered Leg Bantam	Gosch's Plumbing, Heating and Well Service, Cresco
	Champion Waterfowl, Male	Lori and Randy Kerian
	Champion Waterfowl, Female	Lori and Randy Kerian
	Best of Show	Cresco Building Service
	Junior Showmanship	Ron & Suzanne Ollendick, Lime Springs
	Winners Class Showmanship	KBS Health Insurance and Taxes
	Senior Showmanship	Keith Klimesh, Cresco

JUNIOR BEEF SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 1

Saturday, June 27, 8:30 a.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Junior Superintendent: Alanna Schatz

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.
These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ Exhibitors in this show must certify on their entry forms that their project has not been fed any feed containing protein derived from mammalian tissues, such as meat and bone meal from ruminants, now in compliance with 21 CFR 589.2000.
- ⇒ Market Beef will be shown by weight. Any market animal (with the exception of Class 3) that does not have a minimum rate of gain of 2.25 lbs. per day will not be eligible for any award greater than a red ribbon.
- ⇒ Weight will be used to determine the class division. The weight divisions will be determined after final Fair weigh-in. Each weight division will be divided so that approximately an equal number of animals will show in each weight division.
- ⇒ First & second place animals in each weight group will compete for Grand Championship & Reserve Championship.
- ⇒ Placings to be made by blue, red, or white ribbon groups, according to merit and quality.
- ⇒ No horned animals will show unless horns are indicative of the breed.
- ⇒ Only three animals may be entered by one exhibitor in market beef show. Market beef must be ear tagged and have a verified weight. Market Beef will be re-weighed June 23, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Aisles in all barns must be kept open at all times. Grooming chutes are allowed in designated areas only. Animals are to be groomed in their own stall/pen, or if more room is needed, outside of barn in area set aside by the Superintendent of the department.
- ⇒ To exhibit purebred beef the registration number must be on the ID form in 4-H online or FFA uses paper ID form in by May 15 to the Extension Office and also on the entry form. If there is no registration or ID number, the animal will be placed in the commercial class. Breeding Beef ear tattoo must match ID form.
- ⇒ Market beef must weigh-in at a minimum of 900 lbs. to be eligible to compete in market classes. All animals that do not meet the minimum weight will be shown as a "Feeder Beef". Feeder Beef cannot compete for championships but do compete for ribbons and are awarded premiums of the ribbons earned.
- ⇒ Purebreds must have registration numbers on entry forms. Must specify breed of animal on entry form.
- ⇒ Cow/Calf Pairs, Class 4 and Class 5, Lots 5c & 5d (as noted with "***"): Calf must be born and ID'd by the May 15 ID deadline.

DEPARTMENT CLASSES (will be shown in this order) Classes 1, 2 & 3 are shown as Crossbred.

CLASS 1 - Market Steer:

- LOT 1a, Lightweight LOT 1b, Middleweight LOT 1c, Heavyweight
- LOT 2, Champion Market Steer award sponsored by Adams' Angus, Mike & Melissa Adams, Cresco
- LOT 3, Reserve Champion Market Steer award sponsored by Husky's Liquid Service, Kris Haskovec, Protivin

CLASS 2 - Market Heifer:

- LOT 1, Market Heifer
- LOT 2, Champion Market Heifer award sponsored by Northland Classic Club Calf Sale
- LOT 3, Reserve Champion Market Heifer award sponsored by Northland Classic Club Calf Sale

CLASS 3 - Dairy Beef:

- LOT 1, Dairy Beef, sired by dairy bull out of dairy cow – not crossbred.
- LOT 2, Champion Dairy Beef award sponsored by Bill & Angie Mahr Farms, Lime Springs
- LOT 3, Mixed Breed/Multi-Purpose
- LOT 4, Champion Mixed Breed/Multi-Purpose award sponsored by Crestwood FFA.

CLASS 4 - Purebred Beef Heifer:

- LOT 4a, Heifer 4 months to 1 year of age LOT 4b, One year to 30 months LOT 4c**, Heifers with first calf at side
- LOT 4d**, Cows with calves at side LOT 5, Top individual breed. *Must have competition in class.*

Class 4 are shown with the following breeds (specify on entry form what the breed is);

1. Shorthorn; 2. Hereford; 3. Charolais; 4. Angus; 5. Red Angus; 6. Belgium Blue; 7. Simmental; 8. Limousin;
9. Maine Anjou; 10. White Park; 11. Gelbvieh; 12. Appendix Shorthorn; 13. Chimaine; 14. Chianina;
15. Foundation Simmental; 16. Shorthorn Plus 17 Aberdeen Angus

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CLASS 5 - Commercial Breeding Beef Heifer:

LOT 5a, 4 months to 1 year

LOT 5b, 1 year to 30 months

LOT 5c**, Heifers with first calf at side

LOT 5d**, Cow with calf at side

LOT 6, Top Commercial Breeding Beef Heifer

CLASS 12 - Buyer's Choice:

LOT 1, Market Steer

LOT 2, Dairy Steer

LOT 3, Multi-Purpose Steer

LOT 4, Market Heifer

LOT 5, Champion Buyer's Choice award sponsored by Class Sponsors

LOT 6, Reserve Champion Buyer's Choice award sponsored by Class Sponsors

- Awards and premiums in this Class are sponsored by Don Anderson Insurance, Cresco; Mihm Trucking, Fort Atkinson; F7 Farms, Cresco; Others TBA
- Exhibitors who weighed in beef in December can enter the Buyer's Choice class.
- Exhibitors in this class will wash down their animals and tie them up in the Wilson Arena. No fitting, drying, clipping or other enhancement to the animal is allowed. Animals must be tied up wet and in place by judging time.
- Buyer's Choice judging will start at 5:00 p.m. Animals will be judged by a beef buyer. Using a matrix, rankings will be turned in, and results will be announced immediately after judging.
- The top three from each class will be brought to the center of arena for the announcement of the rankings. Pen of three is not eligible for this class.
- Exhibitors are eligible to enter one entry in each class lot if they have weighed in in those lots.

CLASS 7 - Market Feeder Pen: (Not offered for the 2026 Fair)

CLASS 8 - Rate of Gain:

LOT 1, Rate of Gain Contest.

Award sponsored by Howard County Cattlemen's Association; Red, \$6.00; White, \$5.00

CLASS 10 - Champion Breeding Female (Entries from Class 4 and 5):

LOT 1, Champion Breeding Female award sponsored by Howard County Cattlemen's Association

LOT 2, Reserve Champion Breeding Female award sponsored by Keith Klimesh, Cresco

CLASS 11 - Grand Champion Beef (Entries from Class 1 and Class 2 and Class 3):

LOT 1, Grand Champion Beef award sponsored by Windridge Implement, Cresco

LOT 2, Reserve Champion Beef award sponsored by Security State Bank, Elma

CLASS 21 – County Origin Beef:

LOT 1, Market (Classes 1-3)

LOT 2, Breeding (Classes 4-5)

1. Calves must be bred, born, and raised in Howard County by the exhibitor who is a member of a Howard County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter. If the animal is a purchased calf, it must be born in Howard County and from a breeder in Howard County, or from a breeding herd in Howard County. The calves must be owned by December 15 of the current year and have been weighed-in at the Howard County Fair Beef weigh-in.
2. Calves in this Class will show in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.
3. Both market steers and market heifers are eligible in this Class.
4. Local origin calves will be brought back into the ring after the after Class 11 and evaluated by the judge...
5. A special plaque will be awarded to the top placing animal of local origin.
6. **Top Local Origin Market award sponsored by Howard County Cattlemen**
7. **Top Local Origin Breeding award sponsored by F7 Farms, Cresco**

CLASS 15 - Showmanship; for guidelines, refer to "Showmanship Regulations" on page 19.

LOT 1, Junior Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Farmer's Mill, Protivin

Lot 4, Intermediate Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Tom and Sue Barnes

LOT 2, Senior Showman: Emmett Wilson Memorial Award, Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Genex – Mike Roling

LOT 3, Winner's Class Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Windridge Implement

LOT 5, Celebrity Beef Showmanship Contest sponsored by the Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee.

- **Appropriate show attire.**
- **Open to adult aged 4-H and FFA Alumni.**
- **Entry fee is \$100.**
- **Winner receives award sponsored by the Howard County 4-H Alumni and a \$25 gift certificate to Sue Z Que's in Cresco.**
- **Registration forms are available at the Howard County Extension Office.**
- **Participants are required to work with a beef animal that has been approved by a veterinarian and that is housed at the Howard County Fair, June 23-28, 2026, by a 4-H or FFA member.**

CLASS 20 - Barn Prize:

LOT 1 -- Barn Prize, \$20.00; Bill & Angie Mahr in memory of John Mahr, Lime Springs

JUNIOR DAIRY CATTLE & DAIRY GOAT SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 2

Wednesday, June 24, 9:00 a.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Junior Superintendents: Kennedy Linkenmeyer & Livia McCabe

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department. These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ Dairy Heifers must be clipped before showing. No horned dairy animals allowed.
- ⇒ Purebred and grades will be shown together.
- ⇒ Aisles in all barns must be kept open at all times. Grooming chutes allowed in designated areas only.
- ⇒ Animals are to be groomed in their own stall/pen, or if more room is needed, outside of barn in area set aside for grooming by the Superintendent of the Department.

DEPARTMENT CLASSES (will be shown in this order)

OPEN CLASS BUCKET CALF (See Department 101)

CLASS 1 - Dairy Goat:

LOT 1, Kids born after January 1, 2026.

LOT 2, First Year (1-2 years. of age)

LOT 3, Over 2 years of Age.

Overall Dairy Goat award sponsored by Joe Wacha, Cresco

Best Dairy Goat Udder award sponsored by Howard County Fair Board

CLASS 2 – 4-H Bottle Calf Project; Premiums paid; Blue \$4.00, Red \$2.00, White \$1.00

LOT 1, Exhibitors in 4th grade thru 8th grade.

Top Junior Bottle Calf award sponsored by Howard County Farm Bureau Financial Services, Arnie Kreiner

LOT 2, Exhibitors in 9th grade thru 12th grade.

Top Senior Bottle Calf award sponsored by Howard County Farm Bureau Financial Services, Arnie Kreiner

Follow exhibit guidelines for bottle calf project members received upon entering project:

Exhibitors must be enrolled in this project area by May 1. Calf must be born between Feb. 1 and April 30 and purchased within 2 weeks of birth. Open to any newborn or orphan calf, steer or heifer; dairy beef or crossbred. Calf must be bucket or bottle-fed, no nursing. Calf must be in possession of exhibitor by May 1 and be identified on 4-H/FFA ID form by May 15. Two animals may be identified but only one exhibited. Calves will be shown at halter. Calves will be stalled during Fair. Judging based on a) What exhibitor has learned about care and raising the calf. b) The grooming and cleanliness of the calf. c) General health, management and condition of the calf and exhibitor's knowledge of this area. d) Confirmation or quality of the calf is NOT to be considered. e) Completed record sheet and report.

CLASS 3 - Junior Calf; Dec. 1, 2025, to April 1, 2026

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred.

CLASS 4 - Senior Calf; Sept. 1, 2025, to Nov. 30, 2025

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred.

CLASS 5 - Junior Yearling; March 1, 2025, to Aug. 31, 2025

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred.

CLASS 6 - Senior Yearling; Sept. 1, 2024, to Feb. 28, 2025

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred.

CLASS 9 – Junior Champion of Individual Breed.

Must have competition in breed; 1st & 2nd place from Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Champion \$5.00

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred

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CLASS 12 – Junior Champion Heifer

LOT 1, Junior Champion Heifer

- Junior Champion and Reserve of individual breed and Heifer from Class 3, 4, 5 and 6 without competition in its breed.
- **Award sponsored by Joe Wacha, Cresco.**

CLASS 7 - 2 Years and Under 3 Years; Sept. 1, 2023, to Aug. 31, 2024

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred

CLASS 8 - 3 Years and Older; born before Sept. 1, 2023

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn. LOT 7, Other Crossbred

CLASS 10 – Senior Champion of Individual Breed.

Must have competition in breed: 1st and 2nd place from Classes 7 and 8. Champion \$5.00

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn; LOT 7, Other Crossbred

CLASS 11 – Champion of Individual Breed.

Must have competition in breed; 1st and 2nd place from Classes 9 and 10. Champion \$5.00

LOT 1, Holstein; LOT 2, Guernsey; LOT 3, Brown Swiss; LOT 4, Jersey; LOT 5, Ayrshire; LOT 6, Milking Shorthorn. LOT 7, Other Crossbred

CLASS 13 – Senior Champion Cow

LOT 1, Senior Champion Heifer

- Senior Champion and Reserve Champion in individual breed and cows from Class 7 & 8 without competition in its breed.
- **Award sponsored by H & H Farms, Cresco**

CLASS 15 – Dairy Quiz Bowl

LOT 1, Dairy Quiz Bowl - All dairy exhibitors are eligible for this class. The 50-question application is available after May 15. The questionnaire must be returned with the dairy entry and stall fees by May 31, 2026. Entries will be submitted to judge prior to the Fair show. Top five will be pulled for a consultation with judge during the dairy show at the Fair.

- **1st \$250.00; 2nd \$150; 3rd \$100 -- Awards sponsored by H & H Farms, Cresco**

Class 14 – Supreme Champion

LOT 1, Supreme Champion (winner of Class 12 and 13)

- **Award sponsored by Select Sires, Mark Knudtson and Greg Frana**

CLASS 16 - Best Udder

- **Award sponsored by Kleveridge Holsteins, Cresco**

CLASS 17 - Showmanship; for guidelines, refer to "Showmanship Regulations" on page 19.

LOT 1, Junior Showman; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Suzanne Ollendieck, Cresco

LOT 2, Intermediate Showman; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by H & H Farms, Cresco

LOT 3, Senior Showman; Emmett Wilson Memorial Award, Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Bev Meade, Cresco

LOT 4, Winners Class; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by H & H Farms, Cresco

DAIRY CELEBRITY SHOWMANSHIP

Appropriate show attire requested. Open to adult-aged 4-H and FFA Alumni. Entry fee is \$100. The winner receives award sponsored by the Howard County 4-H Alumni and a \$25 gift certificate to the Sue Z Que's in Cresco. Registration forms are available at the Howard County Extension Office. Participants are required to work with a dairy animal that has been approved by a veterinarian and that is housed at the Howard County Fair, June 23-28, 2026, by a 4-H or FFA member.

- **Award sponsored by Howard County 4-H Alumni Committee**

CLASS 20 - Barn Prize:

LOT 1, Barn Prize, \$20.00 sponsored by H & H Farms, Cresco

JUNIOR SHEEP SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 3

Thursday, June 25, 9:00 a.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Junior Superintendent: Chandler Ludwig

NOTE: Market Goats will show at the beginning of this Show.

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department. These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ It is recommended that sheep be sheared, but not more than 30 days prior to the Fair.
- ⇒ Aisles in all barns must be kept open at all times. Grooming chutes allowed in designated areas only. Animals are to be groomed in their own stall/pen, or if more room is needed, outside of barn in area set aside for grooming by the Superintendent.
- ⇒ Weight will be used to determine the class division. The weight divisions will be determined after final Fair weigh-in. Each weight division will be divided so that approximately an equal number of animals will be shown in each weight division.
- ⇒ First and second place animals in each weight will compete for Grand Championship and Reserve Championship. Placings to be made by blue, red, or white ribbon groups, according to merit and quality.
- ⇒ All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag.
- ⇒ Any market animal that does not have a minimum rate of gain of .25 lbs. per day will not be eligible for any award greater than a red ribbon. Exhibitor may show up to three lambs in each weigh group.
- ⇒ Market Lambs must weigh at least 90 lbs. at final Fair weigh-in to be eligible to compete in any market class. Any lambs that weigh-in under 90 lbs. will be shown in a special "Feeder Lamb" division. Feeder lambs are not eligible to compete for championships but do compete for ribbons and are awarded premiums for the ribbons earned.

DEPARTMENT CLASSES (will be shown in this order). Classes (1, 2, 3, & 4) are shown as Crossbreds

CLASS 1 - Individual Market Lamb

LOT 1a, Lightweight LOT 1b, Middleweight LOT 1c, Heavyweight

LOT 2, Champion Market Lamb: award sponsored by Howard County Farm Bureau Financial Services, Arnie Kriener

CLASS 2 - Pen of Market Lambs:

Pen of Three Wether or Ewe Lambs; Blue - \$6.00, Red - \$5.00, White - \$4.00;

LOT 1a, Lightweight LOT 1b, Middleweight LOT 1c, Heavyweight

LOT 2, Champion Pen of Three award sponsored by Campsite RV, Cresco

CLASS 3 - Commercial Ewe:

No market lambs may be entered in this class.

LOT 1, Commercial Ewe, any age, judged on breeding qualities. One entry per exhibitor.

LOT 2, Champion Commercial Ewe award sponsored by Howard County Mutual Insurance Agency

LOT 3, Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 4 - Rate of Gain

LOT 1, Rate of Gain; 1st, Award & \$10.00, 2nd, \$8.00, 3rd, \$5.00.

- Award sponsored by Scheidel Farms, Schley

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CLASS 5 - Purebred Ram, 2 years old or over

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 6 - Purebred Ram, 1 year old and under 2 years

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 7 - Purebred Ram, under 1 year old

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 8 - Purebred Ewe, 2 years old or over

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 9 - Purebred Ewe, 1 year old and under 2 years

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 10 - Purebred Ewe, under 1 year old

LOT 1, Cheviots; **LOT 2**, Columbia; **LOT 3**, Coridales; **LOT 4**, Dorset; **LOT 5**, Hampshire; **LOT 6**, Oxford Downs;
LOT 7, Shropshire; **LOT 8**, Southdown; **LOT 9**, Suffolk; **LOT 10**, Polypay; **LOT 11**, Tunis

CLASS 11- Champion Purebred Ram over all breeds.

LOT 1, Champion Purebred Ram award sponsored by Howard County Farm Bureau Financial Services, Arnie Kriener
LOT 2, Reserve Champion Purebred Ram, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 12 - Champion Purebred Ewe over all breeds.

LOT 1, Champion Purebred Ewe award sponsored by Security State Savings Bank, Elma
LOT 2, Reserve Champion Purebred Ewe, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 15 – Showmanship; for guidelines, refer to "Showmanship Regulations" on page 19.

LOT 1, Junior Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Featherlite Inc., Cresco
LOT 2, Senior Showman: Emmett Wilson Memorial Award, Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Alum-Line, Cresco
LOT 3, Winners Class: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Joe Wacha, Cresco

CLASS 20 - Barn Prize

LOT 1, Barn Prize, \$20.00: Sponsored by CUSB Bank, Cresco, Lime Springs, Charles City & Ridgeway

JUNIOR SWINE SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 4

Friday, June 26, 8:30 a.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Junior Superintendent: Kallie Eastman

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.
These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 18 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ Premiums Paid as Noted in Class Description
- ⇒ Fair weigh-in, Tuesday, June 23, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for home raised swine housed in the west housing area of the Ag Education Center.
- ⇒ Reicks View Ag Education Center project swine will begin weigh-in at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 1:30 p.m. for home raised housed in the swine facility.
- ⇒ Swine exhibitors are to have hurdles and participate in getting hogs on the scale. Each exhibitor is responsible to have his swine to the scale and weighed.
- ⇒ Weight divisions are determined by beginning weight.
- ⇒ Exhibitor may show two barrows and two gilts no matter what weight group they fall in.
- ⇒ **WEIGHT GROUPS WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER FINAL WEIGH IN.**
- ⇒ All swine must remain in pens until 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28.
- ⇒ Home raised swine will be released on Sunday to return to the Exhibitors' home.
- ⇒ Swine Exhibitors must provide Premise ID.
- ⇒ Home Raised Class exhibitors are to provide feed and water trough for each pen and ensure their animals have water at all times.
- ⇒ Home raised market gilts can be switched to breeding prior to May 15 by notifying the Howard County Extension Office.

DEPARTMENT CLASSES (will be shown in this order)

CLASS 1 - Home Raised Gilt Class

Maximum 2 animals per exhibitor.

Maximum weight at initial weigh-in is 75 lbs. Minimum weight at Fair weigh-in is 215 lbs.

Any pigs below 215 lbs. at Fair weigh-in can show but the maximum award is a red ribbon.

Animals in Home Fed Class can be shown in Home Fed class and Home Fed Pen of Three and showmanship.

Premiums: 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10, 4th place \$7.50. Balance of entries Blue \$6; Red, \$5; White \$4.

- **Champion Home Raised Gilt award sponsored by Roger & Elaine Kleve Family, Cresco**

CLASS 2 - Commercial Gilt Class

Maximum 2 animals per exhibitor.

Maximum weight at initial weigh-in is 75 lbs. Minimum weight at Fair weigh-in is 215 lbs.

Any pigs below 215 lbs. at Fair weigh-in can show but the maximum award is a red ribbon.

Animals in Commercial Class can be shown in Commercial class and Commercial Pen of Three and showmanship.

Premiums: 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10, 4th place \$7.50. Balance of entries Blue \$6; Red, \$5; White \$4.

- **Champion Commercial Gilt award sponsored by Salon Synergy, Cresco**

CLASS 3 - Home Raised Barrow Class

Maximum 2 animals per exhibitor.

Maximum weight at initial weigh-in is 75 lbs. Minimum weight at Fair weigh-in is 215 lbs.

Any pigs below 215 lbs. at Fair weigh-in can show but the maximum award is a red ribbon.

Animals in Home Fed Class can be shown in Home Grown class and Home Fed Pen of Three and showmanship.

Premiums: 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10, 4th place \$7.50. Balance of entries Blue \$6; Red, \$5; White \$4.

- **Champion Home Raised Barrow award sponsored by Farmer's Mill, Protivin**

CLASS 4 - Commercial Barrow Class

Maximum 2 animals per exhibitor.

Maximum weight at initial weigh-in is 75 lbs. Minimum weight at Fair weigh-in is 215 lbs.

Any pigs below 215 lbs. at Fair weigh-in can show but the maximum award is a red ribbon.

Animals in Commercial Class can be shown in Commercial class and Commercial Pen of Three and showmanship.

Premiums: 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15, 3rd place \$10, 4th place \$7.50. Balance of entries Blue \$6; Red, \$5; White \$4.

- **Champion Commercial Barrow award sponsored by Michael Ollendieck, Lime Springs**

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CLASS 5 – Home Raised Winners from Class 1 (Gilt) and Class 3 (Barrow) Compete.

- **Overall Champion Home Raised Pig award sponsored by Iowa Select Farms, Iowa Falls**

CLASS 6 - Commercial Winners from Class 2 (Gilt) and Class 4 (Barrow) Compete.

- **Overall Champion Commercial Pig award sponsored by Melissa Lee Reicks Foundation, Lawler**

Class 11 – Home Raised Breeding Gilt Class

Entries in this class are exempt from the minimum weight of 215 lbs. Maximum of two entries per exhibitor.

Breeding gilts needs to be ID'd by May 15.

Once you move the gilt you weighed-in to the breeding class it cannot be moved back to market class.

Facility swine are not eligible for this class.

Home raised pigs weighed in have until May 15 to switch to a breeding gilt entry.

- **Champion Home Raised Breeding Gilt award sponsored by Cresco Building Service**

CLASS 15 - Showmanship; for guidelines, refer to "Showmanship Regulations" on page 19.

LOT 2, Senior Showman: Emmett Wilson Memorial Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Cut R, Cresco

LOT 4, Intermediate Swine Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by LinkD Hogs, Riceville

LOT 1, Junior Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Duane & Kelly Bodermann, Elma

LOT 3, Winner's Class Showman: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by LinkD Feeders, Riceville

CLASS 7 - Home Raised Pen of Three; *One pen per exhibitor;* Premiums paid: Blue, \$6; Red, \$5; White, \$4.

Pigs shown in the Home Raised Barrow and Gilt classes will be eligible Home Raised Pen of 3.

Pigs shown in the Commercial Barrow and Gilt classes (with exception of the facility pigs) will be eligible for the Home Raised Commercial Pen of 3 class.

LOT 1A, Home Raised

LOT 1B, Home Raised Commercial

LOT 2, Champion Home Raised Pen of Three from Lots 1A and 1B, award sponsored by Iowa Select Farms, Iowa Falls

CLASS 9 - Lean Gain Per Day:

LOT 1, Barrow award sponsored by Howard County Fair Board

LOT 2, Gilt award sponsored by Howard County Fair Board

Class 10 – Home Raised Rate of Gain

LOT 1, Home Raised Barrow award sponsored by F7 Farms, Cresco

LOT 2, Home Raised Gilt award sponsored by F7 Farms, Cresco

MAC SCAN – Ultrasound Scan Fee sponsors:

- **Reicks View Farms, Lawler, Iowa Select Farms, Iowa Falls, and Farmers Feed & Grain, Riceville**

CLASS 20 - Barn Prize

LOT 1, Barn Prize, \$20.00: Sponsored by Cresco Bank & Trust, Cresco.

JUNIOR HORSE SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 5

Wednesday, June 24, at 10:00 a.m. for Classes 1 to 7

Project Leader: Allen Stoddard
Junior Superintendent: Kelsey Adams

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.
These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

Show order by Class as listed below.

General Livestock Rules and "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C govern all exhibits in this department.

All equine must be identified as outlined in "Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements" 4-H 202 ...

Available at: <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/194>

Exhibitor Apparel - See "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C

Exhibitor Conduct - Contestants shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. Courtesy is mandatory. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep their horse under control or be excused from ring.

- ⇒ All exhibitors shall be enrolled in Howard County 4-H club work, be FFA members, residing in Howard County or of High School Vocational departments serving Howard County.
- ⇒ All horses or ponies will be stalled on Entry Day and be released at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28
- ⇒ Exhibitor is limited to stalling one horse. Exhibitors may enter no more than five horses, paying an entry fee for each one. Exhibitor must indicate on entry form which horse they are stalling at the fair. Exhibitor must also indicate on their entry form (if they are entering more than one horse) which horse they are entering in each Class.
- ⇒ No Stallions over Yearling Age.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must feed, fit and show their own animal.
- ⇒ All awards/premiums will be withheld if animal is removed before release time, if not in stall by Entry Day, or stall is not cleaned at close of Fair.
- ⇒ Dress code: clean blue jeans, long sleeved collared snap or button shirt any color (no T-shirt), boots or hard sole shoe. A Helmet is required whenever rider is astride the horse. All 4-H Horse related events require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving -- every time, every ride. This includes workshops, practices, clinics, parades drill teams, and all other events where 4-H'ers are riding as 4-H'ers under the clover program.
- ⇒ To exhibit in classes where the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the exhibitor, ownership is not required; however, the exhibitor must take an active role in the care of the animal.
- ⇒ Animals identified as a part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project, and vice versa. ID max of 5 horses of which 2 can be leased. Leased horses can be shown at halter in FIRST YEAR PROJECT ONLY. Exhibitors must participate in the Wednesday horse show to be able to participate in Saturday games. Siblings can co-ID. If members are co-identifying the horse can only be shown in one LOT per class.
- ⇒ There must be a minimum of 3 entries per class. If there are less than 3 entries in a class or class LOT, then these will be combined with another class or class LOT. If a family includes more exhibitors than horses, more than one exhibitor may identify a horse.
- ⇒ Showmanship at halter regulations: In this class, the horse is the means through which the member exhibits his or her ability to show a horse or pony at halter. Therefore, no consideration is given to the horse's conformation, but to the way the horse is fitted, groomed, and exhibited. The judge may ask the contestants questions concerning management, parts of the horse, etc.
- ⇒ The following general procedure and suggested outline is for halter classes and should be used as fitting showmanship guides for both exhibitor and judge. Fine or technical points should never be overemphasized to the extent that they are given more weight than an effective job of presenting a clean animal. Nor should minor infractions result in the disqualification of a showman.
 - All exhibitors are eligible to enter the showmanship contest. Showmanship classes are divided according to the age of the exhibitors.
 - Either all exhibitors or those selected as finalists will gather at the arena at the proper time. Upon call, the contestants will enter the arena and exhibit as a group.
 - The showmanship class should be conducted after the halter classes and before the performance classes.
- ⇒ Exhibitor must participate in the Wednesday horse classes in order to compete in games (Classes 8 to 15) on Saturday.
- ⇒ All horses must walk into the arena.
- ⇒ Exhibitor may only exhibit once in a Class.

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CLASS 1 - Halter: Premiums and Ribbons. Trophies to LOT 7.

LOT 1, Pony/Horse Weanling and Yearling; **LOT 2,** Pony/Horse 2 & 3 yr. old; **LOT 3,** Pony 4 & over;

LOT 4, Horse 4 & over, Mares **LOT 5,** Horses 4 & Over, Gelding

LOT 6, Draft **LOT 7:** Grand and Reserve Champion (1st and 2nd in Class LOTs 1 to 6 compete)

- **Champion award sponsored by CUSB Bank**
- **Reserve Champion award sponsored by Chuck & Sanna Feldman, Cresco**

CLASS 2 - Showmanship at Halter: Trophies and Ribbons

LOT 1, Senior; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Howard County Mutual Insurance Agency

LOT 2, Intermediate; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Lime Springs Saddle Club

LOT 3, Junior; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Howard County Business & Tourism

CLASS 3 - English Pleasure & Equitation: Premiums, award & ribbons

LOT 1, English Pleasure award sponsored by Cresco Kiwanis Club, Cresco

LOT 2, English Equitation award sponsored by Featherlite Inc., Cresco

CLASS 4 - Western Pleasure: Premiums and Ribbons

LOT 1, Walk-Trot Pleasure for 1st yr. Rider. Cannot enter another pleasure class.

- **Award sponsored by Mike Nosbisch Construction**

LOT 2, Walk Trot Pleasure, Junior and intermediate. Cannot enter another Western Pleasure class.

- **Award sponsored by Don & Normie Ferrie, Cresco**

LOT 3, Senior Western Pleasure award sponsored by Cresco Motor Company

LOT 4, Intermediate Western Pleasure Award sponsored by Cresco Motor Company

LOT 5, Junior Western Pleasure award sponsored by Howard County Mutual Insurance Association

CLASS 5 - Western/Horsemanship: Premiums, Trophies and Ribbons

LOT 1, Senior Western; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Cresco Saddle Club

LOT 2, Intermediate Western; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Cresco Saddle Club

LOT 3, Junior Western; Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Cresco Saddle club.

CLASS 6 - Equitation, Bareback: No premiums, ribbons only.

LOT 1, Intermediate/Senior

LOT 2: Junior

CLASS 7 - Trail Class:

LOT 1, Senior Trail award sponsored by T & V Grover Farms, Cresco

LOT 2, Intermediate Trail award sponsored by T & V Grover Farms, Cresco

LOT 3, Junior Trail award sponsored by T & V Grover Farms, Cresco

JUNIOR HORSE SHOW -- DEPARTMENT 5

Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m. -- Classes 8 to 18

Project Leader: Allen Stoddard

Junior Superintendent: TBD

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department. These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

Show order by Class as listed below.

General Livestock Rules and "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C govern all exhibits in this department.

All equine must be identified as outlined in "Iowa 4-H Livestock Show Requirements" 4-H 202 available at:

http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/4H202_2013.pdf

Exhibitor Apparel – See "Rules and Regulations for Equine Shows in Iowa" 4-H 511C

Exhibitor Conduct - Contestants shall act as young ladies and gentlemen at all times. Unnecessary roughness or discourtesy will dismiss the exhibitor from further competition for the entire show. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. Courtesy is mandatory. No abuse of horses will be tolerated. Each exhibitor must keep their horse under control or be excused from ring.

- ⇒ All exhibitors shall be enrolled in Howard County 4-H club work, be FFA members, residing in Howard County or of High School Vocational departments serving Howard County.
- ⇒ All horses or ponies will be stalled on Entry Day and be released at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, June 28
- ⇒ Exhibitor is limited to stalling one horse. Exhibitors may enter no more than five horses, paying an entry fee for each one. Exhibitor must indicate on entry form which horse they are stalling at the fair. Exhibitor must also indicate on their entry form (if they are entering more than one horse) which horse they are entering in each Class.
- ⇒ No Stallions over Yearling Age.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must feed, fit and show their own animals.
- ⇒ All awards & premium money will be withheld if animal is removed before release time, if not in stall by Entry Day, or stall is not cleaned by the close of the Fair.
- ⇒ Dress code: clean blue jeans, long sleeved collared, snap or button shirt any color (no T-shirt), boots or hard sole shoe. A helmet is required whenever rider is astride the horse. All 4-H Horse related events require the use of ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness when mounted and riding and driving -- every time, every ride. This includes workshops, practices, clinics, parades drill teams, and all other events where 4-H'ers are riding as 4-H'ers under the clover program.
- ⇒ To exhibit in classes where the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the exhibitor, ownership is not required; however, the exhibitor must take an active role in the care of the animal.
- ⇒ Animals identified as a part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project, and vice versa.
- ⇒ There must be a minimum of 3 entries per class. If there are less than 3 entries in a Class or Class LOT, then these will be combined with another Class or Class LOT.
- ⇒ If a family includes more exhibitors than horses, more than one exhibitor may identify a horse.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must participate in Wednesday horse classes in order to compete in games (Classes 8 to 15) on Saturday.
- ⇒ All horses must walk into the arena.
- ⇒ Exhibitors may use only one horse per game.
- ⇒ Exhibitors may only exhibit once in a Class.

CLASS 8 - Egg and Spoon; Ribbons, no premiums: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 9 - Pole Bending***; Premiums & Ribbons: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 10 - Plug Race***; Premiums & Ribbons: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 11 - Barrel Racing***; Premiums & Ribbons: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 12 - Jumping Figure 8***; Ribbons, no premiums: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 13 - Through the Barrel ***; Ribbons, no premiums: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 15 - Flag Race***; Ribbons, no premiums: **LOT 1**, Senior; **LOT 2**, Intermediate; **LOT 3**, Junior

CLASS 14 - Ribbons Race; Ribbons - no premiums – Open

CLASS 18 – Hi-Point Games Overall. *** indicates events included in Hi Point Games. Timed events will determine the junior, intermediate and senior hi-point trophies. If there is a tie in the Overall, whoever places the highest in Barrel racing will be the tie breaker. Must be the same rider on the same horse used in all games to be considered for Hi Point.

LOT 1, Senior Hi-Point game award sponsored by Gene and Karen Koschmeder, Cresco

LOT 2, Intermediate Hi-Point game award sponsored by Featherlite Inc., Cresco

LOT 3, Junior Hi-Point game award sponsored by Featherlite Inc., Cresco

CLASS 20 - Horse Barn Prize, \$20.00 cash prize sponsored by T & V Grover Farms, Cresco.

JUNIOR RABBIT SHOW - DEPARTMENT 6

Friday, June 26, 3:00 p.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Project Leader: Marge Dohlman
Junior Superintendent: Mally Linkenmeyer

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.
These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ Rabbits with colds or other indications of ill health will be sent home.
- ⇒ Exhibitor to furnish own feeders and water containers.
- ⇒ Each exhibitor is limited to showing 4 entries with a maximum of two per class.
- ⇒ Pen of three is considered one entry.
- ⇒ Exhibitor must feed and show his or her own animals.
- ⇒ Animals showing any symptoms of disease or parasites will be removed from the Fair.
- ⇒ **All rabbits must be at least eight weeks of age.**

Commercial Breeds: American, Beveren, California, Champagne d'Argent, Creme d'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Flemish Giant, French Lop, New Zealand, Satin, Palomino, Other Commercial Crossbreeds

Fancy Breeds: Angora, Belgian Hare, Standard Chinchilla, Dutch, English, Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Silver Martin, Tan, Mini Lops, Holland Lops, Jersey Woolly, Lionhead, Other Fancy Crossbreeds

CLASS 1 - Pen of Three (Market): LOT 1. Must consist of three rabbits weighing 3 ½ to 5 1/2 lbs. Maximum pen weight of 16 ½ lbs. Do not have to be from the same litter but do have to come from same 4-H project. Under 3 months of age.

CLASS 2 - Individual Market Rabbit: LOT 1. This rabbit is to be judged on meat characteristics and weighs between 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 lbs. Exhibitor may enter one of the same rabbits from the meat pen. Fur condition will be used to break a tie. Under 3 months of age.

CLASS 3 - Junior Commercial Rabbit (Breeding), Purebred or Crossbred 6 months old and under. **LOT 1,** Junior Buck

CLASS 4 - Junior Commercial Rabbit (Breeding), Purebred or Crossbred 6 months old and under. **LOT 2,** Junior Doe

CLASS 5 - Senior Commercial Rabbit (Breeding), Purebred or Crossbred over 6 months old. **LOT 1,** Senior Buck

CLASS 6 - Senior Commercial Rabbit (Breeding), Purebred or Crossbred over 6 months old. **LOT 2,** Senior Doe

CLASS 7 - Junior Fancy Purebred Rabbit (Breeding), 6 months old and under. **LOT 1,** Junior Buck

CLASS 8 - Junior Fancy Purebred Rabbit (Breeding), 6 months old and under. **LOT 2,** Junior Doe

CLASS 9 - Senior Fancy Purebred Rabbit (Breeding), over 6 months old. **LOT 1,** Senior Buck

CLASS 10 - Senior Fancy Purebred Rabbit (Breeding), over 6 months old; **LOT 2,** Senior Doe

CLASS 11 - Champion & Reserve

LOT 1, Champion Pen of Three award sponsored by Julie & Dale Dietzenbach, Cresco

LOT 1a, Reserve Champion Pen of Three, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 2, Champion Market Rabbit award sponsored by Howard County Business & Tourism

LOT 2a, Reserve Champion Market Rabbit, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 3, Champion Commercial Rabbit award sponsored by Tom & Sue Barnes, Cresco

LOT 3a, Reserve Champion Commercial Rabbit, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 4, Champion Fancy Rabbit award sponsored by Wacha Insurance, Lime Springs/Elma

LOT 4a, Reserve Champion Fancy Rabbit, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 5, Best of Show award sponsored by LinkD Feeders, Riceville

LOT 5a, Reserve Best of Show, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 13 - Showmanship; for guidelines, refer to "Showmanship Regulations" on page 19.

LOT 1: Junior Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Judy Bartels, Riceville

LOT 2: Senior Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Cresco Kiwanis Club, Cresco

LOT 3: Winner's Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Joe Wacha, Cresco

CLASS 20 - Barn Prize, LOT 1, Barn Prize, \$20.00: Barn Prize sponsored by Brad and Alison Holten, Cresco

CLASS 21 - Dress Up Your Rabbit. One entry per exhibitor and must be entered by May 31, 2026. Exhibitors dress one rabbit in an outfit and have the rabbit's photo taken at livestock check-in. Photos will be displayed throughout the fair. Fairgoers will vote on the best-dressed rabbit. The winner will be announced prior to the livestock auction. A People's Choice Rosette will be awarded. Outfits should be appropriate and not harm the rabbit.

JUNIOR & CLOVER KIDS PET SHOW

DEPARTMENT 7

Wednesday, June 24, 6:00 p.m.

Scheidel Plaza Stage (immediately following Fair Queen Coronation)

Junior Superintendent: Borlaug Thomson Intern

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department. These rules and regulations are on pages 8 to 19 of this Exhibitor Guide.

4-H Clover Kids (Kindergarten to 3rd grade) can participate in this Department. Entry forms are available for Clover Kids at the Howard County Extension Office and must be completed and submitted by May 31, 2026, via online entry portal.

The intent of this Pet show is to introduce pet care and showing to youngsters. This show does not rate the animals nor the exhibitors. This show is not a competition but intended to be a fun activity for Clover Kids. Participation Ribbons will be awarded to Clover Kids.

Clover Kids will participate prior to the 4-H pet show participants and must provide a current rabies certificate for dogs and cats.

All Exhibitors:

- ⇒ Entries in this department will be judged on their own merits. Entries will not be judged against each other.
- ⇒ Exhibitors must provide proper restraints, cages, or containers for entry.
- ⇒ Entries in this department will NOT be housed for the duration of the Fair. Exhibitors must present their entry for judging at the time specified. Entries will be allowed to return to exhibitor's home immediately after the show.
- ⇒ All entries must be free from disease, or they will not be accepted for judging.
- ⇒ Exhibitors are to wear their 4-H uniform during judging.
- ⇒ **4-H Exhibitors must prepare a folder to accompany the pet, which includes:**
 - a. Breed of pet or name of species.
 - b. Age and/or birth date.
 - c. Characteristics and habits of the pet.
 - d. Care of the pet such as special diet, needs, etc.
 - e. Exhibitor's name, age and number of years with the pet;
 - f. Any experiences the exhibitor has had with the pet, which was a learning experience;
 - g. Pictures of the pet in action may be included but are not required.
 - h. Current rabies certificate (not tags) for dogs & cats (4-H and Clover Kids required)

CLASS 1 - Pets - Animals not in competition with other livestock shows.

LOT 1, Birds

LOT 5, Guinea Pigs

LOT 2, Gerbils

LOT 6, Hamsters

LOT 3, Dogs

LOT 7, Fish

LOT 4, Cats

JUNIOR POULTRY & NOVELTY SHOW - DEPARTMENT 9

Thursday, June 25, 12:30 p.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Project Leader: Myranda Bartels-Carey
Junior Superintendent: Avery Church

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.

These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 18 of this Exhibitor Guide.

- ⇒ Exhibitors must be enrolled in the poultry project area and identified a poultry project to exhibit.
- ⇒ All poultry must be entered on a Livestock Entry Form, due to the Howard County Extension Office May 15. Exhibitors are responsible for reserving the number of cages when the livestock entry is submitted to the Extension Office. Exhibitors are to provide their own padlocks for the cages if wanted.
- ⇒ Poultry will be housed on the fairgrounds for the duration of the Fair in cages supplied by the Fair.
- ⇒ All poultry exhibited must have come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks or have a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of the Fair and an authorized tester must have performed the test. Certificate of test required with entry form.
- ⇒ The Fair Veterinarian will inspect all poultry. All birds showing evidence of disease and lice will not be allowed to enter. All poultry must be clean. It is recommended they be washed just prior to being entered.
- ⇒ Entries in the meat and egg classes may be any commercial meat or egg type bird. Production practices generally accepted by the commercial poultry industry are acceptable.
- ⇒ Exhibitor is to care for and groom his/her own birds. Exhibitor is responsible for food and water (in suitable containers) and cleaning of the cage and area surrounding the cage(s) of his/her/birds. A thorough cleaning of the area is to be done by the exhibitor during the Fair and after the release of animals at the end of the Fair.
- ⇒ Premiums will be awarded only to those exhibitors who are present to assist the judge during the judging of their birds. Judging will be done in the cages the birds are housed in.
- ⇒ Exhibitors that enter game birds that are native to Iowa must have a game breeder's permit, no matter where they were purchased. This permit must accompany other entry information when turned in at the Howard County Extension Office.
- ⇒ If air temperatures at fair raise to above 85 degrees, exhibitors will be able to take their poultry home with the proper approval from the Superintendent and notification given to the Fair office and Extension office.

CLASS 1 – Production

Birds will be shown as a pen of three females. Judging based on uniformity, maturity (age considered), development, handling qualities, pigmentation, molt, and general conformation to breed characteristics. Exhibitor is limited to one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Pullets, white egg breeds, at least 16 weeks old at the time of the show.

LOT 2, Pullets, brown egg breeds, at least 16 weeks old at the time of the show.

LOT 3, Pullets, Colored (Not brown or white) Egg breeds, at least 16 weeks old at time of show

LOT 4, Production mature hens, no egg color restrictions

LOT 5, Production mature hens, brown and colored egg

LOT 6, Production mature hens, white egg

LOT 15, Champion Production Pen award sponsored by Julie and Dale Dietzenbach, Cresco

LOT 16, Reserve Champion Production Pen, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 2 - Market Poultry

All entries must be within specific weight ranges and of the age and development for market use. Entries may be weighed on entry day to determine proper Class-LOT. Market poultry will be judged for health and vigor, fleshing, feathering, conformation, skin condition and uniformity. Exhibitor is limited to two entries per LOT with a maximum of two entries.

LOT 1, Broilers, three birds, light weight (under 6# per bird)

LOT 2, Broilers, three birds, heavy weight (over 6# per bird)

LOT 15, Champion Broiler Pen award sponsored by Kaidence Mahr, Lime Springs

LOT 16, Reserve Champion Broiler Pen award sponsored by RJTNT Miniature Herefords, Calmar

LOT 17, Heaviest Market Broiler award sponsored by Keith Klimesh, Cresco

CLASS 3 - Miscellaneous Market Birds

Judged on meat quality. Exhibitor is limited to one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Ducks, two birds per pen.

LOT 2, Geese, two birds per pen.

LOT 3, Turkeys, two birds per pen.

LOT 4, Other, two birds per pen.

LOT 15, Champion, Class 3, Champion Ribbon

LOT 16, Reserve Champion, Class 3, Lavender Ribbon

Poultry Show continued on next page ...

CLASS 4 - Standard Breeds, Clean Leg

Judged by comparison method, using the American Standard of Perfection.

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allows one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Standard Clean Leg Male award sponsored by Keith Klimesh, Cresco

LOT 4, Champion Standard Clean Leg Female award sponsored by Dallas Linkenmeyer, Riceville

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6 Reserve Champion Female, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 5 – Standard Breeds, Feathered Leg

Judged by comparison method, using the American Standard of Perfection.

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allowed one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Standard Feathered Leg Male award sponsored by Jeff & Tess Kennon, Lime Springs

LOT 4, Champion Standard Feathered Leg Female award sponsored by Jeff & Tess Kennon, Lime Springs

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male Class 5, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6, Reserve Champion Female Class 5, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 6 – Bantams, Clean Leg

Judged by comparison method, using the American Standard of Perfection.

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allowed one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Bantam Clean Leg Male award sponsored by Allan Stoddard, Cresco

LOT 4, Champion Bantam Clean Leg Female award sponsored by Austin & Myranda Carey, Riceville

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6, Reserve Champion Female, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 7 – Bantams, Feathered Leg

Judged by comparison method, using the American Standard of Perfection.

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allowed one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Bantam Feathered Leg Male award sponsored by Gosch's Plumbing, Heating and Well Service, Cresco

LOT 4, Champion Bantam Feathered Leg Female award sponsored by Gosch's Plumbing, Heating and Well Service, Cresco

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male Class 7, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6, Reserve Champion Female Class 7, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 8 – Waterfowl

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allowed one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Male award sponsored by Lori and Randy Kerian

LOT 4, Champion Female award sponsored by Lori and Randy Kerian.

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6, Reserve champion Female, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 9 – Turkey and Novelty

Includes other small animals relating to "novelty" type of projects such as peacocks, emus, ostrich, pheasant, and other fowl.

Entry to consist of one bird. Exhibitor allowed one entry per LOT.

LOT 1, Male

LOT 2, Female

LOT 3, Champion Male, Champion Ribbon

LOT 4, Champion Female, Champion Ribbon

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Male, Lavender Ribbon

LOT 6, Reserve Champion Female, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 10 – Best of Show

Champions, male and female from Classes 4 to 9 judged as Best of Show using the American Standard of Perfection

LOT 1, Best in Show award sponsored by Cresco Building Service

CLASS 11 - Barn Prize, LOT 1, \$20.00: sponsored by Keith Klimesh, Cresco

CLASS 12 – Poultry Showmanship

LOT 1, Junior Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Ron & Suzanne Ollendick, Cresco

LOT 2, Senior Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored by Keith Klimesh, Cresco

LOT 3, Winners Class Showmanship: Custom Belt Buckle sponsored KBS Health Insurance & Taxes, Cresco

JUNIOR GOAT (MEAT & PYGMY) -- DEPARTMENT 24

Thursday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m. - CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center
(To be shown at beginning of Sheep Show)

Junior Superintendent: Chandler Ludwig

Refer to the General Rules and Regulations of the Mighty Howard County Fair concerning exhibiting in this department.
These rules and regulations are on pages 6 to 18 of this Exhibitor Guide.

1. Meat goat is defined as a castrated male goat born after January 1, 2026. Does may be exhibited in this class and must be born after January 1, 2026.
2. Goats must have date of birth recorded on ID.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to showing a maximum of two animals in the Meat Goat Show.
4. Entry information must be agreed with Livestock Identification Form filled out on the official identification and weigh-in day.
5. Meat Goats will be ear tagged at weigh-in.
6. All entries in Class 1 will be included in the Rate of Gain Contest.
7. Meat goats should be disbudded/dehorned or have no more than two-inch horns.
8. Meat goats must be collared or haltered in the ring. Goats must be broken to lead.
9. Each meat goat must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. at the time of Fair weigh-in. Those weighing under 50 lbs. will be shown in a Feeder Class. Feeder Class goats are not eligible to compete for Championships but do compete for ribbons and are awarded premiums for the ribbons earned.
10. Classes will be broken out according to weights at Fair.
11. The Champion will be selected from the first-place winners on individual weigh divisions. The Reserve Champion will be selected from the remaining first place winners plus the second-place winner of the individual weigh class division from which the champion was selected.
12. Pygmy goats may not be entered in the meat goat classes but will be shown in a separate class.
13. A minimum of two entries per LOT is required to name a Class Champion.
14. Goats shown in meat class cannot be shown in the Dairy Class or vice versa.
15. All goats are to be shorn to show standard.
16. Fitting is allowed. NO PAINT ALLOWED.

CLASS 1 - Market Goat

LOT 1, Class Weights

LOT 1A, Lightweight; LOT 1B, Middleweight; LOT 1C, Heavyweight

LOT 2, Feeder Class; Those under 50 lbs. at Fair weigh in.

LOT 3, Rate of Gain award sponsored by Jason and Sara Ryan, Cresco

LOT 4, Champion Market Goat award provided by Cresco Building Service

LOT 5, Reserve Champion Market Goat, Lavender Ribbon

CLASS 2 - Pygmy Goats

Entry of one per LOT in this Class. Judged on characteristics common to the species.

LOT 1, Pygmy Goat – Blue, Red & White ribbons

CLASS 3 – Breeding Market Goat, Commercial

LOT 1, Doe: born after January 1, 2026

LOT 2, Yearling Doe: Born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025

LOT 3, Mature Doe: Born January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, or before.

- Top Commercial Breeding Market Goat award sponsored by Howard County Fair Board

Class 4 – Breeding Market Goat, Purebred

LOT 1, Doe: born after January 1, 2026

LOT 2, Yearling Doe: Born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025

LOT 3, Mature Doe: Born January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, or before.

- Top Purebred Breeding Market Goat award sponsored by Howard County Fair Board

Class 5 – Overall Champion Breeding Market Goat from Class 3 and Class 4.

- Award sponsored by Cresco Building Service

2026 MIGHTY HOWARD COUNTY FAIR

OPEN CLASS BUCKET CALF SHOW -- Department 101

Wednesday June 24, 9:00 a.m.
CUSB Bank Arena, Reicks View Ag Education Center

Participation Ribbons will be awarded.

**NOTE: This department is not limited to 4-H and FFA youth.
It is open to all youth, ages 4 years old through 3rd grade.
No pre-entry is required. Register at Reicks View Ag Education Center.**

Thank you to Head Farms for providing Open Bucket Calf Awards.

**NOTE: EXHIBITORS & CALVES WILL GATHER IN A DESIGNATED SECURE AREA BY THE
CRESCO DRIFTRUNNER' S BUILDING FOR INSPECTION BY A FAIR VETERINARIAN.
NO ANIMALS WILL PROCEED TO THE LIVESTOCK AREA UNTIL CHECKED AND CLEARED TO GO TO THE
STAGING AREA BY THE AG ED CENTER ARENA.**

This department will be judged just prior the start of the 4-H and FFA Dairy Show

**NOTE: The intent of the Open Class Bucket Calf Show is to introduce livestock care and showing to youngsters.
This show does not rate the animals nor the exhibitors.**

**The animals are used as a means of learning and a hands-on tool offering the youngsters a taste of showing livestock at the
county fair, including show-ring ethics, communicating with a judge and being in a show-ring in front of others.
This show is not a competition but intended to be a fun activity for the young exhibitors.**

1. **Entries must have been born after March 1, 2026.**
2. Limit is one entry per exhibitor. Entry for this show will be taken at the Arena prior to the show. Livestock show coordinators will take entries for this department prior to the show. A veterinarian will be present and all calves showing must be inspected by vet at registration prior to entering the ring.
3. All calves shown in this department must be unique to this department. This means any calves shown may not compete in any other department, including any in the junior achievement show, and vice versa.
4. Calves may be crossbred, straight bred, dairy or beef.
5. All bucket calves will be shown at halter. The superintendent may divide or combine entries depending on total entries.
6. The exhibitors could be asked the following questions, to name a few:
 - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
 - b. The fitting and showing (according to breed guidelines) of the calf with emphasis on what the exhibitor learned.
 - c. The general health and appearance of the calf and the exhibitor's knowledge in the health area.
 - d. The exhibitor's observations and comments on raising bucket calves.
7. Calves will not be stalled during the Fair. Exhibitors must present their entry for judging at the time and day specified. Entries will be allowed to return to the exhibitor's home immediately after the conclusion of the show.

2026 4-H FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB PROJECTS

ADVISORY: Howard County 4-H & Youth Committee

Exhibits to be entered and judged as per club schedule on Monday, June 22

Exhibit release time is 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 28

All premiums and awards earned by any exhibitor will be forfeited if the exhibitor's entries, or any part of the entries, are removed from the Fair before the designated release time. This also applies to entries left after the designated release time.

MAJOR DEPARTMENTS ARE: Animals (Animal Science and Veterinary Science); Agriculture and Natural Resources; Creative Arts (Entry limits in photography will be 5 entries and visual arts entries are limited to 5 entries); Family and Consumer Sciences; Personal Development; Science, Engineering and Technology; Communications (Working Exhibits, Presentations, Share the Fun and Poster Communications)

GENERAL RULES

1. Exhibit classes have been updated. To plan exhibits, 4-H'ers are encouraged to use their 4-H Hot Sheets to determine goals and learning experiences. An exhibit can represent a part or all of learning involved in the respective project or program. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with the Iowa State Fair General Exhibit rules for the exhibit to be eligible for Iowa State Fair participation.
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H'ers participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
3. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice versa. See also "Iowa State Fair 4-H General Rules and Regulations."
4. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA event or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
5. Exhibits selected at the county level to advance to the Iowa State Fair should not be part of a local auction or sold to another individual before the Iowa State Fair.
6. 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 written evaluation comments on the exhibits and a blue, red, or white exhibitor's ribbon. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Evaluations are located at State Fair Evaluations Forms Labels at (<https://iastate.app.box.com/folder/165781615545?s=fuo1u44a07g0psi8w7swcerz6dpzjqrn>).
7. 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:
 - a. What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
 - b. What steps did you take to learn or do this?
 - c. What were the most important things you learned?

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

8. 4-H'ers who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.
Exception: Group exhibits from an entire club may include 4th grade members.
9. Label all parts of exhibit with exhibitor's name, club, county, class number, class name and age. Labels should be placed on the back of posters and cards, and in an inconspicuous place on others.
10. Exhibitors must have participated in the project or program from which the exhibit is an outgrowth. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done to accomplish a goal(s) determined by the member or group **during the current 4-H year**. The exhibit should be selected at county event to go to state fair. Entries at state fair must be made in the name of the county and certified by an Extension staff member.
11. 4-H'ers are discouraged from bringing items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit.
12. The Howard County Fair, Iowa State Fair and Howard County Extension Staff will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc. The Howard County Fair and the Iowa State Fair will in no case assume or pay transportation or delivery on articles sent for exhibition to the Iowa State Fair.
13. It is recommended that Exhibits should be evaluated at club achievement show or club tour.
14. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods may be disqualified and not put on public display.

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15. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - a. Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size. See classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements.
 - b. 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. (See Class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)
 - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.

The 4-H and Youth Committee reserves the right to determine if exhibit chosen for State Fair is too large to be transported to State Fair. In such a case, the family will be responsible for transport.

16. All exhibitors in these departments must be a bona-fide 4-H member of Howard County. 4-Her must have filled an enrollment card and be enrolled in a Howard County 4-H Club prior to May 1 to have projects exhibited. These age divisions are as follows: Junior grades 4, 5 and 6; Intermediate grades 7 and 8; and Senior grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Exhibitors are encouraged to be enrolled in the project area from which the exhibit comes.
17. Premiums, unless noted, will be prorated in each department and premiums earned will be paid to the 4H members.
18. Exhibits can be used for presentations and working exhibits with permission from Superintendent.
19. All premiums and awards earned by exhibitor will be forfeited if the exhibitor's entries, or any part of the entries, are removed from the 4-H Building before the designated release time. This also applies to entries left after the designated release time.
20. Judge's decision is final except where error, fraud, misrepresentations, or collusion, discovered at time of award is obvious. In such cases, superintendent may render a decision. No parent participation allowed in the judging of entries.
21. The identification of all 4-H and FFA projects exhibited in the 4-H Building must correspond with the information listed on the entry form turned into the Extension Office on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, by 4:00 p.m. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
22. 4-H members are encouraged to wear 4-H attire (plain white shirt, T-shirt or blouse with 4H Chevron) during project judging.
23. 4-H or FFA members can only show the same identified project in one County Fair.
24. A 4-H member becomes ineligible to exhibit in the Howard County Fair upon completion of the calendar year of high school graduation.
25. Any exhibitor who, in any way, whether in person or by agents, interferes with the judging procedures shall forfeit or cause forfeiture of any premiums he or she would have gotten for that department.
26. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (including insects), or songbird feathers and nests may NOT be used in any exhibit. Game animals legally taken are acceptable, with the exception of any hogs (Sus Species) – per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits.
 - State-listed animals: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.2.pdf>
 - State-listed plants: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/rule/571.77.3.pdf>
 - Iowa Noxious weed list: [Iowa Code Section 317.1A \(2022\) - Noxious weeds. :: 2022 Iowa Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justina](#)
27. Exhibits may not include firearms or live ammunition. Archery equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
28. 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.)
29. All exhibits, activities, and programs must represent appropriate safety procedures in the development of the exhibit around the evaluation process. This includes static exhibits and activities revolving around the communications program.
30. Exhibitors in photography, visual arts and school projects are limited to five projects in each department.
31. Exhibits with a goal that better fits a different department/class will be moved to that department/class, at the discretion of the superintendent of the department.
32. These rules and the General Rules and Regulations of the Fair, listed elsewhere in this premium book, shall be adhered to at all times. All exhibitors are to refer to all the rules prior to entering and showing at the Fair.
33. Fair Management reserves final and absolute right to interpret these Rules and Regulations and to settle and determine arbitrarily all matters regarding exhibiting or selling at the Howard County Fair.
34. 4-H leaders, Extension Staff, Extension Council, 4-H County Council, 4-H & Youth Committee, Fair Board and Office Personnel are not responsible for articles left at the Fair.
35. All judges' decisions are final.

Class Descriptions

- ⇒ **Most exhibit classes have specific guidelines and requirements that will be included in the judging process.**
- ⇒ **Members are highly encouraged to go to <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets> to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.**

ANIMALS – DEPARTMENT 500

510 10110 Animal Science

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

520 10120 Veterinary Science

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

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES – DEPARTMENT 500

Agriculture and Natural Resources Special Rule:

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

530 10210 Crop Production

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.

540 10220 Environment and Sustainability

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

540 10222 Entomology

Any exhibit (excluding live specimens) that shows learning or is an outgrowth of an entomology or bee project experience. Includes specimen collections and may include products (for example honey) or equipment as part of the display.

540 10224 Fish and Wildlife

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

540 10226 Forestry

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

550 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.

550 10235 Home Ground Improvement

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

560 10240 Outdoor Adventures

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

565 10255 Farm Model Display

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

570 10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports

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

590 10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources

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

CREATIVE ARTS – DEPARTMENT 600

610 10310 Music

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

620 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 the county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 5 x 7 in. Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11" x 14". Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11 inches high by 24 inches in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2 inch thick.
4. Mounted photos can be (1) 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. *4Hers 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 and numbered in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5 inches by 7 inches and should not exceed 8 inches by 8 inches.
6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before editing.
7. Subject matter on 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. County Fair and Iowa State Fair 4-H photography 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 FFA Photography show or vice versa.

602 10340 Creative Photography

A photographic image that has been creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative, and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. The final exhibit could be a composite of multiple photographs. Must include original photograph(s). Creative Photography Special Rules:

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

602 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 related to photography. Display board size may not exceed 48 inches by 48 inches.

630 10350 Visual Arts: Original Art

An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is one-of-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.

630-10355 Visual Arts design, process or technique Exploration – This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, it's original (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.

630 10360 Visual Arts – Other Visual Arts 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. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
2. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.
3. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source of inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included. For additional information see the Visual Arts and Design Elements and Art Principles Exhibit Tip Sheet at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visual-art>

631 631 Photography Challenge

1. Any 4-H'er is eligible to enter.
2. Members may enter **only once per year in this class**. Entry deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2026, at the Howard County Extension Office.
3. Fair entry will be evaluated at the end of the day **without member involvement, or a regular photography write up, Monday, June 22, 2026**
4. Entry should be a 5 x 7 inch, unmated, black and white photograph and creatively demonstrate the theme.
5. Entries should have a short creative photo title labeled on the back of the photograph.
6. Entries should also have a description telling where the photo was taken and what is photographed in less than 50 words.
7. Entries must have been taken after July 1, 2024
8. The purpose of this class is to creatively photograph a given theme.
9. This entry cannot advance to the State Fair as this is a County Contest.
10. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be awarded as well as a top Junior, top Intermediate, and top Senior.
11. Photo Challenge Theme is Candid Moments. Catch those awesome, real-life moments that make you smile.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES – DEPARTMENT 700

710 10410 Child Development

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

720-10420 Clothing and Fashion: Constructed/Sewn Garments and Accessories

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

720 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.

720 10424 Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

Any other educational exhibit that shows learning about clothing and fashion including but not limited to design illustrations, exploration of clothing styles, careers, clothing care, etc.

Clothing and Fashion Review special rules: Outfits and accessories which will be worn during Awardrobe Clothing Event at the Iowa State Fair may not be entered as a 4H Iowa State Fair exhibit. Exhibits in Classes 10420 and 10422 must include information about application of design elements and art principles. Exhibits in class 10424 should include information about application of design elements and art principles if appropriate for the exhibit.

730 10430 Consumer Management

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

740 10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product

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

740 10442 Food & Nutrition – Preserved Product

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

740 10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display

An educational exhibit (poster, report, display) that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, meal planning/preparation & service, safety practices, or food preservation. See Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference guide f at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products. Exhibits showing learning about table settings or menu planning must include a menu.

Food & Nutrition Special Rules

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portraying a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit; including the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2024, is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. Processed honey must include the Honey Exhibit Label.
8. Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommend 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.

740 10490 Class \$11 Thrifty Meal Challenge – Special Exhibition

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

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each county may advance one exhibit at state fair.
2. All entries at state fair will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Fruit, Vegetable and Whole Grains.
 - a. Recommended serving sizes per person: 3 ounces protein, 1 tablespoon healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½-1 ounce whole grain.
 - b. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
6. Recommended portion sizes person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 2-3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.
7. If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute it with a calcium rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provided enough calcium.
8. The exhibit will be a poster or foam board (maximum size 22" x 28", or 20" x 30") that includes;
 - a. *The menu: a list of food items. and appropriate portion sizes for each food item.*
 - b. *Meal type (breakfast, lunch, or dinner).*
 - c. *Copy of grocery receipts (up to 2).*
 - d. *Photos of the experience: grocery shopping, food preparation, and prepared meal.*
 - e. *The completed [Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet](#) attached to the back of the poster.*
 - f. *Failure to include the above documentation or adding a folder or binder will drop the exhibit one ribbon placing.*

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

745 745 Food and Nutrition Challenge Class – COOKIE CHALLENGE

1. See General Rules in Food and Nutrition.
2. Any 4-H'er is eligible to enter.
3. Members may enter **only once per year in this class**. Entry deadline is Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at the Howard County Extension Office.
4. Fair entry will be evaluated at the end of the day **without member involvement or a Fair write-up, Monday, June 23, 2025**
5. Entry Cookies (3 cookies) should be placed on a firm paper plate or flat cardboard that is labeled and has the entry tag attached. Place food in plastic bag.
6. The purpose of this class is to use the following recipe – make, bake and present your best. This entry cannot advance to the State Fair as this is a County Contest. Blue, Red & White Ribbons will be awarded as well as a Top Junior, Top Intermediate, and Top Senior.

2026 Cookie Challenge

For the 2026 Cookie Challenge at the Mighty Howard County Fair, the cookie is **Red Velvet 4th of July Cookies**.

Recipe link: <https://familycookierecipes.com/red-velvet-4th-of-july-cookies/>

Ingredients ...

15.25 oz Red Velvet Cake Mix
½ cup vegetable oil
2 large eggs
1 cup M&M candies Red, White & Blue
½ cup granulated sugar for coating

Instructions

1. Add the cake mix, vegetable oil, and eggs to a large bowl or stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment and beat until combined.
2. Fold in half of the M&M's.
3. Chill the dough for 60 minutes.
4. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
5. Use a medium cookie scoop to portion out the dough and gently roll into balls.
6. Then roll the balls in the sugar to coat.
7. Place the balls of dough on the prepared baking sheet at least 2 inches apart.
8. Bake for 8 to 9 minutes. Do not over bake these cookies, they will look puffy and slightly underdone, but they will finish cooking on the baking sheet after coming out of the oven.
9. Press the M&Ms into the tops of the cookies right after they come out of the oven, then let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for about 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

750 10450 Health

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

760 10460 Home Improvement

An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space, including extended personal living areas immediately adjacent to the home. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items. Exhibits showing learning about home design, furniture, home accessories, and fabrics must include information about how design elements and art principles were applied.

Home Improvement Special Rules:

1. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed. Wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
2. Exhibit write-up/information must include source of inspiration and/or references indicating where the idea or information was obtained, giving credit to original author(s)/designer(s)/artists(s).

770 10470 Sewing and Needle Arts – Constructed Item

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, or other items. Exhibits in this class are not intended to be worn by humans.

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

790 10480 Other Family and Consumer Science – Any exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any other Family & Consumer Science class listed.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT – DEPARTMENT 800

Exhibits in personal development should include reflection by the 4-H member stating how they personally grew or benefited from the exhibit. Why was this exhibit important to them as a person?

810 10510 Citizenship

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

820 10520 Communication

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

821 10530 4-H POSTER COMMUNICATIONS

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:

- a. **4-H is . . . (open to 4-H'er's interpretation)**
- b. **Join 4-H**
- c. **Beyond Ready in 4-H** (2025 National 4-H Week theme)
- d. **4-H Spirit** (variation of 2026 Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme)
- e. **4-H For America's Next 250 Years** (celebrating America's 250th Birthday)

4-H Poster Communication Special Rules:

1. Only one poster per 4-H'er may be entered. (Limit of 2 per county at ISF)
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board; size minimum of 14" by 20" or maximum of 15" by 22".
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal.
4. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, digital images, etc. If digital images or a computer program is used to create the finished poster, the member needs to cite their sources on the Poster Exhibit Entry Form.
5. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
6. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
7. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
8. 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
9. All 4-H Communication Posters at ISF will receive Certificates of Recognition and written evaluation comments. Outstanding posters will receive Seals of Merit; Superior posters will receive Seals of Excellence.

825 10540 Digital Storytelling

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques 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. ...

825-10540 Digital Storytelling – Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540.

An exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.

830 10560 Leadership

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

890 10565 Self-Determined

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

SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY – DEPARTMENT 900

Science, Engineering, and Technology Special Rules:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering, and Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a target; heavier exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display will be dropped one ribbon placing.
3. Due to available space, vehicles will be displayed outdoors. If a vehicle is permitted to be displayed indoors, fuel must be drained before the exhibit can be accepted for evaluation and display. No fuel is allowed inside the building.

920 10610 Mechanics

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

920 10612 Automotive

Repaired or restored vehicle. Note at Iowa State Fair vehicles are on display one day only – tentatively August 13

920 10613 Automotive - Educational Display

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

920 10614 Electric

Constructed or repaired article or educational display that shows skills or learning about electric wiring, appliances, lighting, electrical energy sources, safety, etc.

920 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, and go-karts, etc.

920-10616 Tractor

Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Note a conference judging opportunity for exhibitors of repaired or restored tractors in class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times. Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 23 after 7 p.m. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.

920 10617 Tractors Educational Display

An Exhibit that shows learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety.

920 10618 Welding

Constructed item or educational display that shows skills or learning about welding.

930 10620 Woodworking

Any 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.

940 10630 Science, Engineering & Technology

Any 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.

940 10632 Aerospace

Educational display or other exhibit (including flyable models) showing learning about an aerospace idea or topic.

940 10634 Robotics

Educational display or other exhibit (including working robots) that shows learning about robotic and robotic systems.

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

COMMUNICATIONS - DEPARTMENT 22

Communication department includes Presentations, Share the Fun and Working Exhibits classes.

Judging in this department was held Saturday, March 28, 2026, at Cresco Community Chapel.

All Participants must present again during Howard County Fair week or forfeit all awards. Members chosen to advance to State Fair must be present at these events or the exhibitor will forfeit all awards.

State Fair Awards: If a group entry (more than 2 exhibitors) advances to the Iowa State Fair, the group entry shall be awarded one State Fair Rosette and members of the group entry shall each receive a blue ribbon.

Iowa State Fair Communication Schedule

Region 5 will be Friday, August 14; Saturday, August 15; Wednesday, August 19; and Thursday, August 20.

CLASS 1 - PRESENTATIONS

LOT 1, JUNIORS: Grades 4, 5 and 6. LOT 2, INTERMEDIATES; Grades 7 and 8 LOT 3, SENIORS; Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Presentation may be on any subject 4-H'er feels would be of interest to others. All 4-H'er are strongly encouraged to give their presentation at the County Fair. May give team presentation or individual. If team, will be in Class LOT of oldest 4-H'er in the team. 4-H members are encouraged to wear 4-H attire (plain white shirt, T-shirt or blouse with 4H Chevron) during project judging 4-H'ers are to wear 4-H uniform. Presentations will be presented in the 4-H Building during the Fair. See Fair entertainment section for schedule.

CLASS 2 - SHARE THE FUN

LOT 1, INDIVIDUAL (1 to 4 members); Blue \$1.50, Red \$.75, White \$.50

LOT 2, GROUP (5 or more members); Blue \$6.00; Red \$5.00; White \$4.00

Do you like to sing, play an instrument or perform before an audience? Share The Fun is doing what you like to do while entertaining people who visit the 4-H Building during the Fair. Use your imagination and talent. This class may be individual, team or club. Acts will be held on the 4-H Building Stage during the Fair.

CLASS 3 - WORKING EXHIBITS

LOT 1, INDIVIDUAL (1 to 2 members); Premiums prorated.

LOT 2, GROUP (3 or more members); Blue \$6.00; Red \$5.00; White \$4.00

- ⇒ Working exhibits will be scheduled during the Fair. See Fair entertainment section for schedule.
- ⇒ A table, easel, and backdrop for putting up posters, etc., will be provided. People walking through the building will observe and participate in a hands-on activity. A 4-H Working Exhibit gives you this chance to present a topic informally.

FASHION REVUE & CLOTHING SELECTION - DEPARTMENT 23

Each entrant in this department must model the garment and submit self-evaluation sheet.

Judging in this department was held Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the NICC Cresco Campus.

All Participants must present again during Fair week or forfeit all awards. Members chosen to advance to State Fair must present at these events or forfeit all awards. Outfits or accessories which will be worn during the Awardrobe Clothing Event may not be entered as a 4-H Iowa State Fair Exhibit.

Members advancing to the Iowa State Fair in Clothing will present on TBD

***Howard County Fair Style Show begins on the Scheidel Plaza Stage at 5:00 p.m.
on Wednesday Evening, June 24, 2026***

CLASS 1 - FASHION REVUE

CLASS 2 - CLOTHING SELECTION

CLASS 3 INNOVATIVE DESIGN

LOT 1, JUNIORS, Grades 4, 5 & 6

LOT 2, INTERMEDIATES, Grades 7 & 8

LOT 3, SENIORS, Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12.

Participants will model outfits that they have constructed, hand knitted or crocheted during the current 4-H year. Participants must be enrolled in the 4-H Clothing Project. 4-H'er selected for State Fair must submit a photo wearing outfit to be modeled. Clothing Selection -- schedules will be posted in 4-H Building. Participants will wear purchased outfits. The purpose of this program is to help youth develop skills in buying clothing. Outfits can be work, dress up or casual. 4-H'er needs to share with the judge why it was selected and where it will be worn. It is not necessary to be enrolled in the clothing project to participate in the Clothing Selection Program.

Innovative Design was a new class for 2023 encouraging creativity in creating an outfit. Can be Theatrical, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and or outfits that use unconventional materials. A worn garment modeled by exhibit or individual it was made for.

4-H CHALLENGE PROJECT - DEPARTMENT 26

\$20 Clothing Challenge for 2026

4-H participants are challenged to search garage sales, consignment stores, Goodwill stores, Salvation Army stores and others of this type and put together an outfit for \$20 or less. Receipts will be required, although they can be handwritten receipts from garage sales. The challenge does not include shoes or accessories, although an individual participant may choose to include either or both in their \$20 Challenge. Guidelines for an outfit include a one-piece garment such as a dress or a two-piece outfit consisting of a top and bottom.

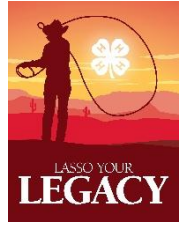
All clothing challenge participants will model their selection and be judged on March 28, 2026* at the 4-H Spring Fair. They will be expected to participate in the 4-H Fashion Show at the Mighty Howard County Fair on June 24.

1. Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'ers goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Have had individual planned or county experiences in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison.
3. Outfits may be selected and/or purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army or other stores of this type. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'ers belong in Clothing Selection
4. Cost of outfit must be \$20 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.
5. Receipt (s) MUST be turned in with Clothing Event Report Form.

2026 Lasso Your Legacy - 4-H Building



Come and see the interesting things these members have learned in 4-H. Come and enjoy the fun and enthusiasm they have to share. Look over this list - maybe there is a special grandchild, neighbor, child or friend - they would love you to come and show them how much their hard work is appreciated!



Wednesday, June 24 - Clothing and Style Revue at 5:00 p.m. on Scheidel Plaza Stage.

Those participating will be:

\$20 Challenge:

Karli Speer, Gabbie Gardner, Adrienne Shimek, Clare Shimek, Becca Pickar, Sayde Larson, and Cora Johnson.

Clothing Selection: Karli Speer, Sayde Larson, Becca Pickar, Ella Dennler

Innovative Design: Sayde Larson

Thursday, June 25 Educational Presentations and Share The Fun in the 4-H Building

- 3:00 p.m.

Ella Dennler, The Growth of Women's Basketball – Presentation

Campbell Reis, How to Make Whipped Cream – Presentation

Caroline Friedges, Fueling Up Before the Big Game – Presentation

Caroline Friedges, In the Hall of the Mountain on the Bogue – Share The Fun - Piano Solo

- 4:00 p.m.

Neva Dohman, Gallagher – Comedy Skit – Share The Fun

Becca Pickar, Snare Drum Solo – Share The Fun

Emma Burns and Alli Burns, National Parks – Presentation

- 5:00 p.m.

4H County Council, Lasso Your Legacy – Share The Fun

Lindsey Johnson, Social Media Algorithms – Presentation

Claire Kach, The History of Norwegian Fjords in America – Presentation

Claire Kach, Kiss the Girl (Little Mermaid) – Share The Fun – Piano Solo

Cora Kach, Canada - Presentation

Cora Kach, We Are Off to See The Wizard, Share The Fun – Piano Solo

Gabbie Gardner, Colors of the Wind – Share The Fun – Piano Solo

Lincoln Manske, The Power of Smoothies – Presentation

Lincoln Manske, Runaround Sue- Share The Fun – Piano Solo

Friday, June 26 – Educational Presentations and Share the Fun at 4:00 p.m.

Carver Munkel, Iowan Blue – Share The Fun, Banjo Solo

Beckett Swestka, Chick Chick Hurray! – Presentation

Saturday, June 27 Working Exhibits 6:00 to 6:30 pm

Gabbie Gardner, Pinecone Bird Feeders

Neva Dohman and Alli Burns, Pollinator Pods

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