

2026 CEDAR COUNTY FAIRBOOK



July 8-12, 2026



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FAIR SCHEDULE

Pre-Fair Sunday July 5,2026

11:00 am	Antique Tractor Pull – Grandstand
12:00 Noon – 6:00pm	Campers Arrive on The Grounds
2:00pm – 6:00pm	Floral Hall – Check in for the following Open & Junior: Photography, Textiles & Hand Work, Arts & Crafts, Welding, Woodworking, Antiques, Agriculture, and Homemade Beer (open only), Specialties – Grandmas Love Basket, Window Box, & Salsa

Pre-Fair Monday July 6,2026

8:00am -4:00pm	4-H Static Judging
1:00pm- 7:00pm	Everyone can bring ALL livestock equipment/tents and set up stalls. (No additional security will be on the grounds)
8:00am – 6:00pm	Floral Hall – Check in for the following Open & Junior: Photography, Textiles & Hand Work, Arts & Crafts, Welding, Woodworking, Antiques, Agriculture, and Homemade Beer & Wine (open only) Specialties – Grandmas Love Basket, Window Box, & Salsa

Pre-Fair Tuesday July 7,2026

7:00am-9:00am	4-H/FFA Swine Arrive on Grounds (Horse Exhibitors ONLY May bring Beef, Bucket Bottle, Sheep, Goats) Vet Checks upon arrival – Stay on Trailers 4-H/FFA Swine must be checked in no later than 2pm (arena office)
8:15am	4-H/FFA Dog Show Check-in (Custom Builder's Pavilion)
8:00am – 6:00pm	Floral Hall – Entries accepted from the following: Culinary Baked Goods & Canned Goods Open & Junior Classes, Queen's Cake, Ugly Cake, Salsa
9:00am	4-H/FFA Dog Show (Custom Builder's Pavilion)
9:00am	Floral Hall – Photography Judging
10:00am	Floral Hall –Welding Judging
11:00am	Floral Hall – Textiles & Hand Work Judging
12:30pm	Floral Hall –Specialty Classes: Window Box & Grandma's Love Basket Judging
1:00pm	Floral Hall –Woodworking Judging

2:00pm	Floral Hall –Arts & Crafts Judging 4-H/FFA Swine must be checked in no later than 2pm (arena office)
4:00pm	Floral Hall –Homemade Beer and Wine Judging
4:00pm – 9:00pm	Beer Garden open
5:00pm – 8:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
6:00pm	Swine Fun Show/Open Show (Beef Arena)
Wednesday July 8,2026 Veterans Day	
6:00am -9:30am	All Beef, Bucket Bottle, Sheep/Goats arrive on grounds (Exception is Horse Exhibitors) Vet check upon arrival.
6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open
7:00am - 7:00pm	Floral Hall Open, Antiques Judging Closed
7:30am – 8:00am	4-H/FFA Horse Show Check-In (Horse Arena)
8:00am – 6:00pm	Floral Hall – PM Entries accepted from the following: Queen’s Cake, Ugly Cake, Salsa
8:00am – 11:00pm	PM Entries accepted for Culinary Baked Goods & Canned Goods
9:00am	4-H/FFA Horse Show (Horse Arena)
9:30am	4-H/FFA Sheep/Goat Weigh-in and Check (Sheep/Goat Barn). All Beef Vet check
9:30am	Veteran’s Day Ceremony: Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builders Pavilion
Ongoing during day	Carve R Way Chainsaw Artist (Grove)
Ongoing during day	Bruno Blaszak Royal Bengal Tigers
10:00am	Floral Hall: Demonstration by Sarah from the Cedar County Conservation Office
10:00am -11:00am	4-H/FFA Breeding Beef Check-In and Weigh-in (Beef Arena Annex)
10:30am	Storytime and STEM, PreK-4 th Grade (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
11:00am-12:00 Noon	4-H/FFA Market Beef Check-In and Weigh-in (Beef Arena Annex)
11:00am – 2:00pm	Petting Zoo in the FFA Kiddie Barn
12:00pm (Noon)	Sports Wall of Fame: Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builder’s Pavilion
12:30pm-4:00pm	4-H/FFA Livestock Skill-a-thon and Livestock Judging (Beef Arena)

1:00pm -7:00pm	Mathews Building – Vendors and Commercial Exhibits Open
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Extension Youth Program Celebration (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
1:00pm – 6:00pm	Ms. Amy’s Face Painting (Mathews Building)
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Floral Hall –Agriculture Judging
3:00pm – 9:00pm	Bingo
3:00pm – Close	Beer Garden Open
4:00pm	Mutin Bustin: Rodeo Arena
4:00pm – 5:00pm	4-H/FFA Poultry/Egg/Market Broiler Weigh-In (Beef Arena)
5:00pm	4-H/FFA Poultry Show (Beef Arena)
	4-H/FFA Egg Show following Poultry Show
5:00pm-10:00pm	Carnival Open
5:00pm	Fair Royalty Crowning (Brothers Market Stage in Custom Builder’s Pavilion)
7:00pm	Rogue Rodeo – Grandstand
	DJ following the Rodeo: Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builder’s Pavilion

Thursday July 9,2026

6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open
7:00am- 7:00pm	Floral Hall Open
8:00am – 6:00pm	Floral Hall – Entry accepted for Floriculture/Horticulture
8:00am – 9:00am	Floral Hall – Entries accepted for Queen’s Cake Open & Junior Classes. Judging at 10:00am
8:00am -1:00pm	Floral Hall – Entries accepted for Ugly Cake, Open & Junior Classes
8:00am -3:00pm	Floral Hall – Entries accepted for Salsa Contest; Judging is 5:00pm-6:15pm)
8:00am	4-H/FFA Swine Showmanship/Show (Beef Arena) Bacon Buddies following Swine Show
10:00am	Floral Hall: Demonstration by Sarah from the Cedar County Conservation Office
10:00am	Floral Hall – Judging Queens Cake by the Queen & Court
10:00am – 7:00pm	Mathews Building – Vendors & Commercial Exhibits Open

10:30am	Storytime and STEM, PreK-4 th Grade (Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
Ongoing during day	Carve R Way Chainsaw Artist (Grove)
Ongoing during day	Bruno Blaszak Royal Bengal Tigers
11:00am	4-H Working Exhibits (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
11:00am	Free Contest (Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder's Pavilion)
11:00am – 2:00pm	Petting Zoo in the FFA Kiddie Barn
11:30am	4-H Presentations (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
1:00pm or Following	4-H/FFA Sheep Show/Showmanship (Beef Arena)
Bacon Buddies	4-H FFA Meat Goat Show/Showmanship to follow (Beef Arena)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Extension Youth Program Celebration (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
2:00pm	Free Contest (Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder's Pavilion)
2:00pm	Floral Hall – Judging Ugly Cake (Judged by 4-H Leaders or Bacon Buddies)
3:00pm – Close	Beer Garden Open
3:00pm – 9:00pm	Bingo
5:00pm-10:00pm	Carnival Open
5:00pm – 6:15pm	Floral Hall - Salsa Contest – Judging & Taste Testing (Beer Garden)
5:30pm	Tipton FFA/Alumni Pie Auction (Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builders Pavilion)
6:30pm	Open Lamb Show (Beef Arena)
7:00pm	Races – Grandstand hot laps 6:30pm Adult Bingo following the Races: Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builder's Pavilion

Friday July 10,2026

6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open
7:00am- 7:00pm	Floral Hall Open
8:30am	4-H/FFA Cow/Calf Check-In (Beef Arena)
9:00am	4-H/FFA Cow Calf Show; Heifer Show/Showmanship to follow (Beef Arena)

9:00am – 12:00 Noon	Daycare – free gate – Enter at South Gate
10:00am	Floral Hall: Demonstration by Sarah from the Cedar County Conservation Office
10:00am – 7:00pm	Mathews Building – Vendors & Commercial Exhibits Open
Ongoing during day	Bruno Blaszak Royal Bengal Tigers
Ongoing during day	Flying Cortes Family Trapeze Spectacular
10:30am	Storytime and STEM, PreK-4 th Grade (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
11:00am	Floral Hall – Judging Floriculture/Horticulture
11:00am	Free Contest (Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder’s Pavilion)
11:00am – 2:00pm	Petting Zoo in the FFA Kiddie Barn
12:00pm – 6:00pm	Ms. Amy’s Face Painting (Mathews Building)
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Senior Center – Free Gate
12:00 Noon	Draft Horse Show (Horse Arena)
12:30pm	4-H/FFA Pet Show Check-in (Swine Arena)
1:00pm	4-H/FFA Pet Show/Showmanship (Swine Arena)
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Extension Youth Program Celebration (Cedar County Farm Bureau Agriculture Center)
1:00pm – Close	Beer Garden Open
2:00pm	4-H/FFA Bucket Bottle Calf Show (Beef Arena) “Pre 4-H” Bucket Bottle Show following Dairy Show Following
4:30pm	Kiddie Tractor Pull (Custom Builder’s Pavilion) Sponsored by Tipton FFA
4:30pm – 5:30pm	Truck & Tractor Pullers Meet & Greet (Custom Builder’s Pavilion)
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Cattlemen’s Brisket Bash (Cattlemen’s Building)
5:00pm-10:00pm	Carnival Open
6:30pm	ECIPA Truck & Tractor Pull – Grandstand
9:30pm	Dirt Road Rockers: Brothers Market at the Custom Builder’s Pavilion

Saturday July 11,2026

6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
6:30am – 7:00pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open
6:30am – 7:30am	4-H/FFA Rabbit Show Check-In (Swine Arena)
7:00am- 7:00pm	Floral Hall Open

8:00am	4-H/FFA Rabbit Show/Showmanship (Swine Arena)
8:30am	4-H/FFA Market Beef Show/Showmanship (Beef Arena)
	4-H/FFA Supreme Showmanship (Beef Arena)
	Immediately following Market Beef Show
Ongoing during day	Carve R Way Chainsaw Artist (Grove)
Ongoing during day	Bruno Blaszak Royal Bengal Tigers
10:00am	Floral Hall: Demonstration by Sarah from the Cedar County Conservation Office
10:00am – 7:00pm	Mathews Building – Vendors & Commercial Exhibits Open
11:00am	Bill Riley Talent Contest Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder’s Pavilion)
11:00am- 2:00pm	Petting Zoo in the FFA Kiddie Barn
11:00am – 4:00pm	Carnival Open Session 1
12:00pm – 6:00pm	Ms. Amy’s Face Painting (Mathews Building)
12:00pm – 7:00pm	Bingo
1:00pm	4-H/FFA Live Market Beef Auction following Showmanship (Beef Arena)
	Followed by All Species Ribbon Auction
1:00pm – Close	Beer Garden Open
2:00pm	Free Contest: Brothers Market Stage at the Custom Builder’s Pavilion
4:00pm	Auction Buyer’s Celebration (Cattlemen’s Building)
5:00pm – 10:00pm	Carnival Open session 2
5:30pm	Chainsaw Carving Auction (Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder’s Pavilion)
7:00pm	Randy Houser with Conway Turley - Grandstand
Following Concert	Conway Turley (Brothers Market Stage in the Custom Builder’s Pavilion)

Sunday July 12,2026

6:00am – 8:00am	Release of all Animals option #1
8:00am – 2:00pm	4-H Food Stand Open
8:00am – 2:00pm	4-H Exhibit Building Open
8:00am – 4:00pm	Floral Hall Open
9:00am	Open Horse Show (Horse Arena)
10:00am	Floral Hall: Demonstration by Sarah from the Cedar County Conservation Office
10:00am	Baby Contest (Brothers Market Stage in Custom Builder’s Pavilion)

Ongoing during day	Bruno Blaszak Royal Bengal Tigers
10:00am – 3:00pm	Carnival Open
10:00am – 3:00pm	Mathews Building – Vendors and Commercial Exhibits Open
10:00am – 2:00pm	Car Show – South of Main Gate
10:30am	4-H Style Show (Brothers Market Stage in Custom Builder's Pavilion)
	Clover Kids Graduation Presentation & Share the Fun (Following the clothing event)
11:00am – 12:00 Noon	4-H/FFA Carcass Contest Check-In (Beef Arena)
11:00am – 2:00pm	Ms. Amy's Face Painting (Mathews Building)
12:00 Noon	4-H/FFA Carcass Contest (Beef Arena)
12:00pm – 3:00pm	Youth Olympics (open to all youth)
1:00pm – 4:00pm	Beer Garden Open
1:00pm	Release of animals, option #2
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Release of all Floral Hall Entries (NO EARLY RELEASE)
2:00pm – 3:30pm	Release of 4-H Static Exhibits (No Early Release)
3:00pm	Demo Derby - Grandstand

EXTENSION STAFF

Macy Wiese	County Youth Coordinator
Teresa Bohlmann	K – 12 Outreach Educator
Dionne Daedlow	Youth and Families Educator
Abby Boysen	Region 11 Regional Director

4-H YOUTH COMMITTEE

Brian Boedeker	Amber Hamer	Melanie Langley
Brad Chapman	Logan Hoffman	Brett Schiele
Jaden Freese	Bryce Lafrenz	Charli Thimmes
Joan Garner		

4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Brooke Boedeker	Addison Dawson	Addyson Lehrman
Justin Boedeker	Alexa Fitzgerald	Maddie Neuberger
Caleb Bohlmann	Hunter Hamer	Anton Slach
Gabriel Costello	Jeremiah Hennings	Madison Wulf
Kortney Crist	Tara Hennings	
Paityn Daedlow	Brenna Horman	
Isabella Dallego	Oakley Kruse	

Advisors: Teresa Bohlmann, Amy Glick, Macy Wiese

4-H CLUBS AND LEADERS

Cedar County Horse & Pony	Kathy Brenneman, Kristin Fuhrmann, Audrey Lester
Center Ring Leaders	Andy Wulf, Nick Fitzgerald
Harmony Hustlers	Carrie Pruess
Inland 4-H	Wendy Petersen, Sarah Costello, Liz Voss
New Horizons	Kendra VonMuenster, Lynn Ketelsen
Pork Center Pioneers	Ryan Crock, Noah Coppess, Joan Garner
Springdale Wildcats	Kyle Kabela
Sugar Creek Challengers	Dionne Daedlow, Dawn Kruse
Cedar County Shooting Stars	Rich Frauenholz, Barb Frauenholz, Anna Whitlatch, Jared Baker

EXTENSION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Greta Bierman	Mari Ann Ehler	Jeff Lafrenz
Alan Beyer	Robert Freese	Devin Schroeder
Brian Boedeker	Bruce Jensen	Audrey Simmons

FFA INSTRUCTORS

Brighton Rouse	North Cedar School
Megan McCleary	Tipton Community School
Renee Thompson	West Branch Community School

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR 4-H AND FFA EXHIBITORS

4-H Member is

- Youth must be enrolled in an organized Cedar County 4-H club or as an Independent Member.
- To be eligible to exhibit at the Cedar County fair a returning 4-H member must have completed the previous year as an “Active Member” and also meet the “Active Member” Status during the current year of the fair. County enrollment fees must be paid.
- A 4-H member’s last year to participate in the county fair will be the one immediately following graduation of high school.
- Returning 4-H members must be enrolled by December 31, 2025.
- New members must be enrolled by May 15, 2026.

FFA Member is

- A FFA member is a student that meets the requirements for active membership at the local, state, and national level.
- Each chapter has different requirements that are determined for active membership. The local FFA advisors will determine active status for members.
- A FFA member's last year to participate in the county fair will be until the third September after high school graduation OR until 21 years of age, whichever comes first.

4H/FFA Member is

- An exhibitor belonging to both 4-H and FFA in Cedar County may exhibit in the 4-H/FFA Department. An animal can only be identified once and must be identified as either an FFA animal or a 4-H animal.
- An exhibitor who is in 4-H in one county and FFA in another county is eligible to exhibit at two county fairs but must exhibit in different project areas at each county fair and meet the requirements of that respective county.
- If an exhibitor is a Cedar County 4-H member and out of county FFA member, they may exhibit at the Cedar County fair but must exhibit in different project areas.
- If an exhibitor exhibits the same project area at more than one county fair, all awards will be forfeited, and the exhibitor cannot participate in the Cedar County Fair the following year.

All Members must meet the following requirements:

- YQCA certification completed by June 30th to exhibit appropriate livestock.
- Meet the required ID deadlines and have all forms in 4honline 2.0 or to the extension office by May 15th.
- Complete the livestock entry process in FairEntry by June 15.

4-H/FFA CODE OF ETHICS

All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous, and good representatives while on the fairgrounds and participating in all events.

1. 4-H and FFA members found using or in possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs on the Cedar County Fairgrounds will be disciplined and will result in disqualification of the exhibitor's entry as well as continued participation by the member in the fair.
2. All Exhibitors must have accepted the Code of Ethics on 4honline 2.0 prior to May 15th.

4-H FOOD STAND & EXHIBIT BUILDING SCHEDULE

TUESDAY – JULY 07 (Food Stand Only)

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Cedar County Pork Producers

WEDNESDAY – JULY 08

6:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Springdale Wildcats

10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sugar Creek Challengers

1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Harmony Hustlers

3:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Cedar County Shooting Stars/Youth Committee

THURSDAY – JULY 09

6:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Center Ring Leaders

10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Inland

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 pm

Sugar Creek Challengers

FRIDAY – JULY 10

6:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Pork Center Pioneers

10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Horse & Pony Club/Youth Committee/
Clover Kids cover Exhibit Building

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Springdale Wildcats

SATURDAY – JULY 11

6:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Harmony Hustlers

10:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

New Horizons

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Center Ring Leaders

SUNDAY – JULY 12

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

County Council/
Clover Kids cover Exhibit Building

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pork Center Pioneers

2:00 p.m. – clean-up is done

Inland

Clubs need to provide 3 adults and 5-6 youth for each shift, with a list turned into the office by June 30th. This will cover both Food Stand and Exhibit Building workers. All 4-H members and parents are expected to be available for the shift assigned to them by the leaders. It is important that you arrive a few minutes early for your shift and that you stay until your replacement arrives.

The last shift of the day is responsible for final cleaning of the kitchen and hall and securing the building. **Each club must send a voucher request for \$25 to the Extension Office to help with costs of the Food Stand. This is due June 30.**

The profits from the 4-H Food Stand help to support the 4-H Youth Development program throughout the year. The success of the food stand depends on the youth and parents accepting their responsibility and completing their assigned task. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

NON-LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Nancy Mathias, Deb Mohr

CONFERENCE JUDGING PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE

Monday, July 6, 2026- Mathews Building

8:15am Harmony Hustlers	1:00pm Springdale
9:15am Inland	1:45pm New Horizons
10:15am Center Ring Leaders	2:30pm Sugar Creek Challengers
11:15am Shooting Stars/Independent	3:00pm Pork Center Pioneers

NOON - 1:00 pm – Lunch Break

1. All exhibits will be conference judged.
2. Evaluation will take place on July 6, 2026, at the assigned time for each club. Youth should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled time.
3. If there is a conflict with the scheduled time, contact the Extension Office to reschedule. This must be done prior to July 6. If you absolutely cannot participate in the conference judging experience, make arrangements to have your exhibits available on July 6, for written comments.
4. Youth should enter the South door of the Mathews Building upon arrival and check in with the Superintendents.
5. **LARGE ITEMS** – Check in with the superintendents and they will help you decide how to handle these prior to your evaluation.
6. Each exhibit must have a completed General Exhibit Information form or the Photography Exhibit form prior to evaluation. If you have additional supporting materials – this should be assembled and available for evaluation prior to check in with the superintendents.
7. Exhibitors will receive their completed entry tags and a preprinted entry form upon check in. Exhibitors should then make sure that each entry tag is attached to the appropriate exhibit prior to exhibit evaluation.

8. When check-in is completed, you will be directed to the designated waiting area. As judges become available, members will be called to the judging area.
9. Following evaluation of the 4-H exhibits all entry tags must be scanned for results before leaving the evaluation area. After all exhibits have been evaluated, you will then take your entry form and evaluated exhibits to the ribbon table for the appropriate ribbon.
10. There will not be entry fees for items. The Ribbon premiums have been reduced to accommodate this. All entries will be awarded premiums: Blue - \$3.00; Red - \$2.00 and white - \$1.00. There are no extra premiums for State Fair or Outstanding First Year members.
11. All exhibits considered for State Fair will be kept at the Mathews building until judges make their decisions.
12. All other exhibits should be taken to the Exhibit Building and placed in your club booth, or designated area.

2026 GENERAL NON-LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All exhibitors are responsible for reading and complying with the Cedar County 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.
2. All members must have an “Active Member” status from the previous year to be eligible to exhibit at the fair.
3. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member’s participation in the 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.
4. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods may be disqualified and will not be put on public display.
8. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
 - Posters may not exceed 24” X 36” in size. (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements)
 - Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model

displays, etc., may not exceed 48” X 48” in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions (See class 10255 for the smaller requirement.)

- Display boxes may not exceed 28” X 22” in height or width and 12” in depth.
9. Endangered, threatened, and “special concern” plants & 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 - per State Law. Live specimens of noxious weeds or invasive species are NOT permitted in any exhibit. Dried specimens are acceptable to use in exhibits, however viable noxious/invasive plant seeds shall not be included.
 10. Exhibits may not include actual firearms or live ammunition. Archer equipment is allowed if tips are removed from arrows.
 11. 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 Special Rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H’ers).
 12. 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, general appearance, and design. Exhibitors will receive written evaluation comments. Refer to exhibit class evaluation rubrics for detailed evaluation criteria in each class. Evaluations are located at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/exhibit-tip-sheets>
 13. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. Audio or video should not be longer than 10 minutes and must be uploaded to YouTube. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
 - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal?)
 - What steps did you take to learn or do this? (Explain what you did so it is easily understood. The judge wants to know and understand the steps you used to make your exhibit.)
 - 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 arts, 4-H poster communication classes, and personal development classes.*
14. 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.

15. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including the county, exhibitor's name, class number and class name. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks, display boxes, and cards on the bottom of jars, and in an inconspicuous place on other items.
16. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of the exhibit.
17. All 4-H clubs will be assigned to a club booth in the Farm Bureau Agricultural Center. Each Club will be provided with grid walls with a hanging option and a table (if requested).
18. Exhibits should be displayed in club booths if possible. Large items on display outside should be secured and labeled.
19. The theme for the Club Booths will be **“Ride the Tide of Tomorrow”**
The winner of the Club Booth judging will receive first pick of time for their club for Conference Judging at next year's fair, based on theme, neatness, and cleanliness.”
20. All exhibits must remain in place until 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 12th. They will be released between 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm. Youth are responsible for picking up their exhibits from their club booth as this responsibility is part of the learning process.
21. Cedar County Extension will use diligence to ensure safety of articles entered for display. However, they will not be responsible for damage or loss by accident, fire, theft, water, etc.
22. All questions of doubt will be referred to superintendents, county, and state 4-H staff.
23. All judges' decisions are final.

2026 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: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects-list> to find information about judging criteria for exhibits that they create from their 4-H project learning.

DIVISION 101

Animals

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10110 – ANIMAL SCIENCE

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

CLASS 10120 – VETERINARY SCIENCE

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

DIVISION 102

Agriculture and Natural Resources

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Horticulture (garden crop & herbs) may have a limit of six (6) exhibits.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10210 – CROP PRODUCTION AND PLANT SCIENCE

An exhibit that shows learning about growth, use, and value of field crops; plant growth, soils, and soil fertility; or any other learning relation to crop production and plant science.

CLASS 10220 – CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABILITY

An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment, including energy, stewardship, conservation, entomology, fish and wildlife, or forestry.

CLASS 10222- ENTOMOLOGY

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

CLASS 10224- FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

CLASS 10226- FORESTRY

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

CLASS 10230 – HORTICULTURE AND PLANT SCIENCE

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc. Garden crops and herbs are exhibited here at the county level but not eligible for state fair selection.

CLASS 10235 – HOME GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT

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

CLASS 10240 – OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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

CLASS 10250 – SAFETY AND EDUCATION IN SHOOTING SPORTS

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

CLASS 10255 – FARM MODEL DISPLAY

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

CLASS 10260 – OTHER AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

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

Agricultural and Natural Resources Special Rule:

1: Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork formed, 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.

DIVISION 103

Creative Arts

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10310 – MUSIC

An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history. If submitting a video or musical arrangement, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

CLASS 10320 – PHOTOGRAPHY

An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display, that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.

Photography Special Rules:

1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. Photographs must have been taken since your county fair of the previous year.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 5"x 7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs may not exceed 11"x14". Square photos are allowed within the following dimensions, measured by inches: 7x7, 8x8, 9x9, 10x10, and 11x11. Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 11" high by 24" in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted. Maximum thickness of finished project must not exceed 1/2" thick.
4. Mounted Photos can be:
 - a) Flush mounted (no board showing) on mounting board or,
 - b) With mount borders (window mat or flat mount directly on board).Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats, or have matting done professionally.

4H members are responsible for design decisions such as mounting, matting, color, and size.
Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.
5. A series is a group of photographs (3 to 5) that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series must be a minimum of 5" x 7" and should not exceed 8" x 8".
6. Edited photos should include a copy of the photo before edits.
7. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
8. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
9. All 4-H photography exhibitors must use the most current 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 and vice-versa.

CLASS 10340 – CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

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

Creative Photography Special Rules:

1. Photograph/image may be mounted/matting.
2. If mounted, photograph/image must be mounted on foam core no

smaller than 5” in length or larger than 14” in length.

3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created.
4. Photography must be on photo paper, canvas, or other flat material.
5. Exhibit must have the most current Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Exhibit write up should include additional information about the processes and decisions used to develop exhibit.
6. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
7. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

CLASS 10345 – PHOTOGRAPHY IDEA/EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

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

CLASS 10540 – DIGITAL STORYTELLING (Entries will be entered through Personal Development Class 10540)

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

CLASS 10350 – VISUAL ARTS - ORIGINAL ART

An exhibit that showcases the skills you have developed in one or more mediums. Original art is a one-of-a-kind, non-replicable design of your creation. By using one medium or a combination, an individual creates an authentic work of art that is not recognizable as another's work. You must explain the application of the most relevant design element(s) and art principle(s) featured in this exhibit. Describe your inspirations, reasons, feelings, and/or motives for creating this work of art.

CLASS 10355 – VISUAL ARTS – DESIGN, PROCESS, OR TECHNIQUE EXPLORATION

This class emphasizes process and provides the opportunity to explore a medium, practice a skill, or study and apply elements and principles of art

and design. This class is for experimenting with and practicing skills in different mediums. An explanation of the application of design elements or art principles used when making the exhibit must be included. This exhibit may be an object, portfolio, display, poster, or organized sketchbook. If a non-original design source is used, its origin (where the idea was found, any pictures, sketches, etc.) must be credited, acknowledged, or have copyright permission obtained. See visual arts special rule #5 and #6.

CLASS 10360 – VISUAL ARTS – OTHER VISUAL ART IDEAS/TOPICS

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

Visual Arts Special Rules:

1. 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 on 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.
4. If the exhibit is a finished art object information must be included explaining the application of design elements and art principles used in creation of the work.
5. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.
6. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright information at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/visual-art>.

DIVISION 104

Family & Consumer Sciences

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10410 – CHILD DEVELOPMENT

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

CLASS 10420 – CLOTHING AND FASHION – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories

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

CLASS 10422 – CLOTHING AND FASHION – Purchased Garments & Accessories

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

CLASS 10424 – CLOTHING AND FASHION – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

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

Clothing and Fashion Special Rules:

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

CLASS 10430 – CONSUMER MANAGEMENT

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

CLASS 10440– FOOD AND 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 or preserved food product. See Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products. **Display boxes are not allowed for prepared products.**

CLASS 10442– FOOD AND NUTRITION – Preserved Product

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

CLASS 10445 – FOOD AND 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” 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 portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked, or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged, or displayed.
5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit, credit the source of the recipe.

7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2025 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used.
8. Preserved food exhibits **must** include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
9. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a reclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag. Recommended number of items to include with the exhibit:
Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
Cakes, loafs, pies, etc. – one (1) whole product.
10. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT permitted.

CLASS 10450 – HEALTH

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

CLASS 10460 – HOME IMPROVEMENT

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

Home Improvement Special Rule:

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

CLASS 10470 – SEWING AND NEEDLE ARTS –

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

CLASS 10472 – SEWING AND NEEDLE ARTS – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits

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

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

CLASS 10480 – OTHER FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

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

SPECIAL EXHIBITION THRIFTY MEAL CHALLENGE

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

Thrifty Meal Challenge Special Rules:

1. Each county may advance one (1) exhibit in this class to the Iowa State Fair.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people, with a serving for each person from each of the recommended food groups: *Protein, Dairy, Healthy Fats, Vegetables, Fruits, Whole Grains*. Recommended portion sizes per person: *3 ounces protein, 1 cup dairy, 1 Tablespoons healthy fats, ½-1 cup vegetables, ½ cup fruit, ½ -1 ounce whole grain*
If there is a dairy allergy, you may substitute with a calcium-rich item, but you will need to indicate the allergy and identify how the item substituted provides enough calcium.
6. The exhibit will be a poster 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>.

DIVISION 105

Personal Development

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10510 – CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

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

CLASS 10520 - COMMUNICATION

An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills. Includes learning from participation in Theatre Arts projects or programs such as puppets, stage design, etc. May include original creative writing, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, etc. If finished exhibit includes audio or video, it must be uploaded to YouTube.

CLASS 10530 – 4-H POSTER COMMUNICATION EXHIBIT

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

- a. “4-H is..... “(Open to 4-H’ers 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 State Fair theme)
- e. 4-H for America’s Next 250 Years (celebrating America’s 250th birthday)

Poster Communication Special Rules

1. Only one (1) poster per 4-H member may be entered. Limit of two posters per county can advance to the Iowa State Fair.

2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board – size minimum of 14”x20” or maximum of 15”x22”.
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. 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.
4. Posters **cannot** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may **not** extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.
6. Posters **cannot** use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H’ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

CLASS 10540 – DIGITAL STORYTELLING (See also Creative Arts)

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

CLASS 10550 - LEADERSHIP

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

CLASS 10560 – SELF DETERMINED

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

Personal Development Special Rule:

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

DIVISION 106

Science, Engineering & Technology

A limit of two (2) exhibits per class number.

Each exhibit must involve a different learning experience.

CLASS 10610 - MECHANICS

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

CLASS 10612 - AUTOMOTIVE

Repaired or restored vehicle. Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only (tentatively, Thursday, August 13)

CLASS 10613- AUTOMOTIVE

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

CLASS 10614 - ELECTRIC

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

CLASS 10615 – SMALL ENGINE

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

CLASS 10616 - TRACTOR

Repaired or restored tractor (lawnmower or larger). Note: A conference judging opportunity for exhibitors or 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 7:00pm. Please bring chocks for back tires of tractor.

CLASS 10617- TRACTOR - Educational display

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

CLASS 10618 – WELDING

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

CLASS 10620 - WOODWORKING

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

CLASS 10630 – SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

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

CLASS 10632 – AEROSPACE

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

CLASS 10634 - ROBOTICS

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

Science, Engineering & Technology Special Rule:

1. Exhibitors entered in the 4-H Science, Engineering & Technology classes are not eligible to exhibit in similar FFA Ag Mechanics classes and vice-versa.
2. Exhibits must be ready for display (artwork framed, wall hangings and pictures ready to hang, etc.) or the member must explain how a larger, heavier, exhibit will be displayed. Make sure hangers are strong enough to support the item. Command Strips or other quick attach products (like sawtooth hangers) are usually not adequate hangers. Items not ready for display at the Iowa State Fair will be dropped one ribbon placing.

DIVISION 110

Clothing Event

County Event date: Thursday, June 11 @ Cedar County Extension Office

Cedar County Fair show time: Sunday, July 12, 10:30am – Pavilion

County Council Members: Brenna Horman, Addyson Lehrman, Maddie Neuberger

121 - 4-H FASHION REVUE

1. The purpose of this category is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
2. Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
3. Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
4. A garment or outfit consists of one to three pieces such as, but not limited to, party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear, and/or coats.
5. Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
6. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
7. Participants will be required to participate in an interview and modeling experience held prior to the fair.
8. Sign up in FairEntry by May 31, 2026. Bring in the completed event report form to judging on June 11th. Be sure to include a photo of entrant wearing the outfit.

122 - 4-H CLOTHING SELECTION

1. The purpose of this class is to select and/or purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
2. Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care and cost comparison.
3. There is no consideration in the judging on the amount spent, only in the process of record keeping and reflection on the cost of the individual items as a part of the process.
4. Outfits may be purchased at a department store, boutique, online store, sidewalk sales, retail shops or mall stores. Outfits may

also be purchased at garage sales or other secondhand venues at any price point. Outfits may be gifts, hand-me-downs, relative or friend's modern or vintage clothing or existing personal clothing, as long as the 4-H member selected the item as part of this specific outfit for the stated purpose.

5. Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store. Clothing items which are custom sewn specifically for the participant are not eligible.
6. Participants will be required to participate in an interview and modeling experience held prior to the fair.
7. Sign up in Fair Entry by May 31, 2026. Bring in the completed event report form to judging on June 11th. Be sure to include a photo of entrant wearing the outfit.

123 - THE \$20 CHALLENGE

1. This class is designed to expand the 4-H member's shopping experience to shopping venues emphasizing recycling, reducing, and reusing. Outfits **must** be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, thrift store, secondhand store, or similar place. This class is **not** for new clothing, regardless of price.
2. Online venues are allowed and must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total calculations.
3. Traditional shopping venues may not be used, regardless of a low regular or sale price. Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts do not qualify for this class.
4. \$20 is the purchase price limit including tax. However, some secondhand stores and venues do not charge sales tax.
5. Receipt (s) for every item included as a part of the calculated total must be submitted with the entry. A garage sale receipt can be a piece of paper with the name of the location, such as "Jane Doe garage sale", date, amount paid, and signature of person selling at the garage sale. If the outfit was free at a garage sale, "free" can be listed on the report form and on the receipt. Failure to provide receipts will be reflected in the evaluation.

6. An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt, sweater, jacket, and pants and/or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
7. Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
8. There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
9. The outfit pieces should be purchased to meet the 4-H member's goal or intended use for the purchased outfit, and the 4-H member should have had an experience in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price, and cost comparison.
10. Receipt (s) must be turned in with Clothing Event Form.
11. Participants will be required to participate in an interview and modeling experience held prior to the fair.
12. Sign up in Fair Entry by May 31, 2026. Bring in the completed event report form to judging on June 11. Be sure to include a photo of entrant wearing the outfit.

124- INNOVATIVE DESIGN

1. The Purpose of this class is to encourage creativity and out-of-the-box thinking when creating an outfit.
2. These designs can be theatrical costumes, cosplay, wearable technology, sustainable/upcycled fashion, accessible fashion, and/or outfits that use unconventional materials.
3. The outfit must be showcased as a worn garment modeled by the exhibitor or by the individual that it was designed for.
4. Exhibitors may make their garment entirely or permanently alter the silhouette of pre-existing materials through some method of permanent alteration or addition.
5. Consideration is given to originality and innovation.
6. Participants will be required to participate in an interview and modeling experience held prior to the fair.
7. Sign up in Fair Entry by May 31, 2026. Bring in the completed event report form to judging on June 11. Be sure to include a photo of entrant wearing the outfit.

FOR ALL CLOTHING EVENTS:

1. Only senior 4-H members (10, 11, 12 grade) are eligible for state Fair.
2. All Clothing Event Evaluation includes the youth with their selected outfit and their written form for a conference with a judge.

DIVISION 111 - 114

Communications

Youth who have completed the 5th grade are eligible to be selected for the Iowa State Fair.

Iowa State Fair - Region 11 – Dates to perform: August 14, 15, 19, & 20

PURPOSE: The Communication Event Program provides opportunities for 4-H youth to develop their personal communication skills by sharing talents, knowledge, or information with others. The events provide a series of developmental experiences for different age levels.

1. 4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or the equivalent) in 2026 are eligible to participate at the Iowa State Fair. See age guidelines for Share the Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking.
2. Educational Presentations and Working exhibits may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be subject to the time limits based on the grade of the member in the highest grade level (i.e., a team with a 5th grader and an 8th grader will use the times for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Topics selected by the 4-H member(s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience or learning in their project areas. Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
4. A 4-H member may give both a working exhibit and a presentation, but the topic must be different.
5. Participants in the 4-H communications program are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Development program and the topic of the presentation.
6. 4-H members must always use sanitary and safe procedures and methods. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits

involving food must follow established food safety guidelines, including HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” found at <https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/family-food-health/food-and-nutrition/food-quality/hs76.html>.

7. Appropriate storage of the food items and the sanitary handling of the food must be demonstrated by the 4-H members. Plastic gloves and hairnets are just a couple of items that should be considered and used as appropriate.
8. **All participants are expected to comply with all copyright and/or trademark regulations. Copyright material may not be distributed without permission.**
9. An adult will critique all communication divisions and there will be no premiums awarded in the communications department. Each participant will receive a participation ribbon and State Fair winners will receive state fair ribbons and plaques.

111 - EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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

County Communication Event Date: Thursday, July 9, 11:30am
Location: Exhibit Building in the Farm Bureau Ag Center

Educational Presentation Rules:

1. Time limit: Junior Presentations (4-6th grades) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate & Senior Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes.
2. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Presentation per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.
5. A judge’s critique/conference with each participant will be included.

6. Participants must complete Fair Entry and turn in a completed Educational Presentation report by June 15.

CLASS 11100

Junior Presentation – must have completed 4th - 6th grades in 2026.

CLASS 11102

Intermediate/Senior Presentation – must have completed 7th – 12th grades in 2026.

112 - WORKING EXHIBIT

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

County Exhibit Date: Thursday, July 9, 11:00am

Location: Exhibit Building in the Farm Bureau Ag Center

Working Exhibit Rules

1. Time limit: All participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period, with a 10-minute set up before and a 5-minute clean up following the working exhibit.
2. Participants must complete Fair Entry and turn in a completed Working Exhibit Report form by June 15.
3. 4-H members may participate in one Working Exhibit per year at the Iowa State Fair.
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

CLASS 11200

Junior Working Exhibit – must have completed 4th – 6th grades in 2026.

CLASS 11202

Intermediate/Senior Working Exhibit – must have completed 7th – 12th grades in 2026.

113 - SHARE THE FUN

PURPOSE: *Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to share their skills and talents before an audience purely for the sake of enjoyment.*

County Performance: Sunday, July 12, during the style show-Pavilion

CLASS 11300

1. Eligibility: 4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
2. Exception: if the Share-The-Fun act involves an entire club, at least 80 percent of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2026. Clover Kids are not eligible to participate.
3. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed six minutes in length.
4. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentations to a general audience.
5. All acts must turn in a completed 4-H Share-The-Fun Report form at even check-in to confirm stage set-up, cue music, etc.
6. General judge's comments will occur at the fair.
7. Participants must complete Fair Entry by June 15.

114 - EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

PURPOSE: *Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time.*

County Communication Event Date: Thursday, July 9, 11:30am

Location: Exhibit Building in the Farm Bureau Ag Center

CLASS 11400

1. Participants must be senior 4-H members who completed 9th through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2026.
2. The county contest will follow the State Fair format with a maximum of two entries to be sent to State Fair.
3. Program format:
 - a. Thirty minutes before the speech, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.

- The selected topic will not be available to the other participants. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
- b. A preparation room will be available with the participant not leaving the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or another youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
- c. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
 - Participant may bring their own books, magazines, or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
 - Reference material must be printed material such as books, or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines, or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program).
 - Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
- d. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H member's own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3x5 index cards will be provided to each contestant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3x5 cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.
- e. Only notes made during the prep period may be used.
- f. Each speech shall not be less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown timecards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) by the timekeeper. "Stop" will be said at six (6) minutes.
- g. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant's name. The participant will be expected to introduce their speech by title only.
- h. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audio-visuals of any sort. A podium will not be available.

4. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
 - a. Content related to topic.
 - b. Knowledge of the subject.
 - c. Organization of material.
 - d. Power of expression.
 - e. Voice.
 - f. Stage presence.
 - g. General effect.
 - h. Response to questions.
5. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included.

2026 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT COUNTY FAIRS

1. Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.
2. No individual Certificate of Veterinary Inspection will be required on Iowa origin animals or poultry exhibited at the Cedar County Fair, but the animals must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Swine are required to be inspected before being unloaded. All animals moving from out of state into the Cedar County Fair must meet Iowa Animal and Livestock Importation requirements. Each show will have an official veterinarian.
3. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.
4. Official identification listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required for all cattle of any age **coming in from out of state** used for rodeos, recreational events, shows and exhibitions.
5. 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 from outside of Iowa must present a test record and Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicates that each swine has had a negative test for pseudorabies within 30 days prior to the show, regardless of the status of the herd,

and the show individual official identification on test report. Electronic identification will not be considered official identification for exhibition purposes.

6. SHEEP– All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or another official Scrapie tag.
7. GOATS - All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag, another official Scrapie tag, or by an official tattoo registered with USDA. To register, call 1-866-873-2824. Wethers less than 18 months of age are required to have an individual identification and scrapie tag may be used, but a scrapie tag is not required.
8. POULTRY – 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. (Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements.) 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.
9. DOGS and CATS – All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate.

THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL

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

CEDAR COUNTY FAIR RULES

Specific to Cedar County

1. Livestock will be checked by the Fair Veterinarian upon entering the grounds. Livestock will not be permitted to get off trailers until they have been cleared by the vet.
2. As a safety concern, no horns will be allowed on any show cattle except the bottle bucket show for 4-H/FFA and the open show.
3. Livestock trailers will not be permitted to remain on the grounds during the week of the fair. The exception will be for the unloading and loading of animals during fair week. (This will include dairy, dairy goat, cow and calf pairs and horses coming for the show).

4. All Cattle including dairy will use common bedding. Swine, sheep and poultry must provide their own bedding. No paper bedding will be permitted in livestock buildings for any purpose.
5. All project/stalls must always be properly identified with completed stall cards. Replacement cards are available at the 4-H fair office in the beef show arena. This is part of herdsmanship.
6. It is recommended that all animals be double tied during the fair.
7. All fans must have protection guards to prevent accidents. No butt fans permitted in the barns. Fans are to be in the stall area from the front half of animal forward to the head area. Fan may be securely attached to the rafters or fair show superintendents approved structure above the animals of exhibitor. All fans are to be directed to blow on the non-show side of the animal.
8. Only self-contained misters will be allowed.
9. There are to be absolutely no unattended water hoses running into any livestock barns for any reason. This is a safety factor and will be enforced by confiscation of the hose; and it will not be returned to the rightful owner until after the fair.
10. **Animal Care & Prep Rules (Fitting/Grooming)**– The fitting/grooming of all animals during the fair will be done by the 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor with assistance from immediate family members, other current Iowa 4-H/FFA members, or Cedar County 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors. (Immediate family members consist of parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle). **Any exceptions to this rule has to be approved by the Cedar County Extension and Superintendents by May 15th.**
11. A 4-H member's last year to participate in the county fair will be the one immediately following graduation of high school. A FFA member's last year to participate in the county fair will be until the third September after high school graduation OR until 21 years of age, whichever comes first.
12. All animals must be declared as commercial, crossbred, breed or produce at fair weigh-in/entry time. Changes will not be allowed once fair weigh in/entry time is closed.
13. 4-H/FFA fair livestock entry and stall rental fees are set by the fair board. The fees are per head, unless indicated otherwise. Fees must be paid at the designated time in order to exhibit at the Cedar County Fair.
 - \$10 Dairy Cows/Steers, Market Beef Animals, Heifers
 - \$8 All Cow/Calf units
 - \$5 All Bottle Bucket Animals
 - \$5 Swine – per pen with a maximum of three pigs per pen

- \$4 Dairy Goats – per head
- \$4 All Sheep and Meat Goats – per head
- \$1 Pets – pay entry free with project folder – July 1
- \$1 Dogs, Rabbits, and Poultry – premium check deduction
- \$5 Horse – grounds fee- payable at the horse show
- \$2 Horse- entry fee per class entered – payable at show

Pen Rental/Stall Fee forms for all livestock species (except rabbits, horses, dogs, and poultry) must be turned in prior to June 30th to avoid additional fees. After June 30th the stalling fee will include an extra \$25 *per* animal. Late forms will be accepted until the close of the respective fair weigh-in or entry time. Late forms will not be guaranteed a stall with club members. All fees are non-refundable.

14. Livestock Fair Entries need to be entered online via FairEntry by June 15th. Rabbit and Poultry need to be entered in FairEntry by June 30th. Clothing Event needs to be entered in FairEntry by May 31.
15. There will be 2 release times at the fair. Option 1 is 6-8am, Sunday July 12. Option 2 is 1:00pm, Sunday July 12. This applies to all animals except sale animals. Definition of Release Time - “NO livestock” will be untied and/or loaded until the actual time of release occurs as stated in the fair book. Equipment may be loaded prior to release time. Non-compliance by the 4-H/FFA member will result in forfeiture of all awards and premiums as well as continued participation by the member in the current fair and the next county fair in this project area. Exception to the animal release time will be: Signed papers from the fair veterinarian OR exhibitors desiring to leave the Cedar County Fair early for a Junior National or Junior Regional show and who have received prior approval of the superintendents of the show. This approval must be obtained prior to June 30th.
16. Stalls and pens are to be kept clean and attractive by the exhibitor at all times. All paper, aerosol cans, pop cans and bottles must be put in the waste containers on the grounds. These cannot be left in the bedding or put in the manure piles in the designated areas outside the barns.
17. Each exhibitor is responsible for cleaning their own livestock pen or area used during the Cedar County Fair. This should be completed following the release of animals on Sunday and prior to animals leaving the grounds. Swine pens should be done following the loading of swine.

*Exhibitors have **until Noon** on the Monday immediately*

following the close of the fair to have this completed before fines are assessed. Upon inspection if it is found that exhibitors have not completed this task, a fine of \$50 will be assessed to the club. Clubs will decide how the fee is paid – by individual members or by the club.

18. All livestock must be on visible public display in assigned stalls or pens from fair entry time until release time and during the hours of 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Animals are not allowed to leave the grounds or be moved to non-livestock areas at any time.
19. Animals are not allowed to be walked or exercised beyond the barn area. Swine should be exercised in the swine arena and cattle in the beef arena. While walking or exercising your animals you are also responsible for manure clean up in the area used.
20. It is preferred that all bottle calves for each club are stalled together in their club's area for the safety of the calves and exhibitors.
21. Grooming areas including tents and specific stall selections are not allowed to be selected until after 1:00 pm Monday – July 6th.
22. All animals must be off the fairgrounds on Sunday evening at the close of the fair. No exceptions to this deadline.

4-H/FFA GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of the rules are subject to all premium cancellations, disqualification from future participation in the Cedar County Fair. Interpretation of rules, when necessary, shall be the responsibility of the fair show superintendents.
2. Only livestock projects, which have been enrolled by the exhibitor and identified in 4hOnline 2.0 by the designated deadline of May 15th (February 1 for market beef) may be exhibited. This applies to all animals with the exception of pets, rabbits and poultry which need to be identified by June 30th. All livestock must meet ownership/possession identifications and requirements outlined in 4-H 202. Joint members partnership entries will not be accepted with the exception of horses and dogs as outlined in 4-H 202 (found on county and state websites). Animals CANNOT be identified as both 4-H and FFA and cannot be identified by more than one 4-H/FFA member.
3. Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to

have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says, “No Sale”. All animals offered for sale are terminated as 4-H projects.

4. First and Second place winners in individual classes are eligible to compete for Championships and Reserve Championships, provided they received a purple or blue award.
5. Exhibitors in 4-H classes are not eligible to exhibit in a similar department of the FFA divisions or vice-versa.
6. **Animals must be shown as identified – 4-H or FFA not both and animals must be registered in the exhibitor’s name.**
7. No member will be eligible for this show who does not take entire charge and care of the project in the show ring except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the superintendents of show. This show is an educational event. It is designed to train 4-H members to properly fit their animals and exhibit his or her animal without aid.
8. All 4-H/FFA Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine exhibitors must be certified through the YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Program.
9. Animals with disposition problems may be asked to leave the fairgrounds at the discretion of the fair show superintendents and County Youth Coordinator.
10. **SUBSTITUE SHOWMAN** – Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence, the Management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases: if a member is injured or is seriously ill or quarantined at the time of the show or is involved in another fair activity with a nonflexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory. In the case of military obligations, official orders must be on file in the Extension Office prior to the start of the fair. Participation in school or school activities will not be considered. For those who are ill or injured, a doctor’s note is highly recommended.
The substitute showman must be an eligible Cedar County 4-H or FFA member and approved in advance of the show by fair show superintendents and/or the Extension Office.
An exhibitor, who has more than one animal in a class, need not secure approval for another eligible showman to exhibit one

of his/her animals. However, it is expected such cases will be brought to the attention of the clerk checking animals into the check-in area or show ring.

11. CODE OF ETHICS – 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. 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:

- A. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (such as sewing, cooking, refinishing, etc.), care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
- B. All exhibits will be 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 my exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- C. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
- D. 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.
- E. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for medications, and be free of volatile drug residue.
- F. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only the Official Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are

administered shall be done according to the label instruction of the medication used.

- G. 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 me, my parent(s) and/or guardian by the Management of the fair or exhibition.
- H. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
- I. 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.
- J. By entering an animal in this fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence 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 is 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.
- K. 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 I will accept any disciplinary actions 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.
- L. 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.

- M. 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.
- N. 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 and other exhibitor material.

12. Any attempt to misrepresent an animal in any way will be considered fraud and deception and can result in disqualification and barring from this fair or exhibition. In addition, any exhibiting family whose animals are found suspect of using illegal drugs or barring for any other reason at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and exposition will be barred indefinitely from showing at the Cedar County fair.

- A. Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the fair show superintendents be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the sale: such animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, at the discretion of the fair show superintendents, the reserve Grand Champion will become the Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced. Should violation be discovered after the sale, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal carcass or carcass value (established by the USDA market for dressed meat as of day of sale) shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will be advanced.

Any Carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.

When a rule violation and/or the eligibility of an animal to compete is in question, a formal complaint must be made in writing and presented to the Cedar County Extension Office before noon of the day following the one on which the violation or eligibility question arises OR in the case of drug

testing within 24 hours following receipt of the results; accompanied by a \$100 “good faith” cash deposit. All expenses of proof must be paid by the party filing the formal complaint. This money will be refunded unless the claim is not substantiated. If the claim is valid and proof of illegal activity exists, the exhibitor in question is responsible for all costs incurred.

- B. TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTTION as to breeding, age, ownership, and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.
- C. To maintain a high degree of confidence and integrity in the livestock shows, the fair show superintendents reserve the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitor’s assistants who fitted the animal involved.
- D. Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting, or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing, painting, or coloring hair; adding artificial tail heads, switches, polls, hair, and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state.
- E. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in exhibition animals (i.e., lifting or filling under the skin) will be considered fraud and deception. No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water, or other fluids (i.e., stomach pump, IV) will be allowed. All exhibitors whose animals give evidence of such treatment will be barred indefinitely from exhibiting at the Cedar County Fair. All exhibitors, their immediate family and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing at the Cedar County fair and will forfeit all premiums, prizes, monies and awards won in any division.
- F. CARCASS CONDEMNATION at the packing plant due to unethical or illegal practices shall be grounds for disqualification in the on foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited, and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
- G.

13. No drugs or medications of any kind may be administered at the fair except by the order of the Official Fair veterinarian. All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions, or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive tests, except for residues which are within FDA tolerance levels, will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums, and sale prices. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor's family may be barred from participation in future Cedar County fairs. A re-test may be done at the exhibitor's expense. Random drug testing will be conducted. **THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE ABOVE LEGAL TOLERANCE LEVELS IS PROHIBITED.** Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.
14. Each exhibitor with market animals, beef, meat goats, sheep and swine, will complete an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement and hand it in at fair weigh-in/entry time.
15. Any animal showing evidence of contagious diseases will be unable to be shown. Disqualified animals must be removed from the barn and Fairgrounds immediately. Any animal found to have external parasites will be disqualified and exhibitor must remove it from the premises immediately.
16. Exhibitors are expected to care for their animals in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of animal will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials.
17. No coaching will be allowed from or near the ring. This includes verbal or non-verbal coaching.
18. Exhibitors will be required to keep their feed, hay, straw, equipment, etc., in the appropriate location(s) for each specific barn, based upon availability. The public alleyways must always be kept open and free from litter, equipment, feed, etc.
19. **Absolutely no alcohol or drugs are allowed in the barns or arenas during the fair for all youth participants, families, volunteers, and visitors.**

**DECISIONS MADE BY THE COUNTY YOUTH COORDINATOR
& FAIR SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS WILL BE FINAL**

Showmanship Rules for all Species

1. Exhibitors must show their own animal with one entry per species.
2. First and second place will be selected in all divisions (for premiums) with the exception of Masters Showmanship.
3. All exhibitors who exhibit livestock are eligible to compete for showmanship awards, within the following guidelines:
 - a. Members may win champion showmanship within a livestock division each year they are eligible.
 - i. Juniors – grades 4, 5, 6,
 - ii. Intermediate – grades 7, 8
 - iii. Seniors – grades 9, 10, 11, 12
4. Masters (species included are: beef, meat goat, sheep, and swine). This class is for members who have won a division showmanship at their current grade level in the current year. All levels will compete against each other with one Master Showman selected from each livestock division.
5. Type is not to be considered except as it may affect the way an animal should be fitted and shown. The following points will be considered (apart from Dog, please see Dog section for points breakdown):
 - a. Appearance of animal at all times during the show 40
 - b. Presenting (showing animal in the ring) 45
 - c. Appearance and skill of shown exhibits 15
6. All exhibitors are required to wear a **WHITE SHIRT** (blouse, button shirt, 4-H/FFA shirt) and **hard soled shoes** in the showmanship classes.
7. No hats allowed except for horse showmanship.
8. Entry for showmanship classes need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15th.

SUPREME SHOWMANSHIP EVENT

1. The ultimate showmanship learning opportunity for youth livestock exhibitors- Premier showmen across multiple species will learn how to show other species and put their new skills to the test in this multi-specie supreme showmanship event.
2. The master showman from the following species will compete in Supreme Showmanship: market beef, breeding beef, meat goat, sheep and swine. If the master champion premier showman declines, the spot goes to the senior champion.
3. If one person wins master showman in more than one species, they will represent the first species won, and the second species master

- runner up will be the specie representative.
4. 4 classes (beef, meat goat, sheep and swine) will be set-up using animals that have been shown at the Cedar County Fair.
 5. Any grooming needs will be the responsibility of the premier showman.
 6. Contestants will draw numbers to determine the animal used for each species as the specie enters the ring. Contestants may not draw their own animal if it is being used.
 7. Each species will be shown under the appropriate guidelines of that specie.
 8. The contestants will be scored 100% on showmanship and knowledge exhibited to the judge. All show procedures are at the discretion of the judge.
 9. Points will be assigned to contestants based on the rank the judge assigns them. This will not be announced in class (1pt for first, 2pts for second, etc.)
 10. At the end of the last specie, contestants will introduce themselves and answer the judge's question on the microphone.
 11. The contestant with the lowest score wins and will be named Supreme Showman at the end of the show.
 12. Tiebreakers are to the judge's discretion on overall composure, knowledge, and the contestant's comfort/public speaking skills on the microphone.

DIVISION 200

Cow and Calf Pairs

Superintendents: Russ Cook, Doug Schroeder, Arlan Mohr

County Council Members: Jeremiah Hennings, Tara Hennings, Brenna Horman,
Maddie Neuberger

Friday, July 10

8:30 am – Cow and calf check in

9:00 am – Cow and calf show

Cow and calf units released immediately following the show.

Heifer Show immediately follows Cow and Calf Show.

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15th.
2. Each member is allowed to exhibit four (4) units total.
3. All 4-H cow and calf units must be the continuation of a previously identified 4-H heifer project by the same member.
4. All FFA members must have ownership of the cow 60 days prior to the birth of the calf.

5. Cow must have their own suckling calf at side and must be broke to tie and lead at fair time.
6. Cows must be tattoo checked prior to the show and verified with ID information from 4hOnline.
7. Cow and calf units will be judged within breed and commercial classes.
8. Exhibitors must use breed association rules for entering cow and calf in breed classes. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the registration papers to make sure the information is accurate.
9. Registration papers need to be presented at fair weigh in/check in. Registration papers need to be in the exhibitor's name. These must be physical paper copies, not electronic copies.
10. Failure to provide registration papers at check-in will move the cow and calf unit to commercial class.
11. Birth dates of cow and calf unit must be recorded by May 15th. Information for all calves born after the May 15th date must be given to the Extension Office prior to the start of fair.
12. Breed animals will be allowed to show as commercial.
13. Champion and Reserve Champion will be named in each breed class. A Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion cow calf will be elected for overall champion cow and calf unit.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$10.00 Red- \$9.00 White- \$8.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

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| 20001 | Commercial Cow with first year calf |
| 20002 | Commercial Cow with second year calf |
| 20003 | Angus Cow with first year calf |
| 20004 | Angus Cow with second year calf |
| 20005 | Belted Galloway Cow with first year calf |
| 20006 | Belted Galloway Cow with second year calf |
| 20007 | Charolais Cow with first year calf |
| 20008 | Charolais Cow with second year calf |
| 20009 | Charolais Composite Cow with first year calf |
| 20010 | Charolais Composite Cow with second year calf |
| 20011 | Chianina Cow with first year calf |
| 20012 | Chianina Cow with second year calf |
| 20013 | Gelbvieh Cow with first year calf |
| 20014 | Gelbvieh Cow with second year calf |
| 20019 | Hereford-Horned Cow with first year calf |
| 20020 | Hereford-Horned Cow with second year calf |

- 20021** Hereford-Polled Cow with first year calf
- 20022** Hereford-Polled Cow with second year calf
- 20023** Hereford Mini Cow with first year calf
- 20024** Hereford Mini Cow with second year calf
- 20025** Limousin Cow with first year calf
- 20026** Limousin Cow with second year calf
- 20027** Lim-Flex Cow with first year calf
- 20028** Lim-Flex Cow with second year calf
- 20029** Maine Angus Cow with first year calf
- 20030** Maine Angus Cow with second year calf
- 20031** Maine Anjou-High Percentage Cow with first year calf
- 20032** Maine Anjou-High Percentage Cow with second year calf
- 20033** Maintainer Cow with first year calf
- 20034** Maintainer Cow with second year calf
- 20035** Red Angus Cow with first year calf
- 20036** Red Angus Cow with second year calf
- 20037** Red Angus Foundation Cow with first year calf
- 20038** Red Angus Foundation Cow with second year calf
- 20039** Salers Cow with first year calf
- 20040** Salers Cow with second year calf
- 20041** Shorthorn Cow with first year calf
- 20042** Shorthorn Cow with second year calf
- 20043** Shorthorn Plus Cow with first year calf
- 20044** Shorthorn Plus Cow with second year calf
- 20045** Foundation Simmental Cow with first year calf
- 20046** Foundation Simmental Cow with second year calf

DIVISION 201

Breeding Beef

Superintendents: Russ Cook, Doug Schroeder, Arlan Mohr

County Council Members: Jeremiah Hennings, Tara Hennings, Brenna Horman,
Maddie Neuberger

Wednesday, July 8

6:00- 9:30 am – Arrival of Beef Animals permitted on the grounds

10:00 – 11:00 am – Breeding Heifer check in (Annex)

All breed heifers will have tattoos and registration checked

All commercial heifers must be tattoo checked.

Friday, July 10

Show will start immediately following the Cow/Calf Show. Breeding Beef Showmanship will follow the Breeding Beef Show.

Sunday, July 12

6am-8am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1.

1:00pm- Livestock released from the grounds, option 2.

Breeding Beef Entry Rules

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. Exhibitors may show a limit of six heifers.
3. Heifers must have been born between September 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025.
4. All heifers must have legible ear tattoos. Late tattoos will not be accepted.
5. All breeding beef animals MUST have a tattoo listed (both registered and commercial) in 4HOnline by May 15; calthood vaccination is not acceptable identification as the primary tattoo.
6. All heifers are required to have a secondary method of identification. Registered animals may use their registration number. Commercial animals will need to input their calthood vaccination number or buy an official 4-H ear tag for their secondary identification.
7. Exhibitors must use breed association rules for entering heifers in breed classes.
8. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the registration papers to make sure the information is accurate. *Refer to exhibition requirements for deadline to submit registration number.*
9. Registration papers need to be presented at fair check-in. Failure to provide registration papers at check-in will move the animal to commercial class. Registration papers need to be a hard copy. Electronic versions will not be accepted.
10. Heifers identified as commercial by the May 15th deadline will not be allowed to switch to breed for exhibiting at fair time.
11. First year 4-H members who exhibited a bottle bucket calf at the previous fair in the open class may bring that same identified animal back to exhibit in the return bottle bucket class of the market beef or breeding beef show.
12. Bred and owned heifers must have been born from a previously identified 4-H/FFA heifer project enrolled by the same member making the entry. Bred and owned heifers will be shown in separate classes and must be designated in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026. To be eligible to exhibit a Bred and owned heifer, the following criteria must be met:

- a. The 4-H Exhibitor is both the owner and breeder on the current registration certificate,
 - b. The 4-H Exhibitor is the sole and continuous owner of the entry since birth, and
 - c. The 4-H Exhibitor must have owned the entry's dam at the time of conception.
13. All heifers must be weighed at fair check in time.
14. Breed heifers will be shown by age, and commercial heifers will be shown by weight.
15. Once fair check-in is completed, class changes will not be allowed.

BREEDING BEEF

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue \$10.00

Red \$9.00

White \$8.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Breeding heifers will be divided into the following classes:

20110 Return Bucket Bottle

20111 Registered Heifer (Breeds listed below)

20112 Registered Produce Heifer (Breeds listed below)

20113 Commercial Heifer

Registered Breeds:

Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford-Horned, Hereford-Polled, Hereford-Miniature (Horned and Polled), Limousin, Lim-Flex, Maine Angus, Maine Anjou-High Percent, Maintainer, Red Angus, Red Angus Foundation, Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Foundation Simmental

*Any registered breeding heifer that is the only entry in their respective breed will show in the AOB (All Other Breeds) class. They will be named the champion of their respective breed. They will not be competing against the other heifers in the AOB class. All breed champions will be in the final drive.

*For Example: If there are two Belted Galloway entries, we will have a Belted Galloway Class. If there is one Belted Galloway, one Shorthorn Plus, and one Wagyu, they will all be put in the AOB class and will all be able to show in the final drive as champions of their breed.

DIVISION 202

Market Beef

Superintendents: Russ Cook, Doug Schroeder, Arlan Mohr
County Council Members: Hunter Hamer, Jeremiah Hennings, Tara
Hennings, Maddie Neuberger

Wednesday, July 8

6:00- 9:30 am – Arrival of Beef Animals

11:00am-12n- Market Beef Weigh-In

All Market beef animals must be weighed at this time.

Registration Verification for all breed animals (have your registration papers with you).

Saturday, July 11

8:30 am – Market Beef show

1:30 pm – Market Beef & Ribbon Sale

Sunday, July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

Market Beef Entry Rules

** Tattoos will be read at fair weigh-in time. If tattoos are not legible or do not match registration papers – the animal will show as a crossbred. There will be no exceptions to this.

** All animals must have an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement completed and handed in at the fair weigh-in process to be eligible to exhibit and participate in the auction.

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. Market beef steers, market heifers and dairy steers must have weighed in at the county or other extension office approved county weigh-in prior to February 1, 2026.
3. Youth may exhibit up to six head of market animals at the county fair. These may be shown as all market beef, all market heifers, all dairy steers, or any combination for a total of six head.
4. Market beef steers and heifers must weigh a minimum of 950 pounds at fair weigh in time. Animals weighing less than 950 will be placed in a feeder cattle class. This class will be shown with all breeds together.
5. Exhibitors must use ***breed*** association rules for entering market animals in breed classes.
6. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to check the registration papers

to make sure the information is accurate. Registration papers need to be in the exhibitor's name. *Refer to exhibition requirements for deadline to submit registration number.*

7. Registration papers need to be presented at fair check-in time. Failure to provide the appropriate registration papers at weigh-in will move the animal to a crossbred class.
8. Registration papers must be a physical copy. Electronic registration papers will not be accepted.
9. First year 4-H members who exhibited a bottle bucket calf at the previous fair in the open class, may bring that same identified animal back to exhibit in the return bottle bucket class of the market beef or breeding beef show.
10. County Bred and Raised are animals from cow herds within the geographic boundaries of Cedar County. These animals will be recognized on the show sheets but will not show in separate classes during the show.
11. Beef classes will be divided by weight following fair weigh in.
12. Classes will be shown from light to heavy within each show class.
13. A market beef animal qualifies for a blue ribbon by having a 2.1 average daily gain as a heifer and a 2.3 average daily gain as a steer. This is determined from the official 4-H weigh-in day and the weigh-in at fair. Numbers will be rounded to the nearest 10th. (Example – 2.14 = 2.1 and 2.15 = 2.2). Any market beef that does not qualify, will not be eligible to win their class or come in for final drive.
14. Specialty breed market beef such as Wagyu, and Belted Galloway qualify for a blue ribbon by having a 1.5 average daily gain as a heifer or a steer.
15. Specialty breed Mini Herefords, Lowlines and Dexters will be measured by shoulder height at the fair weigh-in process. Mini Hereford and Lowline steers must be less than 48” and heifers must be less than 46” to show in these classes. Dexter steers must be less than 44” and heifers must be less than 42” to show in these classes. They do not need to meet a rate of gain.
16. Specialty Breed Crossbred Small Framed Cattle (must be designated at the winter weigh-in) will have a maximum shoulder height limit of 48” for steers and 46” for heifers at the fair weigh-in and they will be required to meet a 1.5 average daily gain.
17. Crossbred steers will be shown as follows:
 - a. Light weight division – 1st and 2nd place will be chosen in the classes, followed by the selection of the champion and reserve light weight steer.
 - b. Medium weight division – 1st and 2nd place will be chosen in the

- classes, followed by the selection of the champion and reserve medium weight steer.
- c. Heavy weight division - 1st and 2nd place will be chosen in the classes, followed by the selection of the champion and reserve heavy weight division.
 - d. Following the light, medium and heavy weight champion and reserve champion selection, there will be an overall crossbred champion and reserve champion steer selected.
18. Champion and Reserve Champion of **all classes** will show for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market beef. This also includes dairy steers.
 19. One market beef animal per exhibitor in the market beef show may be sold at the Livestock Beef Auction. This declaration should be made upon registration in Fair Entry by July 8, 2026. Additionally, if an exhibitor doesn't sell one head of market beef, they can sign up for the ribbon auction by July 8, 2026.

Ribbons and Premiums

Blue \$10.00 Red \$9.00 White \$8.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 20200** Feeder Cattle
- 20201** Dairy Steers
- 20202** Market Heifers
- 20203** Return Bottle Bucket
- 20204** Registered Steer (Breeds listed below)
- 20205** Crossbred
- 20206** Specialty Breed Small Framed Crossbred

Registered Breeds:

Angus, Belted Galloway, Charolais, Charolais Composite, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Hereford, Hereford-Miniature, Limousin, Lim-Flex, Maine Angus, Maine Anjou-High Percent, Maintainer, Red Angus, Red Angus Foundation, Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Foundation Simmental

* Any registered market steer that is the only entry in their respective breed will show in the AOB (All Other Breeds) class. They will be named the champion of their respective breed. They will not be competing against the other heifers in the AOB class. All breed champions will be in the final drive.

For Example: If there are two Belted Galloway entries, we will have a

Belted Galloway Class. If there is one Belted Galloway, one Shorthorn Plus, and one Wagyu, they will all be put in the AOB class and will all be able to show in the final drive as champions of their breed.

RATE OF GAIN RULES

The top five rate of gain places for market beef and the top two rate of gain places for dairy steer will be recognized prior to the announcement of the Grand Champion Animals.

DIVISION 203

Beef Carcass Contest

Superintendents: Cedar County Cattlemen

Sunday, July 12

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – check in

Noon – Live Show

12:30 pm (or conclusion of live show) – load out to packer

Beef Carcass Entry Rules

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15th. No limit on the number of head entered.
2. All cattle must have weighed in at the county or other extension office approved county weigh-in prior to February 1, 2026.
3. All entries must have an end live weight of at least 1,100 lbs.
4. Entries will be scored based on Rate of Gain and End Retail Market Value.
5. Results will follow at a later date. Top 5 will be recognized and awarded a premium.
6. Cedar County Cattlemen are covering all carcass grading and transportation costs following the show.

EXHIBIT CLASS

20300 Live Carcass Class

DIVISION 204

Bottle Bucket Calf

Superintendents: Vicki Pruess, Ann Mente
County Council Members: Brooke Boedeker,
Kortney Crist, Bella Dallege, Alexa Fitzgerald

Wednesday, July 8

6:00 - 9:30 am – Animals can arrive on the grounds

10:00am- 12noon – check-in of all bottle bucket animals (Arena Office)

Bottle bucket entries close at 12pm

Friday, July 10

2:00pm – 4-H Bottle Bucket Show

Open Bottle Bucket Show follows 4-H Show

Sunday, July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

Bottle Bucket Entry Rules

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026. Interviews will be held June 21 at the Cedar County Extension Office.
2. Any newborn or orphan calf born between January 1 and April 30 of current year.
3. Calf must be purchased and in the possession of member within two weeks of animal's birth.
4. No bull calves permitted.
5. Calves do not need to be dehorned.
6. All bottle bucket calves must be identified by an approved Iowa 4-H or official USDA form of ID.
7. Exhibitor may identify up to three (3) animals but limited to exhibit one (1) animal at the county fair.
8. 4-H Bucket Bottle calves need to be identified in 4hOnline 2.0 by May 15.
9. Calves will be shown at halter.
10. Classes will be divided by exhibitor grade as of September 15th of previous year. Juniors will be grades 4, 5, 6; Intermediates will be grades 7, 8; Senior will be grades 9, 10, 11, 12. Division within classes will be at the discretion of the fair show superintendent.
11. Quality and conformation of the calf will not be considered as purchase should not be on this basis.

12. The project will be evaluated on four parts with a 450-point system. Ribbon placing will be based on overall points given for the following:

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| a. Written records | 100 |
| b. Interview | 200 |
| c. General Health | 50 |
| d. Showmanship | 100 |

Written records are due at the time of interview.

General health and showmanship evaluated in ring.

Accurate and complete records of project must be kept.

Show ring evaluation will be based on:

- What a member has learned about care and management of raising the calf
- The showing of the calf with emphasis on what the member has learned – all general livestock rules apply.
- General health condition and management of the calf and members knowledge of this area.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$7.00 Red - \$6.00 White - \$4.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

20400 Bottle Bucket – Junior

20401 Bottle Bucket – Intermediate

20402 Bottle Bucket – Senior

DIVISIONS 208 and 209

Beef Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00 Masters - \$5.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. Breeding Beef Showmanship will be on Friday, July 10 following the Breeding Beef Show.
3. Market Beef Showmanship will be on Saturday, July 11 following the Market Beef Show.

20800 Breeding Beef Showmanship- Junior

20801 Breeding Beef Showmanship- Intermediate

20802 Breeding Beef Showmanship- Senior

- 20803** Market Beef Showmanship- Junior
- 20804** Market Beef Showmanship- Intermediate
- 20805** Market Beef Showmanship- Senior
- 20900** Masters Beef Showmanship

DIVISION 210

Dairy Cattle

Superintendents: Ann Mente, Marty Mente

County Council Members: Brooke Boedeker, Kortney Crist, Bella

Dallege, Alexa Fitzgerald

Friday- July 10

4:00pm (time approximate as show will follow the bottle bucket shows)

Sunday, July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

Dairy Cattle Entry Rules

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. All dairy will be shown by breed in respective class.
3. Each member is limited to showing six (6) dairy animals with no limit per age group.
4. Classes having more than 15 entries will be divided by age.
5. All dairy animals will come on the grounds the day of show and leave following the show.
6. Dairy animals will have common bedding and no straw allowed.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$7.00

Red - \$6.00

White - \$4.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES (By Breed)

21100 First year dairy heifer calf - September 1, 2025 – March 1, 2026

21101 Yearling Heifer - September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

21102 Two year old cow - September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024

21103 Aged Cow - before September 1, 2023

DIVISION 219
Dairy Cattle Showmanship
Ribbon and Premiums
First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.

- 21901** Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Junior
- 21902** Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Intermediate
- 21903** Dairy Cattle Showmanship – Senior

DIVISION 220
Dairy Goats
Superintendents: Ann Mente, Marty Mente
County Council Members: Brooke Boedeker, Kortney
Crist, Bella Dallege, Alexa Fitzgerald

Friday, July 10

Show will immediately follow the dairy cow show.

Dairy Goat Entry Rules

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. All purebred and grade goats must be tattooed.
3. All goats must be collared and tied in designated barn areas.
4. Purebreds and grades will show together.
5. No bucks allowed.
6. It is required that horns are tipped or blunt on all goats prior to arrival on the grounds.
7. Animals will be released following the show.

Ribbon and Premiums
Blue - \$4.00 Red - \$3.00 White - \$2.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 22100** Junior Doe - Doe under 24 months of age - have never freshened
- 22101** Senior Doe - Doe in milk or have freshened - Can be any age

DIVISION 229

Dairy Goat Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.

22900 Dairy Goat Showmanship – Junior

22901 Dairy Goat Showmanship – Intermediate

22902 Dairy Goat Showmanship – Senior

DIVISIONS 232 & 233

Meat Goats

Show Superintendent –Craig Smith, Evan McCleary, Robert Freese
County Council Members: Paityn Daedlow, Alexa Fitzgerald, Addyson
Lehrman, Maddie Neuberger

Wednesday, July 8

6:00 –9:30 am – Sheep and Goats start to arrive on the grounds – Vet
Check upon arrival before unloading.

9:30 am – Meat Goat entry and weigh-in.

Thursday, July 9

1:00 pm – Meat Goat show follows Sheep show.

Saturday – July 11

1:30 pm – Market Animal Sale – includes Market Goat Ribbon Sale

Sunday – July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

ENTRY RULES

** All animals must have an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management
Disclosure Statement completed and handed in at the fair weigh-in
process to be eligible to sell an animal in the auction.

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026. If market goats are shown, exhibitor can participate in the Ribbon Auction. Entries need to be made in Fair Entry by July 8, 2026.
2. All goat exhibitors must provide their own bedding.
3. All goats must weigh at the county weigh-in held during May and will be ear tagged.

4. All goats must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification tag in place.
5. All goats will weigh during check in at the fair. (both breeding and market goats).
6. Yearling does shall be born between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2025. These does will be shown by age. Everything else will be shown by weight.
7. Rate of gain will be calculated from May weight to fair weight. This is for market goats only.
8. All goat wethers must have horns tipped or blunted before arrival at the fairgrounds for exhibition.
9. Meat goats must have kid teeth in normal positions at time of check-in. Any meat goat having lost any kid teeth will be disqualified.
10. Each exhibitor may bring a maximum of six (6) goats.
11. All market animals will be slick shorn before arrival at the fairgrounds for exhibition.
12. Fitting will be allowed. The fitting/grooming of all animals during the fair will be done by the 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor with assistance from immediate family members, other current Iowa 4-H/FFA members, or Cedar County 4-H Leaders/FFA Advisors. (Immediate family members consist of parent, stepparent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, uncle). Painting, powdering, dyeing and use of color agents is not allowed. Animals which show evidence of this will not be permitted into the show ring. Any meat goat is subject to wiping with a towel to check for color or coloring agents prior to entering the show ring or upon completion of a class. If a color or coloring agent rubs off an animal rubbed with either a towel or hand, that animal will be disqualified.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

23200 Market Meat Goat Wethers

23201 Market Meat Goat Does

23301 Breeding Meat Does

23302 Breeding Meat Does Yearling

RATE OF GAIN RULES

The top three rate of gain places for meat goats will be recognized.

DIVISIONS 238 and 239

Meat Goat Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00 Masters - \$5.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15.

23801 Meat Goat Showmanship – Junior

23802 Meat Goat Showmanship – Intermediate

23803 Meat Goat Showmanship – Senior

23804 Meat Goat Showmanship – Masters

DIVISION 240

Poultry

Show Superintendent –Mariah Behrens

County Council Members: Gabriel Costello, Paityn Daedlow, Madison Wulf

Wednesday, July 8

4:00pm-4:30pm - Check-in - Beef Arena

5:00pm - Poultry Show – Beef Arena

Egg show will follow the poultry show

Saturday – July 11

1:30 pm – Market Animal Sale – includes Market Poultry Ribbon Sale

General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department.

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 30, 2026.
2. Fee of \$1.00 per entry will be deducted from total youth premium.
3. Cages will be provided for each exhibitor's birds.
4. Each exhibitor will be responsible for his or her birds and must be present when they are judged. (See substitute showman rule in 4-H livestock exhibit rules.)
5. Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning all bedding, manure, and other waste before departing fairgrounds or premiums will be forfeited.
6. Birds must have a) copy of the exhibitor's National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) official flock certificate, b) NPIP 9-2 Test Report or c) NPIP approved state plan certificate. Please bring these to the

Fair with your birds. All poultry exhibited must come from a 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. Poultry purchased from a hatchery and raised for exhibition are not exempt from Pullorum-Typhoid testing requirements. Certificates must be presented prior to registration for the poultry show (see #1). Failure to present certificate will result in disqualification.

7. All entries will be made by providing class, breed and as cock, hen, cockerel, or pullet. (i.e., American Breeding chicken, Plymouth Rock, one cock = entered as 240, 24010, 1) These terms are defined as:
 1. Cock – male chicken 1 year or older.
 2. Hen – female chicken 1 year or older.
 3. Cockerel – male chicken less than 1 year old.
 4. Pullet – female chicken less than 1 year old.
 5. Pen – 1 male, 2 females
8. All breed entries will be judged on the basis of uniformity, maturity development (handling qualities, molt, pigmentation) and general conformation to breed characteristics. This will be according to the American Standard of Perfection. **No crossbred or unrecognized breed entries will be allowed in the breed classes.**
9. All entries in commercial classes will be judged according to the USDA Production and Marketing Standards of Quality for live poultry. The factors will be health, feathering, conformation, (breast, back, legs, and thighs), fleshing and fat covering.
10. 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.
11. Exhibitors will be limited to a total of 10 entries plus up to 6 for Market Broiler – Special Division. A pen consists of one male and two females, old or young (i.e. one cock, two hens or one cockerel, two pullets). An individual bird may also be shown in a trio.
12. All birds must comply with health requirements available online.
13. All birds will be judged according to growth, confirmation, general health and appearance.
14. There will be a Poultry Showmanship Class. Please make entry into this class in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
15. If market poultry is shown, exhibitor can participate in the Ribbon Auction. Entries need to be made in Fair Entry by July 8, 2026.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

240 - BREEDING CHICKENS (Large Fowl)

- 24010 – American** -Plymouth Rock, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Javas, Rhode Islands, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giant, Lamonas, New Hampshires, Hollands, Delawares
- 24020 – Asiatic** - Brahma, Cochin, Langshan
- 24030 – Continental** - Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Barnvelders, Welsummers, Marans, Polish (Bearded & Non-Bearded), Houdans, Faverolles, Crevecoeurs, LaFleche
- 24040 – English** - Dorking, RedCaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps
- 24050 – Mediterranean** - Leghorns, Minorcas, Spanish, Andalusians, Anconas, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanans
- 24060 – Miscellaneous** - AOB – Modern, Old English, Malay, Sumatras, Aseels, Shamos, Yokohamas, Phoenix, Cubalayas, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Neck, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

241 - BREEDING CHICKENS (Bantam)

- 24100 – Bantams** – Game
- 24110 – Bantams** – Old English Game
- 24130 – Bantams** [*single Comb Clean Leg*] American Serama, Anconas, Andalusians, Austraplorps, Catalanans, Campines, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamaonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Neck, Nankin, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock Rhode Islands, Spanish, Sussex
- 24140 – Bantams** [*rose comb clean legged*] Anconas, Antwerp Blegians, Dorkings, Dominiques, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Red Caps, Rhode Island, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes
- 24150 – Bantams** [*any other comb clean legged*] Ameraucanas, Araucanas, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalays, Houdans, Ko Shamo, LeFleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas
- 24160 – Bantams** [*feather legged*] Cochins, Frizzles, Brahamas, Faveroles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans, Booted Bantams (when bearded called D’Uccle)

242- BREEDING DUCKS

All entries will be made by class, breed and as old drake, old duck, young drake, young duck or one pen.

- 24210 -Breeder Ducks – Heavy-** Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy
- 24220 - Breeder Ducks – Medium -** Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff
- 24230 - Breeder Ducks – Light -** Runner, Campbell, Magpie
- 24240 - Breeder Ducks – Bantam -** Call, East Indie, Mallard

243- BREEDING GEESE

All entries will be made by class, breed and as old gander, old goose, young gander, young goose or one pen.

- 24350 - Breeder Geese – Heavy -**Toulouse, Emden, African
- 24360 - Breeder Geese – Medium -** American Buff, Pilgrim, Saddleback Pomeranian, Sebastopol, Steinbacher
- 24370 – Breeder Geese- Light -** Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canadian, Egyptian

244 – BREEDING TURKEY

1. Old Tom
2. Old Hen
3. Young Tom
4. Young Hen
5. One Pen

245 - COMMERCIAL BIRDS

(These birds are eligible for the Ribbon Auction)

- 24500 Broilers** – Two birds per pen either sex under 12# total weight. These birds may not be shown in the Special Market Broiler Division.
- 24510 Roasters** – Two birds per pen either sex over 12# weight
- 24520 Market Ducks** – Two birds per pen either sex over 8 weeks of age.
- 24530 Market Geese** – Two birds per pen either sex over 12 weeks of age.
- 24540 Market Turkey** – Two birds same sex, over 15 weeks of age for hens, and 16 weeks of age for toms.

246 – MARKET BROILER – SPECIAL DIVISION

(These birds are eligible for the Ribbon Auction)

1. Birds will all come from Welp Inc., Bancroft, Iowa and will be sent to the Farm Bureau Agricultural Center for pick up.
2. All applications for this division must be filed with the Cedar County Extension Office through forms available at the office by March 1. Participation will be limited to the first 25 youth. **All market broiler**

chicks will be identified with numbered wing bands for 4-H project identification purposes.

3. Exhibitors must purchase 25 birds. (Exhibitors may combine with other exhibitors to split a shipment of 25 birds – they will all be shipped to one location and may be divided at that time.)
4. Broiler entries are limited to one entry per exhibitor. Each pen of five birds must weigh a minimum of 20 pounds. Wide variation in weight of individual birds will cause the pen to be sifted.
5. Each exhibit must be healthy and clean, or they will be sifted upon arrival.
6. Exhibitors may bring one extra bird to be weighed in, but only five will be shown.
7. All exhibitors must present their own birds to the judge.

24600 – Broilers Special Division – pen of 5 birds

247 – PRODUCTION POULTRY

1. Birds shown in the Production Classes must be at least 16 weeks old at the time of the show.
2. Birds will be shown as a pen of three females, light breed type.
3. Birds will be judged on health, vigor, uniformity in type, weight and production.
4. Exhibitors may make one entry in each Egg Production class – white laying variety and brown laying variety.
5. These classes do allow crossbreds.

24730 EGG CLASSES

24731 White Egg Layer - California Leghorn

24732 Brown Egg - Star, Sex Linx, Comet

DIVISION 249

Poultry Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00

Second Place - \$3.00

24901 Poultry Showmanship – Junior

24902 Poultry Showmanship – Intermediate

24903 Poultry Showmanship – Senior

DIVISION 250

Poultry Egg Show

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

1. Each Exhibitor is limited to one entry per class, with a maximum of 4 entries per exhibitor.
2. Eggs entered must be produced by his or her own flock. Birds do not need to be identified.
3. Exhibitor must have completed YQCA and entered their entries in Fair Entry by June 30th
4. Each entry will consist of three eggs. One egg will be cracked to judge the whites and yolks. This will be a random egg chosen at the judge's discretion.
5. Judging Criteria
 - All eggs should be properly cleaned, dried, and boxed before received for judging. An entry that is dirty or has an odor will be disqualified.
 - Uniformity of Color: All eggs should be consistent in color.
 - Uniformity of Shape: All eggs should be consistent in shape.
 - Shell Texture: Each egg is judged on shell texture in each of the following categories: Rough, ridges, porous, blind check, wrinkled. An egg that is cracked or broken shall have considerable deductions.
 - Condition: All eggs should be clean. Adhering dirt, stains, glassy or shiny surfaces, oils, egg whites, and moisture will have deductions.
 - Yolk/White Inspection: Yolk shape, color, and centering will be judged. Albumin clarity and shape along with chalazae and germ spot.
 - Defects: More than one yolk, staleness, polished or over-prepared shells, a developing embryo, excessive blood steaks and meat spots.
6. Bantam chicken eggs are to be less than 1.5 oz. Eggshell color is based off the following criteria:
 - White: The color as close as reasonably possible to white.
 - Brown: Including dark brown, light brown, beige, plum, pink, and cream.
 - Blue-Green: Includes blue, green olive, and khaki.
7. Judges reserve the right to move eggs from one classification to another when they have been entered in the wrong class according to class definitions.

EXHIBIT CLASSES

25001 - Bantam White Egg

25002 - Bantam Brown Egg

25003 - Bantam Blue-Green Egg

- 25004 - Large Fowl White Egg
- 25005 - Large Fowl Brown Egg
- 25006 - Large Fowl Blue-Green Egg
- 25007 - Duck Egg
- 25008 - Quail Egg
- 25009 - Other Egg

DIVISIONS 251 and 252

Breeding and Market Sheep

Show Superintendents –Craig Smith, Evan McCleary, Robert Freese
 County Council Members: Paityn Daedlow, Alexa Fitzgerald, Addyson
 Lehrman, Maddie Neuberger

Wednesday, July 8

6:00 –9:30 am – Sheep and Goats arrive on the grounds

9:30 am – Sheep entry and weigh-in

Thursday, July 9

1:00 pm –Sheep Show

Saturday – July 11

1:30 pm – Market Animal Sale – includes Market Goat Ribbon Sale

Sunday – July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

****** All animals must have an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement completed and handed in at the fair weigh-in process to be eligible to exhibit and participate in the auction.

Youth may exhibit up to eight head of sheep at the county fair. These eight may be shown as all breeding lambs, all market lambs, or any combination for a total of eight head. Exception: May only show one pair of breeding lambs and one pair of market lambs.

SHEEP ENTRY RULES

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026. If a market lamb is shown, the exhibitor can participate in the Ribbon Auction. Entries need to be made in Fair Entry by July 8,2026.
2. Lambs cannot exhibit if there are any signs of club lamb fungus. They will be sent home and not allowed to participate in the fair.
3. All sheep exhibitors must provide their own bedding.

4. All market lambs and all commercial ewes must attend the May weigh in and be weighed and ear tagged.
5. All sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin Identification tag.
6. Lambs must still have their milk teeth to show at the fair.
7. Yearling ewes shall be born between September 1, 2024, and December 31, 2025.
8. Purebred breeding lambs must be registered with papers available at fair weigh in.
9. Ewe animals weighed in as market lambs during the spring market animal weigh-in may be shown in the crossbred commercial lamb breeding classes.
10. Animals shown as breeding animals cannot be shown as market animals. They can only show in one show.
11. Animals to qualify for the speckled face commercial ewe class must possess pronounced speckling on a large portion of the face.
12. The purpose of the breeding classes is to encourage 4-H and FFA youth to keep their ewes and establish superior flocks.
13. All market lambs and commercial ewes **must be slick shorn** upon arrival to the fairgrounds. Animals which are not slick shorn will not be allowed to stall or enter the fair. Suggested fleece length for purebred breeding sheep is $\frac{1}{4}$ inch with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch maximum, with the exception being for wool breeds which have no maximum length.
14. All market lambs participate in the rate of gain contest. Top three will be recognized.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 25100** Purebred ewe lambs
- 25101** Purebred yearling ewes
- 25102** Blackface commercial ewe
- 25103** Commercial yearling ewes
- 25104** Speckled face commercial ewe lamb
- 25105** Pair of (2) breeding ewe lambs
- 25200** Single Black Face market lamb
- 25210** Single White Face Influence market lamb
- 25290** Pair of (2) market lambs
- 25291** Open Bottle Lamb/Goat

DIVISIONS 258 & 259

Sheep Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00

Second Place - \$3.00

Masters - \$5.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15.
 - 25801 Sheep Showmanship – Junior
 - 25802 Sheep Showmanship – Intermediate
 - 25803 Sheep Showmanship – Senior
 - 25900 Sheep Showmanship – Masters

DIVISIONS 262 & 264

Swine

Show Superintendents – Jim Thompson, Alan Beyer, Blake Vander Molen
County Council Members: Justin Boedeker, Caleb Bohlmann, Oakley Kruse,
Anton Slach

Tuesday, July 7

Swine Arrival: 7:00 – 9:00 am – swine arrive at fairgrounds

Swine Check-In: Swine will be checked in by Vet on arrival and exhibitors will be given declared weight cards. Declared weight cards are due by 2:00pm at the show ring office.

Thursday, July 9

8:00am – Swine Showmanship with Swine show to follow

Saturday, July 11

1:30 pm – Market Animal Ribbon Sale

Sunday, July 12

6:00am-8:00am- Livestock released from the grounds, option 1

1:00 pm – All livestock released from the grounds, option 2

SWINE ENTRY RULES

1. **The Swine Show is non-terminal. The 4-H Committee is not providing a terminal option. All hogs will be taken home. Each exhibitor is responsible for their swine exhibits after the fair.**
2. All swine should be farrowed on or after December 1st of the prior year.
3. All 4-H swine must be identified in 4hOnline by May 15. All FFA

swine must be on an ID worksheet on file with the Extension Office by May 15.

4. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
5. All swine exhibitors must be YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) certified by June 30th.
6. All swine must arrive 7:00 -9:00 am on July 7 at the fairgrounds. Health papers will not be accepted, and all swine will be inspected on the trailer by a vet upon arrival. Exhibitors will receive their declared weight cards when inspected upon arrival.
7. Weight cards will be taken to arena office as soon as possible until 2pm. There will be no weigh in. Weights will be declared, and a scale will be available for exhibitors to check their weights.
8. All class winners will be weighed at the completion of their class. In the event the class winner is not within 15 +/- pounds of their declared weight, it will be disqualified from the show.
9. All swine must have an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement completed and handed in at the fair check-in. All swine brought to fair should follow the rules and regulations of withdrawal times of any administered medications and vaccinations.
10. All 4-H county only swine will be ear tagged with an approved USDA 840 Tag, and ear notches will be required. All 4-H State only or State AND County swine will be ear tagged with an approved USDA 840 Tag, a DNA punch tag, and ear notches will be required. All FFA swine for county will need an ear tag and ear notches – check with your advisor for tags. All FFA swine for state will need to check with your advisor for procedure.
11. Clipping: All hogs will be required to have AT LEAST a ½ inch of hair or more on them. No painting modifications are allowed.
12. All decisions by fair veterinarian are final. No exceptions.
13. All swine exhibitors must have a premise ID on file at the Extension Office by June 30. Premise ID's are free via the Department of Ag in Des Moines. Premise ID applications can be accessed on the county website or at the Dept. of Ag. Animal Industry Bureau website:
www.iowaagriculture.gov/animalIndustry/pdf/premiseIDapp.pdf
14. Each exhibitor may exhibit up to 10 swine.
15. Entries in individual classes will be shown by weight.
16. For purebreds, minimum of 3 head are required for each breed,

- otherwise they will be shown in the AOB (all other breed) class.
17. For purebreds, registration paperwork must be brought to swine check-in at county fair. Registration must be in the exhibitor's name.
 18. There is no minimum weight for the swine show.
 19. It is recommended that swine should be under a maximum of 300 pounds.
 20. First and Second place in each class will come back and compete for Top 5 overall. Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from each of the live classes. Supreme Market & Breeding Hog will be selected from the class champions.
 21. All market swine exhibitors may sell one hog ribbon in the Ribbon Sale on Saturday.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00 Red - \$3.00 White - \$2.00

LIVE MARKET SWINE EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 26200** Market Barrow
26201 Market Gilt
26202 Purebred Market Hog

BREEDING SWINE EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 26400** Commercial Gilt
26401 Purebred Gilt

DIVISIONS 268 & 269

Swine Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00 Masters - \$5.00

All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2025. Showmanship will start with the Senior division, then Intermediate division, and then Junior division.

- 26801** Swine Showmanship- Junior- 4th-6th grade
26802 Swine Showmanship- Intermediate- 7th-8th grade
26803 Swine Showmanship- Senior- 9th-12th Grade
26900 Swine Showmanship - Masters

DIVISIONS 270, 271, 272, 273, 274

Rabbit

Superintendents –Lynne Rechterman, Irene Gaunitz, Lindsey Gaunitz

County Council Members: Caleb Bohlmann, Oakley Kruse

Saturday, July 11

6:30 am – Check-in

8:00 am – Show

1:30 pm – Market Animal Sale – includes Market Rabbit Ribbon Sale

ENTRY RULES

1. Rabbits need to be IDed in 4hOnline by June 30, 2026. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 30, 2026. In Fair Entry, under each class, pick the appropriate sub-class for your age division. (i.e., American Senior Doe, would be class 27001, sub-class 2)
2. Members may enter a total of 10 individual rabbits in the purebred and crossbred sub-divisions; a meat pen of three rabbits and one individual fryer, one individual roaster, one individual steeper, and one from a home raised litter. A maximum of 15 entries.
3. Health requirements: Rabbits will be examined by the official show check-in assistants. Rabbits showing evidence of the following will not be allowed to remain at the show: Snuffles, Weepy eye, Ear mites, Diarrhea, Abscesses, Coccidiosis, RHDV2.
4. Youth must exhibit their own rabbits and cannot show rabbits belonging to other individuals.
5. Rabbits will be judged according to breed standards as much as possible using the American Rabbit Breeders Association's current Standard of Perfection.
6. Crossbred Rabbits will be judged but won't participate in the overall Champion Rabbit in Show.
7. Rabbits that are neutered or spayed are not eligible for the rabbit show and will be disqualified. Spayed and neutered rabbits may be shown in the pet show.
8. Left ear tattoo is required on all rabbits prior to the show. This must be done prior to arriving on the grounds for the show.
9. Exhibitors who have shown rabbits in the Meat Rabbit Classes may sell one rabbit ribbon at the ribbon sale on Saturday afternoon.
10. Entry fees of \$1 per class will be donated by Lynne Rechterman, superintendent.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

270 – PUREBRED COMMERCIAL RABBIT (6 SUBCLASSES)

- 27001** American
- 27002** American Chinchilla
- 27003** Argente Brun
- 27004** Beveren
- 27005** Blanc de Hotot
- 27006** Californian
- 27007** Champagne d'Argent
- 27008** Checkered Giant
- 27009** Cinnamon
- 27010** Crème d'Argent
- 27011** English Lop
- 27012** Flemish Giant
- 27013** French Lop
- 27014** Giant Angora
- 27015** Giant Chinchilla
- 27016** New Zealand
- 27017** Palomino
- 27018** Satin
- 27019** Silver Fox

Purebred Commercial Rabbit Age Divisions:

1. Senior Buck - over 8 months of age
2. Senior Doe - over 8 months of age
3. Intermediate Buck - 6-8 months of age
4. Intermediate Doe – 6-8 months of age
5. Junior Buck - under 6 months of age
6. Junior Doe – under 6 months of age

271- PUREBRED FANCY RABBIT (4 SUB CLASSES)

- 27101** American Fuzzy Lop
- 27102** American Sable
- 27103** Belgian Hare
- 27104** Blue Holicer
- 27105** Britannia Petite
- 27106** Chinchilla (Standard)
- 27107** Czech Frosty
- 27108** Dutch
- 27109** Dwarf Hotot
- 27110** Dwarf Papillon
- 27111** English Angora

27112	English Spot
27113	Florida White
27114	French Angora
27115	Harlequin
27116	Havana
27117	Himalayan
27118	Holland Lop
27119	Jersey Wooly
27120	Lilac
27121	Lionhead
27122	Mini Californian
27123	Mini Lop
27124	Mini Rex
27125	Mini Satin
27126	Netherland Dwarf
27127	Polish
27128	Rex
27129	Rhineland
27130	Satin Angora
27131	Silver
27132	Silver Martin
27133	Tan
27134	Thrianta

Purebred Fancy Rabbit Age Divisions:

1. Senior Buck – over 6 months of age
2. Senior Doe – over 6 months of age
3. Junior Buck – under 6 months of age
4. Junior Doe – under 6 months of age

272 – CROSSBRED RABBIT CLASSES

(A crossbred is defined as being two or more different breeds)

27200	Senior Buck – over 6 months of age
27201	Senior Doe – over 6 months of age
27202	Junior Buck – under 6 months of age
27203	Junior Doe – under 6 months of age

273 – MEAT PRODUCTION RABBIT CLASSES

1. Pen of three consists of three rabbits, 2 – 5 ½ pounds each
2. Entries can be bucks, does, or a combination
3. Entries in this sub-division may be purebred or crossbred
4. Individual fryer comes from pen of three rabbits or individual.

5. Individual roaster is under 6 months that weighs over 5 ½ pounds but not over 9 pounds.
6. Individual Stewer is one rabbit over six months of age with a minimum weight over eight pounds.

- 27300** Light Market Pen
- 27301** Heavy Market Pen
- 27302** Individual Fryer
- 27303** Individual Roaster
- 27304** Individual Stewer

274 – HOME RAISED RABBIT CLASS

Exhibitors may show one rabbit that they have raised from a litter within the last year. The doe (mother) needs to be on the exhibitor's premises when the litter was born. The buck may be from elsewhere. A separate entry is required. Preference will be given to a purebred over a crossbred animal.

- 27400** Individual Home Raised Rabbit

DIVISIONS 278 & 279

Rabbit Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00

- 27801** Rabbit Showmanship – Junior
- 27802** Rabbit Showmanship – Intermediate
- 27803** Rabbit Showmanship – Senior

Optional: Written Showmanship Test of multiple choice and true/false may be completed during the show with a buddy. All completed test participants will receive a prize from the superintendents. Exhibitors may participate in the written test, even if they do not exhibit a rabbit.

DIVISION 301

Dogs

Superintendent: Bailee Kraemer

County Council Members: Brooke Boedeker, Addi Dawson, Madison Wulf

Tuesday – July 7

8:15 am – entry time Dog Show Check-in (Pavilion)

9:00 am – Dog Show

ENTRY RULES

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. All dogs must go through the 4hOnline identification process by May 15th. There are no limits on the number of dogs exhibited, but each must be identified and attend class.
3. A member may enter as many classes as they qualify for.
4. All dogs exhibited must have current rabies certificates (or titer results) and must be presented (or uploaded) before attending class and the show. Failure to present a certificate means you can't attend class with your dog and leads to disqualification from the show.
5. Dogs shown in obedience, rally, or agility cannot show in the pet show.
6. Youth should attend dog obedience, handling, and/or agility classes either through 4-H or other training. It is required that youth attend the clinics (or other training classes) offered prior to fair to exhibit. It is strongly encouraged that if you attend other training, you bring your dog to at least one clinic to allow your dog to adjust to the fairgrounds.
7. Pre fair evaluation may be required to see if the dog is ready to participate in the fair.
8. Once an exhibitor and dog have received a score of 175 or higher in obedience or a judge's recommendation, the exhibitor is recommended to progress to the next level. Exception: if the 4-H dog instructor or judge feels the dog is not ready for classes in the next level, the member may remain at the same level for lessons and showing for the next year. Members are strongly encouraged to remain in a level for no more than two years. Exhibitors may move up a level without receiving a blue ribbon if they feel they are ready. If a dog achieves an AKC or UKC title or equivalent during the current 4-H/FFA year, the dog will be allowed to show in its current level but must move up the following year.
9. Dogs are to remain in the area on leash or crated until show time and their class is called.
10. Showmanship classes will start with Senior, Intermediate, and finish

with Junior. Obedience classes will run starting with Open, Grad Novice, Beginners Novice B, Beginners Novice A, and Intro Class. Agility will start with the Beginners class followed by Intermediate, and Advanced.

11. No female dog in season may be exhibited.
12. Puppies must be at least six months old on show date.
13. Proper equipment must be used, as explained at dog obedience classes. No prong, halter, or gentle leader collars may be used when showing. Buckle (either leather or nylon) or choke (metal or nylon) collars are acceptable. Buckle or no collars in agility. All tags or identification items must be removed from collars. Appropriate showmanship collars/leads are allowed for showmanship only.
14. Obedience/Agility Show attire: long pants, or jeans with tennis shoes or closed toed shoes. 4-H or FFA white t-shirt are appropriate. No sandals, shorts, or hats. Showmanship: Exhibitor has the option to dress in appropriate dog show attire – skirt or dress, long pants, button down shirts, tie and suit or sport coat. Comfortable dress shoes are acceptable, but no open toed shoes or heels. Exhibitor will be judged on their neatness of attire and appropriateness to the breed of dog they are handling. No deductions will be made for those choosing to wear 4-H / FFA white t-shirt.
15. Exhibitor conduct: Exhibitors shall not strike dogs nor use any other unnecessarily harsh physical means of disciplining dogs.
16. Dogs may be taken home after judging and presentation of ribbons.
17. Ties in obedience will be broken by the heel on leash score or heel off competition.
18. Example score sheets will be given to participants during clinics. These will show the skills to be tested for each level.
19. Score sheets will be returned to the exhibitor for obedience and agility classes. A summary from the showmanship/handling class can be provided to the participant upon request. These should end up in your record books if you choose to receive them.
20. Agility score is based on completing the course correctly and safely and the total number of obstacles x 10 points per obstacle. Faults will be deducted from the total score. Ties will be broken by a flip of the coin or other “game of chance”. Deductions for faults will be subtracted from the total score. Placings are based on the highest score. Example of deductions that may occur during a run: 1 point for each missed contact, 1 point for tight lead or directing dog with lead, 2 points for retry on obstacle, 2 points for incomplete obstacle and 5 points for refusal or missed obstacle. Judge will have the final say on all deductions, ribbon

30105 Novice A – Exhibitor / dog team may enter this class 1 year. Dog must not have earned any leg towards any CD obedience title.

- Heel & Figure 8 On leash 40 pts
- Stand for Exam Off leash 30 pts
- Heel Free Off leash 40 pts
- Recall with finish Off leash 30 pts
- Sit Stay – get your leash Off leash 30 pts
- Long Sit (1 min) On leash 15 pts
- Long Down (3 min) On leash 15 pts

30106 Novice B – Exhibitor/dog team may enter this class until exhibitor has received a qualifying score. Dog may not have earned third leg towards any CD title.

- Heel & Figure 8 On leash 40 pts
- Stand for Exam Off leash 30 pts
- Heel Free Off leash 40 pts
- Recall with finish Off leash 30 pts
- Sit Stay – get your leash Off leash 30 pts
- Long Sit (1 min) On leash 15 pts
- Long Down (3 min) On leash 15 pts

DOG AGILITY CLASSES

30111 Beginning Agility is run on leash.

30112 Intermediate Agility is run off leash with the obstacles set in a fairly easy pattern.

30113 Advanced Agility is run off leash and the handlers will direct dogs to obstacles in a predetermined (at fair by the judge) and more complex pattern.

DOG RALLY CLASSES

30119 Novice Rally – This is the first level for those just getting started in competition. Exhibitors will be on-leash. There will be 10-15 “novice” level signs that exhibitors will need to follow (start and finish not included).

30120 Intermediate Rally – This is the second level, which includes more difficult exercises throughout the course. Exhibitors will be on-leash. There will be 12-17 signs, including at least three advanced level signs, (There will be no jumps in this class) that exhibitors will need to follow (start and finish not included). This is an optional level for exhibitors wanting more on leash practice.

30121 Advanced Rally – This is the third level of rally. Exhibitors will be off-leash. There will be 15-20 Advanced level signs to follow (start and finish not included).

DIVISION 302 & 303

Dog Showmanship

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place - \$4.00 Second Place - \$3.00

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15th.
2. Showmanship placing and ribbons are at the discretion of the judge but will be based on the following criteria (100 points possible): Exhibitor (15 points), Grooming and Conditioning (25 points), Handling (30 points), and Knowledge Based Questions (30 points). Classes are determined by the 4-Hers grade as of Sept. 15, 2024

30200 Dog Showmanship – Junior (grades 4-6)

30201 Dog Showmanship – Intermediate (grades 7-8)

30202 Dog Showmanship – Senior (grades 9-12)

DIVISION 311

Horses and Ponies

Show & Clinic Superintendents – Kathy Brenneman, Kristin Fuhrmann,
Audrey Lester

County Council Members: All County Council members

Wednesday – July 8

7:30 – 8:00 am Entry Time

9:00 am Show Time

It is highly recommended that members attend the pre-show clinics offered to help advance them in safety and competency of showing their animal(s). The pre-show clinics will also cover all aspects of the show. It is preferable that members trailer their animal(s) to the show grounds for these clinics, however, instruction will also be provided during these clinics to those members unable to bring their projects(s). Experienced members are encouraged to attend and provide mentoring examples for younger members.

ENTRY RULES

1. All 4-H/FFA rules in this Cedar County fair book supersede all other rules and the show will be governed by the guidelines as set forth in “4-H Rules and Regulations For Equine Shows in Iowa” (4H511C, April 2022) published by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.
2. **All 4-H and FFA exhibitors must attend a mandatory meeting with superintendents. There are 2 options available: May 17 at 1pm and May 21 at 6pm. These meetings will be offered via Zoom. Attendance will be taken. If you cannot make this meeting, prior arrangements to the meeting need to be made with the superintendents for you to be eligible to show.**
3. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
4. At all times, every horse must be treated in a humane, respectful, dignified, and compassionate manner. Unruly, unsafe, or unsound horses may be excused at the discretion of the judge and/or show committee.
5. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules and Regulations apply in this department, including FFA.
6. If you have show day class conflicts with another species show you are participating in, please tell leadership as far in advance as possible so that accommodations can be made.
7. Ownership of Horse – To exhibit in classes in which the primary emphasis of evaluation is the skill level of the 4-H/FFA member, ownership is not required; however, the 4-H/FFA member must take an active role in the care of the animal (includes feeding, cleaning, training, health care, farrier care, exercising, etc.). Horses exhibited in conformation (halter) classes must be owned by the 4-H/FFA member or in partnership with a family member, there is NO leasing of halter horses. Leased horses may be shown in showmanship and riding or driving classes. If the horse is leased, a signed lease agreement (4- H106CL) must be on file in 4hOnline by May 15th. If a 4- H/FFA member leases a horse, those horses shall be the only horses the 4-H/FFA member may identify as a project horses.
8. Identification of Horse – Both 4-H and FFA horses must be identified in 4hOnline or in the extension office (FFA) by May 15th. The horses’ name, sex, height, age and 4 colored photos are all required for identification. A maximum of 5 horses may be identified per member. Of those 5, a maximum of 2 can be leased. If a family includes more 4-H/FFA members than horses, more than one 4-H/FFA member may

identify a horse; however, in this situation a 4-H/FFA member cannot identify more than one horse. Identification must take place prior to May 15th. Animals will be checked against livestock identification forms and photos on file.

9. Class listing shown is not necessarily the show order and the Show Officials reserve the right to change or adjust the show order as needs dictate.

10. A grounds fee of \$5 per horse must be paid at entry check-in.

Exhibitors are responsible for cleaning all bedding, manure, and other waste before departing fairgrounds or premiums will be forfeited.

11. Limitations:

Ages of horse or pony will be based on January 1, not actual age.

1. Foals are animals born after January 1, 2026.
2. Yearlings are between January 1 and December 31, 2025.
3. Two-year old's are between January 1 and December 31, 2024.
4. Three-year old's are between January 1 and December 31, 2023.
5. Aged horses are born before December 31, 2023.

No stallions will be entered or shown, except for male foals.

Horses may be any breed or combination of breeds and are 14.1 hands and over.

Any equine fewer than 14.1 hands will be considered a pony. Ponies that are shod shall have ½" deducted from height.

12. Supplemental hair in mane and tail is permitted in any division.

13. Hooves may be painted black or with clear hoof dressings or shown naturally.

14. EXHIBITOR APPAREL:

General:

- Exhibitors should wear attire appropriate to match their riding and showing disciplines (i.e., Western or English) – refer to specific attire requirements. Western and English attire is further described below. In halter and showmanship classes, the exhibitor is expected to wear either a western hat or a hunt seat type helmet.
- Ball caps, tank tops, T-shirts, or jersey-type shirts ARE NOT to be worn. No spurs may be worn in halter and showmanship classes.
- Arm bands (4-H or FFA) must be worn on the upper left arm.
- All exhibitors must display a number in a visible manner. For halter, showmanship and driving classes, the number must be displayed on the back of the exhibitor. For riding classes, the number must be displayed on both sides of the saddle pad.
- **Protective Headgear Policy:** All 4-H/FFA members in riding

and driving classes must wear properly fitting protective headgear passing or surpassing current ASTM/SEI (American Society for Testing and Materials/Safety Equipment Institute) standards with harness secured while riding and driving anywhere on the competition grounds – every time, every ride. This includes all

shows, workshops, clinics, parades and drill teams where the members are participating as a 4-H/FFA exhibitor. It is the responsibility of the rider, parent, or guardian to see that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrian use and is properly fitted and in good condition. Any rider violating this rule at any time must immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is in place. No helmet will result in disqualification.

- The Cedar County Fair and The Cedar County Ag Extension District make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such head gear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
- Western Attire:
 1. Exhibitors in all western classes will wear a **solid color**, front button or snap long sleeved, collared shirt. **Zipper front shirts are now permissible.** The following is prohibited: personalized embroidery, sheer or lace fabric, embellishment or bling of any kind including, but not limited to sequins, rhinestones, chains, etc. Shirt must be tucked in.
 2. Dark blue jeans without holes must be worn. A belt is required.
 3. Western boots must be worn. (Fashion heels are prohibited.)
 4. Spurs are permissible in riding classes. Spur rowels must be dull.
- English Attire:
 1. Exhibitors should wear hunt jacket of traditional colors such as navy, dark green, gray, gray, black, or brown. Maroon and red are improper.
 2. Breeches (or jodhpurs) are to be of traditional shades of buff, khaki, canary, light gray or rust.
 3. Shirts must be a solid color; a tie or choker is preferred.
 4. Hair must be neat and contained (as in net or braid).

5. Exhibitors must wear tall English boots or paddock (Jodhpur) boots of black or brown. Half chaps with leather appearance (black or brown) are permitted.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$7.00 Red - \$6.00 White - \$4.00

**A- PONY AND MINIATURE HORSE AT HALTER
(Champion and Reserve selected after each Division)**

- 31100** Pony/Miniature Horse - Foal
31101 Pony/Miniature Horse – Mare and Foal
31102 Pony/Miniature Horse – Yearling
31103 Pony/Miniature Horse – 2–3-Year-Old
31104 Aged Pony/Miniature Horse

**B- LIGHT HORSE DIVISION AT HALTER
(Champion and Reserve selected after each Division)**

- 31105** Light Horse - Foal
31106 Light Horse – Mare and Foal
31107 Light Horse – Yearling
31108 Light Horse- 2-3- Year- Old
31109 Aged Light Horse – Mares
31110 Aged Light Horse – Geldings

**C – DRAFT HORSE DIVISION HALTER
(Champion and Reserve selected after each Division)**

- 31111** Draft Horse – Foal
31112 Draft Horse – Mare and Foal
31113 Draft Horse – Yearling
31114 Draft Horse – 2 years and older

**D – OPEN HALTER DIVISION
(Champion and Reserve selected after each Division)**

- 31115** Open Halter Class

DIVISION 312

Horse Showmanship

1. An Entry fee of \$2 must be paid by exhibitor for each class entered. Only one entry per exhibitor per class.
2. Exhibitors are judged on their ability to execute a pattern prescribed by the judge.
3. All members can participate in the open showmanship class. This class is elevated with a new pattern with 5 minutes to prepare.

Ribbon and Premiums

First Place: \$4.00 Second Place: \$3.00 Masters: \$5.00

- 31200** Senior Showmanship (9th-12th grade)
31201 Intermediate Showmanship (7th – 8th grade)
31202 Junior Showmanship (4th – 6th grade)
31203 Open Showmanship (all ages)

DIVISION 313

Horse Performance

1. An entry fee of \$2 must be paid by exhibitor for each class entered. Only one entry per exhibitor per class.
2. Performance classes are open to horses and ponies unless specified.
3. An ASTM/SEI helmet is required to be worn in all performance classes.
4. An adult attendant or header is optional in driving classes.
Driving Attendant or Header:
 1. Must be 18 years or older.
 2. Must be on the vehicle or enter the ring when the line-up is called.
 3. May assist in setting up the animal.
 4. Stands two paces back from the horse's head and will remain there, except in emergency, until the judge's card(s) are turned in.
 5. The header should not step back to allow judge in between horse and header.
 6. All headers should be appropriately attired similar to driver.
 7. All cart drivers must wear a helmet, regardless of age.
5. At the discretion of the judge and show management, entries in some classes may be requested to show individually for safety purposes.
6. Limited Walk Trot (class 31307) is limited to a horse or pony in the member's project for the 1st and 2nd year under saddle. Walk trot is

- open to all others.
7. Equitation and Horsemanship classes evaluate the ability of the rider to execute a pattern prescribed by the judge.
 8. Trail classes evaluate the ability of the horse to execute a prescribed obstacle course. **Exhibitors need to choose one trail class, EITHER regular trail or in hand trail. Exhibitors may also opt to not do trail at all. This is based on the Exhibitor, not horse/rider combo.**
 9. Pleasure classes evaluate the movement of the horse at prescribed gaits.
 10. Ranch riding classes are both pleasure and pattern classes. Ranch riding classes will be available in both rail and pattern. Horses and ponies are asked to work at the walk, extended walk, trot, extended trot, lope, and extended lope.
 11. Game horse/rider combo must exhibit in a minimum of two speed events to be eligible for game horse pleasure.
 12. Speed classes are timed events. A five second penalty is assessed for each obstacle knocked down.
 13. A running start with an open gate in speed classes is not permitted. The exhibitor may not start their run until the gate is closed behind them. The exhibitor must dismount prior to leaving the arena.
 14. Discipline rail- Judged on horse and riders' skills as they execute specific gaits and movements as directed by the judge.
 15. Egg Spoon- Judged on ability to carry egg in a spoon without dropping as directed by the Judge.
 16. Costume- In-Hand or ridden at walk. Judged on creativity.
 17. All exhibitors will be randomly divided into teams, with individual points being added to their team total. Points are gained by competing in classes and coming to pre-fair clinics. The team with the highest total will earn a team-tournament award.
 18. Awards will be given for the following horse and rider combinations:
 - Overall Highpoint & Reserve Overall Highpoint (all classes count towards this)
 - High Point Games (Classes 31322-31329)
 - High Point Pleasure (Classes 31300-31321)
 - High Point & Reserve High Point Pony Halter (Classes 31100-31104)
 - High Point & Reserve High Point Light Horse Halter (Classes 31105-31110)
 - High Point & Reserve High Point Draft Horse Halter (Classes 31111-31114)

- High Point Halter (Class 31115)
19. Point system will be based upon how many exhibitors are in the class. For example, if there are 10 exhibitors in the class, 10 points will be offered for 1st place. If there are 9 exhibitors in the class, 9 points will be offered for 1st place, etc.
 20. In the event of a tie, preference will be given to the horse/rider combo with the greatest number of first places. If the tie is still not broken, we will award the horse/rider combo with the greatest number of total classes.

Performance Class Premiums

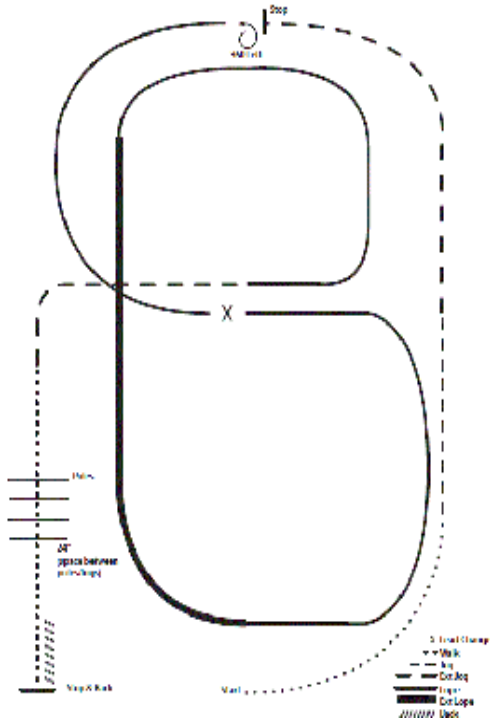
First \$7.00	Second \$5.00	Third \$4.00
Fourth \$4.00	Fifth \$4.00	All other \$3.00

PERFORMANCE/GAME EXHIBIT CLASSES

- 31300** Hunter Under Saddle/English Pleasure
- 31301** Hunt Seat/English Equitation
- 31302** In-Hand Trail (All grade, horse or pony)
- 31303** Senior Trail (9th-12th grade)
- 31304** Intermediate Trail (7th-8th grade)
- 31305** Junior Trail (4th-6th grade)
- 31306** Walk Whoa (not eligible for any other riding class)
- 31307** Limited Walk Trot (optional tack) – limited to a horse or pony in the member’s project for the 1st or 2nd year under saddle (ineligible for class 31308)
- 31308** Walk Trot (optional tack) – (ineligible for class 31307)
- 31309** Senior Western Pleasure
- 31310** Intermediate Western Pleasure
- 31311** Junior Western Pleasure
- 31312** Pony Western Pleasure
- 31313** Discipline Rail (optional tack, all grades)
- 31314** Senior Horsemanship (9th-12th grade)
- 31315** Intermediate Horsemanship (7th-8th grade)
- 31316** Junior Horsemanship (4th-6th grade)
- 31317** Ranch Riding (see Ranch Pleasure pattern #1)
- 31318** Ranch Riding Walk Trot
- 31319** Ranch Riding Pleasure
- 31320** Guided Ranch Riding – (Open Class, new in 2026)
- 31321** Draft Horse/Mule Hitch- single or team hitched to 2 or 4 wheeled vehicle.
- 31322** Pleasure Driving- light horse or pony hitched to 2 or 4 wheeled vehicle.
- 31323** Game Pleasure – walk, trot, lope
- 31324** Egg and Spoon

- 31325** Barrel Race
- 31326** Flag Race
- 31327** Texas Barrels
- 31328** Speed Race
- 31329** Keyhole Race
- 31330** Pole Bending
- 31331** Costume

RANCH PLEASURE – PATTERN I



1. Walk
2. Jog
3. Extend the jog at the top of the arena stop
4. 360 turn to the left
5. Left head $\frac{1}{2}$ circle, lop to the center
6. Change leads (simple or flying)
7. Right lead $\frac{1}{2}$ circle
8. Extended lope up the long side of the arena (right lead)
9. Collect back to a lope around the top of the arena and back to center.
10. Break down to a jog
11. Walk over poles
12. Stop and back

DIVISION 320
PETS

County Council Members: Justin Boedeker, Anton Slach

Friday – July 10

12:30 pm – Check-in

1:00 pm- Pet Show/Showmanship

Show is in arena in the swine barn

1. All class entries in this division need to be made in Fair Entry by June 15, 2026.
2. Entries are limited to two (2) per class.
3. Dogs can be shown as a pet or in dog obedience. The same animal can **NOT** be shown in both shows. Dogs may have participated in dog obedience training but prefer to participate in the pet show. They should also identify their animal as a pet.
4. Rabbits can be shown as a pet or in the Rabbit Show. The same animal can **NOT** be shown in both shows. They should also identify their animal as a pet.
5. Be sure to read the general rules and health requirements.
6. All dog and cat exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate at the time of entry for the pet show. Failure to have this certificate will lead to disqualification.
7. A one-page story (folder) about each pet is required. This must be turned into the Extension Office by July 1, 2026, so it can be provided to the judge prior to the fair. It may include information about pet selection, breed, feeding, care, habits, and characteristics. Also include a copy of the rabies certificate.
8. Pet exhibitors will pay a \$1.00 per animal entry fee when they turn in their story to the Extension Office.
9. Pets will be conference judged on their condition and the member's ability to handle them. Development of personal skills in areas including but not limited to decision making, communication, leadership and self-esteem, knowledge about animal care; and skills and attitudes needed to be a responsible pet owner.
10. Pets must be leashed, controlled, caged, or contained at all times.
11. Pets are to be on the grounds **ONLY** during the time of judging.

Ribbon and Premiums

Blue - \$4.00

Red - \$3.00

White - \$2.00

EXHIBIT CLASSES

32000 Goats

32010 Fish

32030 Cats

32050 Gerbils

32070 Hamsters

32090 Rabbits

32001 Llamas

32020 Birds

32040 Pet Dogs

32060 Guinea Pigs

32080 Mice or Rats

32100 Hedge Hog

DIVISION 330

Livestock Skill A Thon

Superintendents: CCYC and Livestock Committees

Wednesday, July 8

12:30 pm Check In

Beef Arena

1. All 4-H/FFA members at the Cedar County Fair are eligible and encouraged to compete in the Livestock Skill A Thon.
2. Teams for the “hands on” portion will be randomly assigned at check-in.
3. Species covered could include: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Meat Goats, Horse, Poultry, or Rabbits
4. Monetary prizes will be awarded.
5. Details will be provided at check-in.

DIVISION 340

Livestock Judging Contest

Superintendents: CCYC and Livestock Committees

Wednesday, July 8

1:30 pm – check in

2:00 pm – Livestock Judging Contest begins

ENTRY RULES

1. This contest is open to Cedar County 4-H/FFA members only.
2. Contestants will be placed in grade divisions:
 - a. Juniors – grades 4, 5, 6
 - b. Intermediates – grades 7, 8
 - c. Seniors – grades 9, 10, 11, 12
3. Teams will register on the day of the contest during check in time. There is no limit to the number of individuals or teams that may compete. Teams may consist of 3 or 4 members.

4. A team with individuals of varying ages will be entered in the division of the oldest members. Younger team members are eligible for individual awards in their respective division.
5. Classes may include the following species:

Beef Heifers	Bottle Bucket	Market Beef	Sheep
Horse	Dairy	Meat Goats	Swine
6. Overall junior, intermediate, and senior individuals will be named using the highest individual scores. In case of a tie the numbers of fifties will be the first breaking criteria, followed by each succeeding high score until tie is broken. Team scores will be determined using the top three scored from each team with lowest team member (on four member teams) score being dropped. Ties will be broken on number of teams fifties, followed by each succeeding high score, until tie is broken.

DIVISION 350

Herdsmanship

1. All clubs with beef, dairy, sheep and swine entries will automatically be entered and will compete for herdsmanhip awards in each of the species' groups.
2. Judging will be based on the neatness of exhibits, cleanliness of alleyways, appearance of animals, courtesy of attendants in the area.
3. No special credit will be given for decorations.
4. Awards will be provided as a club award by species. First place in each species get to select stalling area for that species the following fair.

HERDSMANSHIP SCORE CARD

1. 50 Points----- Cleanliness of stalls, tack area, and alleyways. Adequate bedding, cattle securely tied, feed pan in front of animals only at feeding time, manure hauled out and alleys swept clean.
2. 25 points----- Arrangement of exhibits, hay and straw neat, feed boxes and equipment out of sight and big objectionable boxes out of the way.
3. 15 points----- Stall cards are readable from alley and neatly arranged, clean and complete.
4. 10 points----- Exhibitors are courteous and respectful to others in barn areas.
5. 75 points----- Final Stall cleanup is complete.

HERDSMANSHIP CLASSES

35000 Beef and Bottle/Bucket

35001 Sheep and Meat Goats

35002 Swine

DIVISION 360

Livestock Market Animal Ribbon & Live Market Beef Auction

Sale Superintendents: Auction Committee and Show Superintendents

Sale order for 2026 will be Live Market Beef Auction followed by Ribbons.

Event Numbers in FairEntry: Open May 15,26 -July8,26

36001 Live Market Beef Auction

36002 Market Animal Ribbon Auction

Saturday, July 12

1:30 pm (following Market Beef Show, no sooner than 1pm) – Show Arena

1. MARKET BEEF AUCTION

- a. Market beef and dairy steer animals can be sold. (This is not a ribbon sale).
- b. Each exhibitor may sell one live animal, which was exhibited in the Market Beef Show.
- c. Animals will be sold based on Cedar County Fair check in weight. This sale weight will be announced to the audience and printed on show sheets/sale program.
- d. All sales are final once a bid is accepted.
- e. Buyers should write checks at the end of the entire Auction. Checks need made out to Cedar County Extension.
- f. Checks will be issued to all youth following completion of sale data entry at the Extension Office.
- g. Deductions will be made for administrative fees.
- h. Exhibitors are responsible for their animal until sale animal release time, please coordinate with your animal's purchaser for timely pick up. Loss of animal or injury is the responsibility of the exhibitor until ownership is transferred at release time.

- i. Market Beef animals sold through the auction or other sales have changed ownership and are ineligible to enter any other show as a 4-H/FFA animal.
 - j. Sale order will be determined during the week of the fair.
 - k. Exhibitors will be responsible for signing up in FairEntry by July 8th or will be placed at the bottom on the sale order.**
2. RIBBON AUCTION
- a. Youth will be selling ribbons and not animals for this sale.
 - b. Market animals eligible for the Ribbon Auction are: Swine, Meat Goats, Poultry, Sheep, Rabbits, and Market Beef. Each exhibitor will be in the ring ONE time selling ONE ribbon (which could represent multiple species that they have exhibited). **Exceptions to this need to be approved by the Sale Superintendents before the sale.**
 - c. Exhibitors may sell one (1) ribbon OR one (1) Market Beef animal.
 - d. To sell a ribbon, the exhibitors must have identified the animal and exhibited it at the fair, in the species they are selling. Showmanship ribbons will not be sold.
 - e. Buyers should write checks at the end of the entire Auction. Checks need made out to Cedar County Extension.
 - f. Checks will be issued to all youth after proceeds from the sale are received at the Extension Office.
 - g. Deductions may be made for administrative fees.
 - h. Because this is a ribbon sale – the animal is not changing ownership and still belongs to the youth. There will not be any animals allowed in the ring for any of the ribbon auctions.
 - i. The sale order will be determined during the week of the fair.
 - j. Exhibitors will be responsible for signing up in FairEntry by July 8th or will be placed at the bottom of the sale order.**

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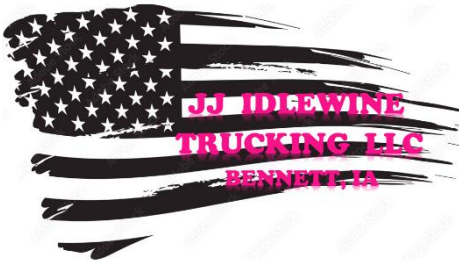
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| A. Main Gate | N. Lion's Club Bldg/Concession |
| B. Mathew's Building | O. Grandstands |
| C. Floral Hall | P. Custom Builders Pavillion |
| D. FFA Kiddie Barn | Q. Bathrooms |
| E. Grove | R. Pit Gate |
| F. Cedar County Farm Bureau Ag Center: 4-H Foodstand & Exhibit Building | S. Maintenance Shed |
| G. Cattlemen | T. Race Track |
| H. South Cattle Barn | U. South Gate |
| I. Cattle Show Arena | V. Horse Arena |
| J. Swine Barn and Show Arena | W. South West Gate |
| K. Sheep Barn | X. West Pit Gate |
| L. Dairy Barn | Y. North Gate |
| M. North Cattle Barn | Z. Fair Office/Concession/Beer Garden |



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