

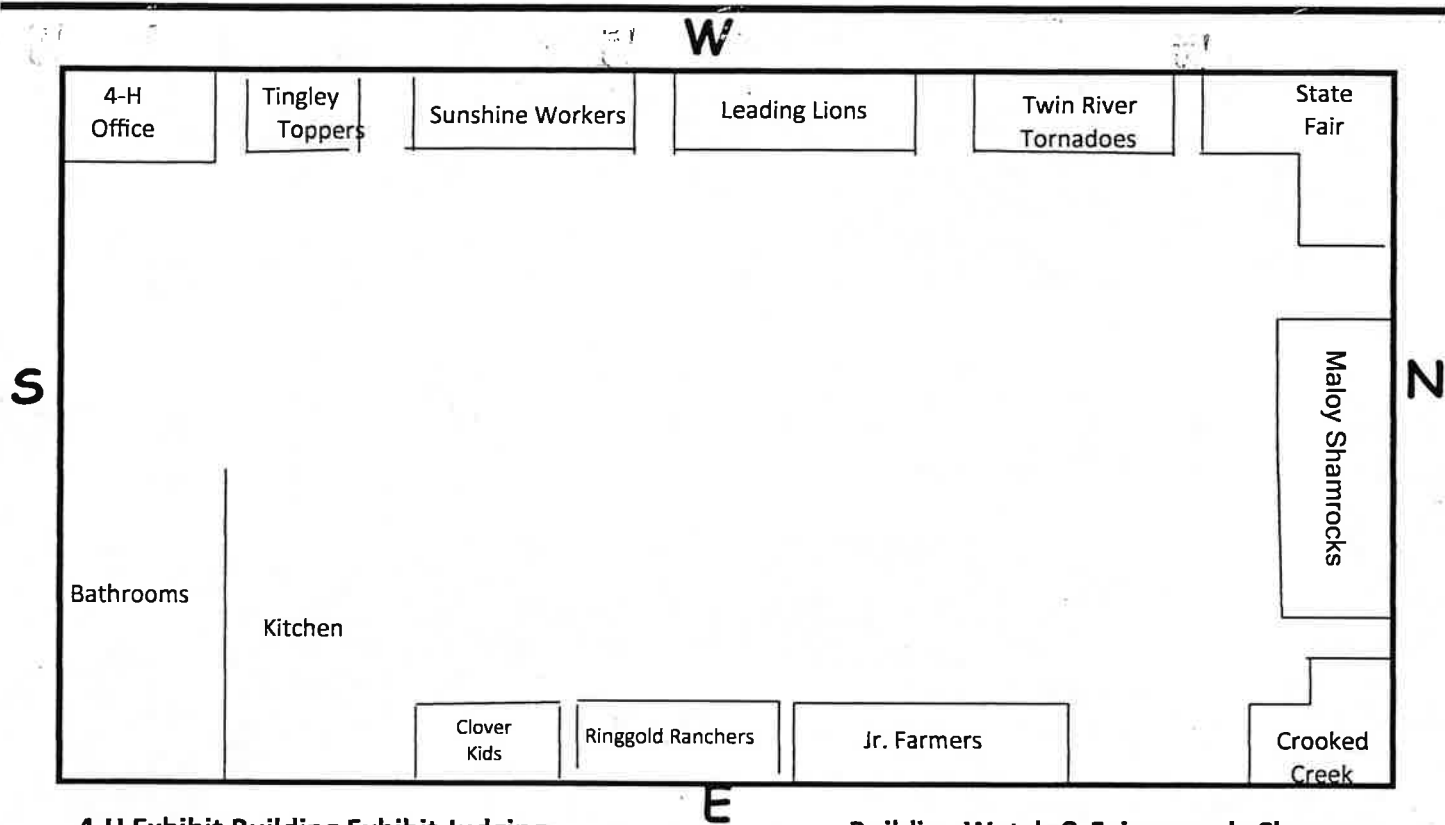
# BLUE JEANS



# & FAMILY DREAMS







**4-H Exhibit Building Exhibit Judging**

Judging starts at 11:00 am

11:00—12:00 am

Sunshine Workers and Maloy Shamrocks

12:00 noon—1:00 pm

Ringgold Ranchers and Junior Farmers

1:00 pm— 2:00 pm

Leading Lions and Tingley Toppers

2:00—3:00 pm

Twin River Tornadoes and Crooked Creek

**NOTE:**

Clover Kids: judged any time between 11:00 am — 3:00pm

Exhibits will be judged by conference judging (you meet one-on-one with a judge to answer questions about your project).

State Fair Selection: will start around 3:00 pm (building closed during State Fair selection)

**Building Watch & Fairgrounds Clean-up**

Wednesday, July 12th:

1:00pm—5:00pm Tingley Toppers

Thursday, July 13th:

9:00am—1:00pm Crooked Creek

1:00pm—5:00pm Junior Farmers

5:00pm—9:00pm Twin River Tornadoes

Friday, July 14th:

9:00am—1:00pm Sunshine Workers

1:00pm—5:00pm Leading Lions

5:00pm—9:00pm Leading Lions

Saturday, July 15th:

9:00am—1:00pm Maloy Shamrocks

1:00pm—5:00pm Maloy Shamrocks

5:00pm—9:00pm Ringgold Ranchers

Please Note: If clubs do shifts...

- Please make sure there are enough people to do both building watch and trash pick-up simultaneously.
- There NEEDS to be both adults and youth assigned at the same time.



**Ringgold County Fair July 11th—16th**

# 2023 Ringgold County Fair

## Theme: Blue Jeans and Family Dreams

### Friday, June 30

By 4:30 pm @ Extension Office

Livestock Entry Form – use for beef, goat, sheep & swine  
Horse/Pony/Mule Entry Form  
Poultry Entry Form  
Rabbit Entry Form  
Bucket Calf/ Bucket Calves +1 Worksheet  
Communication Events Entry Form  
Clothing Event Report Forms

### Monday, July 10

Clubs may start their club booth set up

### Tuesday, July 11

9:00 am Ringgold County Fair Rodeo Queen & Princess Contest  
11:00 am -3:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Building project judging  
11:00 am- 3:00 pm Poultry and Rabbit Check-In at 4-H Office (animals do not need to be present)  
11:00 am Conference Judging of Bucket Calves/Bucket Calves + 1 @ School House  
3:00 pm -5:00 pm 4-H Exhibit Building State Fair Selection (only Extension staff, select 4-H volunteers and judges are permitted in the Exhibit Building during this time)  
4:00 pm Commercial Building Booths can start setting up  
5:00-7:00 pm Wishard Chapel Community Church sponsoring a Fish Fry (free will offering, all proceeds will go towards 4-H/FFA premiums) Gospel Singing during the meal inside the Rodeo Arena  
7:00- 9:30 pm **REQUIRED** Swine unloading and vet check (**ALL Swine need to be vet checked and on grounds by 9:30pm**)  
9:30 pm All other animals may start coming in

### Wednesday, July 12

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Swine Weigh-In  
9:00 am 4-H/FFA Sheep/Meat Goat Weigh-In  
10:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef Weigh-In  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm Entry of Open Class exhibits at the Commercial Building  
11:00 am 4-H/FFA Horse, Rabbits & Poultry Check-In  
2:00 pm 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show  
3:00 pm 4-H/FFA Poultry Show  
4:00- 7:00pm Conservation Station Trailer  
5:30 pm Parade Line at High School  
6:00 pm Fair Parade (enter main gate, exit thru north gate)  
6:45 pm South Central Iowa Community Foundation Grant Presentation  
7:00 pm Ringgold County Fair Queen & Princess Contest & Bill Riley Talent Show (amongst the Fair Queen & Princess Contest) Admission= Adults: \$5; Youth 6-12yrs: \$3; Youth under 5: FREE

#### **Thursday, July 13**

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Goat Show  
11:00 am 4-H/FFA Sheep Show  
12:30-2:00 pm Water Activities- sponsored by 4-H County Council  
12:30 pm Team Jackpot Roping  
3:00 pm Communications Presentations—Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Share-The-Fun  
5:00 pm Photos of Outstanding Junior, Considered for State Fair and State Fair Exhibitors in the Exhibit Building  
6:00 pm Rodeo Clown Contest  
7:00 pm Mutton Busting  
7:30 pm Rodeo: Admission= Adults: \$10; Youth 6-12yrs: \$5; Youth under 5: FREE

#### **Friday, July 14**

8:00 am 4-H/FFA Swine Show  
10:00 am Senior games @ Commercial Building  
12:00 noon 4-H/FFA Horse Show  
12:00- 2:00 pm Make and Takes- sponsored by Ringgold County Ag in the Classroom  
1:00 pm Ringgold County Supportive Services games @ Commercial Building  
1:30 pm Kids Pedal Tractor Pull (registration is at 1:00 pm)  
4:00 pm Ag Olympics -sponsored by 4-H County Council  
8:00 pm Demo Derby includes Lawn Mower Derby: Admission= Adults: \$10; Youth 6-12yrs: \$5; Youth under 5: FREE

#### **Saturday, July 15**

6:00 —9:00 am County Council Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
7:00 am Feeder calf entries must be on the Fairgrounds  
9:00 am 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf Show (feeder calves released after show)  
9:30 am Registration for Baby Contest @ Commercial Building  
9:30 am 4-H/FFA Breeding Beef Show (or immediately following the 4-H/FFA Feeder Calf show)  
10:00 am Baby Contest @ Commercial Building  
11:00 am-3:00 pm Laura Ernst on Stiltz  
11:30 am 4-H Bucket Calf and Bucket Calf +1 Show (or immediately following the 4-H/FFA Breeding Beef show)  
12:00 noon Pee Wee Wrangler Show  
1:00 pm 4-H/FFA Market Beef Show  
2:00 pm Kids Games @ Commercial Building  
4:15 pm Future 4-H'er Pet Show Registration  
4:30 pm Future 4-H'er Pet Show begins  
6:30 pm Truck and Tractor Pull: Admission= Adults: \$10; Youth 6-12yrs: \$5; Youth under 5: FREE  
6:30 pm Bags Tournament Sign-Up (contact Aaron Breneman for more info)  
7:00 pm Garrett Lee and the Relics Band  
7:00 pm Bags Tournament play begins

#### **Sunday, July 16**

5:00 am Release of all 4-H/FFA animals  
9:00 am Release of all 4-H Exhibit Building exhibits  
8:00 am – 10:00 am Commercial Building Booth Tear-Down  
9:00 am – 1:00 pm Release of Open Class exhibits at the Commercial Building  
10:00 am 4-H Challenge Recipe Check-In @ 4-H Exhibit Building  
10:00 am Missio Church @ Commercial Building  
10:15 am 4-H Challenge Recipe Judging @ 4-H Exhibit Building  
11:00 am 4-H Youth Pie Baking Contest entries due at 4-H Exhibit Building  
12:30 pm Sale Lunch provided by Farm Bureau  
2:00 pm 4-H/FFA Premium Sale

**Events and Times Subject to Change**

Chairperson: Mike Wimer  
Vice-Chair: Aaron Breneman  
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Rahim Martin	Sarah McAlexander
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John Paxson	Maria Weeda

**Ringgold County 4H Clubs & Leaders**

**Crooked Creek:** Cindy Schlapia

**Junior Farmers:** Jeff & Becky Fletchall

**Leading Lions:** Justin and Kristen Akers: Amanda Clemens

**Maloy Shamrocks:** Suzi Schaefer & Julie Davison

**Ringgold Ranchers:** Karie Wastenev

**Sunshine Workers:** Bobbi Bainum

**Tingley Toppers:** Amy Conklin

**Twin River Tornadoes:** Kelly Allee

**4H & Youth Committee Members**

Andy Clark  
Elisha Doubleday  
Morgan Quick  
Amy Whittington  
Amy Novak  
Kade Dugan-Youth Rep.  
Alaina Whittington-Youth Rep.

**4-H County Council Members:**

Kyliegh Conklin  
Lillie Curry  
Amanda Malone  
Natalie Schaefer  
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Alaina Whittington

**Ringgold County Extension Council**

Chairperson: Amy Whittington

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Treasurer: Cathy Schaefer

Other Members:

Cal Daughton  
Bailey Drake  
Logan Stackhouse  
Shannon Rusk  
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**Ringgold County Extension Staff:**

County Youth Coordinator: Loran Sneller

County Director: Dawn Dugan

Regional Director: Justin Akers

**FFA Advisor:** Morgan Quick

## 4-H Objectives for the Ringgold County Fair

### FOR 4-H/FFA YOUTH:

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

### FOR PUBLIC:

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

### Ringgold County Fair Public Notices:

In compliance with Chapter 104A of the American Disabilities Act:

- Handicap Parking—handicap parking shall be available, all of which shall be located as closely as possible to the area of fair activities.
- Motorized Wheelchairs—all motorized wheelchairs will be accepted and permitted on the fairgrounds.
- Request for Assistance—upon request for assistance by a disabled person to enter upon, go to and from the grandstand or other place of activity, if reasonably possible, authorized personnel will assist.

The Ringgold County Fair Boards' Intent for a "No Accident" Fair:

- Adequate Police and Fire protection has been arranged for the duration of the fair. Cooperation by fair patrons with these staff persons is requested.
- While the greatest possible care will be executed by the management to protect patrons of the Ringgold County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for his/her actions, and the Ringgold County Fair Board will not be accountable for any injury.
- The Ringgold County Fair Board assumes no liability for loss or damage to any property of the concessionaire, exhibitor or patron, due to theft, fire, tornado, weather conditions or other causes.
- There will be absolutely NO SMOKING IN ANY OF THE FAIRGROUND BUILDINGS.
- There will be absolutely NO SMOKING AT ALL ENTERTAINMENT AND PUBLIC EVENTS.
- The Ringgold County Fairgrounds shall not solicit or accept any tobacco-related sponsorship or advertising. Distribution of tobacco products, promotional items, and free samples of products identified with a tobacco company will also be prohibited. This policy extends to any entity that leases, rents or otherwise holds events on the property.
- Possession or use of drugs, tobacco or alcohol (for human or animal consumption), or creating a disturbance will be grounds for dismissal from the Ringgold County Fair. (Exhibitors caught with the above will be asked to leave the grounds with all their projects and will forfeit all premiums and ribbons/awards.)

## 4-H/FFA GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

1. To be eligible to exhibit:
    - 4-H members: completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) during the 2022-2023 school year
    - Clover Kid: completed kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade during the 2022-2023 school year; have limited fair participation
    - FFA members: completed 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) during the 2022-2023 school year
    - An individual requesting accommodation to participate in the Ringgold County Fair should submit a completed Special Accommodation Request Form to the Ringgold County Extension Office. Because it can take time to plan for some accommodations, Extension and Outreach requests that the form be submitted six (6) weeks prior to the event. Submitting a Request for Services on short notice may reduce or limit Extension & Outreach's ability to implement the accommodations.
  2. Exhibitors will participate according to the following divisions (based on grade most recently completed or its equivalent):
    - Clover Kids= grades Kindergarten—3<sup>rd</sup> (limited fair participation)
    - Juniors= grades 4<sup>th</sup>—6<sup>th</sup>
    - Intermediates= grades 7<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup>
    - Seniors= grades 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> (or that equivalent)
  3. A 4-H exhibitor must have participated in the project or program from which the exhibit comes. Each exhibit must be the work of the 4-H'er during the current 4-H year.
  4. All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous and good 4-H representatives while on the Fairgrounds and participating in 4-H events. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages (for human or animal consumption) or drugs on the Ringgold County Fairgrounds will result in disqualification of the exhibitor's entry and/or continued participation by the 4-H'er in the event. Ribbons/awards and premium monies will be forfeited as well.
  5. The Ringgold County Fair Board, Ringgold County Extension staff, Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee and Division Superintendents will not consider a protest, complaint, or appeal based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent. All judges' decisions are FINAL. If an individual has a complaint, it must be brought to the 4-H Office (for 4-H or FFA), or Fair Board Secretary (open class). For 4-H or FFA complaints, the Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee will make the final decision.
  6. The Ringgold County Fair will use all precautions to ensure the safety of animals or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement at the Ringgold County Fair. However, under no circumstances will they be responsible for loss, injury or damage. Exhibits at the Ringgold County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor.
  7. Appropriate dress:
    - **When exhibiting livestock—**  
Ringgold County Fair exhibitor t-shirt (excludes 4-H club shirts), blue jeans or dark slacks, boots are preferred (no caps or hats will be allowed); exhibitor number, (exception is the horse show – see Horse Department rules for requirements)
    - **When exhibiting static exhibits (Exhibit Building projects) or communication presentations—**  
Ringgold County Fair exhibitor t-shirt or apparel representative of the 4-H Youth Development program (excludes 4-H club shirts); communication presenters may wear apparel appropriate to the presentation
- Please Note: 4-H Exhibitor Shirts are available for purchase at: Extension office prior to fair; 4-H office during fair
8. 4-H/FFA exhibitors will be awarded premium monies for exhibits brought to the Ringgold County Fair. Monies are based upon a formula that considers: the amount of funding available by the Ringgold County Fair Board, the overall total number of exhibits at the fair, the kind of exhibit and the ribbon received. Premium monies are distributed at the end of the 4-H year.

9. The Ringgold County Fair has adopted the "Iowa Youth Code of Ethics." All youth and parents/guardians MUST adhere to the "Iowa Youth Code of Ethics" upon exhibiting at the fair. 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 so. Any youth who breaks the code of ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the code of ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state, or regional exhibitions.

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

- 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 a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- 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 all medications and be free of violative drug residue.
- f. If any animals require medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
- g. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animals that are found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
- 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 my entering an animal in the fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, and 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
- 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 or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
- 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.

Any violation of these rules at the Ringgold County Fair will be managed by the Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee.



# Ringgold County 4-H Exhibit Building

This department is open to 4-H youth who are participating in 4-H Youth Development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension. FFA members can participate with photography exhibits (general and photography specific rules must be followed).

All exhibitors are responsible to read and comply with the 4-H General Exhibit Rules, 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and all 4-H department exhibit class rules and regulations.

## General Exhibit Rules

1. Age for Exhibiting:  
**at the County Fair-** 4-H members who have completed 4th grade thru 12th grade (or equivalent); Clover Kids may participate with exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Building; FFA members who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade.  
**at the State Fair**—4-H members who have completed 5th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) and have not graduated from high school before 2023
2. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of the 4-H member's participation in 4-H projects or programs during the current 4-H year. Exhibits can be done by an individual or group and may represent all or part of the learning in the project or program.
3. Exhibits previously entered in an FFA Ag Science Fair or any other FFA events or competition may not be entered in any 4-H exhibit class.
4. Exhibits that do not comply with the class description, size guidelines, copyright restrictions, safety and approved methods will be disqualified and not put on public display.
5. Exhibit pre-entry is not required (exception: Communication entries—see specific classes for details).
6. 4-H'ers are not limited in the maximum number of exhibits that they may bring to the County Fair, with one project area exception: Photography—youth are limited to entering 5 photography exhibits. The exhibit should reflect the best quality the exhibitor has completed. Each exhibit must have an accompanying write-up answering the questions found on the "Exhibit Write-Up Form" or in Rule 10 (exceptions: photography exhibits only need the "4-H Photography Exhibit Form"; 4-H Communication poster exhibits only need the "Poster Exhibit Entry Form"; clothing events need correct accompanying form). ***Each exhibit MAY ONLY be exhibited in one class—the exhibitor should pick the class that best fits the exhibit and its goal(s).***
7. Due to security, 4-H members are discouraged from sending items that have special meaning and historical value as the exhibit or part of an exhibit. The Ringgold County Fair Board and Iowa State University Extension will use diligence to ensure the safety of articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement but will not be responsible for damage or loss.
8. If the exhibitor chooses a display to illustrate what was learned:
  - a. Posters may not exceed 24" x 36" in size (See Classes 10490 and 10530 for smaller requirements)
  - b. Chart boards, graph boards, project presentation boards, model displays, etc., may not exceed 48" x 48" in size. Maximum size is determined by measuring the flat (unfolded) dimensions.
  - c. Display boxes may not exceed 28" x 22" in height or width and 12" in depth.
9. Endangered and threatened plants and animals (includes insects), or songbird feathers and nest may NOT be used in any exhibit.
10. Copyrighted materials and designs may not be used in an exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. Exhibitors must include permission from the copyright holder/owner when using copyrighted materials. Exhibitors must give proper credit to the original source of all materials/designs used in exhibits. (See also special rules for Visual Arts and general copyright information for 4-H'ers.)

11. A written explanation, audio recording, or video recording is to be included as part of each exhibit. The exhibitor should respond briefly to the following questions about the exhibit:
  - What did you plan to learn or do? (What was your exhibit goal(s)?)
  - What steps did you take to learn or do this?
  - What were the most important things you learned?

\*\*The information requested needs to be well organized and brief. Include all financial data needed to explain project. Check for additional requirements in exhibit classes for food and nutrition, photography, and visual art classes. It's also a good idea to include pictures of the exhibitor working on the exhibit in all phases.

12. Each item in an exhibit must be securely labeled, including **the name of the club, class number, exhibitor's name, exhibitor's grade and years of participation in the project**. Labels should be placed on the back of posters, notebooks and cards, on the bottom of jars, and in an inconspicuous place on other items. A completed County Fair entry tag should be securely fastened to the main item in each exhibit on or near the upper right corner or in an easily seen location. Entry tags are available at the Extension Office and will be available at the 4-H Exhibit Building on judging day.
13. All exhibits must be at the 4-H Exhibit Building on entry day.
14. *All exhibits in the 4-H Exhibit Building will be judged using conference judging (one-on-one meeting between a judge and the exhibitor).* The 4-H'ers goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Refer to project "Judging Tip Sheets" located on each 4-H project page at: <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4-H/projects> for evaluation criteria.
15. Ringgold County has an assigned number of exhibits that may be selected to go on to the Iowa State Fair (quotas are based on county enrollment). PLEASE NOTE: ONLY JUDGES, EXTENSION STAFF AND SELECTED 4-H VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING DURING STATE FAIR SELECTION OF COUNTY 4-H PROJECTS.
16. All exhibits will be released starting at 9:00 am on Sunday, July 16.

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

## Class Descriptions

### **ANIMALS**

#### **10110 Animal Science**

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

#### **10120 Veterinary Science**

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

### **AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### **10210 Crop Production and Plant Science**

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

#### **10220 Conservation, Environment and Sustainability**

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

#### **10222 Entomology**

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

#### **10224 Fish and Wildlife**

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

#### **10226 Forestry**

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

#### **10230 Horticulture and Plant Science**

An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, soils, small fruit production, vegetable and flower gardens, plant nutrition, careers, etc.

#### **10235 Home Grounds Improvement**

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

#### **10240 Outdoor Adventures**

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

#### **10250 Safety and Education in Shooting Sports**

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

#### **10260 Other Agriculture and Natural Resources**

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

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

### **10310 Music**

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

### **10320 Photography**

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

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

1. Members are limited to entering 5 photography exhibits.
2. Photographs should be a minimum of 5" x 7". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of single photographs should not exceed 11"x14". Exception: Panoramic photos must not exceed 24" in length.
3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper and must be mounted and/or matted.
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.
  - a. 4-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as border, color and size. **Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.**
5. Non-mounted photos may be exhibited in a clear plastic covering.
6. A series is a group of photographs [3 to 5] that are related to or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Finished size of individual photographs in a series should not exceed 6"x 8".
7. Edited photos should include a copy of the phot before edits.
8. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.
9. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.
10. Photography exhibits must use the "Photo Exhibit Label" to provide required information for photo exhibits.

### **10340 Creative Photography**

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

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

1. Photograph/Image must be mounted/matting or submitted (uploaded) as a digital image.
2. If mounted, photography/image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 4" in length or larger than 14" in length.
3. Photograph/Image can be digitally created or from a film negative
4. Exhibit must have "Photo Exhibit Label" on back with required information for photo exhibits. Include information about the processes used and decision used to develop exhibit.
5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.

### **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.

### **10540 Digital Storytelling**

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



### **10350 Visual Arts Original Art**

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

### **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. 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.

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

#### ***Visual Arts Special Rules:***

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

## **FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES**

### **104010 Child Development**

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

### **10420 Clothing and Fashion – Constructed/Sewn Garments & Accessories**

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

### **10422 Clothing and Fashion – Purchased Garments & Accessories**

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

### **10424 Clothing and Fashion – Other Ideas/Educational Exhibits**

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

#### ***Clothing and Fashion Special Rule:***

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.

#### **Additional Clothing Classes:**

**10425 Fashion Revue:** constructed garments (special report form needs to accompany exhibit)

- The purpose of this class is to encourage the construction of a personal garment or outfit.
- Consideration is given to fit, color, style, suitability, quality of construction, stage presentation, and required care.
- Youth participants will model a garment or outfit they constructed, hand-knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted during the current 4-H year.
- 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.
- Blouses, shirts, and sweaters are usually considered garments. If they are used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
- All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.

**10426 Clothing Selection:** purchased garments (special report form needs to accompany exhibit)

- 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.
- Judging is based on fit, color, style, suitability, quality and construction features, stage presentation, required care, and cost comparison.
- 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.
- 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.
- Home-sewn clothing that was not sewn specifically for the participant are acceptable, such as purchases from a used clothing store.

**10427 \$20 Challenge:** entire outfit of purchased garments cannot exceed \$20 (special report form needs to accompany exhibit)

- 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.
- Online venues are allowed, must be second-hand in nature. Shipping and handling are not included in the total.
- 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.
- Twenty dollars is the purchase price limit including tax. Some secondhand stores and venues do not typically charge sales tax.

- 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.
- An outfit consists of major clothing pieces such as a shirt and pants or a dress. Shoes, undergarments, and accessories are not included in the \$20 purchase price limit.
- Alterations are permitted to achieve a desired look or fit.
- There are no additional considerations for an outfit that totals less than \$20.
- 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.

**10428 Innovative Design Class** encourages creativity when creating an outfit.

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

**10430 Consumer Management**

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

**10440 Food & Nutrition – Prepared Product**

An exhibit of a prepared food product that shows skills or learning about cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, or safety practices through the making of a prepared food product. See Food & Nutrition Special Rules below and HS 76 “Foods for Iowa 4-H Fairs – Quick Reference Guide” at <https://store.extension.iastate.edu/product/6434> for additional information regarding prepared food products.

**10442 Food & Nutrition- Preserved Product**

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

**10445 Food & Nutrition – Educational Display**

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

***Food & Nutrition Special Rules:***

1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
4. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.

5. Meat jerky products are prohibited.
6. The recipe must be included for any prepared or preserved food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.
7. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. Only food processed after August 1, 2022 is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used.
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 food entries MUST include 7 product samples.** One will be tasted for evaluation and then discarded; one will be displayed in the club booth; the 5 remaining will be consigned to 4-H and sold privately with funds raised going to the Ringgold County 4-H program. Products should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.  
Recommended number of included with the exhibits:
  - a. Cookies, cupcakes, bars, muffins, rolls, etc. – four (4) to six (6) items
  - b. 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.

#### **10450 Health**

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

#### **10460 Home Improvement**

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

##### **Home Improvement Special Rule:**

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

#### **10470 Sewing and Needle Arts – Constructed Item**

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

#### **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.

#### **10480 Other Family and Consumer Science**

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



## SPECIAL EXHIBITION- Thrifty Meal Challenge

### **10490 - Thrifty Meal Challenge**

Create a balanced, nutritious meal for family of four (4) that includes a serving from each of the five food groups with a budget of \$11.

#### **Special Exhibition Special Rules:**

1. Each county may enter one (1) exhibit in this class.
2. All entries will receive an evaluation and ribbon.
3. Exhibit may be from an individual or group effort.
4. The meal must include a serving for each person from each of the five (5) food groups. Recommended portion sizes per person: ½ cup fruit, ½ cup vegetable, 3 ounces protein, 1-2 ounces grain, 1 cup equivalent dairy.
5. The meal must serve four (4) people.
6. Total expense on receipt(s) must not exceed \$11.
7. The exhibit will be a poster (maximum size 20" x 30") that includes:
  - a. Menu
  - b. Meal type
  - c. Copy of receipts (up to 2)
  - d. Photos of participant experience
  - e. Thrifty Meal Challenge Worksheet (required)
8. For more information about this special challenge, please go to <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/meal-challenge>

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **10510 Citizenship and Civic Engagement**

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

### **10520 Communication**

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

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

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

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

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

1. Only one poster per 4-H member may be entered. Two entries from Ringgold County will be accepted by Iowa State Fair.
2. ALL posters MUST be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum 15" x 22".
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, collage, etc.
4. Posters **CANNOT** be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may NOT extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster **must** have the completed Poster Exhibit Entry Form attached to the back.

6. Posters **CANNOT** use copyright material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H members may include the 4-H clover in the poster.

### **10540 Digital Storytelling**

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

### **10550 Leadership**

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

### **10560 Self-Determined**

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

## **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

### **10610 Mechanics**

An exhibit that shows skills or learning about general mechanics or engineering solutions or that involve a combination of skills.

### **10612 Automotive**

Repaired or restored vehicle (**Note: vehicles will be on display at the Iowa State Fair one day only,(tentatively) Thursday August 10.**)

### **10613 Automotive**

Educational display showing learning about an automotive idea including automotive maintenance, auto operations, auto safety, or automotive systems

### **10614 Electric**

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

### **10615 Small Engine**

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

### **10616 Tractor**

Repaired or restored tractor **Note:** A conference judging opportunity for exhibitors of repaired or restored tractors in class 10616 will be offered during exhibit check-in. (Conference judging may not be available during all check-in times.) Tractors will be displayed outside throughout the Iowa State Fair. Release time Sunday, August 20, after 7 p.m.)

### **10617 Tractor Educational Display**

Educational display showing learning related to tractors, tractor mechanics, tractor operations, or tractor safety

### **10618 Welding**

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

### **10620 Woodworking**

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

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

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

### **10632 Aerospace**

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

### **10634 Robotics**

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

## **4-H COMMUNICATIONS**

This department is open to youth who are participating in the 4-H Youth Development programs conducted by Iowa State University Extension.

All participants are responsible for reading and complying with 4-H General Rules and Regulations, and specific class rules and regulations.

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.

### **General Communication Event Program Rules and Regulations**

1. 4-H members who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) in 2023 are eligible to participate; Iowa State Fair participation is limited to those that have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in 2023. Exception: Share The Fun and Extemporaneous Speaking – See class rules for age guidelines.
2. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibit may be given by one or more 4-H members. Teams consisting of youth of mixed grades will be entered in the class of the member in the highest-grade level (example: a team with a 5<sup>th</sup> grader and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader will use the time for the intermediate/senior class).
3. Communication Event Program entries must be entered using the “Communications Entry Form” available in the “4-H'er Fair Book,” on the Ringgold County Extension website or at the Extension office. Entry deadline is July 1
4. Topics selected by the 4-H member (s) should be an outgrowth of their 4-H experience(s). Topics should be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
5. Participants in the 4-H Communication Programs are expected to wear appropriate clothing representative of the 4-H Youth Program and/or the topic of the presentation.
6. 4-H members must use sanitary and safe procedures and methods at all times. Educational Presentations and Working Exhibits involving food must follow established food safety guidelines.
7. All participants are expected to comply with all copyright/trademark regulations. Copyrighted material may not be distributed without permission.
8. Entries will be selected from the county communications event program to represent Ringgold County at the Iowa State Fair. (Iowa State Fair rules must be adhered to for participation there)

## **11100 EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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

### ***Educational Presentation Rules:***

1. Time Limit: Junior Presentations (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) must not exceed 15 minutes. Intermediate/Senior Presentations (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) must not exceed 20 minutes. Presenters will be verbally told to “STOP” when they exceed the time limit.
2. Presentation content must be the original work of the presenter(s). Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited. Use of brief quotations or excerpts of from other work(s) is permitted provided the source is identified.

### **11200 WORKING EXHIBITS**

Provide an opportunity for 4-H members to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way. At the county fair level, working exhibits shall last 15 minutes; at the State Fair level, Junior working exhibits will be scheduled for 25 minutes, and Intermediate/Senior working exhibits will be scheduled for 45 minutes.

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

1. Time Limit: All [participants/teams will be scheduled for a 30-minute period. **NOTE: Both age groups will be given a 15 minute period at the Ringgold County Fair.**

### **11300 SHARE THE FUN**

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

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

1. Eligibility—4-H members who have completed 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent) in 2023. Exception: If the Share The Fun act involves a whole club, the following criteria must be applied to determine if the club can be eligible for the Share The Fun program at the Iowa State Fair:
  - At least 80% of the performing group must have completed 5th through 12th grade in 2023.
2. Performances **MUST NOT** exceed (six) 6 minutes in length.
3. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment are acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.

### **11400 EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING**

Encourage the development of communication skills by providing an opportunity to think, organize thoughts, prepare a speech, and respond to questions when given a limited amount of preparation time. *Contact the Ringgold County Extension office for more details.*



# 4-H/FFA Livestock Rules & Regulations

## General Rules

1. Should general and department rules conflict, the latter will govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of the rules are subject to all premium cancellations and disqualifications from future participation in the Ringgold County Fair. Interpretation of rules, when necessary, shall be the responsibility of the department superintendent and Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee.
2. Eligibility for participation: 4-H and FFA members who have completed 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or that equivalent) and are in good standing at the county level.
3. Only livestock projects which have been enrolled by the exhibitor and listed in the 4-H Online enrollment program on or before May 15 (February 1 for Market Beef, July 1 for rabbits) may be entered. (This applies to all animals with exception of rabbit, poultry and pets which have less restrictive identification rules.) FFA members do not have access to the 4-H Online system, thus must turn in a paper identification form by the above listed dates. All 4-H/FFA livestock must meet ownership/possession identifications and requirements outlined in 4-H 202 at time of identification. When registration papers are involved, papers must be in the exhibitor's name or show a logical family relationship.
4. Market livestock (beef, sheep and meat goat) MUST attend their respective county weigh-in to be considered identified/verified for the Ringgold County Fair and other 4-H shows. A beginning weight will be established for those market animals. To be eligible to participate in the rate of gain contest, animals must weigh-in on our county established scale no more than 7 days before or after the county set weigh-in date. Animals doing so will automatically be entered into the rate of gain contest. Market and Breeding Swine MUST attend their respective county tagging to be considered identified/verified for the Ringgold County Fair and other 4-H shows.  
\*\* Contact the Ringgold County Extension office to inquire about Iowa State Fair requirements.
5. The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor. COUNTY FAIR ENTRY FORMS are available at the Ringgold County Extension office, online at the Ringgold County Extension website and/or in the "4-H'er Fair Book." All entries must be submitted to the Extension office prior to the entry deadline of JULY 1.
6. Exhibitors in a species are not eligible to exhibit as both an FFA and 4-H member. A member may however exhibit as a 4-H member in one specie and as a FFA member in another specie. Designation must be decided at time of entry.
7. Departments and/or class(es) with limited participation may result in an elimination of that department and/or class(es).
8. **ALL BEEF, DAIRY GOAT, MEAT GOAT, POULTRY, RABBIT, SHEEP AND SWINE EXHIBITORS MUST BE CERTIFIED THROUGH THE YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) PROGRAM.**
9. Each exhibitor with market animals (beef, meat goats, sheep and swine) will complete an Iowa 4-H Animal Care and Management Disclosure Statement. Completed forms must be submitted to Extension staff at fair check-in.
10. Any animal showing evidence of contagious diseases will be unable to be shown. Disqualified animals must be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any animals found to have external parasites will be disqualified and exhibitor must remove it from the fairgrounds immediately.
11. Livestock may begin to be stalled at the Ringgold County Fairgrounds on Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup>; starting at 9:30pm, all animals MUST be in place by Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup> an hour before their perspective weigh-in/check-in times. Swine will need to be checked in on Tuesday July 11 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm and stalled by 9:30 pm. All animals will be checked in by division superintendents and/or Extension staff at the respected times stated in the fair book.  
Please note: Late Arrival and Early Releases will be considered by the 4-H & Youth Committee on a case-by-case basis as long as a "Late Arrival and Early Release of Livestock Request" form has been filled out and turned into the Extension office by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Consideration will be based on youth exhibiting livestock at another show; the arrival is no later than 7:00am on July 14<sup>th</sup>. If late arrival is granted, or if an exhibitor is late without permission, all fair premiums will be forfeited. Check-in needs to be done by finding Loran or Dawn.
12. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to furnish their own bedding in assigned stalls and/or pens (exception: Beef and Horse participants—see department rules). All stalls and pens MUST be cleaned out at the end of fair otherwise premium money will be forfeited.

13. Exhibitors will be required to keep their feed, hay, straw, equipment, etc in the appropriate locations for specific barns, based upon availability. The public alleyways must always be kept open and free from litter, equipment, feed, etc. Stalls, pens and alleyways must be cleaned, and refuse deposited where instructed by the Superintendent.
14. All livestock must have their first feeding and watering prior to 9:00 a.m. and remain in the barns except when being groomed, fitted or exercised.
15. 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 the show officials.
16. If a 4-H/FFA member's animal becomes wild or uncontrollable, causing a safety concern during their time at the fair, the member will receive a warning after the 1<sup>st</sup> time. If it happens a 2<sup>nd</sup> time with the same animal, a committee made up of a representative from the Fair Board, 4-H & Youth Committee, department superintendent, Extension staff will meet to make the decision on how to proceed.
17. BEGINNERS CLASS—An educational beginner's class will be offered at the beginning of each species' show. In order to be eligible to show in this class, it must be the exhibitor's 1<sup>st</sup> year showing in that particular species. Exhibitors showing in the Beginner's Class will also show their animal in a regular division class.
18. APPROPRIATE DRESS: Ringgold County 4-H/FFA fair exhibitor t-shirt, blue jeans or dark slacks, boots are required (no caps or hats will be allowed); exhibitor number. (Exception: Horse exhibitors must follow dress code requirements found in the horse division rules) Exhibitors not complying with dress code will not be allowed to show.
19. SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN—Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his/her animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence the Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.

If a 4-H or FFA exhibitor is injured or seriously ill at the time of the show or is involved in another Ringgold County Fair activity with a non-flexible schedule at which their presence is mandatory the 4-H or FFA exhibitor may submit a request for a substitute showman. The substitute showman must be a 4-H'er or FFA member eligible to exhibit at the Ringgold County Fair and approved in advance of the show by the Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee and/or Extension staff. Participation in school or school activities will not be considered.

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.

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

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

- 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 a true representation of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete your exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- 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 all medications and be free of violative drug residue.

- f. If any animals require medical treatment while at the fair or exhibition, only a licensed veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
  - g. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animals that are found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian by the management of the fair or exhibition.
  - 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 my entering an animal in the fair or exhibition, I am giving consent to the management of the fair or exhibition to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, and 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 are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the exhibitor, parent and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
  - 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 or exhibition I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the management of this fair or exhibition for any violation of this code of ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or exhibition without recourse against the fair or exhibition.
  - 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.
- \*\*Any violation of these rules at the Ringgold County Fair will be managed by the Ringgold County 4-H & Youth Committee.

21. Showmanship classes will be held in the various species of livestock: Beef, Dog, Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine. Exhibitors in all classes of livestock are eligible to participate in the showmanship contest with these guidelines:

- Pre-entry is not required.
- Showmanship awards may be won only one year in each division
  - Junior Showmanship: grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Intermediate Showmanship: grades 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior Showmanship: grades 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Winner's Showmanship: any past Junior, Intermediate and Senior showmanship winner still showing in respective species is eligible to enter. Current year winner is also eligible.
- Winner's Showmanship: To be eligible to show in the Winner's Showmanship class you need to have won in the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Showmanship division. Once you win your age group, you can move to the Winner's Showmanship until eligible for the next level. Example: if you win Junior Showmanship in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, you would be eligible for Winner's Showmanship that year and also while in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Then you will move to Intermediate Showmanship in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The only exhibitors eligible to show in two showmanship classes a year would be that year's Jr., Int. and/or Senior Showman. Previous winners of the Winner's Showmanship are eligible to show each year in Winner's Showmanship or their appropriate age division until no longer eligible to show at the county fair.
- Animals exhibited in showmanship classes must be owned by the exhibitor and must have been exhibited in an earlier class.

- Selection will be based on: fitting the animals, the exhibitor's showing performance, the exhibitor's knowledge of the animal and his/her presentation of the animal (in response to the judge, ring man, other exhibitor's), the exhibitor's use of grooming and handling equipment
22. It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA members take responsibility for caring for, grooming and/or fitting his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA'er learn new skills and be done by an immediate family member (i.e.: parents, grandparents, siblings, legal guardians), a 4-H volunteer (i.e.: club leader, department superintendent) and/or another **Iowa 4-H or FFA member (thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade in good standing)**. A 4-H volunteer will only be allowed to help with an animal if asked to do so by the exhibitor/family and done with the exhibitor/family present. If groomer is another Iowa 4-H/FFA member, he/she must be listed on the Ringgold County 4-H/FFA livestock entry form due to the Ringgold County Extension office by July 1, 2023. The Ringgold County 4-H/FFA member getting assistance needs to bring the helping groomer to the 4-H fair office the morning of the show to pick up a wristband that must be worn while one the fairgrounds.
  23. First and second place winners in individual classes are eligible to compete for Champion and Reserve Championships, provided they received a purple or blue ribbon.
  24. Department superintendents, 4-H & Youth Committee members and/or Extension staff have the authority to enforce all general and department rules. First offense of a rule being broken will be a warning; second offense will lead to disqualification from the specie show that is in question. Premium money will be withheld from anyone disqualified.
  25. RELEASE: ALL animals not being sold will be released on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am. Early dismissals will be considered by the 4-H & Youth Committee on a case-by-case basis as long as a "Release of Livestock Request" form has been filled out and turned into the Extension office by July 1. Consideration will be based on youth exhibiting livestock at another show; the release is no earlier than 8 hours before the regular dismissal time of 5:00 am on Sunday. If early dismissal is granted, or if an exhibitor takes their animal home without permission, all fair premiums will be forfeited.
  26. Necessary changes announced at the show by officials will supersede information in this Fair Book.

#### Premium Sale

1. 4-H and FFA member exhibiting any animal at the 2023 Ringgold County Fair is eligible to participate (includes market & breeding beef, market & breeding goats, horses, market & breeding sheep, market & breeding swine, all poultry and all rabbits)
2. All participating members will draw a number that will decide their order in the sale.
3. 4-H and FFA member MUST be present at the sale to participate.
4. No animal will go thru the ring, but rather the 4-H/FFA member. The member will be expected to talk to the crowd, sharing what he/she brought to the fair and how their exhibits performed.
5. Each 4-H/FFA member will only go thru ONE time.
6. The bidder's money will go directly to the 4-H/FFA member.
7. All animals may then be taken home, elsewhere to show, etc.
8. If a 4-H/FFA member does not want to take their animal(s) home, the slaughter option is still available. The animals will not go thru the ring, only sold to the buyer at floor price. Please Note: The 4-H/FFA member's animal(s) may still be sold to an individual (for butchering, etc), but that will need to be worked out on an individual basis by those involved.

Note: Market Beef exhibitors will need to declare **at the fair check-in** if their calf will be participating in the Tyson carcass evaluation program. No changes can be made once this declaration is determined. Program participants will receive premium monies as well as monies based on how it graded and yielded.

9. Exhibitors are encouraged to dress for the sale as they would for showing.

Continued in 2023: **Champion Breeding and Market beef, swine, sheep and goats at the 2023 Ringgold County Fair are invited to participate at the South-Central Iowa Showdown in Chariton at the beginning of August against champions from other participating counties. Participation is at the discretion of the exhibitor. If a champion exhibitor chooses not to participate, then the invitation will be extended to the Reserve Champion exhibitor.**



## **Beef Department**

### **Superintendents: Cauly Bickel and Jeremy Maass**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. Stall assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally stall assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
3. Common bedding will be used in the barn for all beef cattle – no alternative bedding will be allowed. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to move bedding to their assigned stalls and/or pens. Stalls and pens MUST be cleaned out at the end of fair otherwise premium money will be forfeited.
4. STALL FEE: There will be a \$5/head fee; \$5/pen fee (to cover bedding expenses) paid at the time of County Fair Entries (JULY 1).
5. All show boxes and related equipment MUST be in the barn alley behind the livestock in assigned stalls or in the grooming facility. No equipment will be permitted in empty stalls. Provided there is adequate room for ALL exhibitors, the Superintendents can provide leadership regarding the placement of tack. No feed or hay allowed in the grooming facility.
6. The grooming facility IS the designated location for all beef grooming/fitting to occur. NO grooming chutes will be allowed in the cattle barn or outside areas.
7. Overnight tie-outs for cattle WILL ONLY BE PERMITTED AT DESIGNATED AREAS. The earliest animals are to be IN the tie-out area is 7:00 pm; animals must be OUT of tie-out area by 9:00 am. Exhibitors MUST furnish their own bedding at the tie-outs.
8. Livestock trailers WILL NOT be permitted in barn area once unloading has occurred. Animals will not be allowed in livestock trailers once entry of animal has been made.
9. No artificial aides such as tail head or tail fins will be permitted. No artificial tails/switches will be permitted.
10. No icing or artificial means of cooling an animal will be allowed in the "Holding Area."

### **Market Beef**

1. Entries are open to all market steers/heifers which have been weighed and tagged at the county winter weigh-in. Information entered into the "4-H Online" database will be considered accurate and may not be changed. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized.
2. LIMITATIONS: An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 market beef animals (steers and heifers combined).
3. ARRIVAL: Market Beef entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 12 after 7:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 13 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
4. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: Weigh-in for all other market beef will be at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 13 at the show arena scale.
5. Market beef classes will be based on fair weigh-in weights. Absolutely NO re-weighs will be allowed.
6. Market beef weighing less than 800 pounds at fair weigh-in will be shown in a feeder class.
7. Ribbons awarded in the market beef class will be purple, lavender, blue and red.
8. In order for a market beef animal to be considered for a purple, lavender or blue ribbon, it must have an average daily gain of: market heifer = 2.0 pounds per day; market steer = 2.2 pounds per day or more from the beginning weigh date to the county fair weigh date.
9. Calves weighed in on the county established scale no more than 7 days before or after the county set winter weigh-in date will automatically be entered in the Rate of Gain contest. Rate of Gain will be figured from winter weigh-in to fair weigh-in. NOTE: Ribbons and plaques will be awarded to the top Rate of Gain animals—NO premium money.
10. First and second place in each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion. Three honorable mention awards will also be presented.
11. RELEASED: All market beef will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am. (exception: those calves participating in the Tyson carcass evaluation program will stay until shipping time)

Classes:

**Class 11: Beginners Class**

**Class 12: Individual Market Beef Heifers**

**Class 13: Individual Crossbred Steers**

**Feeder Calves**

1. Entries are open to calves born between January 1, 2023 and May 1, 2023. They must be identified by ear tag or tattoo in the "4-H Online" database by May 15.
2. Entries may be steer, heifer or bull feeder calves. Entries may either be from a cow/calf pair OR can be a separate project. Feeder calves CANNOT be a bucket calf project.
3. All calves must be broke to lead and to stand tied.
4. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to exhibit 2 entries.
5. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: Entries must be on the grounds by 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 15.
6. Feeder calves will be evaluated on their potential to become a market or breeding animal and conformation.
7. RELEASED: Feeder calves will be released after the beef show on Saturday, July 16.

Classes:

**Class 11: Beginners Class**

**Class 21: Feeder Calf—Steers**

**Class 22: Feeder Calf—Heifers**

**Class 23: Feeder Calf—Bulls**

**Breeding Beef**

1. Entries are open to heifers and/or cows that have been identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15. Purchased animals must have been secured prior to May 15. All purebred and commercial heifers must be tattooed and number recorded in 4-H Online by May 15. Calfhood vaccination tattoo is not acceptable identification. Purebred heifers must have date of birth, tattoo and registry number of animals listed in 4-H Online by May 15. If registration information is missing in 4-H Online, the animal will show as a Commercial Heifer. If no tattoo is listed in 4-H Online by May 15, the animal will not show.
2. All heifers to be eligible shall be born between September 1, 2021 and December 31, 2022.
3. LIMITATIONS: An exhibitor may enter a maximum of 3 heifers and 2 cow/calf pairs.
4. ARRIVAL: Breeding Beef entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
5. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All heifers/cows will be checked in at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 12 by going through the show arena scale. Tattoos will be checked during the check-in; registration papers for purebred heifers will be checked during the check-in.
6. All heifers and cows MUST be tattooed. Calfhood vaccination is not required unless the heifer or cow was purchased in Missouri or Texas.
7. A Supreme Breeding Heifer Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected from the champion & reserves of each breed shown in the breeding heifer show. Three honorable mention awards will also be presented. Champion & Reserve Cow/Calf Pair will also be selected.
8. RELEASED: All breeding beef will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

**Breeding Beef  
Registered Heifer**

1. If an exhibitor DOES NOT have registration papers for their purebred breeding beef, then it will be shown as a commercial.
2. All heifers shown in the breed classes will follow the breed classification requirements of the Iowa Junior Beef Breed Association.
3. Purebred classes will be provided for all recognized breeds with a minimum of two per breed. If there is not two of a breed, then they will be put into an AOB (all other breed) class. Recognized breeds are: Angus, Charolais, Charolais %, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Horned Hereford, Limousin, Lim-Flex, High % Maine-Anjou, Maintainer, MaineAngus, Mini Hereford, Polled Hereford Red Angus, Red Angus Foundation Salers, Shorthorn, Shorthorn Plus, Simmental, Foundation Simmental, South Devon.
4. Purebred breeding beef will be shown by age.
5. The youngest class will be shown first with heifers put in order of age as the class starts – with the youngest animal first.
6. Purebred breeding beef cannot be shown in any market classes.

**Commercial Heifer**

1. Commercial heifer will be shown by weight
2. Commercial Heifer cannot be shown in any market classes.
3. Individual heifers not papered will be shown as Commercial.

**Cow/ Calf**

1. Cows in the Cow/Calf class MUST have been a past 4-H/ FFA project of the exhibitor's, identified on a past year's Breeding Beef Identification Report. Cows can be shown in only one class (Class 34).

Classes:

- Class 11: Beginners Class**
- Class 32: Commercial Heifer**
- Class 33: Registered Heifer**
- Class 34A: Cow/Calf Class: with first calf**
- Class 34B: Cow/Calf Class: older cow**

**Bucket Calf**

**Superintendent: Tiffany Bolles**

1. Entries are open to either crossbred, purebred or dairy calves born between January 1, 2023 and May 15, 2023. Entries must be identified by ear tag or tattoo in the "4-H Online" database by May 15.
2. The calf must have been bucket or bottle fed (NO nursing permitted).
3. Stall assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally stall assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
4. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors may identify up to 3 animals but can exhibit only 1 bucket calf at the Ringgold County Fair per year.
5. PROJECT WORKSHEET: Exhibitors are expected to complete a project worksheet that is available at the Extension office prior to fair time. This worksheet MUST be turned in to the Extension Office or 4-H office on or before July 1—judges will refer to this during conference judging.
6. ARRIVAL: Bucket Calf entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
7. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All bucket calves will be checked in at 10 am on Wednesday, July 12 by going through the show arena scale.
8. CONFERENCE JUDGING: Conference judging will start at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 12 at the School House. The superintendent will assign judging times to all exhibitors.
9. Judging will be based on the following:
  - a) What the exhibitor has learned about the care and raising of the calf.
  - b) The fitting and showing (according to beef or dairy guidelines) of the calf with emphasis on what the exhibitor has learned.
  - c) The general health and appearance of the calf and the exhibitor's knowledge in the health area.
  - d) The completed record on the calf to include: purchase price, labor and feed costs, vet costs, etc., plus exhibitor observations and comments on raising bucket calves.
10. All bucket calves must be halter broke. Calves will be shown on Saturday, July 15 @ 11:30 am. Placings will be announced at that time. The superintendent may divide or combine entries at his/her discretion.
11. RELEASED: All bucket calves will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

Classes:

- Class 51A: Juniors**
- Class 51B: Intermediates and Seniors**

**Bucket Calf Plus One Year**

1. Entries are open to calves born between January 1, 2022 and May 15, 2022. Entries MUST have been identified by an ear tag in 4-H Online the previous year as the 4-H member's 2021 - 2022 4-H project. The calf did not have to be shown at the 2022 Ringgold County Fair, but it had to be identified in 4-H Online. Entries must be identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15 as either a market beef animal (entered after county weigh-in) OR as a breeding beef animal.
2. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to exhibit 3 entries. The animals may be shown as either: Bucket Calf Plus One, Market Beef and/or Breeding Beef. (example: heifer calf may be shown as both Bucket Calf Plus One AND as Breeding Beef)
3. PROJECT WORKSHEET: Exhibitors are expected to complete a project worksheet that is available at the Extension office prior to fair time. This worksheet MUST be turned in to the Extension Office or 4-H office on or before July 1—judges will refer to this during conference judging.
4. ARRIVAL: Bucket Calf Plus One entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
5. CONFERENCE JUDGING: Conference judging will start at 11:00 am on Tuesday, July 11 at the School House. The department superintendent will assign judging times to all exhibitors.
6. Judging will be based on the following:
  - a) What the member has learned about care and raising of the calf.
  - b) The showing of the calf (according to beef guidelines) with emphasis on what the member has learned.
  - c) The general health, condition and management of the calf and the 4-H'ers knowledge of the area.
7. Calves will be shown on Saturday, July 15 @ 11:30 am. Placings will be announced at that time. The superintendent may divide or combine entries at his/her discretion.
8. RELEASED: All calves will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

Classes:

**Class 52: Bucket Calf Plus One Year****Goat Department****Superintendent: Jeff Fletchall**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries shown as Market Goats must have been weighed and tagged at the county spring weigh-in. Information entered into the "4-H Online" database will be considered accurate and may not be changed. Entries shown as breeding goats or dairy goats must have been identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15. Purchased animals must have been secured prior to May 15.
3. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to bring to fair weigh-in and exhibit 5 individual goats —any combination of dairy, market and breeding; and one pair of market goats.
4. All meat goats must have a 4-H or FFA ear tag to be shown at the Ringgold County Fair. All dairy goats must have a 4-H or FFA tag or a legible tattoo.
5. The USDA Scrapies Program requirements will be followed. A scrapie tag must be present in all sexually intact goats participating in the Ringgold County Fair. Wether goats are exempt, except for wethers crossing state lines.
6. Stall assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally stall assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
7. Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding – shavings are preferred, carpet is not allowed, rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath.
8. ARRIVAL: Goat entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
9. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: ALL goats will be checked in at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 12 at the show arena scale. Scrapie tags will be checked during the check-in; market goats will be weighed.
10. No goat may be exhibited in both market and breeding classes.
11. All animals must be taught to lead and shown with a collar in all classes.
12. Pygmy goats will be shown in their own class.
13. RELEASED: All goat exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am

**DAIRY GOATS**

1. Because Iowa is a brucellosis and T.B. free state, dairy goats originating in Iowa do not need to be tested.
2. Entries are open to dairy goats properly enrolled and identified in 4-H Online by May 15. All goats must be identified by ear or tail tattoo and that tattoo must be indicated in 4-H Online.
3. Only does may be exhibited. Does 24 months of age or over which have never freshened CANNOT not be shown.
4. All dairy goats must have legible tattoos. Animals should have clipped and clean ears or tails in order to check tattoos during the check-in process. No fresh tattoos will be allowed.
5. Dairy entries must be dehorned or have tipped horns in order to be exhibited. Tipped horns must be blunt enough not to present a safety hazard. No sharp points allowed on horns.
6. Dairy Goat classes will be broken out according to age.
7. OPTIONAL—Dairy entries may be clipped if so desired.
8. A Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be selected.

## Classes:

**Class 61: Junior Doe – Under 4 months of age**

**Class 62: Junior Doe — 4 months and under 8 months of age**

**Class 63: Junior Doe — 8 months and under 12 months of age**

**Class 64: Senior Doe — 12 months and under 24 months of age (milking)**

**Class 64-2: Senior Doe – 12 months and under 24 months of age (not milking)**

**Class 65: Senior Doe — 2 years and over (must have freshened)**

**MEAT GOATS**

1. Market Goats: All market meat goats (wethers or does) must have been weighed and tagged at the county spring weigh-in. Information entered into the "4-H Online" database will be considered accurate and may not be changed. Any evidence of tampering with the official 4-H tag will be scrutinized.
2. Breeding Goats: Only does may be exhibited. Breeding does must have an official 4-H tag or FFA tag and birthdate recorded in 4-H Online by May 15.
3. 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.
4. Market entries must have horns disbudded, dehorned or tipped blunt before fair check-in. Tipped horns must be blunt enough not to present a safety hazard. No sharp points allowed on horns. Breeding entries are allowed to be horned.
5. Market Goat: Classes will be broken out according to weights at fair – absolutely NO re-weighs for class divisions.
6. Breeding Goats: Classes will be broken out according to age. Does 24 months of age or over which have never freshened CANNOT be shown.
7. Bracing is allowed. However, all goats must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing them on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping goats. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the show.
8. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any meat goat. Exhibitors in violation will not be allowed to show.
9. Exhibitors are expected to care for their meat goats in an acceptable manner. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of meat goats will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of the show officials.
10. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice.
11. Market meat goats weighed in on the county established scale no more than 7 days before or after the county set spring weigh-in date will automatically be entered in the Rate of Gain contest. Rate of Gain will be figured from county spring weigh-in to fair weigh-in. NOTE: Rosettes will be awarded to the top Rate of Gain animals NO premium money.
12. OPTIONAL—meat goat entries may be clipped if so desired.

12. A Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be selected in both market and breeding goats, plus three honorable mention awards.

Classes:

**Class 60: Beginners Class**

**Class 62: Pygmy Goats or Other Goats**

**Class 63: Junior Does – under 12 months**

**Class 64: Senior Does – 12 months and under 24 months**

**Class 65: Senior Does – 2 years and over (must have freshened)**

**Class 66: Individual Market Doe**

**Class 67: Individual Market Wether**

**Class 67.5: Pair of 2 Meat Goats**

### Sheep Department

Superintendents: **Matt Weeda**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries shown as Market Lambs must have been weighed and tagged at the county spring weigh-in. Information entered into the "4-H Online" database will be considered accurate and may not be changed. Entries shown as breeding sheep must have been identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15. Purchased animals must have been secured prior to May 15. No sheep may be exhibited in both market and breeding classes.
3. Exhibitors are expected to care for their lambs in an acceptable manner. Only tap water may be sprayed or applied to lambs. Lambs must be dry to the touch when enter the show ring. Any abusive care including slapping or excessive modification of lambs will be grounds for disqualification at the discretion of show officials. Drenching will not be allowed. Some of the products being used are not labeled for animal use. There are quality assurance issues involved with this practice.
4. Market lambs are open to purebred, grade or crossbred wether or ewe lambs born after January 1, 2023.
5. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to bring to fair weigh-in and exhibit 3 individual market lambs; one pair of 2 lambs; 2 entries for a class in Purebred ewe lambs, Purebred yearling ewes, Purebred ram lambs, Commercial ewe lambs, or Commercial yearling ewes.
6. All sheep must have a 4-H or FFA ear tag to be shown at the Ringgold County Fair.
7. The USDA Scrapies Program requirements will be followed. A scrapie tag must be present in all ewe lambs and yearling ewes participating in the Ringgold County Fair. Wether lambs are exempt, except for wethers crossing state lines.
8. Stall assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally stall assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
9. Exhibitors are responsible for their own bedding – shavings are preferred, carpet is not allowed, rubber mats are acceptable but must have a layer of bedding underneath.
10. Clipping stands are encouraged to remain level or close to level. Excessive elevation that causes animal discomfort will result in the stands being removed from the barn.
11. There will be no coloring agent or paint used on any sheep. Sheep in violation will not be allowed to show.
12. ARRIVAL: Sheep entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
13. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All sheep will be weighed in at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 12 at the show arena scale. Scrapie tags will be checked during the check-in; registration papers and Association tags for purebred lambs will be checked during the check-in. **All blankets and tubes must be removed from lambs prior to entering the weigh-in line.**
14. Market Lamb classes will be based on face color and fair weigh-in weights. Absolutely NO re-weighs will be allowed. Classes will be: white breed influence, black faced
15. All lambs must have four feet on the floor in the show ring at all times. Lifting feet off the ground or placing on any support or altered ring surface is not acceptable. Exhibitors will receive one warning if they are found lifting or slapping lambs. Second offenses will result in automatic exhibitor disqualification from the show.
16. Lambs weighed in on the county established scale no more than 7 days before or after the county set spring weigh-in date will automatically be entered in the Rate of Gain contest. Rate of Gain will be figured from county spring weigh-in to fair weigh-in.



\*NOTE: Rosettes will be awarded to the top Rate of Gain animals—NO premium money.

17. All lambs must have been shorn to be exhibited. Suggested fleece lengths:
  - a) Market lambs — 1/2 inch
  - b) Breeding sheep — 1/2 inch to a maximum 3/4 inch  
(Exception: wool breeds, no maximum length)
18. A Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be selected in both market and breeding lambs, plus three honorable mention awards.
19. RELEASED: All lamb exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

#### Purebred Ewe

1. If an exhibitor DOES NOT have registration papers for their purebred ewe, then it will be shown as a crossbred.
2. Purebred Ewe classes will be shown by age.
3. Purebred classes will be provided for all recognized breeds with a minimum of four per breed. If there are not four of a breed to make up a class, they will be put into an AOB (all other breed) class. Recognized breeds are: Hampshire, Suffolk, Dorset, Other Meat Breeds\*, Other Wool Breeds\*\*  
\*Breeds classified as Other Meat Breeds: Cheviot, Oxford, Montadale, Shropshire, Southdown  
\*\* Other Wool Breeds: Columbia, Corriedale, Rambouillet, Lincoln, Targhee

#### Commercial Ewe

1. Commercial classes are for crossbred ewes and must not be eligible to be registered.
2. Commercial Ewe classes will be divided by weight.
3. Lambs shown in Commercial Ewe Classes may not be shown in Market Classes or Purebred Classes.  
Classes:

**Class 71: Beginners Class**

**Class 72: Purebred Ewe**

**Class 73: Commercial Ewe: White Breed Influence**

**Class 74: Commercial Ewe: Black Faced**

**Class 75: Yearling**

**Class 76: Market Lamb: White Breed Influence**

**Class 77: Market Lamb: Black Faced**

**Class 78: Pair of 2 Lambs**

#### Swine Department

**Superintendent: Kevin Jackson**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. All hogs must be farrowed on or after January 1, 2023.
3. Entries are open to swine that have been tagged at the Ringgold County tagging day and identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15. Purchased animals must have been secured prior to May 15.
4. The Market Swine and Commercial Gilt shows are non-terminal. Exhibitors taking swine back to the farm **do so at their own risk** and MUST fill out proper paperwork with Extension staff before the swine leave the fairgrounds.
5. Swine appearing to be unhealthy are encouraged to be kept at home and not brought to the Ringgold County Fair to be shown.
6. Pen assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally pen assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
7. Exhibitors must clean pens/stalls before departure. Failure to clean pens before departing will result in exhibitor forfeiting premium money.
8. There shall be no coloring agents, powder or oil used on hogs. The use of ether is strictly prohibited. Pigs in violation will not be allowed to show.

9. The judge and show officials will have the authorization to disqualify any pigs that are severely unsound or exhibit any of the following abnormalities: pigs with serious injury, evidence of stress susceptibility or other heritable defects; pigs that are structurally unsound; pigs that exhibit cryptorchidism or objectionable traits that appear to be the result of management practices.
10. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to bring to fair weigh-in and exhibit 2 commercial gilts, 3 individual market swine, and one pair of market swine.
11. ARRIVAL: Swine entries must arrive Tuesday, July 11 between 7:00pm and 9:30pm. This is **required** swine unloading and vet checks.
12. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All swine will be weighed in at 8:00 am on Wednesday, July 12 at the show arena scale.
13. Swine entries must meet a minimum weight of 200 pounds. Those swine entries not making the required weight of 200 pounds will show in a light-weight class and will be limited to receiving a blue ribbon; not eligible for Champion and Reserve Champion.
14. Carcass class entries will be shown in Carcass Class ONLY.
15. A Grand Champion & Reserve Champion will be selected in both market and breeding swine, plus three honorable mention awards.
16. RELEASED: All swine exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

### **Breeding Swine**

#### **Purebred Breeding Gilts**

1. If an exhibitor DOES NOT have registration papers for their purebred breeding gilt, then it will be shown as a commercial.
2. Purebred classes will be provided for all recognized breeds with a minimum of four per breed. If there is not four of a breed, then they will be put into an AOB (all other breed) class. Recognized breeds are: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire.
3. Purebred breeding gilts will be shown by age.
4. Purebred Gilts cannot be shown in any market class, including the pair.

#### **Commercial Breeding Gilts**

1. Commercial Gilts classes will be divided by weight.
2. Commercial Gilts cannot be shown in any market class, including the pair.
3. Individual swine not papered will be shown as Commercial.

### **Market Swine**

1. Market swine classes are open to either barrows or gilts.
2. Individual Market Swine classes will be divided by weight.
3. If an exhibitor DOES NOT have registration papers for their purebred market swine, then it will be shown as a crossbred.
4. Purebred classes will be provided for all recognized breeds with a minimum of four per breed. If there is not four of a breed, then they will be put into an AOB (all other breed) class. Recognized breeds are: Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Hereford, Landrace, Poland China, Spotted, Yorkshire.
5. Purebred market swine will be shown weight.
6. Individual swine not papered will be shown as Crossbreds

Classes:

- Class 82: Beginners Class**
- Class 83: Commercial Gilts**
- Class 84: Purebred Gilts**
- Class 85: Crossbred Market Swine**
- Class 86: Purebred Market Swine**
- Class 87: Pair of 2 Market Swine**
- Class 88: Carcass Swine**

**Horse, Mule and Pony Department**  
**Superintendents: Maria Weeda**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries are open to horses that have been identified in the "4-H Online" database by May 15. Purchased animals must have been secured prior to May 15. Leased horses must fill out additional paperwork available in the "4-H'er Fair Book." PLEASE NOTE: Leased horses are only allowed to be entered in showmanship, riding and driving classes because these classes are judged on the 4-H'er's ability to exhibit the animal, not on the quality of the animal.
3. No stallions other than CURRENT year's foal, born between January 1 - June 30, 2023 will be shown.
4. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to exhibit 2 horses in Halter classes, and 1 in each Performance or Game Class.
5. Stall assignments will be decided by department superintendents. Ideally stall assignments will be positioned so that an exhibitor's animals are all together; all a 4-H club's members will be together.
6. Department Superintendents will arrange for bedding to be available at the fairgrounds. It will be the exhibitor's responsibility to move bedding to their assigned stalls. All stalls must be cleaned of all bedding, manure, and other waste before departing fairgrounds or premium money will be forfeited.
7. ARRIVAL: Horse entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective check-in time.
8. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: All horses will be checked in by Extension staff at or before 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 12.
9. It is recommended that all horses be vaccinated for influenza approximately 14 days prior to the Ringgold County Fair.
10. If an exhibitor cannot handle their horse safely, the horse will not be allowed to be shown. Upon permission of the 4-H & Youth Committee, the department superintendents may ask that the exhibitor take the horse back home.
11. Horse entries must be cared for and managed by the exhibitor.
12. All 4-H and FFA youth must wear American Society of Testing Material (ASTM) and Safety Engineering Institute (SEI) approved headgear with chin strap and properly fitted harness while mounted and riding, including warmup. **Every Time-Every Ride.** No caps, hats or scarfs will be allowed to be worn under the helmet. Ringgold County Fair and Iowa State University make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear and caution riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and as no helmet can protect against all unforeseeable injuries.
13. APPROPRIATE DRESS: Exhibitors must wear any solid-colored long-sleeve, button-up shirt with collar; blue jeans or dark slacks; boots are preferred; exhibitor number. In halter and showmanship classes, exhibitors are expected to wear a cowboy hat. 4-H armbands must be worn on the upper left arm. Exhibitors not complying with dress code will not be allowed to show.
14. Only the exhibitor may ride their horse with the exception of a parent, family member, 4-H leader or division superintendent during exercise or warm-up periods. Horses will be led to and from warm-up area. NO horses are to be ridden on the Fairgrounds except in designated areas, arena, or warm-up area. NO HORSES ARE ALLOWED TO BE RIDDEN OFF OF THE FAIRGROUNDS ONCE ENTERED.
15. Horses should be clipped prior to the fair and groomed in stall at the fair.
16. Artificial hair pieces will be allowed in tails only. Body coloring is allowed as long as it does not change the natural color pattern of the horse. Hooves may be colored black or natural.
17. Any horse that is unmanageable (bucks, kicks, rears, runs off) will be excused from the ring. If after three attempts, the horse/pony will still not enter the ring, the horse/pony and rider will be excused from the class.
18. Horses will be shown in classes according to height and will be measured by Superintendents.
19. All Performance classes will be divided into 2 divisions—
  - Junior Exhibitors (grades 4<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup>)
  - Senior Exhibitors (grades 9<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>)
20. Animals must be shown by exhibitor without assistance.

21. All classes will be judged by standards in "A Guide for 4-H Light Horse Shows and Events in Iowa" (publication 4-H 511C)—available at the Extension Office. Exception: The selection of the champion and reserve champion in halter will follow AQHA rules which state: Grand Champion shall be selected from the first place class winners; the second place horse in the class from which the grand champion had been selected shall be placed in line with the first-place class winners to be judged equally for the Reserve Champion.
22. RELEASED: All horse exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am.

Halter Classes:

**Class 91: Beginner's Class —all exhibitors in same class**

**Class 92: 2023 Foals —**

- A. Pony (projected mature height is 56 inches or under)
- B. Light Horse
- C. Draft Horses
- D. Mules

**Class 93: Yearling born between January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022**

- A. Pony
- B. Light Horse
- C. Draft Horse
- D. Mule

**Class 94: Two-year-old born between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021**

- A. Pony
- B. Light Horse
- C. Draft Horse
- D. Mule

**Class 95: Three-year-old and older, born before January 1, 2021**

- A. Pony
- B. Light Horse
- C. Draft Horse
- D. Mule

**Class 96: Mare and Foal — Mare with foal born after January 1, 2023**

- A. Pony
- B. Light Horse
- C. Draft Horse
- D. Mule

*Reminder: The selection of the champion and reserve champion in halter will follow AQHA rules which state: Grand Champion shall be selected from the first place class winners; the second place horse in the class from which the grand champion had been selected shall be placed in line with the first-place class winners to be judged equally for the Reserve Champion.*

**Class 97: Showmanship**

Performance Classes: (will be divided into 2 class: Junior (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) and Senior (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

**Class 98: Western Pleasure — Ponies (ponies 56 inches and under)**

**Class 99: Western Pleasure — Light Horse (over 56 inches)**

**Class 910: Western Horsemanship**

**Class 911: Reining**

**Class 912: Trail Class**

**Class 913: Cloverleaf Barrel Racing**

**Class 914: Pole Bending**

**Class 915: Flag Race**

**Class 916: KeyHole**

**Class 917: Streaking**

**Class 918: Speed Dash**

**Class 919: Softball Race**

**Rabbit Department  
Superintendent:**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. All rabbits (commercial, fancy, and market) should be permanently identified with a tattoo in the left ear.
3. Each exhibitor will be assigned cages for each rabbit entry by the Superintendent. No water or feed containers will be provided.
4. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: Will be between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 11 at the 4-H Office. This procedure will include checking class entries and handing out pen cards and exhibitor numbers. NO ANIMALS PRESENT.
5. ARRIVAL: Rabbit entries may begin stalling on Tuesday, July 11 after 9:30 pm; must be in place Wednesday, July 12 an hour before perspective weigh-in/check-in time.
6. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to exhibit 5 standard bred rabbit entries, 1 meat rabbit pen entry, 1 fryer entry and 1 roaster entry.
7. RELEASED: All rabbit exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am

**Standard Bred Rabbits**

1. Entries in the commercial and fancy divisions are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds and varieties.
2. Rabbits will be judged following the current American Rabbit Breeders' Association (ARBA) standards and rules, which is based on the age of the rabbit.
3. Use show date as date to determine age of class entry.
4. Exhibitors are limited to a combined total of 5 rabbits in the commercial and fancy classes.
5. Awards will be given in each breed for Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex. A Best Commercial, Best Fancy and Best in Show will be selected.
6. Supreme Market Rabbit Champion will be selected from the Champion Meat Pen, Champion Single Fryer and Champion Roaster.

Classes—

**Six Class Rabbits:** (Commercial Rabbits) (breed examples: Californian, Palomino, Satin)

**Class 7001: Senior Buck**

**Class 7002: Senior Doe**

**Class 7003: Intermediate Buck**

**Class 7004: Intermediate Doe**

**Class 7005: Junior Buck**

**Class 7006: Junior Doe**

**Four Class Rabbits:** (Fancy Rabbits) (breed examples: Dutch, Rex, Netherland Dwarf)

**Class 7101: Senior Buck**

**Class 7102: Senior Doe**

**Class 7103: Junior Buck**

**Class 7104: Junior Doe**

**Meat Pen**

1. Meat pen will consist of three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Age limit not over ten weeks and weight limit not over five pounds each.
2. This class allows crossbred rabbits; however, they must be of the same variety.
3. Each exhibitor may enter one meat pen.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Pen will be selected.

Classes:

**Class 7301**

**Single Fryer**

1. Single fryer consists of one rabbit not over 10 weeks of age and not over five pounds.
2. This class allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to one single fryer entry. The fryer must not be pulled from the meat pen.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Single Fryer will be selected.

Classes:

**Class 7302**

**Roaster**

1. Roaster consists of one rabbit under 6 months of age with a minimum weight over five pounds and maximum weight of eight pounds.
2. This class allows crossbred rabbits.
3. Each exhibitor is limited to one roaster entry.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion Roaster will be selected.

Classes:

**Class 7303****Poultry Department****Superintendent: Maria Weeda**

1. General Livestock Rules and Regulations and 4-H General Rules & Regulations apply in this department.
2. Entries are open to the number reported on the Ringgold County Fair Entry Form.
3. Each exhibitor will be assigned cages for each poultry entry by the Superintendent. No water or feed containers will be provided.
4. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE: Will be between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm on Tuesday, July 11 at the 4-H Office. This procedure will include verifying class entries and handing out pen cards and exhibitor numbers. NO ANIMALS PRESENT.
5. ARRIVAL: Poultry entries must be at the fairgrounds by 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 12
6. LIMITATIONS: Exhibitors are allowed to exhibit one entry per class; Fancy and Rare Birds are allowed 3 entries.
7. Poultry entries must be pullorum thyoid tested either before coming to the fair or at fair. Extension Staff will set a testing date/time no more than 30 days prior to the fair. Contact the Extension office for more details.
8. Entries in Market Poultry classes will be judged on health, feathering, conformation (breast, back, legs and thighs, fleshing and flesh covering).
9. Entries in Production Poultry classes will be judged on uniformity, maturity, development (handling qualities, pigmentation, molt and general conformation to breed characteristics).
10. RELEASED: All poultry exhibits will be dismissed on Sunday, July 16 starting at 5:00 am

Classes:

**Commercial Birds****Class 121: Fryers under 5 pounds (Pen of 2)****Class 122: Broilers over 5 pounds (Pen of 2)****Class 123: Other Poultry (Pen of 2 – ducks, geese, turkeys, etc)****Production Birds****Class 124: Production Class (Pen of 3 pullets)****Class 125: Laying Project (Pen of 3 hens)****Class 126: Other Poultry—Production (Pen of 2 – one male, one female—ducks, geese, turkeys)****Class 127: Fancy and Rare Birds****Class 128: Trio Class (2 hens and 1 rooster)****Class 129- Best in Show (Champions from Class 121-128 will come back)**



## Additional 4-H/ FFA Contests:

### 4-H Challenge Recipe Contest

Only youth enrolled in 4-H are eligible to participate. The entries will be judged based on: flavor, color, texture, uniformity, and freshness of ingredients. Ribbons will be awarded as seen fit, with Champion and Reserve Champion plaques also awarded.

1. **ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN:** Entries need to be brought to the 4-H Office. After signing in, a coinciding number will be placed on the entry. Entries must be in place by 10:00 am Sunday, July 16.
2. **JUDGING REQUIREMENTS:** Entries **MUST** include 7 product samples. One will be tasted for evaluation and then discarded; one will be displayed; the 5 remaining will be consigned to 4-H and sold privately with funds raised going to the Ringgold County 4-H program. Products should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place exhibit in a re-closable plastic bag.
3. **JUDGING:** Entries will be judged at 10:15 am Sunday.
4. **RECIPE:**

#### Chewy Granola Bars

2 ½ cups rolled oats, old fashion or quick  
½ cup chopped nuts  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
½ cup seedless raisins or dried fruit, chopped  
2 eggs  
1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat the baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. In bowl, combine oats, nuts, brown sugar and raisins or dried fruit. Stir in eggs, margarine, and vanilla. Mix until evenly combined. Press mixture firmly into the prepared baking pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut into bars.

### Ringgold County Fair 4-H Youth Pie Baking Contest

All youth are invited to participate in this annual event. The pies are to be baked by the exhibitor and upon completion of judging they will be consigned to the 4-H and Youth Committee to be sold at the premium sale. Funds received from auctioning the pies will be used to support Ringgold County 4-H activities and scholarships for out-of-county 4-H activities throughout the 4-H year.

Rules are:

1. Only youth enrolled in 4-H are eligible to participate.
2. No cream pies.
3. Must be a two-crust pie from scratch.
4. No canned fillings. Use **ONLY** fresh fruit for filling.
5. Pies must be in a 9-inch disposable pie tin enclosed in a plastic bag.
6. Pie recipe **DOES** need to be included.
7. Pies must be brought to the 4-H Office by 11:00 am on Sunday, July 16 to be judged. Judging will take place thereafter.
8. Grand and Reserve Champion pies will be selected; all pies will receive a ribbon. Premiums will be awarded for participation.
9. 4-H members are asked to be present to sell the pie he/she made during the premium sale.

## **4-H Club Herdsmanship Contest**

**Judged by: Ringgold County Fair Board**

Superintendents will assign stalls or pens together by clubs.

Herdsmanship will be judged daily according to the following:

1. **CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS AND STALLS OR PENS** 40 points  
Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place; animals securely tied or penned; feed pans in front of animals only at feed time; manure hauled out and deposited in proper place; alleys swept clean, free of debris.
2. **ARRANGEMENT OF EXHIBIT** 30 points  
Exhibits lined up in attractive manner; show boxes out of the way; hay, straw and feed neat and orderly.
3. **APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS** 20 points  
Animals clean and brushed; animals in stalls or pens between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm.
4. **ATTENDANTS** 10 points  
Courtesy towards the fair goers walking through the area.

Final placings are determined by the total score at the conclusion of the judging schedule. Results will be announced at the premium sale on Sunday of the fair. Cash prizes will be awarded to the clubs.

## **Additional Livestock Opportunities for Younger Youth:**

### **Pee Wee Wrangler Show**

**Coordinator: Tiffany Bolles**

1. An opportunity to exhibit a bottle calf, bottle lamb or bottle goat born between January 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023. The animal only needs to come to the fair the day of the show.
2. Open to Ringgold County residents ONLY. Open to any youth capable of handling the animal thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Two children from the same family meeting these requirements may both show one animal.
3. Costuming of the child and/or animal is encouraged, but not mandatory.
4. Judging is based on a short interview and appearance of the animal and child. This is for fun so be creative and have a good time.
5. Animal needs to be in good health to participate.
6. Entry is made by contacting the Ringgold County Extension office at 464-3333 or Tiffany Bolles. Prefer to know entries prior to the start of the fair.
7. CHECK-IN: Entries need to be at the fair grounds to check in at 11:30 am on Saturday, July 15.
8. SHOW: Animals will be exhibited at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 15 in the Show Arena.
9. RELEASED: All Pee Wee Exhibits may leave after they are done showing.

### **Future 4-H'er Pet Show**

**Sponsored by: County Council**

1. An opportunity to exhibit pets at the county fair. The pet only needs to come to the fair the day of the show.
2. Open to Ringgold County residents ONLY. Open to any youth 3 years old thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Two children from the same family meeting these requirements may both show the same pet.
3. Judging is based on a short interview and the appearance of the pet.
4. Awards will be given based on a characteristic of the pet (example: the rabbit with the longest ears, the dog with the most hair, etc). This is for fun as well as to give the youth a taste of what it is like to exhibit an animal in 4-H.
5. Pre-entry takes place at 4:15 pm on Saturday, July 15 in the Show Arena.
6. Pets will be exhibited at 4:30 pm on Saturday, July 15 in the Show Arena.

# OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

Carol Ann Weeda, Superintendent

## Rules & Regulations for Open Class Exhibits

1. Entries will be taken from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, in the commercial building at the Ringgold County Fair.
2. First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded if deemed worthy by judges. All entries are judged on their own merit and will receive a ribbon. Premiums are awarded as follows: Blue, \$1; Red, \$-.75; White, \$.50. Participation ribbons can be awarded. One Best of Class ribbon and an overall Best of Show trophy will be awarded.
3. The building will be open each day of the fair for observing exhibits.
4. Exhibits will be released Sunday, July 16, 2023 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m.
5. Each person may enter as many items as they wish in each class.
6. Exhibitors may be of any age. All classes will have a preschool division (3 years old to Kindergarten), junior division (1<sup>st</sup> grade to age 9), intermediate division (10-18 years old) and senior division (19 and over).
7. Entry fee will be 50 cents per entry and premiums will be paid at release time.
8. Ringgold County Fair is not restricted to any area. All open class exhibits are open to any individual wishing to compete.
9. Diligence will be used to insure the safety of all exhibits after their arrival and placement, but in no case, will the fair personnel be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

### **SECTION 1-CREATIVE ARTS (original design)**

Ceramics  
Water Color  
Oil Paintings  
Charcoal or Pencil  
Pen and Ink  
Acrylic  
China Painting  
Glass Etching  
Tole Painting

### **SECTION 2-KIT & KABOODLE (from a kit or pattern)**

Christmas Decorations  
Rubber Stamping  
Stenciling  
Stuffed Animals, Dolls, Bears  
Bead Work  
Calligraphy

### **SECTION 3-NEEDLEWORK**

Crewel  
Needlepoint  
Fabric Toy  
Embroidered Flatwork  
Embroidered Pillowcases  
Kitchen Accessories  
Garment  
Counted Cross Stitch  
Hardanger  
Tea Towels  
Plastic Canvas  
Knitting  
Crocheted Afghan  
Crocheted or Knitted Pillow  
Embroidered Pillow

### **SECTION 4-HOUSING**

Decorative Pillow  
Bathroom Accessory  
Kitchen Crafts  
Latch Hook  
Small Household Accessory  
Basket  
Rug

### **SECTION 5-BAKING**

Breads  
Rolls: cinnamon/dinner  
Cookies/Bars (6 per plate)  
Cakes (no mixes)  
Pie: 8" preferred  
Miscellaneous Yeast  
Quick/Easy (mixes/prepared food products used in alternative ways)  
Decorated Cakes (can be mix or Styrofoam form)  
Decorated Cookies  
Decorated Cupcakes  
Candy  
Ethnic Food (Scottish, Bohemian, Irish, etc)

All food items are to be in clear plastic bags on sturdy disposable plates. No mixes may be used, except in Quick/Easy. A portion of food will be displayed and remaining sold after judging.

### **SECTION 6-CANNING**

Vegetables  
Fruits  
Jams  
Jellies  
Relish  
Miscellaneous

Canning must be in standard ½ pint, pint, or quart jars. No packer or mayo jars. Jars must be sealed. (No artificial coloring.)

## **SECTION 7-FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Fruits

Vegetables

Five specimens of each, placed on a sturdy, disposable plate in a plastic bag. Exhibits will be judged in classes of like items. Exhibits must be grown by exhibitor.

## **SECTION 8-FLOWERS AND PLANTS**

Fresh Flower: single grown by exhibitor and exhibited in a suitable, clear glass container.

Fresh Flower Arrangement

Bucket of Flowers

Live Plants

Dried Flowers

Silk Arrangements

Fairy Gardens

Succulents

## **SECTION 9-WOODWORKING (new construction)**

Carving

Woodworking

Furniture Building

## **SECTION 10 – IRON WORKS**

Welding

Construction Out of Metal

## **SECTION 11-RESTORATION**

Furniture

Trunks

## **SECTION 12-GENEALOGY AND HISTORY**

Photographs

Books & Legal Documents

Furniture/Household Items

Garments

Quilts

Hand Work (doilies, pillowcases, tatting)

Genealogical Research Materials

Miscellaneous

Artifacts and heirloom displays are limited to items that have historical or genealogical significance. The genealogy class is not meant to be an antique display.

## **SECTION 13A – LARGE QUILT CLASS**

Hand Quilted

Machine Quilted

Appliqued

Tied

## **SECTION 13B – SMALL QUILT CLASS**

Baby Quilts

Wall Hangings

Small Quilts

**SECTION 14- PHOTOGRAPHY (amateur or professional)**

Colored Picture

Computer Enhanced

Black & White

All photos need to have a wire or hook for hanging. Small photographs may be placed in zip-lock bags and corner punched for hanging. Please protect your photos with plastic if not in a frame with glass.

**SECTION 15-CREATIVE SEWING**

Handbags

Machine Applique

Clothing

Machine Embroidery

Garmets

**SECTION 16-TRASH TO TREASURE**

**SECTION 17-SCRAPBOOKING**

**SECTION 18-JEWELRY**

**Additional Notes:**

- Items listed below each section are examples of possible exhibits. Exhibits are not limited to these examples.
- Prizes awarded – yet to be determined thru the process.
- Yeast is available to all entries, courtesy of Red Star Yeast.
- There are 3 prizes from the Red Star company that are awarded by the superintendents to various baking entries.

Questions about the Open Class should be directed to Carol Ann Weeda (641-344-6340) .