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# 4-H PROGRAM

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## OBJECTIVES OF THE 4-H PROGRAM AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

4-H uses a wide variety of educational experiences to focus on fourfold development of youth and adults. The Minnesota State Fair is the largest activity of the education program year, and serves as the culmination of the project and activity year for 4-H participants. The overall education objective of the State Fair 4-H Program is to provide youth and adults the opportunity to interrelate experiences and to enhance individual development in one or more of the following areas:

- A. Learning how to learn** - developing a spirit of inquire.
- B. Relating to change** - coping with a changing environment.
- C. Using knowledge** - developing and disseminating ideas and technology.
- D. Developing and accepting self** - discovering, pursuing personal potential.
- E. Developing social responsibility** - practicing leadership skills, providing service, and learning to live and work with others in a positive manner.

The multifaceted State Fair 4-H Program provides youth and adults a focal point for the following objectives:

- A.** To measure and recognize exemplary achievement.
- B.** To learn and appreciate contemporary standards of quality.
- C.** To advance individual knowledge, abilities, skills, and attitudes.
- D.** To provide a model and an incentive for growth in county programs.
- E.** To provide opportunities for career exploration.
- F.** To acquaint the public and a variety of sponsors with the 4-H program.



The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

## MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Rules governing the management and control of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the Minnesota State Fair.

### CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL

#### 1.01 Authority

These rules are promulgated pursuant to authority granted the Minnesota State Agricultural Society by Minn. Stat. § 37.16. The Minnesota State Agricultural Society is not an agency of statewide jurisdiction, therefore, rules adopted by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society have not been promulgated pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 14 and will not be found in the bound volume of Minnesota rules.

#### 1.02 Definitions

For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:

- A. Board of managers: The board of managers is responsible for management and control of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society including the annual election of its secretary.
- B. Commercial space: Those areas and locations on the State Fairgrounds designated by the Society to be used for commercial exhibits and concessions.
- C. Commercial space committee: The committee of three or more members of the board of managers, designated by the president of the Society, empowered to examine Society commercial space policies and the actions of the commercial space division and make recommendations thereon to the board of managers.
- D. Competitive exhibitor: Any person or firm which enters animals or articles for competitive exhibition at the State Fair.
- E. Delegate: That employee of the Society given authority by the secretary to act on the secretary's behalf in the instance specified.
- F. Department superintendent: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society department.
- G. Director: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society division.
- H. License: An agreement whereby the Society grants to an entity the privilege to exhibit, disseminate information, sell, make deliveries of or accept deposits for future deliveries of goods, services, or information on or from an assigned State Fairgrounds commercial space during the period of the State Fair. Licenses will be granted in accordance with the Society's commercial space policy and rules, upon timely and proper application and showing of qualification, and if commercial space is available.
- I. Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Society): The public corporation and department of state charged with the responsibility for management and control of the State Fairgrounds and conducting the State Fair and other exhibitions on the State Fairgrounds.
- J. Personal property: All privately owned buildings, tents, booths, structures, improvements, business equipment, fixtures or other enclosures, whether portable or permanently affixed to State Fairgrounds property are personal property. A private party is precluded from holding any interest in real property on the State Fairgrounds.
- K. Secretary: The secretary of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society is also the executive vice president.
- L. State Fair: An annual exhibition conducted by the Society on the State Fairgrounds.
- M. State Fairgrounds: That certain area of land in Ramsey County, Minnesota defined and described in Minn. Stat. 37.01 and other real estate parcels as recorded with Ramsey County Register of Deeds, including the area outside as well as inside the fenced portion thereof.

#### 1.03 All pay gates

Entry into the State Fair shall be solely contingent upon the presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers. Only properly identified emergency personnel, such as police, fire and ambulance, as well as properly identified Society service personnel, shall be exempted from this rule when engaged in legitimate emergency or service duty which requires passage through State Fairgrounds admission gates.

#### 1.04 Gate controls

Admission gates and exhibit buildings of the State Fair will be open to visitors on days and during operating hours as set by the board of managers. Persons not involved in the preparation or teardown of exhibits for the State Fair may be prohibited from entering the State Fairgrounds during the preparation and teardown period. Gate admission fees will be charged during nighttime (non-operating) hours with the same fee schedule in effect as during day time (operating) hours. Persons entering the State Fairgrounds during non-operating hours, in addition to paying established gate fees, will be required to provide proof of their having business on the State Fairgrounds during said non-operating periods. License holders and their employees needing to enter or remain on the State Fairgrounds during the overnight period must first obtain an overnight badge from the appropriate Society department superintendent or division director. No badge will be issued without proper identification.

**1.05 Pass-out gates**

A pass-out system is operated during the State Fair at admission gates. Persons exiting through these gates may, upon request, obtain proper credentials for readmittance to the State Fairgrounds without additional charge. Readmittance will be honored the day of issuance only.

**1.06 Admission prices**

The board of managers shall annually review and establish gate admission prices for persons and vehicles including specific fee exemptions and discounts.

**1.07 Vehicle restrictions**

Maximum vehicle speed limits on the State Fairgrounds, as well as appropriate allowances and restrictions dealing with vehicle parking, delivery hours, restricted areas, tow-away zones and impound arrangements, shall be established by the secretary or delegate. The secretary or delegate shall provide for the placement of such traffic control signals, signs, and other traffic control devices on the State Fairgrounds as deemed necessary for the safety, protection and control of the State Fairgrounds and the people thereon. When any police officer or security person finds a vehicle illegally parked on the State Fairgrounds, they are authorized to issue a citation, or provide for the removal and impoundment of such vehicle, or both. Cost of removal and storage shall be borne by the vehicle's owner.

**1.08 Pedestrian right-of-way**

When walking on or about any street, sidewalk or other area generally open to the public on the State Fairgrounds, pedestrians shall at all times have the right-of-way as against all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles. Drivers of all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians on the State Fairgrounds.

**1.09 Two-wheeled and track-vehicles.**

Two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters, will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair unless such two-wheeled vehicles are on display in a commercial space licensed by the Society and, in such case, said two-wheeled vehicles must be kept in the assigned commercial space and may not, under any circumstances, be operated on the streets of the State Fairgrounds. Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be used on the State Fairgrounds by persons that are physically challenged. Track-type vehicles, including snowmobiles, may not be operated anywhere on the State Fairgrounds at any time of the year without the express authorization and approval of the secretary or delegate.

**1.10 Bannering, picketing, interfering**

No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the State Fairgrounds before or during the State Fair in any manner that interferes with the convenience and safety of any State Fair patron, exhibitor or employee.

**1.11 Handing out materials**

The sale, posting or distribution of any merchandise, products, promotional items and printed or written material except from a fixed location on the State Fairgrounds approved by the secretary or delegate shall be prohibited.

**1.12 Advertising vehicles**

The operation or parking of any sound truck or vehicle upon which advertising signs, political or otherwise, have been affixed in any manner shall be prohibited anywhere on the State Fairgrounds. This rule is not applicable to a lettered service vehicle advertising a firm or its products while making deliveries or to the normal advertising on bumpers and windows of motor vehicles.

**1.13 Conflict of interest**

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall:

- A. Enter into a contract with the Society.
- B. Have or acquire any financial interest, whether direct or indirect, in any contract between the Society and any license holder, performer, vendor or contractor.
- C. Engage or participate in personal business or financial transactions that conflict with the interest of the Society or their obligations and interests as a member of the board of managers, officer or employee of the Society.
- D. Be entitled to any special consideration involving the storage of vehicles and materials on the State Fairgrounds or the use of Society buildings, machinery, or equipment, except as may be specifically approved by the board of managers.
- E. Be allowed to purchase any material for their personal use through the name, credit or account of the Society.

**1.14 Use of vehicles by Society employees**

All vehicles used by managers, officers or employees of the Society in connection with Society business shall:

- A. Be the property of the manager, officer or employee, with the Society to have no interest or obligation except as authorized by the board of managers and stated in the Society bulletin covering expense reimbursement; or
- B. Be used by the Society as part of a service contract, through rental or on a courtesy basis; or
- C. Be the sole property of the Society to be used only on Society business.

No vehicle shall be rented by the Society from any Society manager, officer or employee.

**1.15 Equal employment opportunities**

The following policies concerning fair and equal employment shall be followed by the Society:

- A. It shall be the policy of the Society to foster the employment of all individuals with the Society in accordance with their fullest capacity and ability, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, and to safeguard their right to hold employment with the Society without discrimination; and
- B. Every contract for or on behalf of the Society for materials, supplies, construction or licenses may be cancelled or terminated by the Society when discrimination on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, exists in the hiring or employment of common or skilled labor by the contractor pursuant to the contract for or on behalf of the Society.

**1.16 Acceptance of gift**

No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall accept from a person or company that does business with the Society, any gift, gratuity, cash, merchandise or thing of value. This prohibition shall extend to the acceptance of food or beverage or merchandise at less than full retail price from a license holder during the State Fair.

**1.17 Hiring of relatives**

No relative of a Society employee or a relative of a member of the board of managers shall be given preferential treatment in being hired or promoted. Relatives may be precluded from working in the same Society department.

**1.18 Dogs.**

During the period of the annual State Fair, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the State Fairgrounds. There are two exceptions:

- (1) Certified Service animals or service animals in training.
- (2) Dogs or other pets may be allowed when part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No other exceptions will be allowed during the period of the State Fair.

During the non-fair period, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed in State Fair buildings, unless part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No dogs or other pets may be allowed on the State Fairgrounds at any time unless confined or restrained on a leash of less than six feet in length. During fair and non-fair periods, society personnel are empowered to order the removal from the State Fair any dog or pet in violation of the above, or found to be disturbing or endangering the public.

During the non-fair periods.

There is one exception:

- (1) Certified Service animals or service animals in training.

**1.19 Roller skates, in-line skates and skateboards**

Use of roller skates or in-line skates shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate. Use of skateboards shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds at any time except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

**1.20 Practice driving**

The State Fairgrounds may not be used by any person, organization or firm to conduct lessons for or to practice driving automobiles or other motor vehicles, unless such activity is covered under an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

**1.21 Use of metal detectors**

The use of metal detectors or similar devices shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. Any activity of discovery, whether undertaken with or without a detection device, which results in digging, probing or otherwise disturbing the ground, shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. This rule shall neither limit nor prohibit activities or the use of detection devices as may be directed by the secretary or delegate in the legitimate conduct of Society work.

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**CHAPTER THREE - COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS****3.01 Competitive exhibition times**

Times for the setup of State Fair competitive exhibits, the dismantling and removal of exhibits and the hours of public viewing will be set annually by the secretary or delegate and will be stated in individual department premium books.

**3.02 Responsibility for competitive exhibits**

The Society will use diligence to protect livestock and articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or caused by any animal or article on exhibition. It is the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor to obtain appropriate insurance for any damages due to or caused by the exhibit and to indemnify and hold the Society harmless against any claim arising out of incidents involving the exhibit. Removal or pickup of exhibits at established times as stated in individual department premium books, entry blanks or entry receipts, shall be the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor. The Society shall not be responsible for any exhibit not removed or picked up at established time and the secretary or delegate will dispose of all exhibits not removed or picked up within one year of such established time.

**3.03 Board of Animal Health**

The exhibition of livestock on the State Fairgrounds shall be under the supervision of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and its applicable rules and regulations will be complied with in full. Health requirements for individual departments will be set forth in their respective premium books.

**3.04 General competitive entry requirements**

Competitive exhibitors must file proper entry blanks with any applicable fees prior to the designated closing date for entries. The Society reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of animals or articles entered if the showing of such animals or articles is contrary to law, or violative of the Society's interest in providing for the health, safety and protection of its patrons. Exhibits entered in the wrong lot or category may be transferred prior to judging at the discretion of the department superintendent to the proper lot or category of competition. Deception of any type by an exhibitor, as determined by the department superintendent will ban the exhibitor from any further competition and result in the forfeiture of all premiums. Mechanical or artistic articles must be entered in the name of the artist, inventor, manufacturer or maker. No Society employee or department superintendent, or member of their family, shall be permitted, directly or indirectly, to make a competitive entry in any department over which that person has supervisory responsibility or in which that person is employed. No society officer or member of the Board of Managers, or member of their family, shall be permitted to make a competitive entry of any type in any department.

**3.05 Animal competitive entry requirements**

When animals are entered for State Fair competition by an entity other than an individual, that entity (whether a corporation, partnership, breeding establishment or other) must have been in existence as of the closing date of entries. Appropriate documentation showing the status of the entity must be available for inspection by the department superintendent. All animals entered under a breed classification must be recorded in a breeding association recognized as representative of the particular breed. The competitive exhibitor must produce a certificate of registry at the request of the department superintendent. All animals shown must be owned by the competitive exhibitor from the time of making entry, except as otherwise provided in special rules of the department.

**3.06 Judges**

Competent and qualified persons will be employed as judges by the Society to evaluate all competitive exhibits. Judges shall be responsible for reading and understanding the general rules and all special rules applicable to the department or class in which they are to serve. No person who is a competitive exhibitor may act as judge in a class in which they are competing.

**3.07 Interference with judging**

Judges shall report to the department superintendent any competitive exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The department superintendent may exclude any such competitive exhibitor from further competition. The secretary may withhold from such competitive exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and may also exclude such competitive exhibitor from further competition at the State Fair.

**3.08 Award books**

Judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care to record the proper names in the award books after awards have been made. The judge, competitive department superintendent in charge and clerk recording the awards of the department must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in such class have been made.

**3.09 Qualification of entries**

If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot or category, the judge or judges shall report same to the competitive department superintendent in charge for adjustment. Judges shall place a reserve award in each lot. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the animal or article awarded the next lower prize shall graduate into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judge, it is worthy of such prize. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving.

**3.10 Finality of decisions**

In judging livestock, the decision of the official State Fair veterinarian and judge as to soundness shall be final. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except when mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not known at the time of the award, is discovered. In such cases, the secretary shall take appropriate action or refer the matter to the board of managers.

**3.11 Interpretation of rules**

A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required, and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the competitive department superintendent in charge shall interpret such a rule. This interpretation when requested by either a competitive exhibitor or judge must be reduced to writing and returned to the secretary or delegate with the award books.

**3.12 Protests**

A protest from the decision of a judge will only be accepted from a competitive exhibitor named in the official judge's sheet for competition in the lot or class under protest, and must be filed with the secretary within five hours after the award has been made. An award is deemed to have been made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered into the department award book. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred dollars. The protest must state plainly and specifically the facts upon which the complaint or appeal is based. The right to appeal will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another person. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have over-looked an animal or article will be considered. The one hundred dollar deposit will be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld. In protest and appeal instances where rules established by a breed association or other competitive organization with which the Society has an agreement differ from this rule, rules of the association or organization shall govern.

**3.13 Late showing of exhibit**

No animal or exhibit will be judged or awarded a prize if it is not ready for judging and promptly brought into the show ring when the lot is called.

**3.14 Premium money**

Cash premiums awarded will be paid by check made out to the competitive exhibitor and mailed to the post office address as stated on the entry blank. Competitive exhibitors may forfeit all premium money if exhibits are removed from the grounds prior to the official time of release. The board of managers reserves the right to make reductions in premiums if the financial conditions of the Society make such reductions necessary.

## GENERAL 4-H RULES and REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations in this section pertain to all 4-Hers participating in the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Program. Special rules applying to the various divisions of the program appear with their particular divisions. Participants are urged to read both the general rules and the special rules for the division in which they will be competing.

The Minnesota State Fair 4-H management will exercise the utmost caution in looking after the welfare of the 4-H participants.

- Nutritious meals will be available in the 4-H cafeteria.
- Lodging will be available in dormitories on the fairgrounds or on the St. Paul Campus.

### Insurance

All registered 4-H event participants and volunteers will be covered with health and accident insurance. Coverage does not include pre-existing conditions such as asthma, diabetes, etc. or suicide, aviation accidents, etc. or any claim arising from the use of intoxicants or non-prescribed drugs, etc. or staff employees who are covered under a plan of workman's compensation and/or any loss covered under Medicare. Items that are not covered are crutches, eyeglass replacement, etc. **However, insurance claims will not be processed if the injured person did not see the nurse on duty at the time of the accident or report the accident to the nurse or dorm staff after the incident has occurred.** Therefore, even the smallest of injuries should be referred to the nurse.

Participants must have a completed up to date health information sheet signed by the parent or legal guardian. In case of sickness or accident, treatment will be given at a local hospital or emergency health center.

4-H faculty employed by the state or county are not covered by the 4-H health and accident policy. They are expected to carry their own health and accident insurance. Other paid State Fair 4-H staff will submit claims through workman's compensations.

### Eligibility of Participants

1. The State Fair 4-H Program is open to qualified youth without regard to race, national origin, sex, religion, creed, color, handicap, or sexual orientation.
2. A 4-Her must have been designated as a state fair participant under the supervision of a regional extension educator at a county contest or program in order to participate in programs of the state fair.
3. A 4-Her selected for a trip to the state fair must have completed 6th grade.
  - A. Cloverbuds and 4-Hers (K - grade 5) may participate in the Share-the-Fun program if he or she is a member of a group Share-the-Fun act where the majority of the group members meet the age requirement. A parent or other responsible adult must be with the group for adequate chaperoning. Exceptions to this rule need to be approved in advance by the 4-H State Fair Superintendent.
  - B. All 4-H demonstrator's must have completed 6th grade.
4. EACH YEAR a State Fair aged 4-Her can exhibit a livestock project, lama project AND a general project at the Minnesota State Fair. Additionally, 4-Hers can utilize non-premium group activities such as judging and Share the Fun. 4-Hers pay only one program fee and receive only one \$6 premium. Quotas: Livestock quotas will continue to be unaffected by the Dual Trip Policy.
5. All exhibitors must attend the state fair during their county's regular encampment with their exhibit and be present during the judging. Exhibits will not be judged when a 4-Her is absent, or outside of their county's regular encampment. The only exceptions are pre-approved under "A" below.
  - A. 4-Hers participating in a premium-based non-livestock area (exhibit or demonstration) may switch to an encampment different from the county's assigned encampment IF AND ONLY IF they can provide documentation to their educator/extension staff of post-secondary orientation or classes. The educator/extension staff will then complete the Encampment Transfer Form and submit it during the county's assigned Final Registration. No transfers will be considered after the county completes Final Registration. 4-Hers transferring to another encampment are not eligible for lodging in the 4-H Building. They may, however, order meal tickets and utilize the 4-H Cafeteria. 4-Hers transferring encampments are eligible for all awards.
6. Special needs 4-Hers are encouraged to take part in the fair as far as their condition will allow. It will be the responsibility of the county or regional 4-H staff or adult in charge to arrange the necessary services to assist 4-Hers with special needs in participating as fully as possible. This individual does not need to be present if it is difficult for them.
  - A. Exhibits of special needs youth including those that have learning disabilities will be entered in the appropriate project area using the specific codes for that area. County and Regional 4-H Staff should notify the 4-H Superintendent at Final Registration of exhibitors with special needs.

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7. Qualified 4-Hers may participate in state fair activities in the following ways:
  - A. There is a limit of 6 activities per participant. They can be group or individual activities.
  - B. Only one premium-based project area exhibit is allowed; except for the dual trip options described in general 4-H rules and regulations, and public presentations.
  - C. Examples of activities include: County Arts-In, team public presentation, individual public presentation, Share-the-Fun, judging team, project exhibit, etc. A public presentation may be a project demonstration, livestock demonstration, illustrated presentation or a youth in action.
  - D. Participation in multiple activities may not always be possible because of schedule conflicts.
8. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their 4-Her participate in the entire encampment.

### Basis of Representation (Quotas)

1. **General project** quotas are based on county final enrollment on May 15 unless otherwise noted.
2. County and Regional 4-H staff must use the quotas for general encampment projects (found online at <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/quotas.html>) to determine county participation and representation. County livestock quotas will be calculated and posted online.

### Exhibits

1. Poster exhibits may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high.
2. Three dimensional displays may not exceed 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high.
3. All exhibits should be labeled with the name of the county and the name of the 4-Her.
  - A. If the exhibit has multiple pieces, each piece should be labeled with the name of the county and the name of the 4-Her.
4. If an exhibit has multiple pieces, please label them 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4, 4 of 4, etc.
5. 4-H exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Center for Youth Development of the University of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Board of Managers, Minnesota State Fair, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them.
  - A. However, the 4-H department and Board of Managers cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed, and the great number of exhibits.
  - B. 4-Hers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.
6. All non-livestock exhibits (except vegetables, fruits, plants, and perishable foods) are on display for the duration of the entire fair.
7. Exhibits/entries that do not meet the requirements (including age of exhibitor) specified in this premium book may receive no higher than a red ribbon.

### How the Exhibits are Judged

Minnesota 4-H uses the conference style of judging in which the 4-Her and evaluator (judge) discuss the project, creating a more complete learning experience. Based on both the discussion and the project itself, the exhibit receives a white, red, blue, or purple ribbon (purple indicates excellence). Participation ribbons are also awarded. Exhibits in the 4-H Building are judged while young people from Minnesota's 87 counties participate in four separate two night/three day encampments. During the fair, over 6,000 4-Hers display their exhibits. Exhibits without ribbons have not yet been judged.

### What the Ribbon Colors Mean

Remember that all exhibits have been judged "excellent" at their county fair, but are judged on more stringent standards at the state fair.

- **Purple.** The exhibit meets all standards. The exhibitor has shown complete understanding of what, how, and why the exhibit was done, and has a thorough knowledge of the subject. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary and need no improvement.
- **Blue.** The exhibit meets most standards. The exhibitor can explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a good knowledge of the subject. The exhibit is well organized and well done.
- **Red.** The exhibit meets some standards. The exhibitor can somewhat explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a fair knowledge of the subject. Some improvements may be needed on the exhibit.
- **White.** The exhibit meets few standards and lacks the quality of other exhibits. The exhibitor cannot adequately explain the what, how, and why of the exhibit. Possibly they have overlooked a safety flaw. Improvement is needed in either the exhibit, the knowledge of the subject, or both.
- **Participation.** A red/white/blue-striped ribbon is awarded for participation. Project areas that are awarded participation ribbons are not considered for blue, red, or white ribbons. They may or may not be considered for a purple ribbon.

### Exhibit Entry and Release

1. Instructions for county regional 4-H staff on entering 4-H exhibits can be found on the web (<http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/>).

2. All non-livestock exhibits (except vegetables, fruits, plants, and perishable foods) are due from counties at their assigned final registration time. Exhibits must be checked in with the exhibit staff.
3. All non-livestock exhibits will be released on Labor Day from 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Exhibits must be checked out with the exhibit staff.
  - A. The 4-H Building will be open (after Labor Day) on Tuesday (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) for exhibit pick-up.
  - B. All exhibits remaining at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday (after Labor Day) will be disposed of at the discretion of the 4-H Superintendent.

**Forfeiture of Premiums and Awards**

Premiums and awards shall include: prize money awarded on the 4-Hers exhibit or activity participation, transportation money, premium money awarded for carcass contests, premium money over and above the base price for livestock awarded at the auction, plaques, trophies, ribbons, and any state or national awards earned at the state fair

A policy committee will convene and review all incidents where a participant is subject to dismissal, make a decision, and suggest the course of action. This judicial group will include:

1. the state fair 4-H superintendent;
2. the extension educator or adult in charge of the county involved;
3. the housing supervisor involved;
4. the assistant 4-H superintendent, department heads, or supervisors as appropriate;
5. the affected youth.

## LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

### Awards and Recognition

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons in the market and breeding shows. Class champion and reserve champion ribbons. Purple ribbons to the top market animals. Auction ribbons to auction participants.

### GENERAL ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES

These rules apply to all animal science exhibitors. Additional rules apply to each species and can be found in that specific section.

#### **Member Quotas**

4-H members may bring only one animal exhibit to the state fair. The only exceptions is the Lama project. A 4-Her may exhibit a lama, another livestock project and have a full general encampment experience.

#### **4-H Participation Policy**

In order to divide participants by age categories for showmanship (except beef, dairy, and goat showmanship), interviews, and lamb lead etc., the following will apply:

**Advanced.** Has completed grades 11 and up.

**Senior.** Has completed grades 9 - 10.

**Intermediate.** Has completed grades 6 - 8.

#### **Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Training**

All 4-H Livestock exhibitors including lama must have completed either the Minnesota 4-H Quality Assurance and Ethics Training or be certified in the Pork Quality Assurance program or the Beef Quality Assurance program. Extension educators/program coordinators will need to verify certification of all 4-H State Fair beef, dairy, goat, lama, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors with local records. Those not meeting one of the above qualifications are not eligible to participate in the State Fair 4-H Livestock Weekend.

#### **Livestock Interviews**

- 1. Rationale.** Animal Science Interviews at the State Fair are designed to further enhance educational opportunities for young people exhibiting livestock. They offer a visual philosophy of recognizing 4-Hers who have utilized their livestock project to grow and develop as a young person. Interviews will emphasize many life skills such as communications skills, responsibility, decision making, and problem-solving. Interviews are NOT an attempt to minimize the importance and significance of livestock shows for young people. In fact, this process is a step to help insure the stability of youth livestock shows as a *positive* form of youth development.
- 2. Process.** It should be noted that the interview process may be somewhat different from one species to the next. But in general, interviews will serve as a "qualifier" for recognition beyond a blue, red, or white ribbon. 4-Hers wishing to be eligible for recognition beyond blue, red, or white ribbons must first complete the interview process. Interviews qualify 4-Hers for such recognition as purple ribbons, championships, showmanship, and Auction. The interviews have been scheduled at a time deemed to be convenient for most 4-Hers. It is recognized, however, that occasional situations occur whereby a 4-Her may have a scheduling conflict. Therefore, each species has designated a time on show day (if possible) to interview those with conflicts. 4-Hers need to interview during one of these time periods to be eligible for additional recognition. The times and locations of the interviews are listed in each species section. Interviewers will select approximately 20% of their exhibitors to participate in a call-back interview for finalists. These finalists will receive recognition and will be properly recognized at their species show. Most species are adding hands-on activities to the interview process.
- 3. Categories.** Advanced - has completed grades 11 to one year post high school; Senior - has completed grades 9 to 10; Intermediate - has completed grades 6-8.
- 4. Questions.** The interview and questions are designed to simulate a brief interview for a job. The following themes have been developed as the focus for questions: 1-introduction, 2-goal, 3-marketing/breeding, 4-animal health, 5-your animal, 6-career opportunities, 7-education, 8-quality assurance/ethics.
- 5. Awards per Species.** Interviewers will choose winners from the call-back interviews. At a ratio of one winner per every 50 exhibitors, each species will ultimately recognize interview winners.

#### **Animal Ownership - All Species**

- 1.** All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the 4-Her or owned jointly by agreement with parent/guardian.
- 2.** All registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name.
- 3.** Some species allow for leasing of breeding animals. Please refer to each species section for those rules.

4. Beef, sheep, goat, rabbit, swine, dairy and llama exhibits shown at the state fair must be the same animal that won the trip at the county fair. The only exceptions are market swine whose county fair swine show date is more than three weeks (21 days) prior to the date of the 4-H market hog show or counties with terminal hog shows. These exceptions as well as poultry and rabbit fryers must be from the same flock or herd as those shown at county fair and identified by the animal identification deadline. **Note: 4-Hers with swine herds that can document they are closed and monitored herds, may request eligibility to meet requirements from 4-H Extension Educators.**
5. Families may choose to identify projects as a family unit (John Doe Family) at the time of the animal identification deadlines (February 15 or May 15). Specific assignment of the projects to siblings (Susie Doe or Billy Doe) must be made at the identification or weigh-in point at the county fair. Switches to other siblings after that point are not allowed.

### Health Requirements

All required health certificates from a county must be submitted to the 4-H Livestock Office prior to release of county packets. **Note: Cattle TB Testing must follow current policies.** The person designated as the "County Livestock Contact Person" (listed on State Fair Form #30) will be responsible to see that all required health certificates are attached to one copy of the "Species Verification Report" (from FairPlus) and submitted to the 4-H Livestock Office prior to unloading any county animals.

1. **General Requirements (applies to all species).** Livestock or poultry known by the exhibitor to have an infectious communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined herd or flock may not be entered in an exhibition. **Warts and ringworm are considered communicable diseases.** Therefore, livestock affected by these diseases cannot be exhibited. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable.
  - A. All livestock will be inspected by the Official Veterinarian on the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The Official Veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any livestock with symptoms of infectious or communicable diseases. Animals placed in a quarantine facility must remain there until removed from the exhibition premises. They may not enter a show ring. This includes livestock with warts or ringworm.
  - B. **All testing must be conducted prior to the exhibition, and a record of the test results on a test chart or Intrastate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must accompany the tested animals.** Livestock and poultry entered in a petting exhibit are not exempt from the exhibition rules if the animals are from more than one farm or there are other animals at the exhibit.
2. **MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HEALTH REGULATION FOR CATTLE: Bovine Tuberculosis – All cattle two (2) months and older must be tested negative for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the first day of the exhibition. 4-H exhibitors must follow the county expectations for collection of the Health papers indicating they have tested negative for TB. Depending on the timing of the county fair, a county may be expected to bring TB papers to final registration, while others will surrender TB papers at the gate upon arrival. All 4-Hers must adhere to the process defined by their 4-H staff.**

**Exception: Cattle originating from an accredited tuberculosis free herd if the animal is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection that included a TB-free herd certification number of the herd of origin and the date on which the herd of origin was last tested for tuberculosis.**

**Note: Minnesota State Fair Open Class Dairy and ANY cattle coming from the TB Management Zone in NW Minnesota must have a whole herd test within the past year as well as a 60 day test. 4-H exhibitors who will also be exhibiting their 4-H animals in these shows will also need to follow TB rules unique to each show. Open Class Beef and FFA Beef and Dairy Cattle will follow 4-H TB rules.**

*The most up-to-date information concerning Bovine TB is available at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org).*

3. **Rabbits originating in Minnesota.** See general requirements above.
4. **Swine originating in Minnesota.** See general requirements above.
  - A. **Pseudorabies** - No testing is presently required for pseudorabies.
5. **Swine and Poultry not originating in Minnesota.** Must meet the Minnesota importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the name of the exhibition as consignee. Certificates will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition. The Gp 1 ELISA test is approved for importation of swine.
6. **Poultry originating from Minnesota except waterfowl, pigeons, and ratities.** All fowl must be individually identified with a leg or wing band and be accompanied by an official record of a negative test for pullorum-typhoid conducted within 90 days prior to entry to the exhibition or a record of origin from parent stock tested negative within 12 months prior to entry to the exhibition. There is no health certificate required for waterfowl. **Turkeys must be negative for Salmonella typhirium, Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae.**
7. **Goats and Sheep. Must be officially identified before coming to the fair.** In addition, all animals

coming from other states into Minnesota for the fair must have official identification and certificate of health inspection (health certificate). Exhibitors should be advised to request official premise tags with unique serial numbers for all goats and sheep they purchase. Official tags may be ordered from (and official tattoos registered with) the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6809 to call toll free at 1-866-873-2824 to receive a flock identification number, and to order the official USDA ear tags (at no charge). These official tags are in addition to the required Minnesota 4-H ear tags.

- A. National Scrapie Eradication Program.** The USDA, APHIS National Scrapie Eradication Program went into effect November 19, 2002. The identification requirements of this program will enable the trace back of scrapie infected animals to their flock of origin.
- 8. Goats and Sheep not originating in Minnesota.** Must meet the Minnesota importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the name of the exhibition as consignee. Certificates will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
- 9. Lama.** No health testing is required for lama, but these animals are recommended to be wormed 10 days prior the State Fair.

#### **Processing of Livestock Entries/Registration**

- County extension staff must present the original listed species identification forms at the time of final registration. (County extension educators can keep photocopies for their own records if they wish.)
  - Lease forms must be stapled to corresponding identification forms.
  - Identification forms must be stapled to the corresponding Livestock Species Report (from FairPlus).
  - On the identification form, highlight or circle the animal that the 4-Her is bringing to state fair.
- County extension staff should double-check the Livestock Species Reports (generated from FairPlus) for the following things:
  - Animal birthdate on report matches animal birthdate on identification forms.
  - Ear tag and/or tattoo number on report matches ear tag and/or tattoo number on identification form.
  - Animal registration number on report matches animal registration number on identification form. Animal registration number on dairy cows should not be listed as "pending".
  - Photos of animals should not cover any information.
- An additional copy of the Beef Livestock Species Report should be printed and all beef health certificates should be stapled to it.
- An additional copy of the Dairy Livestock Species Report should be printed and all dairy health certificates should be stapled to it.
- An additional copy of the Swine Livestock Species Report should be printed and all swine health certificates should be stapled to it.
- An additional copy of the Poultry Livestock Species Report should be printed and all poultry health certificates should be stapled to it.
- Livestock substitutions will be accepted until 12:00 noon, the Tuesday prior to fair opening. No additional substitutions will be allowed after this deadline.

#### **Stalling**

- The stalls and pens for 4-H livestock will be ready by 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday. No animals will be permitted in the livestock barns until that time.
- 4-H Animals will **NOT** be allowed on the grounds (this includes barns, in the tie outs or kept in trailers parked on the grounds) until **7:00 a.m. Wednesday**. Violators will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home.
- NEW! ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.**
- No animals will be housed in trailers during 4-H livestock weekend. Animals will not be allowed to move beyond (south or west) of Canfield during the day or in the evening. Violators will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home.

#### **Delivery and Removal of Livestock, Parking of Trucks, and Overnight Parking**

##### **Delivery**

- When delivering animals, truckers should enter Gate 14 (Canfield St., west of the Swine Barn).
- After unloading, truckers should exit Gate 10 (Clough St., directly east of the Warner Coliseum).
- Drivers staying over will then re-enter Gate 14, parking their vehicle in the west Canfield lot.
- Gate admission for trucking - When vehicles arrive with livestock in them, the driver is permitted in Gate 14 at no charge. If there are additional people in the vehicle, they will be charged regular admission fees. After unloading the animals, if you go to the west Canfield lot or the Stella lot to park your vehicle and return to the fair you'll be charged for admission at that time. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

##### **Parking - Livestock Overnight Vehicle Admission Stickers & Auto Stickers**

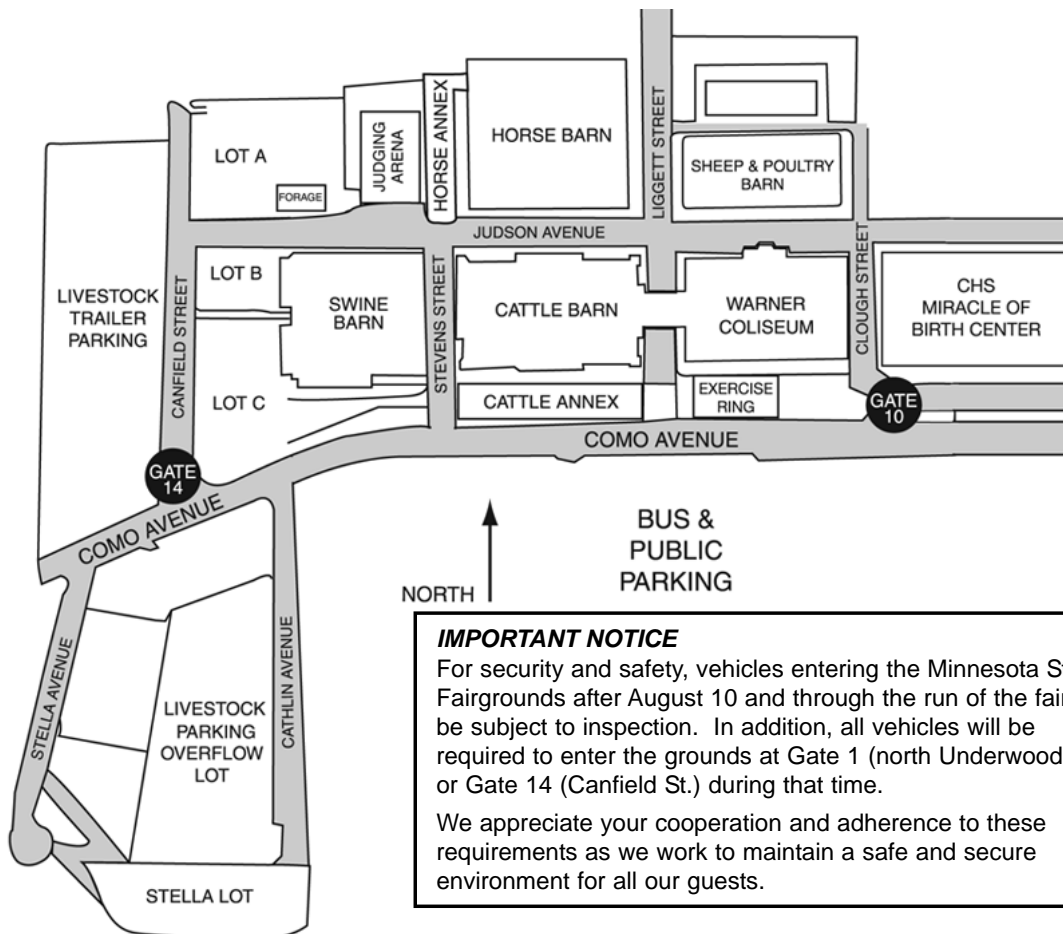
Requests for the livestock exhibitor-only parking area (Lots A, B, & C), will not be accepted prior to a postmark date of June 22 and **MUST** accompany a completed livestock entry form, with exceptions for 4-H Exhibitors.

**NEW FOR 2009 – 4-H Exhibitors may reserve, with payment, Livestock Overnight Vehicle Admission Stickers and Auto Stickers. They will be held at the Competition Office until the conclusion of the county fair the exhibitor participates. Once verification of the 4-H Exhibitor's trip has been received by the Competition Office, the stickers will be sent to the address provided by the exhibitor on the application. For those county fairs occurring the weekend prior to the opening of the Minnesota State Fair, stickers will be sent via overnight mail.**

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VEHICLE ADMISSION STICKERS

1. NO vehicle sticker requests will be accepted prior to June 22.
2. Requests sent without an entry form or with a postmark prior to June 22 will be returned.
3. No orders will be accepted via telephone or e-mail; no orders accepted without payment.
4. **Stickers will be dated with the appropriate dates for when exhibitors will be showing.**
5. Exhibitors will be allowed to rent **ONE** overnight vehicle admission space AND/OR auto admission.
6. Units that fit in a 10 x 20 foot area will require one sticker; larger units (up to 40 feet) will require the purchase of two stickers.
7. Units with slide-outs must purchase a slide-out surcharge per slide-out.
8. Stickers are sold on a **first come, first served** basis. When the lot is full, no more stickers will be sold.
9. **Purchase of a vehicle admission sticker does not cover admission of any people into the grounds.**
10. When ordering stickers, you must submit the vehicle plate number the sticker will be placed on as well as the complete name, address & fair time contact information of the owner of the vehicle (i.e. cell phone number, if available). If at anytime during the fair, the vehicle's plate number does not match the information you have provided us, we reserve the right to revoke your sticker and your space.

**No parking of livestock exhibitor vehicles will be permitted in the area of the barns, show arena or Warner Coliseum between 12:30 p.m., Monday, August 31 through 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3; or 1:00 p.m. Friday, September 4 through 3:00 p.m. Monday, September 7, except for those delivering feed and bedding between 4:00-6:30 a.m. daily. No other overnight parking of exhibitor trucks and trailers is permitted within the state fairgrounds between 1:30-6:00 a.m. except for those lots which require vehicle stickers to be purchased.**



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**Lots A & B.** Two (2) types of vehicle stickers may be purchased for these lots; daily parking and overnight parking.

### 1. OVERNIGHT VEHICLE PARKING

- A. Overnight Vehicle Admission sticker with electric hook-up (only one sold per exhibitor).
  - 1) Vehicle fitting into a 10 x 20 foot space, is **\$90**.
  - 2) Larger vehicles fitting up to 10 x 40 foot space is **\$160** for two stickers.
  - 3) Vehicles with slide-outs must pay an additional **\$20 per slide-out**.
  - 4) No vehicles over 40 feet in length will be accepted in the exhibitor overnight parking area.
  - 5) **Fuel powered generators are prohibited in Lots A, B, and C.**
- B. Overnight Vehicle Admission sticker without electric hook-up.
  - 1) Vehicle fitting into a 10 x 20 foot space, is **\$70**.
  - 2) Larger vehicles fitting up to 10 x 40 foot space is **\$140** for two stickers.
  - 3) Vehicles with slide-outs must pay an additional **\$20 per slide-out**.
  - 4) No vehicles over 40 feet in length will be accepted in the exhibitor overnight parking area.
  - 5) **Fuel powered generators are prohibited in Lots A, B, and C.**

### 2. DAILY VEHICLE PARKING

- A. Auto stickers are **\$50**, and are NOT for overnight parking.

### *Removal/Release of Livestock*

1. Animals released at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All animals must remain in their respective barns until 3:00 p.m.
2. On Sunday the load-out procedure will be announced in the west Canfield lot at 10:00 a.m. Trucks arriving from out of town MUST go to the Stella lot and get in line with trucks in that lot. From 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. drivers will be permitted to leave the lot with their vehicle and pick up their animals, based upon the schedule announced at 10:00 a.m. After loading animals, trucks may exit at Liggett, Stevens, or Canfield gates.
3. Each poultry and rabbit exhibit must be checked out by the person in charge of the department before removal from the building.
4. Any 4-Her who removes an animal or whose animal is removed from the state 4-H livestock weekend before the designated removal time without written permission from the state fair competitive exhibits supervisor will be denied all show-related premiums (including 4-H livestock auction) and also barred from exhibiting in all future state and national 4-H livestock shows.
5. Exhibits and equipment left after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday are left at the risk of the individual exhibitor.

### **Exhibiting**

1. 4-H members are responsible for feeding/caring for their animals during the time the animals are at State Fair.
2. Approval by the species show coordinator for substituting another member to show an animal, in case of sickness, mental or physical handicap or an emergency, must be obtained before entering the show. Assistance will be provided by assigned personnel to show problem animals. No one other than exhibitors will be allowed in the ring to assist with showing of animals.
3. No exhibitors, parents, or other individuals will be allowed in the show ring during the show to discuss placings with the show judge, ring personnel, etc.
4. There should be NO terminal market animals exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair that are on medication or medicated feed where the withdrawal period has not expired by fair entry day.

### **Grooming and Fitting**

1. All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming, and blocking (all species) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family (parents, step-parents, legal guardians, brothers or sisters) or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member.
2. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will not be eligible for any livestock awards or premiums including championships, the auction and showmanship.
3. Enforcement of this rule will be the responsibility of the state fair show committees, state 4-H staff, and county & regional 4-H staff.
4. The National Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) showing code of ethics will be enforced at this show.

### **Fluid Administration**

1. The use of drenching, mechanical pumping devices, or other abnormal methods to administer water or fluids into animals will not be permitted.
2. Administration of fluids for dehydration or other animal health reasons may be done only after receiving approval from a veterinarian and show management.
3. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from further competition in the show and will not be eligible for any livestock awards, including (but not limited to) championships, the 4-H auction, showmanship, or interview awards.

## Forage, Bedding, and Equipment County Allotments

### Shavings

- Beef - none
  - Dairy - one (1) bag per two (2) animals
  - Sheep\* - one (1) bag per two (2) animals (OR straw)
  - Swine - one (1) bag per two (2) animals
- \*Sheep must choose between straw or shavings. They may not have both.

### Straw

- Beef - none
  - Dairy - 2/3 bale per animal
  - Sheep\* - one (1) bale per two (2) animals (OR shavings)
  - Swine - none
- \*Sheep must choose between straw or shavings. They may not have both.

### Hay

- Beef - 2/3 bale per animal
- Dairy - 2/3 bale per animal
- Sheep - none

1. Straw and shavings allotments are not transferable. (You cannot transfer straw to shavings or vice-versa.)
2. All allotments must be picked up by 11:00 p.m Saturday. There will be no forage available after 11:00 p.m.
3. Forage and bedding **must be picked up by each county delegation in each species.**
4. 4-Hers cannot pick-up allotments Sunday or use allotments for shows held later in the fair.
5. **Poultry and Rabbit.** Shavings will be provided. Bring your own feed.
6. **Beef.** Common bedding will be provided.
7. **Goat.** Hay and straw will be provided.
8. **Lama. Grass hay and bedding will be provided.**
9. Feeding, watering and cleaning equipment will not be provided. Members should provide their own equipment and counties should bring cleaning equipment such as brooms, forks, etc.

## Judging and Awards

1. The Danish system of judging will be used. Judges will rank the exhibits in 1, 2, 3 order; then divide them into purple, blue, red and white award groups according to the quality.
2. All champions and reserve champions must have won a purple or blue award and be of championship quality as determined by the judge.
3. Animals may be registered, grade, or crossbred. Registered animals with proper registration papers must show in their respective breed class. Grade and crossbred beef heifers, ewes, and swine gilts must show in the commercial class. Crossbred rabbits may only show in the market classes. See specific class requirements.

## Rules Governing Marketing of Animals

1. Auction animals will be marketed at the discretion of the auction committee.
2. Non-auction animals will be sold on either a live or grade and yield basis, depending on the species.
3. Market Beef and Dairy Steers:
  - A. Exhibitors of white, red, blue, or non-auction purple ribbon animals may choose to (1) consign their cattle to market OR (2) take them home.
    - 1) If 4-Hers choose to market their animal, they must sign a consignment form in the 4-H Beef Office by 6:30 p.m. on Friday.
    - 2) All market beef and dairy steers not consigned must be taken home!
  - B. Purple ribbon animals that participate in the auction cannot be taken home. They will be consigned to slaughter.
4. Market Goats: May be marketed or taken home. As 4-Hers exit the show ring they will be asked if they want to market the animal.
5. Market Lambs: This is a terminal show. All lambs will be consigned to market.
6. Swine: All market barrows and market gilts exhibited must be marketed - no exceptions. Breeding gilt exhibitors are given the choice of marketing them or taking them home.

**Clarification for 2009: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.**

#### **4-H Purple Ribbon Auction**

The 4-H livestock auction is organized, promoted and conducted by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association. Jim Grass of Owatonna, serves as chairman of the auction committee and Kent Thiesse as chairman of the auction finance committee.

1. Approximately 10% of all market animals will be selected for the auction.
2. All animals must receive a purple ribbon in their class to be eligible for auction selection in their respective species.
3. Auction premiums will be allocated as follows:
  - 80% to the 4-H member and
  - 20% to the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association for Auction administration expenses and for support of youth programs.
  - All 4-H Livestock Auction exhibits must be consigned to market, and can not be taken home.

#### **Animal Sales and Advertising**

No animals may be advertised for sale and no farm, ranch, or sale signs may be displayed or worn. The only signs other than 4-H State Fair stall cards and champion/reserve champion signs that may be displayed are educationally-based signs with performance or pedigree information, but no owner/exhibitor information.

#### **CLARIFICATION FOR 2009 ~ Livestock Equipment Removal**

**All 4-H families must consider the safety of fairgoers when they remove any equipment such as show boxes, chutes and feeding equipment. Due to heavy fair visitor traffic flow prior to the 3:00 p.m. Sunday release, livestock equipment being taken home from the cattle barn and sheep/swine/goat barn must be transported out the side exits on the south sides of these barns. Equipment cannot be taken down the center aisle of these 2 barns. The center aisles may be used, however, at 3:00 p.m. when the 4-H livestock are released and the buildings are closed to the public.**

**Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below:**

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

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the "IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

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

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

entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules.

Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event.

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

At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medications, for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian. \*The Minnesota State Fair allows exceptions in breeding classes for sound management practices such as mastitis or pneumonia control.

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

## COUNTY HERDSMAN

1. Each county is asked to designate one or two county herdsman.
  - A. The number of county herdsman is based on the total number of county livestock exhibits.
    - 1) Counties with 1 to 35 exhibits may name one (1) herdsman.
    - 2) Counties with over 35 exhibits may name two (2) herdsman.
2. Housing is in the Cattle Barn dormitory.
3. He/she should be a mature and responsible representative of the county.
4. The herdsman *must* be one of the listed livestock exhibitors, appear on the participant validation report and the housing report, and be listed on the corresponding state fair form.
5. The county herdsman must follow all dormitory rules including the curfew hour of 11:00 p.m. and is subject to the violation policy as stated in the housing rules.

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## HERDSMANSHIP

Overall Coordinators .....Delvin & Debra Durheim

### Purpose

The purpose of herdsmanship is to help 4-Hers learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness, and proper care of animals.

### Procedure

1. Livestock exhibits will be evaluated throughout the four days beginning on **Thursday morning** and ending on Sunday afternoon.
2. Evaluation will take place during normal public viewing (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.).
3. Counties will be awarded a purple, blue, red, or white award for each evaluation in each species area.
  - A. County awards will be given for each species and not for the combined score of all species.
4. Counties will be divided into two (2) divisions based on the number of animals exhibited in each species by that county, with the exception of goats. Divisions are as follows:

#### Division One

Beef - 5 animals and more  
Dairy - 6 animals and more  
Poultry - 3 animals and more  
Rabbit - 4 animals and more  
Sheep - 4 animals and more  
Swine - 5 animals and more

#### Division Two

Beef - 4 animals and less  
Dairy - 5 animals and less  
Poultry - 2 animals and less  
Rabbit - 3 animals and less  
Sheep - 3 animals and less  
Swine - 4 animals and less

5. Awards will be given to the top five (5) counties in each division in each species area.

### Rules

1. 4-H members are responsible for feeding and caring for their animals during the time the animals are at state fair. Parents may assist the 4-Hers in the initial set-up, but after that the 4-Hers must maintain and care for their animals.
2. Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
  - A. Beef animals may be taken to tie-outs at 8:00 p.m.
3. All animals must be cared for using proper and ethical means.
4. 4-Hers who use any kind of hair preparation products (examples: glue, saddle soap, hair spray, etc.) on their animals for showing must wash their animal and remove all preparation products immediately after the show.
5. Counties may bring one show box plus additional show boxes at the ratio of one per every five exhibitors (example: 12 exhibitors = 3 show boxes).
6. Grooming Chutes:
  - A. Beef - Counties may bring one grooming chute plus additional grooming chutes at the ratio of one per every five exhibitors (example: 12 exhibitors = 3 grooming chutes)
  - B. Dairy - Counties may bring one grooming chute per county.
7. All fans must be mounted on brackets off the floor on the side of cattle, 6 feet or less from the cattle tie wall.
  - A. No floor-stand fans **WILL BE ALLOWED**.
  - B. No water-type fan coolers of any kind are allowed.
  - C. Fan direction to blow West to East in Annex.
  - D. Fan direction to blow Center Aisle toward wall in Cattle Barn.
8. Use of fire hoses to wet stalls is **PROHIBITED**.
9. No gasoline or gasoline motors may be in the barn. Fuel powered generators are prohibited in the barn.
10. All tack, buckets, show boxes, etc. must be kept in the tack area. No tack of any kind is allowed to be kept behind animals.
11. Tack stalls in the cattle barn must be in the middle of the row. No tack stalls at the end of the aisles.
12. Decorating stalls is not allowed.

13. Any fans or equipment not meeting the above criteria will be confiscated.
14. Final decision on safety and/or location of fans and/or equipment rests with the Herdsmanship Coordinators, the Center for 4-H Youth Development, and the State Fair Management.

**Scoring for All Species**

Purple .....95 - 100 points	Red .....75 - 84 points
Blue .....85 - 94 points	White ....74 points and below

**Basis for Scoring Livestock**

(More specific criteria for each livestock species may be posted for exhibitor information and education.)

1. **Cleanliness of aisle and stall** .....45 points
  - Bedding is dry, in place, adequate, but not excessive.
  - Animals tied and/or pens fastened securely.
  - Feed pans and water pans, when present, should be clean.
  - Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place. (Manure carts can be stored in the empty stalls facing the barn wall. Herdsmanship points will be lost to counties not emptying manure carts.)
  - Alleys kept clean, including side and center.
  - Allotted number of grooming chutes are orderly, labeled, kept within allotted county space and cleaned.
2. **Arrangement of exhibits** .....15 points
  - Animals neatly arranged.
  - Hay and straw neatly piled.
  - Show boxes in proper place (out of public walkways).
  - Feed and equipment neatly kept.
  - Stall cards properly arranged.
  - Clean and complete exhibit.
3. **Appearance of animals** .....15 points
  - Animals groomed.
  - Animals in place 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except when in show ring.
  - Grooming rule observed.
4. **Exhibitors** .....25 points
  - Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.
  - Note: Automatic white placing will be given if exhibitors are interfering with the public in the building (running, throwing water, etc.).
  - Do own clipping, blocking, and grooming.
- TOTAL** .....100 points

**Basis for Scoring Poultry**

1. **Appearance of pens** .....40 points
  - Shavings are dry, in place, adequate but not excessive.
  - Animals adequately, but not excessively, fed and watered.
  - Crates properly stored out of aisles.
  - Pen cards arranged properly and replaced if necessary.
  - Waterers kept clean.
  - Space under cage (including table and under table) kept neat and clean.
2. **Appearance of animals** .....35 points
  - Animals clean in appearance.
  - Animals separated if injured due to fighting.
3. **Exhibitors** .....25 points
  - Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.
  - Promptness for conference judging of exhibit.
- TOTAL** .....100 points

**Basis for Scoring Rabbits**

1. **Appearance of pens** .....40 points
  - Shavings are dry, in place, adequate but not excessive.
  - Cage should be clean and the area kept neat. (This rarely requires cleaning more than once daily.)
  - Dishes adequate for size of breed.
  - Pen cards in holder with all sticker awards displayed on it (and no extra notes), display award sticker only on the pen card and replace soiled or torn stall cards immediately.
  - Animals should have adequate feed and water. They need to have water at all times and should have evidence of adequate care.
  - No locks allowed on cages. Non-locking clips are permissible as long as they are no larger than 2 1/2".
  - Carrying cages, boxes, or crates are to be stored under their cages (maximum height of 20"). Show committee approval is needed if not under table.

<b>2. Appearance of animals</b> .....	<b>40 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animals clean in appearance.</li><li>• Animals separated if injured due to fighting.</li></ul>	
<b>3. Exhibitors</b> .....	<b>20 points</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.</li><li>• Note: Automatic white placing will be given if exhibitors are interfering with the public in the building (running, throwing water, etc.).</li></ul>	
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>100 points</b>
<i>Promotion Booth Participation (for a possible total of 110)</i> .....	<i>+10 points</i>

## **AGAIN IN 2009**

### **HERDSMANSHIP - Consumer Education and Promotion Activities**

A critical component of herdsmanship is the way exhibitors positively interact with fair goers. Minnesota 4-H will continue the program launched in 2007 in cooperation with Minnesota Foundation for Responsible Animal Care (MnFRAC), Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and Minnesota State Fair. We will provide training and support to help 4-H exhibitors continue to showcase a positive image of animal agriculture at the fair.

The program will consist of three components; (1) specialized training for 4-H livestock delegations 2) coaching for exhibitors as they interact one on one with fair visitors during the fair and 3) evaluation and competition for 25 bonus points to be added to the county's total herdsmanship score. The details of the program can be found at <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/herdsmanshipConsumerEdPromoActivities.html>

#### **Staffing and Training**

MnFRAC will provide a staff of peer mentors. These older, college age youth will conduct two workshops addressing positive communication with consumers in the fair setting. The workshops are scheduled in the late afternoon and early evening on Wednesday, August 26. **Counties should select at least one representative (youth leader) from each species to attend their assigned workshop. These exhibitors will be expected to attend the training session and to share the information with others in the county delegation.** One workshop will be for Small Animals (rabbit, poultry and goat) exhibitors and the other one will be for Large Animal (beef, dairy, sheep and swine) exhibitors. Details of the workshops, times and agendas will be posted at <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/herdsmanshipConsumerEdPromoActivities.html>

#### **County Exhibitor Expectations ~ One on one communication**

County livestock delegations will then transfer what they have learned to one-on-one communication with fairgoers and educational and promotional activities. All exhibitors will be expected to conduct one-on-one interactions with fairgoers throughout 4-H livestock weekend. MnFRAC peer mentors will be available in the livestock areas to model, coach and encourage exhibitors with this task. (This supports the concepts in the LQA&E lesson on "Speaking Out for Animal Agriculture")

#### **Educational/Promotion Activities**

Counties participating are asked to register at the respective species office; this will assure that no county is overlooked during the judging. Specific times will be designated for education/promotion activities. For rabbits and poultry, this will be done during their assigned times in the already existing promotion booths. A promotion area will be developed for the goat project with times assigned similar to rabbits and poultry. Activities in the goat booth will be scheduled between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Saturday, August 29.

#### **The large animal projects will each be assigned a specific time as follows:**

- Beef ~ 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 29
- Dairy ~ 9:00 a.m. 12:00 noon, Sunday, August 30
- Sheep ~ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., Thursday, August 27
- Swine ~ 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m., Saturday, August 29

During these times the large animal exhibitors are encouraged to have hands-on promotion/educational activities in their stalling/tack area.

County exhibitors are encouraged to work as a team to create an activity related to their species that addressed on or more of the key messages stated below. In keeping with 4-H State Fair policy all signs should be computer generated (no hand printed signs).

**Key Messages**

Both the one-on-one communications and the promotion/educational activities should focus on one or more of these messages.

- A. personal information about the exhibitor, family farm, exhibit and showing experience,
- B. their animal(s) are raised for food and fiber,
- C. the food produced by these animals is nutritious and safe,
- D. these animals have been cared for using best management practices and
- E. animals are raised using different approved production methods, but the final products are wholesome, safe and nutritional.

**Evaluation**

A team of evaluators will be evaluating these activities and the public's interaction based on the following criteria:

- A. Participation -10% of score -County participates in activities as assigned.
- B. Teamwork -15% of score - County exhibitors work as a team and establish an inviting environment.
- C. Public Interaction - 25% of score - Demonstrates skills in engaging the public
- D. Props - 25% of score - Shows good use of props such as eggs, rabbits, lambs, tools, charts, etc. to help enhance consumer understanding and education
- E. Subject Matter - 25 % of score - Uses accurate and current subject matter relevant to the species.

Scoring - Up to 25 bonus points per county per species may be added to the final herdsmanship score.

**Awards-**

Cash awards will be given to the counties that excel in this program. **ALSO in 2009** a cash award will be given to the Champion Overall Herdsmanship County based on total scores in all species areas. A county must have representation in 4 of the 7 species to qualify for the overall award.

**Awards and Recognition**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Purple ribbons to the all 4-Hers of the top five Division One and top five Division Two counties in each species.

**KIK Custom Products,** Eagan, MN. Six \$50 scholarships to the counties with the best overall dairy herdsmanship scores.

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## BEEF CATTLE

Housed in the Cattle Barn and the Cattle Annex

Overall Coordinators .....	Greg Harder & Kent Thiesse
Advisors .....	Brenda Shafer & Kyle Rozeboom
Facilities & Staging Coordinators .....	Delvin Durheim , Kurt Beckstrom & Jeff Redalen
Breeding Beef Coordinators .....	Steve Pomerence & Jeff Klages
Entry & Data Coordinator .....	Christina Rohrer
Market Beef Coordinators .....	Mark Halls & Bill Head
Dairy Steer Coordinators.....	Dwayne Diers
Marketing Coordinator .....	Mike Boersma
Showmanship Coordinators .....	Rhonda Wulf & Rachel Marthaler
Interview Coordinators .....	Bob Quinlan, Ryon Walker, Grant Crawford & Kami Schoenfeld
Show Ring Arrangement Coordinators.....	Wes Sweigard
Publicity Coordinators .....	Jill Pesek
Awards Coordinator .....	Kent Thiesse

### Health Requirements

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HEALTH REGULATION FOR CATTLE: Bovine Tuberculosis – All cattle two (2) months and older must be tested negative for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the first day of the exhibition. 4-H exhibitors must follow the county expectations for collection of the Health papers indicating they have tested negative for TB. Depending on the timing of the county fair, a county may be expected to bring TB papers to final registration, while others will surrender TB papers at the gate upon arrival. All 4-Hers must adhere to the process defined by their 4-H staff.**

**Exception: Cattle originating from an accredited tuberculosis free herd if the animal is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection that included a TB-free herd certification number of the herd of origin and the date on which the herd of origin was last tested for tuberculosis.**

**Note: Minnesota State Fair Open Class Dairy and any cattle coming from the TB Management Zone in NW Minnesota must have a whole herd test within the past year as well as a 60 day test. 4-H exhibitors who will also be exhibiting their 4-H animals in these shows will also need to follow TB rules unique to each show. Open Class Beef and FFA Beef and Dairy Cattle will follow 4-H TB rules.**

The most up-to-date information concerning Bovine TB is available at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org).

### Weigh In and ID Times:

1. All Breeding Heifers, Cow/Calf Pairs, and Prospect Calves must be verified on Wednesday, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. (No Thursday verification).
2. All Market Beef and Dairy Steers must be weighed and verified on Wednesday, from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. NO Thursday weigh in.

### Ownership Requirements

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Market beef must be owned by February 15.
3. Breeding beef must be owned by May 15.

### Leasing Program

1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own beef animal, breeding beef (heifers and cow/calf pairs) and prospect market calves may be leased.
2. Market Beef and Dairy Steers cannot be leased.
3. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased animal must have completed leasing portion of the MN 4-H Breeding Beef Identification Affidavit (BBIDA).

### Identification Details

1. All market beef and dairy steers must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by February 15.
2. Commercial heifers and cow/calf projects must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by May 15. (Calves must be tagged by county fair.)
3. Registered heifers and cow/calf projects must be identified with an ear tattoo that is recorded and matches the tattoo number on the registration paper. (Calves must be tattooed by county fair.)
4. Prospect market calf entries must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag.
5. Animals that do not meet identification requirements can place no higher than a red ribbon.

### Identification Forms and Deadlines

1. NO BEGINNING WEIGHTS REQUIRED--Market Beef and Dairy Steers - "Minnesota 4-H Market Beef Identification and Weight Affidavit" (MBIDA or MBID/WA) must be submitted to the extension office by February 15.

2. Breeding Heifers - "Minnesota 4-H Breeding Beef Identification" (BBIDA) must be submitted to the extension office by May 15.
3. Cow/Calf Pairs - "Minnesota 4-H Breeding Beef Identification" (BBIDA) must be submitted to the extension office by May 15. If calf is not born by May 15, that should be noted on the form and the calf should be identified before county fair. Both cow and calf must be listed on the affidavit.
4. If a breeding animal is leased, 4-Hers must have completed leasing portion of the MN 4-H Breeding Beef Identification Affidavit (BBIDA) to the extension office by May 15.

#### **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND PAPERS**

1. All registration papers must be originals. Photocopies or faxes will not be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
2. All required registration papers must be presented at the time of verification or weigh-in on entry day.
3. Any Beef exhibit entered in a registered class without the original registration paper (when required) can place no higher than a blue ribbon, cannot win Champion honors, and cannot be in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction.
4. Registered Beef animals without registration papers (when required) WILL NOT be moved to commercial or crossbred division.

#### **BIRTH DATES**

Spring Calf	January 1 - April 30, 2009
Fall Calf	September 1 - December 31, 2008
Summer yearling	May 1 - August 31, 2008
Junior yearling	January 1 - April 30, 2008
Senior yearling	September 1 - December 31, 2007
Cow/Calf	Calf born after January 1 of current year
Prospect Market Calf	January 1 - April 30 2009
Market Beef	Born on or after January 1 to August 31 of previous year
Market Heifer	Born on or after January 1 to August 31 of previous year
Dairy Steer	Born on or after January 1 to August 31 of previous year

#### **BREEDING HEIFER**

##### **BLACK ANGUS, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 1	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 2	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 3	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 4	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 5	Senior Yearling

##### **RED ANGUS, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 6	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 7	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 8	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 9	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 10	Senior Yearling

##### **CHAROLAIS, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 11	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 12	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 13	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 14	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 15	Senior Yearling

##### **HEREFORD, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 16	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 17	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 18	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 19	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 20	Senior Yearling

##### **LIMOUSIN, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 21	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 22	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 23	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 24	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 25	Senior Yearling

**MAINE ANJOU, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 26	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 27	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 28	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 29	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 30	Senior Yearling

**SHORTHORN, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 31	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 32	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 33	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 34	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 35	Senior Yearling

**SHORTHORN PLUS**

A - 41 - 36	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 37	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 38	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 39	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 40	Senior Yearling

**SIMMENTAL, PUREBRED**

A - 41 - 41	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 42	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 43	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 44	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 45	Senior Yearling

**SIMMENTAL, FOUNDATION (REGISTERED BUT LESS THAN PUREBRED)**

A - 41 - 46	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 47	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 48	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 49	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 50	Senior Yearling

**SOUTH DEVON, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 51	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 52	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 53	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 54	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 55	Senior Yearling

**ALL OTHER BREEDS, REGISTERED**

A - 41 - 56	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 57	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 58	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 59	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 60	Senior Yearling

**COMMERCIAL**

A - 41 - 61	Spring Calf
A - 41 - 62	Fall Calf
A - 41 - 63	Summer Yearling
A - 41 - 64	Junior Yearling
A - 41 - 65	Senior Yearling

**Additional Breeding Heifer Rules**

- 1. Original registration papers must be presented at verification time, for all breed divisions other than commercial.**
2. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
3. Heifer breed assignments are final after verification. No switching of classes after that time.
4. All heifers will be verified. Heifers should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
5. Limousin must be 3/4 blood or more to show in the registered class. Maine Anjou heifers must be minimum of 25% and have an original registration paper.
6. Red Angus heifers must be 1-A registered (100%) to show in the registered class. 1-B registered heifers will show in the commercial class.
- 7. No nurse cows are allowed for heifers in the spring calf classes.**
- 8. No calves at side for heifers in the senior yearling classes.**

**COW AND CALF**

A - 61 - 1	Black Angus, Registered
A - 61 - 2	Red Angus, Registered
A - 61 - 3	Hereford, Registered
A - 61 - 4	Shorthorn (Registered and Shorthorn Plus)
A - 61 - 5	Simmental (Purebred and Foundation)
A - 61 - 6	All Other Breeds, Registered
A - 61 - 7	Commercial

**Additional Cow/Calf Rules**

1. **Original registration papers must be presented at verification time for all breed divisions other than commercial.**
2. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
3. Breed assignments are final after verification. No switching of classes after that time.
4. All cow/calf pairs will be verified. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
5. Commercial cows and calves must be identified with a 4-H eartag.
6. Cow/calf pairs may include heifer, steer and bull calves.
7. The Cow and the calf must be led into the Show Ring by the exhibitor and another 4-H member (no adults).

**PROSPECT MARKET CALF**

A - 71 - 1	Heifer Calf
A - 71 - 2	Steer Calf

**Additional Prospect Market Calf Rules**

1. All prospect market calves must be weaned. (no nurse cows)
2. Steer Calves will be judged as market beef prospects. **(Must be steer calves - No bull calves allowed)**
3. All prospect market calves will be verified and should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
4. All prospect calves must be identified with a MN State 4-H eartag.
5. Leased projects are permissible as Prospect Market Calves.

**MARKET BEEF**

A - 81 - 1	Steer - Black Angus, Registered
A - 81 - 2	Steer - Hereford, Registered
A - 81 - 3	Steer - Shorthorn, Registered
A - 81 - 4	Steer - Shorthorn, Plus
A - 81 - 5	Steer - Charolais, Registered
A - 81 - 6	Steer - Limousin, Registered
A - 81 - 7	Steer - Maine Anjou, Registered
A - 81 - 8	Steer - Simmental, Registered
A - 81 - 9	Steer - Other Breeds and Crossbreds
A - 81 -10	Market Heifer

**Market Beef Breed Classification Information**

1. **Original registration papers must be presented at verification time (when required).**
2. *Registered Black Angus.* Registration paper required. Must be out of a purebred sire and purebred dam. Champion and Reserve Champion subject to a blood test to verify the authenticity. If the blood test is positive for the listed Angus genetics, the cost will be paid by the Angus Association. If the blood test is negative, the cost will be paid by the 4-Her.
3. *Registered Hereford.* Must be out of a purebred bull and a purebred Hereford or Polled Hereford cow.
4. *Registered Shorthorn.* Registration paper required. Must be out of a registered sire and registered dam.
5. *Shorthorn Plus.* **Registration paper required. Must meet registration requirements of the breed association.**
6. *Registered Charolais.* Must be out of a purebred parent.
7. *Registered Limousin.* Must be out of a registered sire.
8. *Registered Maine Anjou.* Registration paper required. Must be 1/4 blood concentration or more.
9. *Registered Simmental.* Registration paper from the Simmental Association required. Must be half blood or more.
10. All other beef steers will be placed in the "Other Breeds and Crossbreds" division.
11. All breed division steers must show visual characteristics of that breed.
12. Breed assignments are final after verification and weighing. No switching of classes after that time. All decisions by the show committee are final and are not subject to change.
13. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
14. A champion and reserve champion steer will be named in each breed division, if quality is deemed acceptable by the show judge.

### **Weight Guidelines**

1. No minimum Rate of Gain required for Market Beef and Dairy Steers.
2. **All Market Beef and Dairy Steers receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring.** All market beef must be within 5% of their entry day (Wednesday or Thursday) weight. Any market beef not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.
3. **No feed or water may be given to animals following weigh-back until after the Division Championship, unless authorized by Show Management. Violations will result in a drop of one ribbon placing and no consideration for Division championship.**
4. The REQUIRED State Fair Maximum weight (animals cannot exceed this weight) for Market Beef is 1500 pounds and for Dairy Steers is 1600 pounds.
5. RECOMMENDED minimum weight for Market Beef and Dairy Steers is 1000 pounds on entry at the State Fair. There are no penalties for animals below that criteria.

### **Additional Market Beef Rules**

1. All market beef will be weighed and verified at the scale in the Beef Tent. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her. A beef scale will be available for 4-Hers to use to check weights.
2. "Other Breeds and Crossbreds" will have three weight divisions (light weight, middle weight, and heavy weight). A champion and reserve champion steer will be named in each weight division.
3. The show committee will determine if the breed divisions have sufficient numbers to justify subdivision into weight classes.
4. Market heifers will be divided into weight classes. There are no breed divisions for market heifers. Champion and reserve champion market heifers will compete against steer division champions for Overall Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef.
5. All market beef receiving a purple ribbon will be mouthed as they exit the show ring. Any market beef with two or more visible eruptions of permanent teeth will be lowered one ribbon placing. They are not eligible for champion honors nor the auction. Counties are encouraged to mouth market beef at the county fair and before bringing them to state fair. An informational sheet on mouthing steers is available from your county extension office.
6. There will be no carcass awards/premiums.
7. Only one person (immediate family or other 4-H member) may accompany the exhibitor in the Staging Area before entering the Show Ring.
8. **No artificial color may be allowed on 4-H Market Beef exhibits that is applied above the flank of the animal. Coloring materials are acceptable to be applied to the legs and hooves of the animal. ALL 4-H market beef exhibits will be checked for artificial color and may be checked anytime at the coliseum. Any animal that displays artificial color cannot receive a purple ribbon, or be named division Champion, Reserve Champion or be selected for the 4-H Auction.**

### **DAIRY STEER**

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Dairy Steer

### **Additional Dairy Steer Rules**

1. Dairy steers must be **100% of only one dairy breed**. No crossbred dairy steers may be entered in the dairy steer show. 4-Hers must identify what breed their dairy steer is when they pre-register with the extension office at the time of State Fair registration. The breed must be entered into the 4-H state fair computer registration program and appear on the county livestock computer printouts.
2. The following five dairy breeds will be accepted without registration papers: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.
3. Milking Shorthorn dairy steers must be registered with the American Milking Shorthorn Society. If you are exhibiting a Milking Shorthorn dairy steer, you must present the original registration paper at verification. Any animal carrying the "S" suffix will not be eligible for the dairy steer show, but will be eligible for the beef steer show.
4. A committee will examine all dairy steers as they cross the scales at verification. This committee may request a blood test on dairy steers that they feel do not represent the genetics of the dairy breed that it is entered under. The exhibitor and the exhibitor's family will incur the total expense of the blood type test (approximately \$50). If a dairy steer is questioned by the committee, the 4-Her has the option to withdraw the steer from the dairy steer show and enter it in the appropriate beef steer class or take it home. Only the champion and reserve champion dairy steers are subject to blood typing.
5. All dairy steers will be weighed and verified at the scale in the Beef Tent. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her. A beef scale will be available for 4-Hers to use to check weights.
6. **All dairy steers receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring.** All dairy steers must be within 5% of their entry day (Wednesday or Thursday) weight. Any dairy steers not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.
7. All dairy steers receiving a purple ribbon will be mouthed as they exit the show ring. Any dairy steer with two or more visible eruptions of permanent teeth will be lowered one ribbon placing. They are not eligible

for champion honors or the auction. Counties are encouraged to mouth dairy steers at the county fair and before bringing them to state fair. An informational sheet on mouthing steers is available from your county extension office.

8. A dairy steer showmanship contest will be held following the dairy steer show. 4-Hers will be selected for showmanship competition during the dairy steer show.

**CLARIFICATION FOR 2009: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.**

### **BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**

**Cow/Calf and Prospect Calf - Senior.** Have completed grade 9 to one year post high school.

**Cow/Calf and Prospect Calf - Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6-8.

**Heifer - Senior.** Have completed grade 9 to one year post high school.

**Heifer - Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6-8.

**Market Beef - Senior.** Have completed grade 9 to one year post high school (*does not include Dairy Steer*).

**Market Beef - Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6-8 (*does not include Dairy Steer*).

### **Additional Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Any 4-Her exhibiting a cow/calf pair, prospect market calf, breeding heifer, or market beef, who wants to participate in showmanship must pre-register at the time of state fair interviews. (Selections will not be made during the beef show.)
3. **Exhibitors in the Cow/Calf division may show either the cow or the calf, but not both (one animal is brought to the show ring).**
4. 4-Hers exhibiting dairy steers will be selected to participate in dairy steer showmanship during the dairy steer show.
5. 4-Hers may not wear hats or caps during showmanship.
6. The "Minnesota State Fair 4-H Beef Showmanship Scorecard" will be used as a guide for showmanship competition. It is available on the State 4-H Website ([www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience](http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience))
7. **Fitting with color products and adhesives is strongly discouraged; Showmanship divisions judge will be advised.**

### **BEEF INTERVIEWS**

1. See "Livestock Interviews" section of general animal science rules.
2. See "Beef Schedule" for times of scheduled interviews and make-up interviews.
3. Cow/Calf and Prospect Market Calf exhibitors must attend the interviews scheduled on Thursday morning. Because these shows are later the same day, there are no make-up interviews for these exhibitors.
4. There is no opportunity to make up the Interview Finalist Activity. 4-Hers selected to participate in the Interview Finalist Activity will be notified at the beef exhibitor meeting and names will also be posted outside the 4-H Beef Office.
5. The Interview competition may include a written test, oral interview, and skill-a-thon and may include a computer exercise.

### **BEEF HERDSMANSHIP**

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. All fans must be mounted on brackets off the floor on the side of cattle, 6 feet or less from the cattle tie wall.
  - A. No floor-stand fans **WILL BE ALLOWED.**
  - B. No water-type fan coolers of any kind are allowed.
  - C. Fan direction to blow West to East in Annex.
  - D. Fan direction to blow Center Aisle toward wall in Cattle Barn.
3. **Cage stalls are not allowed at the State Fair (side dividers and front tie panels are allowed).**
4. No gasoline or gasoline motors may be in the barn. Fuel powered generators are prohibited in the barn.
5. Any fans or equipment not meeting the above criteria will be confiscated.
6. No farm, ranch, or breed signs are allowed in the exhibit area. Show boxes with farm names are acceptable.

### **GROOMING CHUTES**

**Grooming Chute-** Grooming chutes space is available inside the dairy barn, along the outside wall of the dairy barn across from the outdoor wash rack, and in a tented area with electricity. A fee of \$15.00 per chute will be charged for all chutes. The fee is payable as a part of your state fair registration and will be listed on the form. The quota for county grooming chutes is 1 per 5 exhibits. It is the responsibility for state fair participants/families to coordinate grooming chutes registrations

with other participants/families. If a county over registers grooming chutes, they will forfeit the money if the space is not available. The location of the chutes will be determined by the order they are registered. Registration will begin at noon on Wednesday at the beef office - 1st come, 1st serve basis.

### **GROOMING CHUTE**

**Grooming Chute by Quota: Enter the code below on the registration forms.**

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#### **Grooming Chute**

- 1 - 5 beef exhibits = 1 grooming chute
- 6 - 10 beef exhibits = 2 grooming chutes
- 11 - 15 beef exhibits = 3 grooming chutes
- 16 - 20 beef exhibits = 4 grooming chutes
- 21 - 25 beef exhibits = 5 grooming chutes
- 26 + beef exhibits = 6 grooming chutes

1. All grooming chutes that are not properly identified or that are not in designated areas will be removed and will not be released until livestock are released at the conclusion of 4-H Livestock Weekend.
  - A. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of additional grooming chute space for that county the following year.

### **TIE-OUTS**

1. Tie Outs - All beef exhibitors may request and reserve tie out stalls. A fee of \$15 per tie out and space will be charged. A cow/calf project will receive 1 tie out unless 2 spaces are paid for. The fee is payable as a part of your state fair registration. The tie out box must be checked on your registration form in order to guarantee a space. Tie outs will be pre-assigned. Extra tie outs may be available starting at noon on Wednesday, if 4-Hers did not register for any. If they pre-register for tie outs and do not use them, the money will not be refunded.
  - A. Animals must be in their barn stalls from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. each day. No animal may be taken to the tie-outs until after 8:00 p.m.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT**

A championship event for the 4-H Beef Show will be held in the Warner Coliseum. See the schedule for day and time. This event will include the selection/recognition of:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Market Calf
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef
- Beef Interview Winners

#### **Championship Event Rules**

1. All exhibitors of breed division champion and reserve champion animals that are purple ribbon exhibits must bring their animal to the Warner Coliseum for the selection of the Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.
2. All animals must remain in the Warner Coliseum until both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of that division have been selected.
3. Any exhibitor in violation of these rules will forfeit all premiums and awards including breed awards and premiums, showmanship awards, etc.
4. Any exhibitor in violation of these rules will not be permitted to compete in the 4-H Beef Show at the Minnesota State Fair during the following calendar year. (Example: violation in 2008; exhibitor cannot compete in 2009 4-H Beef Show.)

### **AUCTION**

1. See "4-H Purple Ribbon Auction" section of general animal science rules.
2. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association (MLBA) Auction Committee will determine the number of market beef and dairy steers that are eligible for the auction.
3. All breed and crossbred division champion beef steers and the champion market heifer are eligible for the auction, providing there is a minimum of five head exhibited in that division.
4. Other market beef eligible for the auction will be selected by the show judge.
5. The division champion and reserve champion dairy steers are eligible for the auction.
6. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market beef and dairy steers must sell in the auction.
7. Other exhibitors of auction selected animals must notify the 4-H Beef Show Coordinators at the end of the Championship Event if they want to withdraw from the auction.
8. **All Market Beef and Dairy Steers in the 4-H Auction must be consigned to market.**

**BEEF SCHEDULE****WEDNESDAY**

7:00 a.m.	Barns ready for livestock (NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.)
12:00 noon	Registration for Chutes and Tie-outs begin - Beef Office
<b>2:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Market Beef Weigh-In - Tent - (ALL Market Beef &amp; Dairy Steers must be weighed at this time)</b>
<b>2:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Breeding Beef Verification - Tent- (All Breeding Heifers, Cow/Calf and Prospect Market Calves must be verified at this time)</b>
8:00 p.m.	All Livestock in place

**THURSDAY**

<b>7:30 - 9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>NEW - Beef Interviews - Heritage Square Tents</b>
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Registration for Chutes and Tie-Outs continue - Beef Office
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Exhibitor Meeting - Grooming Chute Tent</b>
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	Interview Finalist Activity - Tent
1:30 p.m.	Cow/Calf Show followed by Prospect Market Calf Show - Livestock Judging Arena
3:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Breeding Heifer make-up interviews - Beef Office
4:00 p.m.	Breeding Heifer Show - Livestock Judging Arena

**FRIDAY**

6:45 - 7:15 a.m.	Market Beef and Dairy Steer make-up interviews - Beef Office
7:30 a.m.	Market Beef Show - Warner Coliseum
7:30 a.m.	Dairy Steer Show (followed by showmanship) - Warner Coliseum
4:30 p.m.	Championship Event - Warner Coliseum
	<i>Selection of:</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Market Calf</li> <li>• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf</li> <li>• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer</li> <li>• Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Steer</li> <li>• Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef</li> <li>• Announcement of Beef Interview Winners</li> </ul>
6:30 p.m.	Deadline to sign-up beef and dairy steers for market - Beef Office

**SATURDAY**

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Beef Showmanship - White Coverall (southwest side of Warner Coliseum)
6:00 p.m.	State Fair 4-H Auction - Livestock Judging Arena

**SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m.	Load-out of market beef and dairy steers consigned to market
2:00 p.m.	Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m.	All livestock released

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**DAIRY CATTLE**

Housed in the Cattle Barn

Overall Coordinator .....	Marcia Woeste & Eric Sonnek
Specialist Advisors .....	Drs. Les Hansen & Tony Seykora
Interview Coordinator .....	Jim Salfer & Tony Seykora
Awards Advisors .....	Jim Paulson

**Health Requirements**

**MINNESOTA STATE FAIR HEALTH REGULATION FOR CATTLE: Bovine Tuberculosis – All cattle two (2) months and older must be tested negative for bovine tuberculosis (TB) within 60 days of the first day of the exhibition. 4-H exhibitors must follow the county expectations for collection of the Health papers indicating they have tested negative for TB. Depending on the timing of the county fair, a county may be expected to bring TB papers to final registration, while others will surrender TB papers at the gate upon arrival. All 4-Hers must adhere to the process defined by their 4-H staff.**

**Exception: Cattle originating from an accredited tuberculosis free herd if the animal is accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection that included a TB-free herd certification number of the herd of origin and the date on which the herd of origin was last tested for tuberculosis.**

**Note: Minnesota State Fair Open Class Dairy and ANY cattle coming from the TB Management Zone in NW Minnesota must have a whole herd test within the past year as well as a 60 day test. 4-H exhibitors who will also be exhibiting their 4-H animals in these shows will also need to follow TB rules unique to each show. Open Class Beef and FFA Beef and Dairy Cattle will follow 4-H TB rules.**

The most up-to-date information concerning Bovine TB is available at [www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org).

#### **Ownership Requirements**

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. The family includes the 4-Hers parent/guardian and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the dairy may be owned by grandparents or other family members as long as the 4-Hers parents are actively involved with and working on the dairy.
3. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement.
4. An animal can only be exhibited by one member of the family at 4-H shows during a calendar year. No family member or other 4-H member will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-H member after the animal's first freshening.
5. Two current 4-H Dairy project members from non-immediate families may own an animal together. However, said animals are the exclusive project rights of only one member in a given 4-H year. When the jointly owned project animal freshens, only one member, identified as the owner when she freshens has exclusive project rights the remaining life of the animal.
6. Cattle must be identified by May 15.

#### **Leasing Program**

1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy animal, they may be leased
2. An animal may be leased and exhibited in a cow class only if the 4-Her leased the same animal prior to first freshening.
3. The leased animal must be exhibited by the lessee at any show while the lease is in effect.

#### **Identification Details**

1. All dairy animals must be identified with a unique form of identification. This may include: DHIA or breed association ear tag, tattoo, sketch, or photo or NAIS tag. A sketch or photo by itself is not adequate for solid colored animals.
2. A 4-Her cannot exhibit an animal in the two year old class or cow class that was not *identified* in advance of the first freshening. Cows do not need to be *shown* prior to first freshening.
3. No family member or another 4-H member will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-H member after the animal's first freshening.

#### **Identification Forms and Deadlines**

1. "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit" (DIDA) will be submitted to the specie ID coordinator to the county extension office by May 15.
2. If an animal is leased, the lease portion of the "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Cattle Ownership Affidavit (DIDA) must be completed or renewed yearly prior to submission to your specie ID coordinator.

#### **Registered and Grade Animals**

1. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered Holsteins & Colored Breeds must present a photocopy of the registration certificate at the time of verification. If the registration certificate is not presented by the time of the show, the animal is ineligible for any awards beyond a blue ribbon.
2. Classes for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and crossbred will not be separated by registered and grade.
3. Registered Holsteins are classified as animals that have 87% or more Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHANA) as recorded with the Holstein Association.
4. If an animal is less than 87% (7/8) of any one breed, it must be shown in the "Crossbred and Other Breeds" class.
5. At verification show committee members will also evaluate breed characteristics of grade animals. Any grade animal not showing the predominant characteristics of one breed will show in the "Crossbred & Other Breeds" class.

#### **BIRTH DATES**

Winter Calf	December 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009
Fall Calf	September 1 to November 30, 2008
Summer Junior Yearling	June 1 to August 31, 2008
Spring Junior Yearling	March 1 to May 31, 2008
Winter Senior Yearling	December 1, 2007 to February 28, 2008
Fall Senior Yearling	September 1 to November 30, 2007

Junior 2 year old	March 1, to August 31, 2007
Senior 2 year old	September 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007
Three year old Cows	September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006
Four year old Cows	September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005
Aged Cow, five years and older	Born before September 1, 2004
Dry Cow, two years and older	Born before September 1, 2007

**AYRSHIRE, REGISTERED & GRADE**

B - 41 - 1	Winter calf
B - 41 - 2	Fall calf
B - 41 - 3	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 4	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 5	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 6	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 7	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 8	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 9	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 10	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 11	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 12	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**BROWN SWISS, REGISTERED & GRADE**

B - 41 - 13	Winter calf
B - 41 - 14	Fall calf
B - 41 - 15	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 16	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 17	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 18	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 19	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 20	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 21	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 22	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 23	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 24	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**GUERNSEY, REGISTERED & GRADE**

B - 41 - 25	Winter calf
B - 41 - 26	Fall calf
B - 41 - 27	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 28	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 29	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 30	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 31	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 32	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 33	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 34	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 35	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 36	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**HOLSTEIN, REGISTERED**

B - 41 - 37	Winter calf
B - 41 - 38	Fall calf
B - 41 - 39	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 40	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 41	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 42	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 43	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 44	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 45	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 46	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 47	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 48	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**HOLSTEIN, GRADE**

B - 41 - 49	Winter calf
B - 41 - 50	Fall calf
B - 41 - 51	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 52	Spring Junior Yearling

B - 41 - 53	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 54	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 55	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 56	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 57	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 58	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 59	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 60	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**JERSEY, REGISTERED & GRADE**

B - 41 - 61	Winter calf
B - 41 - 62	Fall calf
B - 41 - 63	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 64	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 65	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 66	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 67	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 68	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 69	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 70	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 71	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 72	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**MILKING SHORTHORN, REGISTERED & GRADE**

B - 41 - 73	Winter calf
B - 41 - 74	Fall calf
B - 41 - 75	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 76	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 77	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 78	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 79	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 80	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 81	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 82	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 83	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 84	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**CROSSBRED & OTHER BREEDS**

B - 41 - 85	Winter calf
B - 41 - 86	Fall calf
B - 41 - 87	Summer Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 88	Spring Junior Yearling
B - 41 - 89	Winter Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 90	Fall Senior Yearling
B - 41 - 91	Junior 2-year old
B - 41 - 92	Senior 2-year old
B - 41 - 93	Three year old cow
B - 41 - 94	Four year old cow
B - 41 - 95	Aged Cow, five years and older
B - 41 - 96	Dry Cow, two years old and older

**Additional Dairy Rules**

1. The following classes will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 animals and the combined class does not result in more than 10 animals:
  - A. Winter and Fall Calf
  - B. Summer and Spring Junior Yearling
  - C. Winter and Fall Senior Yearling
  - D. Junior and Senior Two Year Old
  - E. Three and Four Year Old
  - F. Aged Cows and Dry Cows will be shown separately.
2. Senior Yearlings that have calved show as Two Year Olds.
3. For the Colored Breeds, the show order will be Jersey, Crossbreds, Brown Swiss, Milking Shorthorn, Ayrshire & Guernsey. The show order will start with the youngest animals and progress to the oldest. All animals within a breed will be shown before moving to the next breed.
4. A 4th ring will be started following the larger Holstein heifer classes. Show order for this ring will be colored breeds as posted & designated at 4-H Dairy Office.
5. If requested, exhibitors are expected to allow their animal to be used in the FFA dairy Judging Contest Thursday morning.

**DAIRY PRODUCTION**

Dairy Production - Two Year Old and Older

1. 4-Hers must complete the 4-H State Fair form titled "Dairy Production and Genetic Information for Cows".
2. Animal must have completed a 305-day lactation record.
3. Ribbon awards will be based on the value of product of the last completed lactation 305 day M.E.
4. Only supervised DHI test records are eligible for first place recognition.
5. Minnesota DHI provides awards to participants.

**TOTAL MERIT CLASS**

1. 4-Hers should complete 4-H State Fair form titled "Dairy Production and Genetic Information for Cows" OR "Dairy Genetic Information for Calves and Yearlings". Animals may be automatically entered if genetic information is available.
2. Net Merit values will be verified or computed by university personnel using the August 2009 USDA genetic evaluations. For animals without a published Net Merit value, Net Merit will be computed as the average Net Merit of the animal's sire and dam. If Net Merit of dam is missing, Net Merit will be computed as 50% of Net Merit of sire plus 25% of Net Merit of maternal grandsire. If Net Merit of both dam and maternal grandsire are missing, Net Merit for the animal will not be computed.
3. Within each class, the top two animals for Net Merit among those animals that received a blue or purple ribbon for type only will be recognized and asked to pull forward in the ring. This will be done before oral reasons are presented on the microphone for the type-only competition.
4. Following the type-only competition in all rings for the Junior Champions and Senior Champions, respectively, the "Total Merit" Junior Champions and Senior Champions will be selected from among the two blue or purple animals within each class that were recognized for highest Net Merit. The Champions for Total Merit will be selected based on a combination of Net Merit and type.
5. One judge will select the Junior and Reserve Junior Champion and Senior and Reserve Senior Champion for Total Merit within breed and for both grade and registered Holsteins. Oral reasons will be provided by the Total Merit judge for each of these Championships.

**DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP**

**Showmanship is held immediately after the type and Total Merit shows are completed. The order of the shows are:**

**Junior.** Have completed grades 6 - 7

**Intermediate.** Have completed grades 8 - 9

**Senior.** Have completed grades 10 -11

**Advanced.** Have completed grades 12 - 13

**Additional Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Any 4-Her exhibiting a dairy animal who wants to participate in showmanship needs to report to the staging area prior to the beginning of the showmanship class for their age group. No pre-sign-up is required.
3. It is expected that cows will be milked out prior to the showmanship classes.

**DAIRY HERDSMANSHIP**

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. The stall length is 9 feet from the tie-wall and is marked on the floor.
3. The National Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) showing code of ethics will be enforced at this show.
4. Straw depth: Guidelines for an attractive herdsmanship exhibit range from 9 - 15 inches.
5. Milker pumps must be kept out of main aisles and all shields must be in place. The Dairy Committee along with the Herdsmanship Committee may request a milker pump be removed if it is a safety hazard. All milk must be brought to the parlor to be dumped. **NO DUMPING OF MILK DOWN SINKS.**
6. Drinking cups will be allowed for Lactating Cows ONLY. Drinking cups must be installed in accordance with fire and safety regulations (ie. no water lines across electrical boxes). If a drinking cup leaks, it will be fixed or shut off and removed. If the leak damages property (straw pack, boxes, feed, etc.), you will be responsible for replacing it financially and physically.

**Milking Parlor Rules**

Dairy cattle will be milked in a modern milking parlor. Each county will receive a schedule (which will be strictly adhered to) for milking in their county exhibitor packets. Please remember you are at the Minnesota State Fair not only to exhibit cattle, but also to promote the dairy industry. We request that everyone with milking cows use the parlor, unless the cows are presently being treated with antibiotics. Those milking by hand must dispose of the milk under the supervision of the milking parlor staff - **it may not be dumped in the wash racks, sinks, or outside storm sewers.**

While in the Milking Parlor, please observe the following rules:

1. Strip all cows prior to attaching milker and show strip cup to parlor staff.



**Leasing Program**

1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy Goat or Breeding Meat Doe, they may be leased.
2. Market Goats cannot be leased.
3. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased animal sign a **photocopy** of the "Goat Lease Agreement" (BGIDA) at verification (on back of Goat ID affidavit).

**Health Requirements**

1. Abscesses, ringworm & warts will not be allowed.

**DAIRY GOAT****Identification Details**

1. All Dairy Goats must be tattooed on the ear or tail or have a scrapies tag, however tattoos are preferred. Note: While tattoos or tags are acceptable, 4-H State Fair Show Committee prefer tattoos because tags are more susceptible to chewing and eventual loss.
2. **A Unique animal ID number is required to be tattooed into animals ear or tail web.** A scrapies tag or tattoo is required but is not acceptable for individual animal ID.
3. All Meat Market Goats must have an official 4-H eartag. Exception: animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with a unique animal in the tail web.

**Identification Forms and Deadlines**

1. Dairy Goats - "Minnesota 4-H Goat Ownership Affidavit" (DGIDA) must be submitted to your extension office by May 15.
2. If a Dairy Goat is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Dairy Goat Lease Agreement" (DGIDA) must be signed and submitted to your extension office by May 15.
3. Junior Doe Kids born April 1 (through June 30) may be added to the "Minnesota 4-H Goat Ownership Affidavit" (DGIDA) and must be added by July 1.

**Registration Requirements and Papers**

1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.
2. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present a **photocopy** of the registration certificate or stamped duplicate of registration application at verification.
3. Entries that do not meet registration requirements or are not accompanied by a **photocopy** of the registration paper must show in the unrecorded grades class.

**National Scrapie Eradication Program**

1. **All goats must be officially identified before coming to the fair.** In addition, all animals coming from other states into Minnesota for the fair must have official identification and certificate of health inspection (health certificate). Goat exhibitors should be advised to request official scrapie premise tags or tattoo (tattoo preferred) with unique serial numbers for all goats they purchase. Official tags may be ordered from (and official tattoos registered with) the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6809 to call toll free at 1-866-873-2824 to receive a flock identification number, and to order the official USDA ear tags (at no charge).

**BIRTH DATES**

Junior Doe Kid	April 1 to June 30, 2009
Senior Doe Kid	January 1 to March 31, 2009
Dry Yearling Doe	Born in 2008
Milking Yearling Doe	Born in 2008
Milking two-year old Doe	Born in 2007
Milking three-year old Doe	Born in 2006
Milking four-year old Doe	Born in 2005
Milking five-year old & older Doe	Born before January 1, 2004
Market Goat (Dairy and Meat)	Born January 1 - April 30 of current year

**DAIRY GOAT****ALPINE, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

C - 41 - 1	Junior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 2	Senior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 3	Dry Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 4	Milking Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 5	Milking Two Year Old Doe
C - 41 - 6	Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old
C - 41 - 7	Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**NUBIAN, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

C - 41 - 8 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 9 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 10 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 11 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 12 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 13 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 14 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**SAANEN PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

C - 41 - 15 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 16 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 17 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 18 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 19 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 20 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 21 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**TOGGENBURG PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

C - 41 - 22 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 23 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 24 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 25 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 26 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 27 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 28 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**OBERHASLI**

C - 41 - 29 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 30 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 31 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 32 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 33 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 34 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 35 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**LAMANCHA**

C - 41 - 36 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 37 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 38 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 39 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 40 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 41 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 42 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**NIGERIAN DWARF**

C - 41 - 43 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 44 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 45 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 46 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 47 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 48 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 49 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**SABLE**

C - 41 - 50 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 51 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 52 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 53 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 54 Milking Two Year Old Doe  
C - 41 - 55 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
C - 41 - 56 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**RECORDED GRADE**

C - 41 - 57 Junior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 58 Senior Doe Kid  
C - 41 - 59 Dry Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 60 Milking Yearling Doe  
C - 41 - 61 Milking Two Year Old Doe

- C - 41 - 62           Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
 C - 41 - 63           Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**UNRECORDED GRADE**

- C - 41 - 64           Junior Doe Kid  
 C - 41 - 65           Senior Doe Kid  
 C - 41 - 66           Dry Yearling Doe  
 C - 41 - 67           Milking Yearling Doe  
 C - 41 - 68           Milking Two Year Old Doe  
 C - 41 - 69           Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old  
 C - 41 - 70           Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

**Additional Dairy Goat Rules**

1. **For safety reasons, All dairy goat animals must be dehorned/disbudded. Re-growth of less than 1 inch allowed.**
2. All animals must be trimmed and fitted for show.
3. Classes may be adjusted based on the number of entries.
4. In order to qualify for breed show awards, exhibitors must participate in both showmanship and interviews.
5. Does must be milked every day.

**Production Rules**

1. Milking doe must be entered and exhibited in appropriate breed show class.
2. All exhibitors entering production must bring a **photocopy** of DHIA production records for verification.
3. Must provide supervised DHIA-ring test-STANDARD TEST records listing total days in milk and total pounds of milk. Also include record in progress.
4. Ribbon will be provide.
5. Production award to be made to the doe with highest lifetime milk production record in each breed.

**MEAT GOAT****Identification Details**

1. All Meat Market Goats must have an official 4-H eartag and a scrapie ID (either tag or tattoo). Exception: animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with a unique animal ID number in the tail web and a scrapie tattoo in the tail web.
2. Meat Breeding Does must be tattooed with a **unique animal ID number -- required to be tattooed into animals ear or tail web. They must also have a scrapie ID (either tag or tattoo).** A scrapies ID is required but is not acceptable for individual animal ID.
3. For information or questions about the USDA Scrapie Identification Program, contact the MN Board of Animal Health (651-201-6809 or 1-866-873-2824)

**Identification Forms and Deadlines**

1. Meat Goats - "Minnesota 4-H Meat Goat Ownership Affidavit" (MGIDA) must be submitted to your extension office by May 15.
2. If a Meat Breeding Goat is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Meat Goat Lease Agreement" (MGIDA) must be signed and submitted to your extension office by May 15.
3. Junior Doe Kids born April 1 (through May 15) may be added to the "Minnesota 4-H Meat Goat Ownership Affidavit" (MGIDA) and must be added by June 1.

**Registration Requirements and Papers**

1. Meat goats may be any breed or cross. Eligible breeds include: Angora, Boer, Cashmere, Fainting, Kinder, Pygmy, dairy breeds and crosses.

**BIRTH DATES**

Market Goat	Born January 1 - April 30 of current year
Junior Meat Breeding Doe	April 1 - May 15, 2009
Senior Meat Breeding Doe	January 1 - March 31, 2009
Yearling Meat Breeding	Born in 2008 (never kidded)

**MEAT GOAT**

- C - 71 - 1           Meat Market Goat-altered male or female, no bucks,  
                           born January 1 - April 30 current year
- C - 71 - 2           Dairy Market Goat - altered male or female  
                           born January 1 - April 30 current year
- C - 81 - 3           Junior Meat Breeding Doe, registered or grade, born April 1 - May 15, 2009
- C - 81 - 4           Senior Meat Breeding Doe, registered or grade, born January 1 - March 31, 2009
- C - 81 - 5           Meat Dry Breeding Yearling, registered or grade, born in 2008 (never kidded)

### Additional Meat Goat Rules

1. Animals must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds at state fair. Maximum weight is 105 pounds at state fair.
2. The Market Goat show will be divided into two divisions - dairy-type breeds and market-type breeds. Dairy market goats must be 100% dairy breed. All other crosses shown in Meat Market class
3. The show committee will determine if there are sufficient numbers to justify subdivision into weight classes.
4. **For safety reasons, All market goats must be disbudded. RE-growth must not exceed 1 inch. Does shown in market classes must be disbudded in accordance with market animal rules. (No cut-off horns acceptable).**
5. **Meat Breeding Does may have horns. Blunting or capping is not required. If an animal is deemed a safety concern at the discretion of the meat goat committee, additional safety measures maybe required.**
6. All animals must be fitted for show. All Meat & Dairy Market Goats must be completely clipped. It is optional to clip the legs from the knee in the front and the hock in the back, down to the hoofline. **Meat Breeding Does must be clipped & fitted for show.**
7. Mouthing of Market Goats - market goats may have lost one or more milk teeth, but there may be no evidence of breaking of skin or eruption of two permanent front teeth.
8. **All Market Goats receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market goats must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. Any market goats not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.**
9. **Meat goats may sell at a market to be determined.** As exhibitors market goats are weighed in, they will be asked if they want to market their animal. Animals being sent to market will be tagged. Auction animals will be marketed.
10. **Bracing: Goats cannot be braced and must be shown with all four feet on the ground. Animals must be shown with a chain or collar used only to control the animal. Meat Breeding Does may be shown with a 12 inch leading strap on the show collar (optional).**

**CLARIFICATION FOR 2009: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.**

### GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

**Senior.** Have completed grades 9 and up

**Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8

**Novice.** For 4-Hers who have never shown at the Minnesota State Fair. If the show committee determines that the class is too large, it may be divided

### Additional Goat Showmanship Rules

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. All exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
3. **Required** showmanship attire for dairy goats is all white (preferred) or a white shirt with black pants.
4. **Required** showmanship attire for market goats is a white top with jeans.
5. No caps, hats or jewelry are to be worn in the ring.

### GOAT HERDSMANSHIP

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. Hay feeder, water pail, and feed pan must be provided by the 4-Her.
3. If medicine is needed in the drinking water or by any other method, tell the Herdsmanship coordinators.

### GOAT SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock  
(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7 A.M.)  
5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Swine Barn, East Arena  
8:00 p.m. All livestock in place

#### THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. Check-in and interviews  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. "What a Judge is Looking For" - Swine Barn, West Arena

#### FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Dairy Goat Show and Showmanship - Judging Arena  
8:00 a.m. Market Goat Show and Showmanship - Judging Arena

**SUNDAY**

11:00 a.m.	Goat Games and Skill-A-Thon - Swine Barn Arena
2:00 p.m.	Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m.	All livestock released

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**LAMA**

Overall Coordinators .....	Eric Olson
Chaperone & Hospitality Coordinator .....	Cheryl Pfipsen
4-H Staff Advisor .....	Carolyn Dingfelder

**Note:** Dates of State Fair 4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT & SHOW DETAILS  
4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT ~ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**State Fair Lama Experience**

The 4-H lama exhibit at the State Fair will coincide with the open class llama show. It **WILL NOT** be a part of 4-H livestock weekend. This is necessary due to availability of housing for lamas and 4-Hers, show ring availability and a desire to use open class lama resources. The "lama encampment" will not coincide with a General Encampment or the Livestock Encampment. The dates of the State Fair 4-H Lama Encampment will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 2-4, 2009.

**State Fair Health Requirements**

No official health paper or testing is required. All 4-H lamas are recommended to be wormed 10 days before traveling to the State Fair.

**Ownership Requirements**

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. All lamas must be ID'd by May 15.
3. A lama may be owned or leased by more than one 4-Her at the county fair show (i.e. more than one 4-Her can show the same lama at the county fair). At the State Fair 4-H Lama Show, however, the lama may only be exhibited in the 4-H show by one 4-Her.
4. If the 4-H lama is being shown by more than one family, it must be ID'ed by both families.

**Leasing Program**

1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own lama, the lama may be leased. In this case the lease agreement on the back page of the Lama Affidavit (LIDA) must be completely filled out.
2. In other 4-H species lease agreements, the animal can only be exhibited (lead through the show ring of any show - youth or open class - by the 4-Her leasing the animal. This rule does not apply to lama. Leased 4-H lamas may be shown by others at any show except at State Fair..

**Housing and Bedding**

1. 4-H lama will be housed in the Judging Arena in the same area as Open Class.
2. All 4-H lamas must be housed in their assigned area with all 4-H lamas. They cannot be housed with Open Class.
3. Straw and grass hay will be provided.

**Definitions**

1. Llama or Alpaca are eligible as a 4-H lama project.
2. Animals may be registered or grade.

**Birthdates**

1. 4-H lama projects must be born prior to January 1, 2009

**Gender**

1. No sexually intact male above 18 months of age is eligible for exhibition.
2. All castrated males born prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible for exhibition.
3. All females born prior to January 1, 2009 are eligible for exhibition

**LAMAS**

D - 41 - 1	Costume All Grades (Optional) - Grade 6-8
D - 41 - 2	Costume All Grades (Optional) - Grade 9-10
D - 41 - 3	Costume All Grades (Optional) - Grade 11-13
D - 41 - 4	Obstacle Course Intermediate - Grade 6-8 (Required)

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D - 41 - 5	Obstacle Course Senior - Grade 9-10 (Required)
D - 41 - 6	Obstacle Course Advanced - Grade 11-13 (Required)
D - 41 - 7	Public Relations Intermediate - Grade 6-8 (Required)
D - 41 - 8	Public Relations Senior Grade 9-10 (Required)
D - 41 - 9	Public Relations Advanced Grade 11-13 (Required)
D - 41 - 10	Showmanship Intermediate Grade 6-8 (Required)
D - 41 - 11	Showmanship Senior Grade 9-10 (Required)
D - 41 - 12	Showmanship Advanced Grade 11-13 (Required)

### Additional Lama Rules

1. All 4-H lama exhibitors must be certified in LQA&E.
2. **Participation in Costume is optional. Participation in Public Relations, Obstacle Course AND Showmanship is required.**
3. 4-Hers with a lama trip may also participate in all other 4-H State Fair experiences including another livestock trip, general encampment, Share the Fun, Arts-In and demonstrations. They may also participate at the State 4-H Horse Show and the State 4-H Dog Show.
4. 4-Hers doing a lama demonstration will be scheduled for the lama encampment and will be qualify for the \$30 MLBA Livestock Demonstration Award.

**State Fair Interviews** ~ Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up+

1. All 4-H lama exhibitors are required to complete the interview process or they will only be eligible for blue, red or white placings - no champions, trophies or special awards.
2. Finalists will be called back for an interview and will receive recognition.
3. Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.
4. Interviews will be modeled after similar interviews in all other species.

**State Fair Showmanship, Public Relations, Obstacle:** Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6 - 8, Senior = grades 9 - 10, Advanced = grades 11 - 13

1. All 4-Hers **must** participate in showmanship, public relations, obstacle.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given.
3. Members may not wear advertising of any kind (except the 4-H emblem).

**State Fair Costume Class: Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6 - 8, Senior = grades 9 - 10, Advanced = grades 11 - 13**

**This class is very entertaining for the public and exhibitors. Different themes could be adopted such as sports, story book characters, South American themes, etc. Judging criteria includes originality, training, degree of lama coverage, time and energy involved, etc. The handler is also in costume.**

1. **Handler must wear closed toe shoes.**
2. **Safety for exhibitor and lama is key. The costume should be safe for the handler and lama, the lama's vision cannot be blocked by the costume.**
3. **Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given.**
4. **Costume Class age division will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 exhibitors.**
5. **A typed description of your costume along with your name, lama's name, county, fun antidote, etc., will be handed in at time of Lama ID.**

### State Fair Grooming Rules and Herdsmanship

1. Good Herdsmanship is a must. Scores will be given daily.
2. 4-Hers are expected to care for and groom their own lama, except for special needs.
3. Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
4. Animals will be housed on the west side of the Judging arena.
5. Signs, including "For Sale" signs, are not permitted on pens. Decorations or nameplates are not allowed.
6. Display all of your awards (sticker only) on the stall card and replace soiled and torn cards immediately.
7. Animals should have adequate feed and water.
8. You should bring your own feed and water containers.

### LAMA SCHEDULE

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

9:00 a.m.	Barns ready for livestock (NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 9 A.M.)
12:00 noon	All livestock in place
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	ID Verification and Interviews (required)
4:30 p.m.	<b>Exhibitor Meeting - Judging Arena</b>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Costume competition (optional)</b>



**CHICKENS**

E - 41 - 1	Market pen of two males or two females
E - 41 - 2	Breeding pen of one male & two females
E - 41 - 3	Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females
E - 41 - 4	Egg production pen of two pullets - White egg layers
E - 41 - 5	Egg production pen of two pullets - Brown egg layers

**DUCKS**

E - 42 - 1	Market pen of two males or two females
E - 42 - 2	Breeding pen of one male & two females
E - 42 - 3	Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females

**GEESE**

E - 43 - 1	Market pen of two males or two females
E - 43 - 2	Breeding pen of one male & two females

**GUINEAS**

E - 44 - 1	Market pen of two males or two females, same breed
E - 44 - 2	Breeding pen of one male & two females, same breed

**Additional Guinea Rules** Only Pearls, Whites and Lavender Breeds can be shown.

**PIGEONS**

E - 51 - 1	Utility - 1 Breeding Pair
E - 51 - 2	Utility - 1 Young Bird Male or Female (1 young bird, this years band)
E - 51 - 3	Fancy - 1 Breeding Pair
E - 51 - 4	Fancy - 1 Young Bird (1 young bird, this years band)
E - 51 - 5	Flying - 1 Breeding Pair
E - 51 - 6	Flying - 1 Young Bird (1 young bird, this years band)

**Additional Pigeon Rules**

1. One pair of breeding pigeons. A pair consists of one (1) male and one (1) female of the same breed.
  - A. A young bird is one purebred bird male or female, this year band.
2. All breeding pairs must have been bred the previous year or earlier. This means the birds must be at least one year old to be part of a breeding pair.
3. You must exhibit the same birds at state fair that you won a trip with at the county fair.
4. The same birds cannot be exhibited two years in a row, even by another exhibitor, except a young bird may come as a young bird first year and comeback the following year as part of a breeding pair.
5. All birds must be banded. Must have previous year's band or older on breeding pair. Bands must be seamless and the correct size for the breed. Seamless bands within one size will be accepted.
6. No health certificate is required. Any bird that looks ill or diseased will not be allowed to be shown. It is recommended that you practice a vaccinating program.
7. All pigeons will be judged according to the Pigeon Standard book.
  - 50% = Breed Characteristics (true to breed; refer to pigeon standard)
  - 25% = Conditioning (clean feathers and feet, evidence of extra work in preparing bird for show)
  - 25% = Presentation (showmanship)

**TURKEYS - DOMESTIC ONLY**

E - 61 - 1	Market pen of two males or two females
E - 61 - 2	Breeding pen of one male & two females

**POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

**Advanced.** Have completed grades 11 and up

**Senior.** Have completed grades 9 - 10

**Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8

**Additional Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Exhibitors are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the bird, handling of the bird and knowledge of poultry facts and poultry industry

**Chicken Barbeque Contest - Saturday in DNR Park Area.**

1. Any 4-Her may enter. You do not need to be exhibiting a bird at the State Fair to enter. If showing another livestock species, make sure that their activities do not conflict with the barbecuing time. Seniors barbeque from 8:30-11:00 a.m. Non-senior (less than 14 years of age as of January 1, 2009) will start around 11:00 a.m.
2. **Pre-entry is required.** 4-Hers need to complete the State Fair Form titled "Chicken BBQ Contest" and county extension staff will submit it at Final Registration.

3. The highest placing contestant eligible for national competition will have the option to represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in either the chicken or turkey barbecue contest or Egg Preparation Demonstration.
  - A. The second highest placing contestant eligible for national competition may represent Minnesota in national contest not selected by the first place finisher.
  - B. The third highest placing contestant eligible for national competition may represent Minnesota in a national contest not selected by first two participants.

**Chicken Barbecue Contest Rules:**

1. Contestants will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation by two sets of judges according to the barbecue score sheets.
2. Each contestant will prepare four 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pound chicken halves provided by the contest organizers.
3. There will be a 2 1/2 hour time limit on the preparation of the chicken. Each contestant is to turn in 2 halves at the end of stated cooking time.
4. Meat should be served at a safe temperature - (165° F or above). Meat that is not at a safe temperature will not be judged.
5. Barbecue grills will be provided for all contestants, which they will be required to use. Charcoal and lighter fuel will also be provided. Contestants may bring their own charcoal and lighter fuel. Self-starting charcoal or automatic fire starter blocks will not be permitted.
6. All other equipment and supplies, including sauce, must be furnished by the contestant. Sauce may be commercial or private recipe (recipe must be provided to judges). Contestants may use a meat thermometer. Commercial devices for covering meat during cooking will not be permitted. Only aluminum foil wrap may be used; remember browning is a part of the sensory score sheet.
7. The chicken will not be available to the contestant prior to the contest starting time.
8. Chicken shall not be marinated prior to start of the contest.
9. A contestant may not inject any fluid or sauce into the chicken.
10. Chicken halves may not be placed in baskets to aid in turning.
11. Each contestant will present two barbecued chicken halves to the panel of judges, at the conclusion of their cooking, on plates provided. No garnishes will be permitted on the plates when submitted to the judges.
12. Contestants will work alone.

**Poultry Judging Contest -- Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Sheep Arena**

1. Judging contest classes will include ready-to-cook chicken carcasses, laying hens, eggs, and oral reasons.
2. Any 4-Her, whether an exhibitor at state fair or not, is eligible to enter the day of the contest.
3. The top five contestants eligible for national competition (14 years of age as of January 1, 2009) may represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in Kentucky in November

**Poultry Poster Contest**

1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the Poultry Project may enter a poster. You do not need to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.
2. Age Divisions based on grade completed; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9+.
3. Entries must be turned in and picked up at the 4-H Poultry Office.
4. Posters may not exceed 14" wide x 22" high. Vertical layout is best for promotional poster
5. Posters must be labeled on the back with the 4-Hers name, grade completed, and county.
6. Categories:
  - A. Promoting 4-H Poultry Project such as; ideas to promote and encourage youth to join 4-H and the Poultry Project and,
  - B. Educational 4-H Poultry Poster such as; ways to encourage learning of more poultry areas like: breeds - eggs - marketing - production - nutrition.
7. One poster will be chosen as next year's cover for the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Catalog.. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced on a copy machine. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered). Simple design with 2 colors work best.
8. One poster will be chosen as next year's 4-H Poultry t-shirt design. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered.) Simple Design with 2 colors work best.

**POULTRY HERDSMANSHIP/PROMOTION**

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. All 4-H exhibitors are required to do herdsmanship in the poultry exhibit area.
3. A schedule will be displayed to let each county know when they are responsible for herdsmanship.
4. Herdsmanship includes: sweeping the aisles in the exhibit areas and keeping the poultry area clean.
5. Exhibitors are expected to sign in and sign out at the Poultry Promotion Booth and to remain there during your county's scheduled work period. Answering questions and handing out poultry information will also be part of your responsibilities.
6. Exhibitors who fail to report for duty receive a white ribbon in herdsmanship for that day.

**POULTRY SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock  
(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7 A.M.)  
8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m. Poultry Check-In -- Sign up for Showmanship and Interviews/Poultry office  
8:00 p.m. All Livestock in place

**THURSDAY**

**7:30 - 11:00 a.m. NEW - Poultry Interviews/workshops - Swine arena**  
9:00 a.m. Poultry Posters due - 4-H Poultry Office  
12:30 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Sheep Arena  
1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Poultry Show  
Following Show Poultry Showmanship

**FRIDAY**

5:00 p.m. FOR FUN ~ Poultry Quiz Bowl - Sheep Arena

**SATURDAY**

8:30 a.m. Chicken BBQ Contest

**SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Poultry Judging Contest - Sheep Arena  
1:15 p.m. Poultry Awards Program - Sheep Arena  
2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Poultry Posters released - 4-H Poultry Office  
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

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**RABBIT**

Housed in the Poultry Barn

Overall Coordinators .....Brian McNeill & Monica Pautz  
Advisors .....Lynn Mollenhauer, Madelyn Beckstrom & Donna Abel  
Quiz/Skillathon Coordinators.....Deb Pagel, Sheri Wenzel & Teri Sweno  
Awards Coordinator .....Jim Daluge  
Herdsmanship .....Mark Engstrom  
Poster Contest .....Curtis Vanleer & Terry Sweno  
Promotional Booth .....Elve Koch  
Rabbit Judging Contest Coordinators .....Dave Novey & Karla Novey  
Media Coordinator .....Brian McNeill

**Ownership Requirements**

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Rabbits must be owned and Identified by May 15. (Juniors born after May 15 are not eligible for State Fair.)
3. For a fryer or meat pen, the 4-Her must own the doe producing the fryers by May 15.

**Leasing Program**

1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own rabbit, breeding rabbits may be leased.
2. Fryers and meat pens may not be leased.
3. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased animal must present a photocopy of the "Minnesota 4-H Small Animal Lease Agreement" (SALA or RIDA) at verification.

**Identification Details**

1. Each rabbit must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the animal's left ear.
2. A legible tattoo is "a tattoo that shows ink below the skin and must be readable".
3. Permanent marker or ink is not acceptable.
4. Animals that do not meet the identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.

**Identification Forms and Deadlines**

1. "Minnesota 4-H Rabbit Ownership Affidavit" (RIDA) must be submitted to the extension office by May 15.
2. If an animal is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Small Animal Lease Agreement" (SALA or RIDA) must be submitted with the "Minnesota 4-H Rabbit Ownership Affidavit" (RIDA) to the extension office by May 15.

**CALIFORNIAN**

F - 41 - 1	Senior Buck over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 2	Senior Doe over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 3	Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 4	Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 5	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 6	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**DUTCH**

F - 41 - 7	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 8	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 9	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 10	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**FLORIDA WHITES**

F - 41 - 11	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 12	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 13	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 14	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**HOLLAND LOP**

F - 41 - 15	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 16	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 17	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 18	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**JERSEY WOOLY**

F - 41 - 19	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 20	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 21	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 22	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**MINI LOP**

F - 41 - 23	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 24	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 25	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 26	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**MINI REX**

F - 41 - 27	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 28	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 29	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 30	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**NETHERLAND DWARF**

F - 41 - 31	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 32	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 33	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 34	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**NEW ZEALAND**

F - 41 - 35	Senior Buck over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 36	Senior Doe over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 37	Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 38	Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 39	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 40	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**POLISH**

F - 41 - 41	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 42	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 43	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 44	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**REX**

F - 41 - 45	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 46	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 47	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 48	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**SATIN**

F - 41 - 49	Senior Buck over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 50	Senior Doe over 8 months of age

F - 41 - 51	Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 52	Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 53	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 54	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

**OTHER SMALL BREED PUREBREDS**

F - 41 - 55	Senior Buck over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 56	Senior Doe over 6 months of age
F - 41 - 57	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 58	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

Other small breed purebred rabbit breeds include American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, English Spot, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Lilac, Mini Satins, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan and Thrianta.

**OTHER LARGE BREED PUREBREDS**

F - 41 - 59	Senior Buck over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 60	Senior Doe over 8 months of age
F - 41 - 61	Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 62	Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
F - 41 - 63	Junior Buck under 6 months of age
F - 41 - 64	Junior Doe under 6 months of age

Other large breed purebred rabbit breeds include American Giant Angora, Bevern, Champagne Dargent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème Dargent, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Hotot, English Lop, Palomino and Silver Fox.

**Additional Breeding Rabbit Rules**

1. All breeding rabbits must be purebred. No crossbred breeding classes will be conducted.
2. Rabbits must be entered in proper class according to its age on show date. No animal may be shown in a lower age classification than its true age.
3. Breeds or varieties with working ARBA standards that have at least one official showing at an ARBA convention can compete for class and division awards in breed judging.
4. Breeds with ten (10) or more entries will be shown in their own class. Breeds with nine (9) or less entries will show in the "Other Purebreds" class.
5. Number of entries in current year will determine the following year's classes.
6. Each member will carry his/her rabbit to the judging table and show it while it is being judged. A single-hole carrier works best to transport your rabbit to and from the show table.

**MARKET RABBIT**

F - 71 - 1	Single fryer, 3 to 5 pounds, not over 70 days old
F - 71 - 2	Pen of three fryers, 3 to 5 pounds, not over 70 days old

**Additional Market Rabbit Rules**

1. **4-Hers cannot lease fryers or meat pens.**
2. Purebred.
3. Not over 70 days of age.
4. Weighing 3 - 5 pounds.
5. No duplicate tattoos in a meat pen.
6. Fryers will be judged on conformity and condition only.
7. Fryers will be judged live then dressed out for carcass placing.
8. Exhibitor will receive ribbons for both live and carcass placings.
9. Fryers will be processed Sunday morning in the University meat lab.
10. Pen of three must be all the same breed and variety.
11. Pen of three exhibitors will select one rabbit of the pen to enter in the carcass contest prior to live judging. This rabbit will be eligible for all carcass awards.
12. Each member will carry his/her rabbit to the judging table and show it while it is being judged.
13. Your market back-up can be a different breed from your county fair exhibit providing the dam is owned and identified by May 15th.

**RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP**

- Select.** Past Champions, Reserve Champions, and anyone who has taken an ARBA registrar or judges test.
- Advanced.** Have competed grades 11 and up
- Senior.** Have completed grades 9 - 10
- Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8

**Additional Rabbit Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. **All exhibitors must participate in showmanship.**
3. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Grand champion and reserve grand champion awards will be given for intermediates, seniors and advanced.
4. 4-Hers should not wear advertising of any kind (except 4-H emblem) including on their jackets or hats.

**Rabbit Poster Contest**

1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the Rabbit Project may enter a poster. You need not be exhibiting at State Fair to enter.
2. There are 2 categories: **1) Promotion and 2) Education.**
3. Class divisions based on grade completed; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-10, Grades 11+.
4. Posters may not exceed 14" x 22" and be ready for hanging. Larger sized posters will not be judged.
5. The poster must be labeled on the back with name, grade completed, and county.
6. Entries must be turned in and picked up at the 4-H Rabbit Office (in the Poultry Barn).
7. T-shirt design and show catalog cover will be selected from entries.
8. Cannot use "copywritten" materials, i.e. slogans, designs

**Rabbit Quiz Bowl**

1. An educational and fun activity in which 4-Hers strive to answer questions regarding the rabbit project.
2. All 4-Hers may participate. No pre-entry is required.
3. Ribbons will be awarded.

**RABBIT HERDSMANSHIP**

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. You should bring your own feed and water dishes. Ice bottles are permissible.
3. You will also need a dustpan, whisk broom and container for disposal of soiled shavings.
4. Shavings are available daily (7:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. only). You will need a container for transporting shavings to cages.
5. Rabbit platforms - these will be available to use for angora rabbits. The advantages to using these platforms are: cleaner cages and animals stay cooler and cleaner.
6. Any county may use the platform for any rabbit if they make and bring their own. Platforms measure 2 1/2" high x 23 1/2" wide and 23" long. These can be entirely made of wire mesh or wire mesh on a wooden frame. Wire bottom must be 1/2" x 1/2" (minimum) or 1/2" x 1" (maximum).
7. You may bring plexiglass (24" x 18") to put between cages to prevent interaction between rabbits.
8. No toys, carpet, decorations or boards are allowed in the cages.
9. No locks allowed on cages. Nonlocking clips are permissible as long as they are no larger than 2.5 inches. Example: carabiner.
10. Commercial Resting boards are permitted.
11. You can also rent these at the Rabbit Office for a \$3.00 charge - when you return the board, you will receive your \$3.00 refund.
12. **Water Bottles should be inside of cages.**

**RABBIT PROMOTION BOOTH**

1. All rabbit exhibitors are expected to help in the Rabbit Promotion Booth.
2. Counties may sign up for their shift at the rabbit office. The schedule will stay posted to let each county know when they are scheduled.
3. Counties are expected to sign in and out of the Promotion Booth and to have 4-Hers present for their county's *entire* scheduled time period.
4. Counties that complete their shift will have 10 points added to their county's Herdsmanship score for that day.

**RABBIT DEMONSTRATIONS**

1. Open to any 4-Her. (You do not have to be exhibiting at State Fair.)
2. There is no entry required.
3. Sign up at the 4-H Rabbit Promotional booth.

**RABBIT SCHEDULE****WEDNESDAY**

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| 7:00 a.m.        | Barns ready for livestock<br>(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7 A.M.) |
| 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. | <b>Rabbit verification and health check, Market Rabbit Weigh-In</b>                       |
| 8:00 p.m.        | All livestock in place  |
| <b>9:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Rabbit Orientation &amp; New Exhibitor meeting - Open Class Sheep Arena</b>            |

**THURSDAY**

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| 8:00 a.m. | Weigh in Market Rabbits |
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8:00 a.m.	Exhibitor Meeting - Open Class Sheep Arena
8:30 a.m.	New Exhibitor Meeting - Open Class Sheep Arena - for those who have not shown at the State Fair Rabbit show
8:30 a.m.	<b>Rabbit Judging Contest - Open Class Sheep Arena</b>
9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Poster Due at Rabbit Office
10:00 a.m.	Skillathon/Quiz - Warner Coliseum Gates 9 - 10
4:00 p.m.	Judging Contest Awards Presentation
7:00 p.m.	Interviews Call Back Posted

### FRIDAY

9:00 a.m.	Interviews Call Backs
2:00 p.m.	Quiz Bowl Contest - 4-H Building

### SATURDAY

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Market Rabbit Judging (single fryers and meat pens) - Open Class Sheep Arena
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Breeding Rabbit Judging - Open Class Sheep Arena
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Photos of Champions and Reserve Champions During the Shows In Arena
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Rabbit Showmanship (required)

### SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.	Depart for Rabbit Carcass Show (meet at 4-H Rabbit Office) Return approximately noon
2:00 p.m.	Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Rabbit posters released - 4-H Rabbit Office
3:00 p.m.	All livestock released

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## SHEEP

Housed in the Swine Barn

Overall Coordinators .....	Shirley Doering, Trish Sheehan & Larry Miller
Breeding Ewe Coordinators .....	Valerie Prax
Market Lamb Coordinators.....	Dave Resch
Lamb Lead Coordinators .....	LeeAnn Howard
Fleece Show Coordinators .....	Bob Padula
Showmanship Coordinators .....	Jody Koubsky
Interview Coordinators .....	Kathy Herberg
Publicity & Photo Coordinators.....	M. K. Franz & Sheryl Meshke
Awards Coordinator .....	Bret Oelke
Auction Coordinator .....	Brett Oelke & Dave Resch

### Ownership Requirements

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Sheep must be owned by May 15.

### Leasing Program

1. Breeding sheep (ewe lambs and yearling ewes) may be leased.
2. Market lambs cannot be leased.
3. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased animal must have recorded on the MN 4-H Sheep affidavit form the required information & signatures under the "Minnesota 4-H Lease Agreement" (ShIDA). Be sure animal is listed on both sides of affidavits form.

### Identification Details

1. All market lambs must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag and individual scrapie (with individual animal & flock number) or NAIS tag by May 15.
2. **All Breeding ewes must be identified with an individual scrapie (with individual animal & flock number) or NAIS tag by May 15.**
3. **Commercial/crossbred breeding ewes must have 4-H ID tag as well as Scrapie or NAIS**
4. **Registered ewes must have a second permanent form of ID (either tattoo, flock or 4-H tag) along with scrapie or NAIS tag. Permanent form must match registration paper.**

### Identification Forms and Deadlines

1. "Minnesota 4-H Sheep Identification and Weight Affidavit" (ShIDA) must be to the extension office by May 15.
2. If a breeding animal is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Breeding Ewe Lease Agreement" (ShIDA) must be completed along with the "Minnesota 4-H Sheep Identification" (ShIDA) to the extension office by May 15.

**Registration Requirements and Papers**

1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.
2. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present a copy of the original registration papers at verification. (A copy of registration papers must be on file at the county office prior to county fair.)
3. Animal identification must correspond to the registration number of the breed association.
4. Entries that do not meet registration requirements or are not accompanied by a registration paper will show in the commercial class.

**National Scrapie Eradication Program**

1. **All sheep must be officially identified**, and need to be tagged with an official premise tag with unique serial number and individual number (NAIS) or scrapie tag.
2. 4-H sheep exhibitors should be advised to request official premise tags with unique serial numbers for all sheep they purchase.
3. Sheep producers must call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6809 or call toll free at 1-866-873-2824 to receive a flock identification number and to order official USDA ear tags (at no charge).
4. These official tags are in addition to the second required eartag/tattoo.

**Identification Dates**

1. All 4-H sheep must be identified by May 15 with MN 4-H eartag and individual animal scrapie or NAIS number.
2. Counties must have either an identification day or a system where county leaders verify identification for all sheep to qualify for state fair.

**Grooming and Showing**

1. All lambs must be dry upon entering the staging area or the 4-Her will be required to take the lamb out and dry it.
2. No alteration of natural coloring on lambs.
3. Lifting and holding a lamb's feet off the ground, placing feet on support or altering ring surface to change support and other aggressive physical contact is not acceptable.
4. If a 4-Her with special needs is not able to show his/her own animal, a bonafide MN 4-Her may assist special needs exhibitor in the show ring. Refer to general Animal Science Rule #3 under exhibiting. Grooming and Showing. Rule #3 will be enforced.

**BIRTH DATES**

January Ewe Lamb	Born in January of current Year
February Ewe Lamb	Born in February of current Year
March Ewe Lamb	Born in March of current Year
Yearling Ewe	Any ewe that is over 1 year of age and not more than 2 years old and must not show evidence of four permanent incisors.
Market Lamb	Born on or after January 1 of current year

**BREEDING EWE****COLUMBIA, REGISTERED**

G - 41 - 1	January Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 2	February Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 3	March Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 4	Yearling Ewe

**DORSET, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 5	January Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 6	February Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 7	March Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 8	Yearling Ewe

**HAMPSHIRE, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 9	January Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 10	February Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 11	March Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 12	Yearling Ewe

**SUFFOLK, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 13	January Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 14	February Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 15	March Ewe Lamb
G - 41 - 16	Yearling Ewe

**MONTADALE, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 17 January Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 18 February Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 19 March Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 20 Yearling Ewe

**OTHER BREEDS, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 21 January Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 22 February Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 23 March Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 24 Yearling Ewe

**WEATHER DAMS (MUST BE SLICK SHORN) (THESE ARE NOT SENT TO SLAUGHTER)**

G - 41 - 25 January Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 26 February Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 27 March Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 28 Yearling Ewe

**COMMERCIAL BLACK FACE (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 29 January Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 30 February Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 31 March Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 32 Yearling Ewe

**COMMERCIAL WHITE & SPECKLE FACE (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**

G - 41 - 33 January Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 34 February Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 35 March Ewe Lamb  
G - 41 - 36 Yearling Ewe

**Additional Breeding Ewe Rules**

1. Speckle face commercial ewes must show strong evidence of both white and black face breeding.
2. Yearling ewes in each breed category will be shown in one class.
3. Registered Other Breeds - Based on the previous year's show, breeds with a minimum of 6 ewes exhibited may be shown as a separate breed.
4. Classes may be adjusted based on the number of entries.
5. **All Weather Dams ewes must be slick shorn. This is a ewe class; it is not terminal.**

**MARKET LAMB**

G - 51 - 1 Black Face  
G - 51 - 2 White Face  
G - 51 - 3 Speckle Face

**Additional Market Lamb Rules/Weight Guidelines**

1. Market Lambs will still be weighed at state fair to determine market weight and weight class.
2. The RECOMMENDED State Fair minimum weight is 105 pounds.
3. The REQUIRED State Fair maximum weight (animals cannot exceed this weight) is 170 pounds.
4. **All Market Lambs receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market lambs must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. Any market lamb not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.**
5. This is a terminal show for all market lambs - no exceptions.
6. A white face market lamb cannot have any black on head or legs. Additional market lambs can qualify for the white face class if they provide registration papers from one of the following breed associations: Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Lincoln, Montadale, Polypay, Rambouillet, Southdown, Targhee, or Texel.
7. A speckle face lamb must show evidence of white & black faced breeding. Final classification will be determined at weigh-in.
8. All lambs must be closely shorn (no more than 1/4 inch) at weigh-in. If the wool length is determined to be too long for careful inspection, shearing will be required before re-inspection can occur.
9. Lambs are to be weighed dry and clean, without blankets.
10. Entries which do not meet the identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon
11. Lambs will be shown in uniform weight classes. These weight classes will be divided into three weight divisions: lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight.
12. Plaques will be provided to the champion and reserve champion exhibitor in each weight division. The champion and reserve champion lamb in each division will compete for grand champion and reserve grand champion market lamb. White face & speckle face lambs will be considered a division and will be included in the grand champion selection.

13. The judge will be asked to select a purple ribbon group in each weight class. These lambs will be eligible for the auction class. Purple ribbon animals are not automatically in the auction, but compete in the class to select auction animals.
14. There will be no carcass premiums.
15. Carcass show results can be found at the web site: <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/fairresults/>

**CLARIFICATION FOR 2009: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.**

#### **LAMB LEAD**

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|------------|---------------------------|
| G - 61 - 1 | Senior (grades 9+)        |
| G - 61 - 2 | Intermediate (grades 6-8) |

The Lamb Lead event provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to combine their skills and knowledge of sheep production with fashion and clothing selection.

#### **Additional Lamb Lead Rules**

1. Participants must be exhibiting a lamb at state fair. Exhibitors must use their own animal for Lamb Lead. The 4-Her must groom and train his/her own animal.
2. Exhibitors can sign up for Lamb Lead at Weigh-in & verification. There is no limit to the number of entries from each county.
3. Exhibitors must wear a garment made from at least 70% wool.
4. Lamb Lead Interview - The "4-H Lamb Lead Information Sheet" (a 4-H state fair form) must be completed and brought to the Lamb Lead Interview. Judges will talk individually to each participant. Questions will relate to topics such as qualities of wool, wool market grades, Wool Act of 1954, management practices that help produce quality wool, marketing organizations, and wool promotion.
5. The Judging Scorecard will be a total of 100 points divided as follows:
  - 50 points - Person (first impression, posture, poise, grooming).
    - Outfit (fit, color, design, workmanship, accessories).
    - Sheep (presentation of animal, training).
  - 50 points - Interview (ability to answer questions).

#### **FLEECE**

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|------------|------------------------|
| G - 71 - 1 | Long Wool/Handspinning |
| G - 71 - 2 | Wool type              |
| G - 71 - 3 | Meat Breed             |

#### **Additional Fleece Rules**

1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the sheep project may enter a fleece. (You do not have to be exhibiting at the State Fair to enter.) No housing is available unless the 4-Her has a State Fair Livestock Trip.
2. 4-Hers must pre-register with their local county extension office at the time of State Fair registration.
3. Fleece will be conference judged.
4. Fleece must come from sheep in flock owned by the exhibitor.
5. Fleece must be no less than 3" in length, but no more than a 13 month growth.
6. The top four fleece will be taken to the 4-H Building for display for the remainder of the state fair. They will need to be picked up with the other projects during exhibit release at the end of the fair.

#### **SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

- Breeding Ewe - Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8  
**Breeding Ewe - Senior.** Have completed grades 9 - 10  
**Breeding Ewe - Advanced.** Have completed grades 11 and up  
**Market Lamb - Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8  
**Market Lamb - Senior.** Have completed grades 9 - 10  
**Market Lamb - Advanced.** Have completed grades 11 and up

#### **Additional Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. All exhibitors may participate in showmanship. 4-Hers must pre-register at state fair weigh-in/verification. (Selections will not be made during the sheep show.)
3. Champion and reserve champion showman will be named in both ewe and market lamb divisions.

#### **SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP**

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.

2. Lambs must be on straw or shavings that are absorbent, **which excludes the use of bark or cypress.**
3. No muzzles on fairgrounds.

### **SHEEP SCHEDULE**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

7:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock  
(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7 A.M.)  
1:00 p.m. Lamb Lead Interview sign-up begins - Swine Barn Office  
8:00 p.m. All Livestock in Place

#### **THURSDAY**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Lamb Lead Interview sign-up (completed by noon) - Swine Barn Office  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Market Lamb Weigh-In and Inspection - Swine Barn  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Breeding Ewe Verification and Inspection - Swine Barn  
12:00 noon Fleece Check-In and Verification - Swine Barn (East Arena)  
1:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Swine Barn (East Arena)  
2:00 p.m. Fleece Show and Conference Judging - Swine Barn (East Arena)  
**3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sheep Interviews & Premier Exhibitor Interviews-  
Swine Barn (both arenas)**  
**6:00 p.m. Call Back Premier Exhibitor Interviews**

#### **FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lamb Lead interviews - Swine Barn (West Arena)  
10:00 a.m. Make-up interviews - Swine Barn Office  
4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Market Lamb Show - Livestock Judging Arena  
4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Breeding Ewe Show - Livestock Judging Arena

#### **SATURDAY**

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Lamb Lead Show - Swine Barn (both arenas)  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Showmanship - Swine Barn (both arenas)  
**3:00 p.m. Announce Premier Exhibitor**  
6:00 p.m. Purple Ribbon Auction - Livestock Judging Arena

#### **SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Load-out  
2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena  
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

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## **SWINE**

Housed in the Swine Barn

Overall Coordinators .....Paul Rentschler & Jim Nesseth  
Staff .....Sharon Davis, Katie Clarke & Andrea Ruesch  
Committee Members.....Dean Compart, Pam Jagdfeld, Steven Resler,  
Dr. Mark Whitney & Trudy Wastweet

#### **Ownership Requirements**

1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Market barrows and market gilts must be owned and identified by May 15. Breeding Gilts must be owned or leased by May 15.
3. **Premise ID numbers are required on Swine ID forms in 2009.**

#### **Leasing Program**

1. Breeding Swine may be leased.
2. Market Swine cannot be leased.
3. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased breeding gilt must present a photocopy of the "MN 4-H Breeding Swine Lease Agreement" (BSWIDA) at verification.

#### **Identification Details, Forms and Deadlines**

1. All swine must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by May 15.
2. All swine must be ear notched in both ears using the universal ear notch system by May 15. Ear notching information can be found on the "Minnesota 4-H Swine Identification Affidavit" (SwIDA). Both ears must be notched. The right ear tells the litter number and left ear tells the pig number.

3. If the hog shows evidence of recent ear notching or tagging or has no ear tag or no definite notch in one or both ears, it will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
4. Entries which do not meet these identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
5. Swine exhibitors with an identification or entry discrepancy will be notified. Members will have until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday to address these concerns. All decisions made by the show committee and/or state staff are final.

**Registration Requirements and Papers**

1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.
2. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present the original or photocopied registration papers at the time of verification on Thursday. All registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name; unless it is a leased Breeding Gilt.
3. There will be a class for registered market barrows. There will need to be at least four barrows to hold a separate breed class. Otherwise they will be shown in an "Other Purebreds" class. Market gilts will not have a registered purebred division.
4. There will be a class for registered breeding gilts. There will need to be at least four head to hold a separate breed class. Otherwise they will be shown in an "Other Purebred" class.
5. **The Minnesota Purebred Breeders Association will sponsor \$1,000 total premium money for the Purebred Barrow Division. There will be a \$100 cash prize to each of the overall top 10 Purebred Barrows in the division based upon the judge's final ranking of Purebred Barrows. The Minnesota Purebred Breeders Association will sponsor \$500 premium money for the Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt.**

**Weight Guidelines**

1. For market barrows and market gilts to qualify for a purple ribbon at State Fair, they must weigh at least 220 pounds and not exceed 300 pounds.
2. Market Barrows and Market Gilts weighing less than 200 pounds will show in their own class "Super Lightweights" and those 301 pounds and over will show in their own class "Super Heavyweights" and will be eligible for blue, red, or white ribbons. These classes may be combined with others at the discretion of the committee. Exhibitors of these animals are still eligible to be Interview and Showmanship Winners.
3. Immediate re-weigh option available if hog has not left scale holding pen.
4. All Market Barrows and Market Gilts receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market swine must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. Any market barrows and market gilts not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards, but are still eligible to be Interview Recognition and Showmanship winners.

**BIRTH DATES**

January Breeding Gilt	Farrowed on or after January 1 of current year
February Breeding Gilt	Farrowed on or after February 1 of current year
March Breeding Gilt	Farrowed on or after March 1 of current year
Market Barrow	Farrowed on or after February 1 of current year
Market Gilt	Farrowed on or after February 1 of current year

**BREEDING GILTS**

**DUROC, REGISTERED**

H - 41 - 1	January Gilt
H - 41 - 2	February Gilt
H - 41 - 3	March Gilt

**HAMPSHIRE, REGISTERED**

H - 41 - 4	January Gilt
H - 41 - 5	February Gilt
H - 41 - 6	March Gilt

**SPOT, REGISTERED**

H - 41 - 7	January Gilt
H - 41 - 8	February Gilt
H - 41 - 9	March Gilt

**YORKSHIRE, REGISTERED**

H - 41 - 10	January Gilt
H - 41 - 11	February Gilt
H - 41 - 12	March Gilt

**OTHER BREEDS, REGISTERED**

H - 41 - 13	January Gilt
H - 41 - 14	February Gilt
H - 41 - 15	March Gilt

**CROSSBRED**

H - 41 - 16	January Gilt
H - 41 - 17	February Gilt
H - 41 - 18	March Gilt

**MARKET BARROWS**

H - 51 - 1	Duroc, Registered
H - 51 - 2	Hampshire, Registered
H - 51 - 3	Spot, Registered
H - 51 - 4	Yorkshire, Registered
H - 51 - 5	Other Breeds, Registered
H - 51 - 6	Crossbred

**MARKET GILTS**

H - 52 - 1	All Breeds, Registered & Crossbred
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**Marketing of Barrows and Gilts**

1. This is a terminal show for all market swine - no exceptions.
2. Breeding gilt exhibitors are given the choice of marketing them at State Fair or taking them home.
3. **All swine exhibitors at the State Fair must have completed 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Training (LQA&E) within the past three (3) years, or the Pork Quality Assurance Program and 4-H Ethics Lesson.**
4. **In addition to the above completed LQA&E and PQA certification requirement, all exhibitors marketing hogs at the State Fair must have completed an Exhibitor Swine Affidavit and an Individual or Pen Animal Treatment Form. These forms MUST be turned in at the time of verification/identification.**

**CLARIFICATION FOR 2009: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.**

**State Fair Health Requirements (as set by State Fair Veterinarian)**

**Pseudorabies** - No testing is presently required for pseudorabies.

1. **Swine not originating in Minnesota.** Must meet the Minnesota importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the name of the exhibition as consignee. Certificates will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition. The Gp 1 ELISA test is approved for importation of swine.
2. Swine which must be tested must be individually identified by ear tag number, tattoo number, registry number, or other identification satisfactory to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

**State Fair Interviews Again 2009: Project Workshops & Computerized Tests: Sign up for workshop and tests at the Swine Office.**

**State Fair Showmanship**

**Advanced.** Have completed grades 11 and up

**Senior.** Have completed grades 9 - 10

**Intermediate.** Have completed grades 6 - 8

1. There will be separate showmanship contests for breeding gilts, market barrows and market gilts.
2. A judge will select top showmen during the breeding gilt, market barrow and market gilt shows. Showmanship finalists will receive a ribbon.
3. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion showmen in all age divisions will be named in breeding gilt, market barrow and market gilt divisions.

**SWINE HERDSMANSHIP**

See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.

**Show Order**

1. Two rings will be used - **West Ring** for breeding gilts followed by market gilts and the **East Ring** for market barrows.
2. Breeding Gilts will be shown by birthdates and breed.

3. Market barrows will be shown by weight classes with classes for purebreds and crossbred lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight divisions.
4. Market Gilts will be shown by weight classes from light to heavy with no divisions.

**CLARIFICATION FOR 2009:****Livestock Equipment Removal**

All 4-H families must consider the safety of fairgoers when they remove any equipment such as show boxes, chutes and feeding equipment. Due to heavy fair visitor traffic flow prior to the 3:00 p.m. Sunday release, livestock equipment being taken home from the cattle barn and sheep/swine/goat barn must be transported out the side exits on the south sides of these barns. Equipment cannot be taken down the center aisle of these 2 barns. The center aisles may be used, however, at 3:00 p.m. when the 4-H livestock are released and the buildings are closed to the public.

**Auction**

1. For market barrows, the judge will be asked to select a purple ribbon group in each weight class. These market barrows will be eligible for the Auction class.
2. Purple ribbon animals are not automatically in the Auction, but compete in the class to select Auction animals.
3. At least one purebred barrow will sell in the Auction.
4. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market gilts will be in the Auction along with a percentage of total market gilts shown.

**Carcass Contest - NEW**

Market barrows and market gilts will not be scanned/ultra sounded in 2009 and there WILL NOT be a carcass contest.

**Awards**

1. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the champion and reserve champion exhibitor in each market barrow weight division and the purebred division. The champion and reserve champion market barrow in each division and the champion and reserve champion purebred barrows will compete for grand champion and reserve grand champion market barrow.
2. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the grand champion and reserve grand champion market gilts.
3. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the champion and reserve champion breeding gilts.

**SWINE SCHEDULE****WEDNESDAY**

7:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock  
(NO ANIMALS or EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.)  
8:00 p.m. All livestock in place

**THURSDAY**

7:30 a.m. Swine Verification & Weigh In - Done by County - Swine Barn  
12:00 noon **Swine Interviews (Sign up in Swine office)**

**FRIDAY**

7:30 a.m. Swine make-up interviews - Swine Barn (West Arena)  
8:00 a.m. Exhibitors Meeting - Swine Barn (Arena)  
8:30 a.m. Breeding Gilt Show and Showmanship followed by Market Gilt Show, Auction Selection and Showmanship - Swine Barn (West Arena)  
8:30 a.m. Market Barrow Show, Auction Line-up, Showmanship - Swine Barn (East Arena)

**SATURDAY**

6:00 p.m. Purple Ribbon Auction - Livestock Judging Arena

**SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Market Swine load-out (including sold breeding gilts) - Swine Barn  
2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena  
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

## *JUDGING TEAMS*

### Awards and Recognition

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. All participants will receive participation ribbons.

### **General Rules for Judging Contests**

1. **Intermediate Teams** - participants have completed grades 6 - 8.
2. **Senior Teams** - participants have completed grade 6 to one year post-high school.
3. Members should have had practice judging sessions prior to the state fair contest.
4. Each team may consist of three or four members. If four members judge, the three highest scores will be used to determine the team score.
5. Counties unable to compete with a team of at least three members may enter one or two individual participants in the senior and intermediate divisions who will be eligible for individual awards only.
6. A county may participate as a part of a multi-county team or form its own team but may not have both a county and a multi-county team in the same age division. For example, a county may have a county senior team and a multi-county intermediate team. Teams must have practiced together prior to the state contest (county contests do not count as practicing together). All 4-Hers within an age group, in a county, must be part of the same county or multi-county program. If the combining counties have 3 or more members in each county combining within an age division, they must judge as separate counties. If one of the counties combining has less than 3 members in an age division, they can judge with the other county they are combining with as a multi-county team. For clarification, go to the website [http://www.fourh.umn.edu/staffonly/policy/an\\_sci/index.html](http://www.fourh.umn.edu/staffonly/policy/an_sci/index.html) for the MN 4-H Position Statement on Multi-County Teams.
7. 4-Hers need not be enrolled in any specific project to participate on any judging team.
8. Contestants not present at the start of the contest may participate, but will not be eligible for awards.
9. To participate in a state contest, team members must have completed 6th grade. 4-Hers may participate up to one year post-high school.
10. To be eligible for national contests, 4-Hers must not have participated in post-secondary coursework in judging or selection in the subject area of their national 4-H competition, nor have participated in training for a post-secondary judging team in the subject area of their national 4-H competition.
11. All 4-Hers who are members of a judging team must:
  - A. not have had their 20th birthday the year of the contest;
  - B. not have competed in the national 4-H contest: Dairy in Madison, WI, General Livestock in Louisville, KY.
12. To be eligible for a national contest, all listed team members must meet the age guidelines for that specific contest. If not, the trip will be passed to the next highest placing team meeting the requirements. See Rule #11 above. Individuals not eligible for national contests as identified in Rule # 11 may compete as individuals in the state contest.
13. Registration: All 4-Hers must be listed on the "State 4-H Judging Contest Registration Form" (4-H State Fair Form). All 4-Hers must be listed on the FairPlus! Exhibitor Registration report and pay the 4-H State Fair Program Fee.

## **CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING CONTEST**

Coordinators .....Sara Croymans & Carrie Olson  
Specialist Advisor .....Department of Family Social Science

### **CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING**

**NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED WITH HOUSING**

J - 10 - 1	Senior - with Housing
J - 10 - 2	Intermediate - with Housing - with reasons
J - 10 - 3	Intermediate - with Housing - without reasons

### **WITHOUT HOUSING**

J - 10 - 4	Senior - without Housing
J - 10 - 5	Intermediate - without Housing - with reasons
J - 10 - 6	Intermediate - without Housing - without reasons

### **Consumer Decision-Making Contest Rules**

1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.

**Format**

1. There will be five classes in each division.
2. Each division will have a questions class, oral reasons (one set for intermediate division, except "without reasons" registrants; and two sets for senior division), and a team group process class. The "without reasons" class does not contribute points toward individual or team placings.
3. The contest consists of evaluating classes dealing with consumer choices. Consumer judges evaluate everyday, real-life situations on a variety of topics including: personal care, entertainment/leisure, clothing & textiles, health and nutrition, consumerism and personal finance.
4. Participants are expected to participate in an educational activity as an important part of the contest.
5. Participants need to purchase an advance noon meal ticket for this day.
6. Teams and coaches can find additional resources including current contest information, contest program guide and sample classes on the Center for Youth Development website, <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/ConsumerDecMaking/index.html>.
7. Helpers: Each county is asked to provide a helper for the contest. Helpers must be adults. Helpers may be asked to assist with scoring, room monitoring, etc. Counties are asked to e-mail contest coordinators to confirm names, addresses and phone numbers of helpers.

**SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)****WEDNESDAY**

8:00 a.m.	Oral Reason's Judges's Orientation
8:30 a.m.	Team registration/photos - McNeal Hall Atrium (St. Paul Campus)
9:00 a.m.	Team & coaches orientation
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Judging of classes
10:30 a.m.	Group Process Judges orientation
11:30 a.m. - completion	Group Process Judging
12:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:15 p.m.	Educational Session Orientation & Educational Activity
3:30 p.m.	Team Presentations
4:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

**National Trip**

The first eligible senior team will have the option to represent Minnesota at the Western National 4-H Roundup consumer Decision Making Contest in Denver, Colorado. All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1st of the current year. Entry forms and registration will be available online. Late registration has a financial penalty.

**DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST**

Coordinator .....Stacy Leiding  
 Assistant Coordinators .....Leah Johnson  
 Specialist Advisor.....Dr. Tony Seykora

**DAIRY JUDGING****NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED WITH HOUSING**

J - 20 - 1                      Senior - with Housing  
 J - 20 - 2                      Intermediate - with Housing

**WITHOUT HOUSING**

J - 20 - 3                      Helper  
 J - 20 - 4                      Senior - without Housing  
 J - 20 - 5                      Intermediate - without Housing

**Teams**

1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.
3. Multi-county teams may be formed by age division. Teams must have practiced together prior to the state contest (county contests do not count as practicing together). All 4-Hers within an age group, in a county, must be part of the same county or multi-county program. If the combining counties have 3 or more members in each county combining within an age division, they must judge as separate counties. If one of the counties combining has less than 3 members in an age division, they can judge with the other county they are combining with as a multi-county team. For clarification go to the website <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/programs/AnimalScience/> for the MN 4-H Position Statement on Multi-County Teams

4. All 4-Hers compete for individual awards and must:
  - A. have completed 6th grade, but not be more than one year out of high school;
  - B. not have participated in or completed post-secondary course work in dairy cattle judging or dairy cattle evaluation;
  - C. not have participated in a dairy judging contest for post-secondary students.
5. All 4-Hers who are members of a dairy judging team must:
  - A. not have had their 20th birthday the year of the contest;
  - B. not have competed in the national 4-H dairy judging contest in Madison, WI.
6. To compete at the national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest (Madison, WI) all members of the team that compete in the state contest must have celebrated their 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, or 19th birthday during the year of the contest.
7. In the case that one member of a team of four does not meet entry requirements for the Madison contest (4-Her is too young) or Harrisburg contest (4-Her previously judged that contest), scores of the other three team members will be used to rank teams for competition at that contest.
8. Helpers: Each team must provide a helper for the contest. Helpers may be asked to lead animals or help with other tasks of the contest. Helpers must be state fair age youth or adults. Helpers who choose to stay overnight in 4-H lodging facilities will pay a reduced 4-H State Fair Program Fee. Their names must be included on the team's entry form. At no point should a youth participating in the judging contest be pulled from the contest to be a helper. If a team cannot provide a helpers, contact the contest coordinator.

#### **Format**

1. Teams may not practice judging on dairy exhibits at the state fair prior to the contest.
2. **Seniors** - will judge six classes of dairy animals: four cow classes and two heifer classes. Oral reasons will be given on three cow classes.
3. **Intermediate** - will judge the same six classes as the senior division. One set of oral reasons will be given on one cow class.
4. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes, or writing paper into the contest. A notebook will be provided to each contestant.
5. While the contest is in progress, there will be no communication between a contestant and anyone else, except the group leader. Any contestant violating any rules will be disqualified from the contest.
6. Scoring for the contest will be as follows: 50 points given for each class of cattle; and 50 points given for each set of oral reasons. In the case of ties:
  - A. overall individual and/or team ties will be decided by the reasons scores;
  - B. individual or team ties in reasons will be decided by the placing scores;
  - C. individual ties in *both* reasons and placings scores will be decided by their respective overall team placing.
  - D. **The three highest individual reasons scores will be included for the top team reasons score i.e. a persons score could be included in their team's reason score calculation, even if that person is the lowest person (dropped person) from the team.**
7. Placings and reasons classes will be 15 minutes.
8. Cattle will be numbered and shown, right to left: 1, 2, 3, 4. However, contestants are solely responsible for checking the number order of the cattle.

#### **National Contests**

1. The first eligible senior team will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin. 4-Hers must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. Contestants may judge in this contest only once. Entry form and registration fee for World Dairy Expo is available at <http://www.worlddairyexpo.com/gen.main.cfm>.
2. The second eligible senior team will represent Minnesota at the All American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania contest. 4-Hers must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. (Harrisburg has no lower age limit.) 4-Hers may not have participated in this contest before, nor in the Madison contest. Entry form is due September 11. Information is available online at <http://www.agriculture.state.pa.us/aads/> (There is no registration fee.)
3. The team representing Minnesota at the Louisville, Kentucky contest will be comprised of the high individuals in the senior contest who:
  - A. are not members of the two teams representing Minnesota at Madison or Harrisburg;
  - B. have not previously competed in the Louisville contest. (They may have competed in the Madison and/or Harrisburg contests in previous years.);
  - C. have had their 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, or 19th birthday during the year of the contest.

The coach for the team will be the coach of the highest individual on the team. Entry form and registration information is available at [http://www.livestockexpo.org/general\\_info/general\\_info.htm](http://www.livestockexpo.org/general_info/general_info.htm).

Due to timing conflicts, 4-Hers cannot participate on the Louisville Dairy Bowl Team and the Louisville Dairy Judging Team in the same year.

**SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)****SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

6:30 a.m.	Contest check-in and Photos begin ~ Judging Arena
6:45 a.m.	Breakfast - Remember to bring tickets
7:30 a.m.	Contest Begins ~ Judging Arena
2:30 p.m.	Coachs meeting - COB, St Paul Campus
4:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony - COB, St Paul Campus

**GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST**

Coordinator.....Kyle Rozeboom

**GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING****NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED WITH HOUSING**

J - 30 - 1	Senior with Housing
J - 30 - 2	Intermediate with Housing

**WITHOUT HOUSING**

J - 30 - 3	Senior without Housing
J - 30 - 4	Intermediate without Housing

**General Livestock Judging Rules**

1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.
3. Each county or multi-county delegation will determine how youth will be arranged between teams, as well as individuals.
4. Only one national trip can be accepted per county, and that must be the highest place trip of the two.

**Format**

1. Teams will judge eight classes of livestock consisting of three classes of beef, two classes of sheep, and three classes of swine.
2. Performance data may be included in the evaluation of breeding classes for each specie.
3. Oral reasons will be given on one class in each of the three species.
4. Classes with performance data can be reasons classes.
5. Reasons may be given on either market or breeding classes.
6. One class in each specie will be a question class.

**National Trips**

1. The first eligible team will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at the North American International Livestock Exposition held in Louisville, Kentucky. 4-Hers must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. Entry form, registration information are available at <http://www.livestockexpo.org/>
2. The second eligible team may select to represent Minnesota at either the American Royal (Kansas City, MO) or at the National Western Stock Show (Denver, CO).
3. The third eligible team will be awarded the remaining trip.
4. Information about the American Royal (Kansas City, Missouri) - All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. 4-Hers who have previously judged in the National 4-H Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky are not eligible. Entry form, registration information are available at <http://www.americanroyal.com/>.
5. Information about the National Western Invitational 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Denver, Colorado) - All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. 4-Hers who have previously judged in the National 4-H Judging Contest (Louisville, Kentucky) are not eligible. Entry forms and registration information is available at <http://www.nationalwestern.com/nwss/home>.

**SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)****TUESDAY**

6:30 p.m.	Team Coach meeting ~ 4-H Building
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**WEDNESDAY**

5:45 - 6:30 a.m.	Breakfast ~ 4-H Building
6:30 a.m.	Orientation/check-in pictures (if 4-Hers are staying overnight in the 4-H building, a bus will take them to St Paul Campus) ~ St Paul Campus (NO ANIMALS or EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.)
8:00 a.m.	Contest Begins ~ St Paul Campus

3:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.

Official reasons ~ St Paul Campus  
Awards Ceremony ~ St Paul Campus

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## RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST

Coordinators .....Dave & Karla Novey  
Advisors .....Brian McNeill & Monica Paultz

### RABBIT JUDGING

**NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED WITH HOUSING**

J - 40 - 1                      Senior - with Housing  
J - 40 - 2                      Intermediate - with Housing

### **WITHOUT HOUSING**

J - 40 - 3                      Senior - without Housing  
J - 40 - 4                      Intermediate - without Housing

### **Rabbit Judging Rules**

1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules apply.
2. Quota: Unlimited.

### **Format**

1. Contest will consist of market, fur, and four breed classes.
2. The official judges will determine breeds and classes of rabbits.
3. There will be one questions class and two oral reasons classes.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to the top five teams and top ten individuals.

## **NOTE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 - OPEN CLASS SHEEP ARENA**

### **SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

8:00 p.m.

Team Registration Deadline

#### **THURSDAY**

8:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.

Judging Card Distribution  
Contest begins ~ Open Class Sheep Arena

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## *PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS*

### **Awards and Recognition**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted.

The Public Presentation Office is located at the south end of the 4-H Building. Check there from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for schedules or questions.

### **Scheduling**

1. Presentations from a county will be scheduled throughout the county general encampment and/or Livestock Weekend.
2. **Schedules are created after all counties have completed final registration. Completed schedules will be posted at: <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/resources-links.html>**
3. Schedules will be posted outside the Public Presentation Office. This information should correspond with the information posted at the website above.
4. If there are questions, check immediately with the Public Presentation Office.

### **Live Animals**

1. Presentations that use large animals at the county level must use an alternate method if demonstration at state fair is during the regular encampment because facilities are not available for large animals during the regular encampments.
2. Livestock exhibitors whose presentation uses large animals may be scheduled during 4-H Livestock Weekend. Any animals used in the presentation are the responsibility of the 4-Her.
3. **4-H lama demonstrations will be scheduled during the lama encampment.**

4. Presentations may use small animals. Animals can only be present in the 4-H building for the duration of the presentation. There are no facilities for extended care of the animal. Please check with the Public Presentation Office prior to leaving home for details on getting small animals through the state fair admission gates.

#### **Facilities**

1. Preparation areas are available for use by presenters.
2. 4-Hers should come well prepared and benefit from the experience of organizing the materials, giving their presentation, and cleaning up after it is finished. When a product is prepared, the presenter should complete the process and arrange for the judge to see the product.
3. One presentation platform is wired for internet access and is available for multi-media presentations.
4. Equipment can be stored on shelves and in cabinets on the first floor in assigned preparation areas. However, there is no secured area to leave valuables.
5. Supplies and equipment that are furnished include: freezer, refrigerator, stove, microwave, tables and easels. Preparation for food demonstrations will be in the north kitchen.
6. 4-Hers must complete Form 18 "Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways State Fair Form) that county extension staff will submit at the time of final registration.

#### **Process**

The conference judging and educational experiences for participants in Demonstrations, Illustrated Presentations and Youth In Action will include:

1. A block of time (morning, afternoon, evening). Specific blocks can be requested, and everything possible will be done to honor your choice. Participants are required to attend their scheduled time in its entirety.
2. Specific presentation times will be drawn by lots by the 4-Her at the beginning of their scheduled time block.
3. Upon completion of the time block, in a cooperative learning session, each presenter can evaluate herself/himself, and the others in the group, with conference judging being facilitated by the demonstration assistant. An evaluator will be present throughout the entire process.
4. Placings and awards will be given upon completion of the time block.
5. A solid time block provides for a thorough experience for the presenter. These opportunities will create a broader, more inclusive experience.

#### **DEMONSTRATIONS**

K - 10 - 1	Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
K - 10 - 2	Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
K - 10 - 3	Individual - Regular Encampment
K - 10 - 4	Team - Regular Encampment

#### **LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATIONS**

K - 20 - 1	Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
K - 20 - 2	Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)

#### **LIVESTOCK LAMA DEMONSTRATIONS**

K - 30 - 1	Individual - Lama Encampment (no housing available)
K - 30 - 2	Team - Lama Encampment (no housing available)

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The topic selected may be related to the project in which the 4-Her is enrolled or to any area of interest or expertise the 4-Her has. Demonstrations may be on an individual or team basis. Individual presentations shall not exceed 15 minutes in length and team presentations shall not exceed 25 minutes in length. 4-Hers may demonstrate in the same project area or a different project area than the exhibit they bring to state fair, provided they participated in the county demonstration event.

- Demonstrations are an oral public presentation that includes actually demonstrating the hands-on steps required to accomplish a task or process. This most often includes the use of physical objects and actual doing or showing. For example, a demonstration could involve using bedding plants, potting soil and related items to demonstrate how to plant a flower pot. At the end of the Demonstration there should be something of a "finished product". Demonstrations may also include the use of supporting visuals like posters, charts. Supporting visuals can include technology based options like presentation software (i.e. MS PowerPoint). However, the focus of the Demonstration should be on the "doing", not the supporting visuals.

#### **ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS**

K - 40 - 1	Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
K - 40 - 2	Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
K - 40 - 3	Individual - Regular Encampment
K - 40 - 4	Team - Regular Encampment

4-Hers must complete the "Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways" (4-H State Fair Form8) that county extension staff will submit at the time of final registration.

The topic selected may be related to the project in which the 4-Her is enrolled or to any area of interest or expertise the 4-Her has. Illustrated talks may be on an individual or team basis. Individual presentations shall not exceed 15 minutes in length and team presentations shall not exceed 25 minutes in length. 4-Hers may demonstrate in the same project area or a different project area than the exhibit they bring to state fair, provided they participated in the county demonstration event.

- Illustrated Presentations are an oral public presentation that presents an idea, concept, viewpoint or experience in an educational or informative format. For example, an Illustrated Presentation could be a report on leadership lessons learned through a trip to Washington DC or an educational presentation that explores sustainable energy options. Illustrated Presentations most often consist of interaction with supporting visuals like posters, charts. Supporting visuals can include technology based options like presentation software (i.e. MS PowerPoint). Supporting visuals may include tangible items, but generally little or no activity takes place with the item.

- **Presentation Software** (i.e. MS PowerPoint) may be used for both Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks. If Presentation Software is used in a Demonstration, the presentation software should supplement the Demonstration (hands on demonstrating should still be the basis of the entry). If used for an Illustrated Presentation, the presentation software can be the basis for the entire talk; however the member must interact with the presentation and information - not just step to the side and let the presentation play. (Self-presenting entries created with presentation software should be burned on to a DVD and entered in the "Video" class.)

If presentation software is utilized, judging will include the effective use of the software. For information on effectively using visuals in presentations and/or presentation software please see [http://www.mn4h.org/programs/software\\_presentation](http://www.mn4h.org/programs/software_presentation).

#### **YOUTH IN ACTION PRESENTATIONS**

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| K - 50 - 1 | Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available) |
| K - 50 - 2 | Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)       |
| K - 50 - 3 | Individual  |
| K - 50 - 4 | Team  |

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Youth in Action presentations may be given in any project or activity of interest to the 4-Her. This interactive presentation is continuous for approximately 25-30 minutes. Involving the audience in the process is the primary focus of Youth in Action Presentations and constitutes a major portion of the evaluation results.

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## *GENERAL EXHIBITS*

#### **Awards and Recognition**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted.

#### **Basis for Judging**

Unless otherwise noted, all non-livestock exhibits are judged on the following basis:

- 50% = Exhibit attracts attention and holds interest
- 50% = 4-Hers knowledge of project area and involvement

#### **EXTENSION CENTENNIAL EXHIBITS**

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| <b>P - 1 - 1</b> | <b>GROUP ENTRY PHOTO</b>            |
| <b>P - 1 - 2</b> | <b>GROUP ENTRY MEMORABILIA</b>      |
| <b>P - 1 - 3</b> | <b>INDIVIDUAL ENTRY PHOTO</b>       |
| <b>P - 1 - 4</b> | <b>INDIVIDUAL ENTRY MEMORABILIA</b> |

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#### **AEROSPACE**

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| P - 10 - 1 | Grades 9+  |
| P - 10 - 2 | Grades 6-8 |

**BICYCLE**

P - 20 - 1	Grades 9+
P - 20 - 2	Grades 6-8

**CAT**

P - 30 - 1	Grade 9+
P - 30 - 2	Grade 6-8

**Cat Rules**

1. Exhibit may include models, diagrams, photographs or pictures. Exhibits should show or explain something the 4-Hers made, did, or learned.
2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

**CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**

P - 40 - 1	Grades 9+
P - 40 - 2	Grades 6-8

**Child and Family Development Rules**

1. Exhibitors should be prepared to discuss in group conference judging the age and other characteristics of the child for whom the exhibit is intended and how the exhibit contributes to the child's growth, development, and well being.
2. If the exhibit is designed to be interactive with children, the item is to be used with children before exhibiting and a photograph of this activity must accompany the exhibit. Signs of usage will not detract from the placing of the exhibit.
3. All child development exhibitors will play with children in the Children's Center using their exhibit with children, if appropriate. Other play materials will be available.

**CITIZENSHIP**

P - 50 - 1	Grades 9+
P - 50 - 2	Grades 6-8

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**

P - 60 - 1	Grades 9+ - Clothes You Make
P - 60 - 2	Grades 6-8 - Clothes You Make
P - 60 - 3	Grades 9+ - Clothes You Buy
P - 60 - 4	Grades 6-8 - Clothes You Buy
P - 60 - 5	Grades 9+ - Non Garment Exhibit
P - 60 - 6	Grades 6-8 - Non Garment Exhibit
P - 60 - 7	Grades 9+ - Fashion Revue Clothes You Make
P - 60 - 8	Grades 6-8 - Fashion Revue Clothes You Make
P - 60 - 9	Grades 9+ - Fashion Revue Clothes You Buy
P - 60 - 10	Grades 6-8 - Fashion Revue Clothes You Buy

**Clothes You Make, Clothes You Buy & Non Garment Exhibit Rules**

1. All parts of an exhibit must have a label with the exhibitor's county, name and grade. In constructed garments, sew label at center back of neck or other easy to find location.
2. Each constructed item must also include an information tag listing: pattern company name and number, fiber content of fabric and care instructions.
3. An 8 1/2" X 11" binder with, at minimum, the following information must accompany purchased garment or outfit:
  - A. Colored photo of member wearing the garment. Label photo with name, county, and color of complexion, hair, and eyes.
  - B. Cost of garment. Explanation of why garment was purchased and examples of ways it will be used in existing wardrobe, and include inventory of wardrobe.
4. Garments may have been worn before showing but should be cleaned and pressed before exhibiting.
5. The above rules may not apply to non-garment exhibits.

**Fashion Revue Purpose**

The fashion revue program gives 4-Hers the opportunity to:

1. Build self-confidence and poise by developing an understanding of "self" which aids in the selecting and making of clothing that is becoming and expressive of one's personality.
2. Develop skills in planning, selecting, and making becoming clothing for different occasions.
3. Select suitable and becoming accessories and model with confidence a garment made to meet one's wardrobe needs.
4. Develop good posture and grooming habits.
5. Acquire knowledge and skills and roles, take part in community affairs and demonstrate citizenship responsibility.

6. Explore career, job and productive leisure opportunities.
7. Develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.

**Fashion Revue Rules**

1. All participants must complete the "Fashion Revue Report Form" and include 2 color photos which extension educators will submit at final registration or before.
2. Fashion revue is planned for 4-H members who wish to model a garment they have made or purchased which is needed in their wardrobe.
3. Participants may model any clothing they have constructed, restyled or purchased as a part of their 4-H clothing project.
4. Evaluation criteria:
  - A. First Impression (What is your first impression of the total look that the individual has achieved?).
  - B. The Individual (good posture and balance; appears at ease and presents outfit with pride; good grooming).
  - C. Outfit on the Individual (outfit looks well constructed; style and fabric express individual's personality and are suitable to the individual's body build; color and fabric choices are becoming; fit is attractive and comfortable; accessories coordinate well and are appropriate).

**Fashion Revue Awards and Recognition**

A Court of Honor will be selected from both the Clothes You Make and the Clothes You Buy categories. All exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

**CLOWNING**

- P - 70 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 70 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**Clowning Rules**

1. Exhibits must be labeled with name, clown name, club and county on all pieces of exhibit.
2. If appropriate, exhibitors shall participate in complete character at conference judging.

**COMPUTER**

- P - 80 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 80 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**Computer Rules**

1. Reports and written summaries should be bound in a booklet or placed in a binder.
2. Exhibitors may bring a computer. Exhibitors are responsible for storage, safety, and set-up of their own computer including extension cords. The State Fair or 4-H Department will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged computers or parts.

**CONSUMER EDUCATION**

- P - 90 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 90 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**Consumer Education Rules**

1. Exhibitors should be able to explain their choices and the reasons for those choices.

**CRAFTS AND FINE ARTS**

- P - 100 - 1                      Grades 9+ - Crafts  
P - 100 - 2                      Grades 6-8 - Crafts  
P - 100 - 3                      Grades 9+ - Fine Arts  
P - 100 - 4                      Grades 6-8 - Fine Arts

**Crafts and Fine Arts Rules**

1. Each exhibit will be evaluated on its individual merit either as an original fine art or as a craft/kit.
2. Emphasis is on the creative process and the employment of design elements and principles. The fine art exhibit should show proof that it is developed from the 4-Hers own ideas and imagination. The craft/kit exhibit develops from someone else's ideas and can be exactly replicated or replicated with modifications.
3. All art objects must be appropriately finished. Exhibits will be disqualified if not ready for hanging, displaying, etc. (i.e. wire or hooks on paintings, bases for 3 dimensional work, etc.)

**CROP SCIENCES**

- P - 110 - 1                      Grades 9+ - Corn  
P - 110 - 2                      Grades 6-8 - Corn  
P - 110 - 3                      Grades 9+ - Small Grains & Legumes  
P - 110 - 4                      Grades 6-8 - Small Grains & Legumes

**Crop Sciences - Corn Rules**

1. If exhibit is crop sample, a two quart exhibit of shelled corn must be exhibited and include a 3 x 5 index card listing variety.

**Crop Sciences - Small Grains & Legumes Rules**

1. If exhibit is a small grain or legume, two quarts must be exhibited and include a 3 x 5 index card listing variety.

**DOG**

- P - 120 - 1                      Grade 9+  
P - 120 - 2                      Grade 6-8

**Dog Rules**

1. Exhibit may include models, diagrams, photographs or pictures. Exhibits should show or explain something the 4-Hers made, did, or learned.
2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

**ELECTRIC**

- P - 130 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 130 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**Electric Rules**

1. Because of the limited exhibit space, exhibits must not take up more than 20 square feet of floor space without prior approval of the 4-H Superintendent before State Fair entry day.
2. A wiring diagram or schematic must accompany all electric and electronic exhibits.

**ENTOMOLOGY**

- P - 140 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 140 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**Exhibit Suggestions**

1. General Insect Collection: must consist of a minimum of 50 species of adult insects representing at least 8 orders.
2. Specialty insect collection can include but is not limited to a collection of a single order (e.g. Coleoptera or Lepidoptera), a collection of immature insects, a collection of insects from a particular habitat (e.g. aquatic, forest, or prairie) or a collection of economic pests of a specific crop (e.g. insects attacking corn).
3. Non-Collection Project can include but is not limited to life history displays (e.g. insect life cycle), scientific investigation (e.g. insect habitats or effects of environment factors on insects), or insects in current events.

**Entomology Rules - Insect Collection Exhibits**

1. Collections shall be contained in a glass topped case; approximately 19" x 16.5" x 3" (drawers available for purchase in varying sizes). Arrange so that the case may be displayed in a horizontal position. Place project label on lower right corner of glass top.
2. Specimens must be collected. Purchased insects are not acceptable.
3. Exhibitors must be the collector of the specimens in the project.
4. Specimens must be properly pinned with insect pins. Small insects may need to be placed on cardboard points.
5. Specimens must be properly labeled.
  - A. The location, date, and collector must be included on the labels. County and state (and country, when applicable) are minimum location information that should be included. It is valuable to include nearest town or township where the specimen was collected, the type of habitat it was collected from (e.g. on elm tree; on lake shore; indoors.), and the common name of the insect.
  - B. All labels should be visible so they can be read. Use permanent ink marker or pencil to write labels. Labels produced by a computer printer are acceptable. Ballpoint ink or non-permanent markers are not acceptable.
6. For more specific information on pinning, labeling, and other information, see Collecting and Preserving Insects, FO-6892.

**Entomology Rules - Non-Collection Project Exhibits**

1. Emphasis of project must relate to an aspect of entomology.
2. Project must demonstrate specific knowledge of insects. Be prepared to discuss references and sources (e.g. books, magazines, internet, interviews with an expert etc.)
3. Live projects (e.g. bee or ant colony) will be accepted if the project can be self-sustaining for up to 14 days without special care.
4. A written report or journal should accompany the project, introducing the subject, describing the process (materials and method), predicting an outcome, stating the results, and discussing any conclusions. Pictures, drawings, charts, tables, or other figures may be used.

**EXPLORING ANIMALS**

- P - 150 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 150 - 2                      Grades 6-8

This exhibit area is for 4-Hers who wish to learn more about a given species. 4-Hers enrolled in Exploring Animals, Beef, Dairy, Goat, Lama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and/or Swine may exhibit in this category. Animal ownership is not required. Exhibits could include three-dimensional displays, posters, reports, etc. Possible topics include: consumer issues, breeds, careers, or a creative topic of the 4-Her's choice.

**EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENT**

- P - 160 - 1                      Grades 9+
- P - 160 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**FISHING SPORTS**

- P - 170 - 1                      Grades 9+
- P - 170 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**FLOWER GARDENING**

- P - 180 - 1                      Grades 9+
- P - 180 - 2                      Grades 6-8

**FOODS AND NUTRITION**

- P - 190 - 1                      Grades 9+ - General Foods & Nutrition
- P - 190 - 2                      Grades 6-8- General Foods & Nutrition
- P - 190 - 3                      Grades 9+ - Food Preservation
- P - 190 - 4                      Grades 6-8 - Food Preservation
- P - 190 - 5                      Grades 9+ - Food Review
- P - 190 - 6                      Grades 6-8 - Food Review

**Foods And Nutrition Rules**

1. The purpose of the exhibit is to show what the 4-Her has learned. Be prepared to discuss with the judge references and information sources, nutritional values, methods, menu, costs, etc. as appropriate to that exhibit.
2. The educational exhibit may be a poster, mobile, three-dimensional display, scrapbook, balance beam type exhibit, charts, journals, pictures, slides, equipment, supplies, photographs, puppet play, skit, judging comparison, taped interview, idea file, research study, etc.
3. Pictures, food models, plaster, plastic, papier-mâché, etc. are preferable to perishable foods in an educational exhibit. (Perishable foods should be used only if they add to or help explain the educational exhibit. If perishable food is part of the exhibit, the food is to be brought just for the encampment and stored in refrigerators, if needed, in the demonstration kitchen.)
4. Exhibits containing perishable foods that will be discarded, should include a photograph of the food. The photograph should be taken prior to the State Fair and attached to the display. This photograph will be displayed in the exhibit instead of the food.

**Food Preservation Rules**

1. All recipes, procedures and times followed must be according to the current USDA and/or National Center for Home Food Preservation. Quantities of sugar and juice used in jams and jellies may come from recipes on commercial pectin packages, but the method must be USDA or National Center for Home Food Preservation approved methods and recipes.
2. Jars should be heat-tempered glass canning jars.
3. All jars should be sealed. Leave screw bands on two-piece jar lids. Jellies and jams should be covered with lids.
4. Fish must be in pint jars.
5. All food preservation exhibits should be labeled. Labels should include county, name, grade, product, pack processing method & date, and processing time.
6. No artificial food coloring should be added to entries.
7. Jellies and jams must be processed in boiling water bath according to USDA and/or National Center for Home Food Preservation recommendations.
8. No jams, jellies or spreads needing refrigeration or freezer storage will be accepted.
9. Dried foods may be stored in glass jars, self-sealing plastic bags, or airtight plastic bags.
10. The quantity of dried foods should be: fruits and vegetables - 1/2 cup or more of each; herbs - 1/4 cup of each in whole leaf form; 3 strips of meat.

**Food Review Rules**

1. The exhibit itself, all supplies and food is brought to the fair just for the encampment and set up on judging day. Food should be brought frozen, stored in the freezer provided and reheated in the microwave. Supplies should be labeled and stored in the demonstration kitchen. The schedule of judging will be posted near Exhibits Office.
2. Exhibitors should bring to the fair: one item of food from the menu; a place setting which includes dishes, silverware, linens and centerpiece for the course in which food is served; a recipe for that food mounted on an 8 1/2" x 11" poster (preferably freestanding); a meal menu mounted on an 8 1/2" x 11" poster

(preferably freestanding); a mounted color photo of the place setting with the food item shown. The food will be disposed of and the place setting, recipe poster, main menu poster and mounted color photo will be sent home with the exhibitor.

3. In addition, exhibitors should bring a single poster no larger than 8 1/2" x 11" displaying their menu, photo and recipe. This will be left at the State Fair as the exhibit rather than the separate posters.
4. The food review display must be no larger than 30" square.
5. Food review will be judged on food knowledge, menu, food and table setting. The judge may or may not taste the food.

### **FOREST RESOURCES**

- P - 200 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 200 - 2                      Grades 6-8

### **FRUIT**

- P - 210 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 210 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Fruit Rules**

1. If the exhibit is fruit, exhibitor should bring 6 items of one variety and include a 3" x 5" index card listing the variety of fruit, name and county of the exhibitor.

### **GEOLOGY**

- P - 220 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 220 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Geology Rules**

1. Attach specimens to a background in a glass-topped case of the same model used by entomologists.
2. Secure specimens so they will not fall if case is set on its edge.

### **GEOSPATIAL**

- P - 230 - 1                      Grade 9+  
P - 230 - 2                      Grade 6-8

#### **Geospatial Rules**

1. Exhibits must be labeled with name and county on all pieces of the exhibit. The Fair staff will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged exhibits.
2. Exhibits may include a poster, display or booklet. 4-Hers may additionally share their project work through a computer based presentation. Exhibitors will need to bring the appropriate software and presentation data.
3. Exhibits will be conference judged.
4. Exhibits may include community maps, comparison of GPS units, ways in which GIS and GPS programs are used, and reviews of software and resources available.

**Note:** Geographic Information System and Global Positioning System (GIS/GPS) programs allow 4-H members to explore science, engineering and technology and combine to form the content for the Geospatial project area. Appropriate work in this area can include investigations into the history of GIS and/or GPS, current uses, equipment and software and more. Development of GIS maps that incorporate waypoints and trails created through GPS are encouraged.

### **GLOBAL CONNECTIONS**

- P - 240 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 240 - 2                      Grades 6-8

### **HEALTH**

- P - 250 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 250 - 2                      Grades 6-8

### **HOME ENVIRONMENT**

- P - 260 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 260 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Home Environment Rules**

1. Members exhibiting in this project should be prepared to discuss and/or have written information to show how their exhibit applies to the home, how and where it is used or displayed, and all details of how it was made or selected. They should know about the subject matter of the specific exhibit, the material used, how and why it was done, costs involved and alternatives considered. Exhibits will be evaluated on skills shown, usability of the item, design chosen and alternatives considered.
2. Exhibits, which are items for the home, must be accompanied by a photograph and a report showing its place in the home environment.

3. Pictures and wall hangings should be finished and ready to be hung.
4. Purchased kits may not be used.
5. Because of the limited exhibit space available, exhibits must not take more than 20 square feet of floor space. Larger exhibits must have prior approval of the 4-H Superintendent before State Fair entry day.

### **INDOOR GARDENING**

- P - 270 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 270 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Indoor Gardening Rules**

1. Dish gardens, terrariums and hanging plants are encouraged as part of the exhibit.
2. Live plant material will be accepted if it can be maintained in fresh condition with ease. State Fair assumes the prerogative to remove the exhibit if it does not remain in good condition.
3. Evaluation will be based on organization, neatness, content and quality.

### **LAWN AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

- P - 280 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 280 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Lawn and Landscape Design Rules**

1. Posters showing physiology of a tree are not accepted for State Fair.
2. Evaluation will be based on design, neatness, plants used and story told.

### **NEEDLE ARTS**

- P - 290 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 290 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Needle Arts Rules**

1. **Each exhibitor should be prepared to discuss techniques used, fiber content, cost and care instructions.**
2. **Exhibitors may choose to bring the pattern and/or instructions if appropriate.**
3. **If item is framed, a wall hanging, or to be displayed on a wall, it should be finished and ready to hang.**
4. In addition to exhibiting articles, members are to bring materials (partially completed project, yarn, thread, needles, pattern books, samples, posters, etc.) for a 1-hour group action exhibit on the needle art skill, which they are exhibiting.

### **PERFORMING ARTS**

- P - 300 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 300 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Performing Arts Rules**

1. Emphasis in the skills learned in performances of drama, music, theater, and other performing arts.
2. **All participants must** complete Performing Arts Project Form and note any special instruments, equipment, etc. that are needed.
3. If the exhibit is an actual performance, the performance shall not exceed 7 minutes.
4. An extra copy of sheet music should be provided for the judge.

### **PET**

- P - 310 - 1                      Grade 9+  
P - 310 - 2                      Grade 6-8

#### **Pet Rules**

1. Exhibit may include models, diagrams, photographs or pictures. Exhibits should show or explain something the 4-Her made, did, or learned.
2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- P - 320 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 320 - 2                      Grades 6-8  
P - 320 - 3                      Digital - Grades 9+  
P - 320 - 4                      Digital - Grades 6-8

#### **Photography Rules**

1. All photos exhibited must have been taken/produced by the exhibitor during the current project year.
2. Exhibitor's name, county, club and exhibit class and lot should be clearly printed on the back of the exhibit.
3. Any specialized presentation equipment necessary to evaluate the exhibit must be provided by the exhibitor (i.e. digital camera, computer, etc.) Equipment and discs should be brought with the exhibitor to conference judging.

4. Photographic reproductions of selected 4-H photography exhibits may be made during the State Fair for possible use in future 4-H photographic training seminars or 4-H displays.
5. Photos or collections should be mounted on mat board or poster board, **no frames**.
6. **Enlargements or digitally enhanced photos are to have an original 3 1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6 photo attached.**
7. **Digital photography exhibits** (P-320-3 & P-320-4) are any exhibits taken with a digital camera OR any photo not taken with a digital camera, but digitally enhanced in any way.

#### **PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE**

- P - 330 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 330 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **POTATOES**

- P - 340 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 340 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Potatoes Rules**

1. If exhibit is potatoes, 12 potatoes (this years crop) must be exhibited with variety identified on a 3 x 5 index card.

#### **QUILTING**

- P - 350 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 350 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Quilting Rules**

1. If applicable, item should include information listing: pattern book & name, fiber content of fabric & batting, and care instructions.

#### **ROBOTICS**

- P - 360 - 1                      Grade 9+  
P - 360 - 2                      Grade 6-8

**Note:** The goal of the 4-H robotics program is for the 4-H members to explore science, technology and engineering through designing and building a functioning robot. The robot can be either programmable or remote controlled. The robot can be created by an individual or a group.

#### **Robotics Rules**

1. Exhibits must be labeled with name, and county on all pieces of exhibit. Fair staff will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged robots or parts.
2. Exhibits may have a one page report explaining the function, purpose and construction of the robot.
3. Exhibit Suggestions: robots, a display, diagrams of programming, booklets, etc.

#### **SAFETY**

- P - 370 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 370 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **SELF-DETERMINED**

- P - 380 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 380 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Self-Determined Rules**

1. A team may consist of not more than three (3) individuals from the same club or no more than three (3) different clubs in the same county.
2. Oversized self-determined exhibits must have written permission from the 4-H State Fair Superintendent to be accepted for exhibit.
3. In conference judging the exhibitor(s) must be able to discuss the process of selection, planning, and management of the self-determined learning experience.

#### **SHOOTING SPORTS**

- P - 390 - 1                      Grades 9+  
P - 390 - 2                      Grades 6-8

#### **Shooting Sports Rules**

1. No explosive materials are allowed (such as live ammunition, etc.).
2. Arrows must be secured in such a manner so as to prevent their points or edges from being a hazard.
3. Only sporting firearms and bows will be exhibited, displayed or demonstrated. The term "Sporting Firearm" would mean a firearm that can be used legally in hunting wildlife or in recognized target-shooting competitions.
4. MN and 4-H regulations for handling and storing firearms must be followed.

### **SHOP/WOOD SCIENCE**

P - 400 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 400 - 2                    Grades 6-8

#### **Shop/Wood Science Rules**

1. Attach a card to all exhibits describing construction materials, unusual joinery, finishing techniques and total cost.
2. Because of limited exhibit space, exhibits must not take up more than 20 square feet of floor space. Oversized exhibits will not be accepted unless they have approval by the State Fair 4-H Superintendents prior to State Fair entry day.

### **SMALL ENGINES**

P - 410 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 410 - 2                    Grades 6-8

#### **Small Engines Rules**

1. At the State Fair the small engines division will be comprised of conference judging of an exhibit and a contest.
2. The contest may include the following:
  - A. Written exam;
  - B. Practical troubleshooting;
  - C. Parts and tool identification and use.
3. Fuel must be removed from exhibits for display.

### **TRACTOR**

P - 420 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 420 - 2                    Grades 6-8

#### **Tractor Rules**

1. Because of space limitations for large exhibits; tractors will not be accepted unless they have approval by the State Fair 4-H Superintendents prior to State Fair entry day. Large exhibits may be displayed outdoors.
2. Fuel must be removed from exhibits for display.

### **VEGETABLE GARDENING**

P - 430 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 430 - 2                    Grades 6-8

#### **Vegetable Gardening Rules**

1. If the exhibit is vegetables, include a 3" x 5" index card listing the vegetable varieties, exhibitor name & county.
2. If the exhibit is vegetables, this is a recommended collection of six different kinds of vegetables choosing any combination of the following:
  - A. One specimen large vegetable (cabbage, squash, melon, pumpkin, cauliflower, etc.).
  - B. Three specimens medium size vegetables (tomatoes, onions, peppers, cucumbers, kohlrabi, carrots, beets, turnips, etc.).
  - C. And/or 12 specimens small size vegetables (green beans, peas, lima beans, etc.).
  - D. Potatoes or cherry tomatoes may not be included.
3. Some 4-H curriculum may vary slightly with these numbers.

### **VETERINARY SCIENCE**

P - 440 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 440 - 2                    Grades 6-8

### **VIDEO**

P - 450 - 1                    Grades 9+  
P - 450 - 2                    Grades 6-8

#### **Video Rules**

1. All videos exhibited must have been made by the exhibitor or their video production team during the current project year.
2. At least 50% of the finished video must be shot by the exhibitor during the current project year.
3. The exhibitor must document portions from other sources.
4. The members name, grade, county, and club should be clearly printed on the exhibit and all other items required as part of an exhibit.
5. A television monitor and 1/2 inch VHS VCR or DVD player will be provided for viewing the videos during conference judging. All exhibits must be recorded at "SP" (standard speed). If a computer or other equipment is needed for viewing, additional arrangements need to be made in advance. Any 4-H video exhibit, which appears to contain copyrighted material, will not be publicly displayed unless the exhibitor has written permission from the producer to use the material in the video.

**WATER/WETLANDS**

- P - 460 - 1            Grades 9+  
 P - 460 - 2            Grades 6-8

**WILDLIFE BIOLOGY**

- P - 470 - 1            Grades 9+  
 P - 470 - 2            Grades 6-8

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP**

- P - 480 - 1            Grades 9+  
 P - 480 - 2            Grades 6-8

## OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**4-H NEW WAYS**

- S - 10 - 1            Grades 6+

**Purpose**

This project area will serve as a way of accommodating new and successful programs that do not fit neatly into the present State fair package/program.

Counties will decide how participants are chosen. State Fair will provide any one of the following four vehicles in which "judging" may occur:

1. conference judging setting where a project is exhibited;
2. a public presentation platform;
3. the Arts-In stage;
4. the Learn by Doing Center.

**4-H New Ways Rules**

1. If the "judging" is to occur during Livestock Weekend, no housing is available.
2. The "Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways" (4-H State Fair Form) must be completed and submitted by extension staff at the time of final registration.
3. Regular fees and grade requirements will apply to participants.
4. Examples may include participants from a school age child care program, a group presentation from students you worked within a school setting, a presentation on a successful membership recruitment activity held during National 4-H Week, etc.

**Scheduling**

1. 4-Hers New Ways are scheduled during the county encampment.
2. **Schedules are created after all counties have completed final registration. Completed schedules will be posted at: <http://www.fourh.umn.edu/statefair/resources-links.html>**

**Awards and Recognition**

All exhibitors/participants will receive participation ribbons.

**ADVENTURES 4-H**

- S - 20 - 1            Grades 6+

**Requirements**

1. This exhibit area is for youth who are not enrolled in a Community 4-H Club program but have participated in a short-term University of Minnesota Extension Service learning activity
2. The exhibit or presentation must show something learned in that activity

**GROW GREEN LEADERSHIP**

- S - 30- 1            County select teams - Grades 6+

**Purpose**

**This encampment will lead participants through a hands-on exploration of various leadership skills, including: teambuilding, communication and decision making. Participants will explore citizenship as it relates to their own communities.**

**Grow Green Rules**

1. Participants cannot have another general encampment activity (which include general encampment projects, public presentations, Share the Fun, county Arts-In, or State Arts-In activities).
2. Participants must be available for the entire encampment and participate in all scheduled Grow Green activities.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- S - 40 - 1                      Grades 6+ with housing  
S - 40 - 2                      Grades 6+ without housing

These classes are a catchall for youth who are coming to the State Fair, but not with a project or arts performance.

#### **Other Activities Rules**

1. 4-Hers who participate during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.
2. 4-Hers who participate during their regular encampment and do sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.

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## **COUNTY CLUB EXHIBITS**

### **COUNTY ARTS-IN**

- T - 10 - 1                      Livestock Weekend (no housing available)  
T - 10 - 2                      Regular Encampment with housing  
T - 10 - 3                      Regular Encampment without housing

#### **County Arts-In Rules**

1. The "County Arts-In Performances Application Form" (4-H State Fair Form) must be completed and submitted by extension staff by the due date listed on the form.
2. Applications will be taken and performances will be scheduled on a space available basis.
3. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during Livestock Weekend will be charged the corresponding program fee.
4. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during their regular encampment and sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.
5. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

All participants receive participation ribbons.

### **CLUB BANNERS**

- P - 900 - 1                      Club Banner

#### **Purpose**

Allows local clubs to make a statement and express their feeling about 4-H involvement as well as providing county identity at the State Fair. Each county will determine their banner selection process.

#### **Club Banners Rules**

1. Two banners per county.
2. Banners must be entered in FairPlus! in the 4-H Clubs Name.
3. Banners are not conference judged. (4-Hers do not attend their county's encampment. Only the banners comes to State Fair.)

#### **Guidelines**

1. Banner size: approximately 3' x 5' - designed to hang vertically.
2. Must be equipped with a dowel - minimum length 3' 8" and ready to hang.
3. Must be made of fabric (no paper).
4. Can be 1 or 2 sided.
5. Any assembly technique can be used.

#### **Awards and Recognition**

Each county will receive a ribbon. Purple ribbons will be awarded.

### **CLUB COMMUNITY PRIDE**

- P - 910 - 1                      Grades 6+

#### **Purpose**

Provides an incentive for 4-H youth to be actively involved in having a positive effect in their community. Also stimulates projects offering a variety of real, learn by doing experiences that deal with community improvement related skills, knowledge, and beliefs.

#### **Club Community Pride Rules**

1. Each county may submit one (1) Community Pride project that has been judged on the county level.
2. The exhibit may include a three-dimensional display, video or other visual method which visually highlights the entire project or certain parts in a manner which tells the public what positive effects the project had on the community.

3. One or two youth who participated in the Community Pride project will represent the club in the conference judging process during their encampment.
  - A. The one or two youth representing the club in the conference judging process are not eligible to exhibit in another non-livestock premium-based project area.

### **SHARE-THE-FUN**

T - 20 - 1	Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
T - 20 - 2	Regular Encampment with housing
T - 20 - 3	Regular Encampment without housing

### **Program**

1. An act that is nominated from each county is eligible to perform once during State Fair. Nomination forms are available to county/regional extension offices in June and need to be returned by the due date specified on the form. Rehearsal and performance times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Clubs will receive a letter prior to State Fair stating their registration, rehearsal and performance time.
2. A 1/2 hour rehearsal time with professional directors is required.
3. Each act will receive a written evaluation of the Share-the-Fun performance.
4. Each act receives:
  - A. facilities to store props (the area is not secured - do not bring valuables);
  - B. use of miscellaneous stage inventory;
  - C. staff assistance from performance director and assistant director;
  - D. stage management, light and sound crew, m.c. assistance, program management, ambassador support;
  - E. printed schedules, support materials, ribbons, and programs.
5. Public performances will be on the second floor Erickson stage at 6:30 p.m. on the full day of each general encampment and at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday of Livestock weekend.
6. Participants are required to be involved in a rehearsal, the rehearsal schedule may result in conflict if exhibiting or demonstrating in other areas. Be sure to check all schedules for potential conflicts.

### **Share the Fun Rules**

1. The length of the Share-the-Fun act is not to exceed 6 minutes.
2. Leaders are responsible for checking in their Share-the-Fun act on the second floor of the 4-H Building. There will be a table designated as Share-the-Fun check-in.
3. Share-the-Fun participants must attend rehearsals for their performance to be eligible for the public performance.
4. See "Eligibility of Participants" in the General 4-H Rules and Regulations section. Note: Exception for Share the Fun participants.
5. Program Fees:
  - A. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during Livestock Weekend will be charged the corresponding program fee.
  - B. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during their regular encampment and sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.
  - C. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.

### **Awards and Recognition**

All participants receive participation ribbons.

## Minnesota 4-H Foundation "Make A Change with 4-H"

4-Hers showcase your science, engineering and technology skills, win a cash prize, and help the Minnesota 4-H Foundation raise funds!

**Task:** Build a coin collection device that visitors to the 4-H building at the State Fair can drop spare change into. Creativity with moving parts and an entertaining display will draw visitors to your creation. Only safe, stable, durable and secure creations will be displayed. Creations must be appropriate for use by small children as well as adults.

**Size:** No more than 4' high, 2' x 2' base.

**Power:** No electrical power may be used. Battery power is acceptable but must last the duration of the State Fair.

**Signage:** Must include the words: "Make A Change With 4-H". If you intend to include the 4-H clover be sure to check guidelines for appropriate use. [www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h\\_name.htm](http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm)

**Security:** Entries must include a way to lock the change collection compartment as well as have access for removal of change.

**Prizes:** First place: \$500.00 Second place: \$250.00 Third place: \$100.00

Winners will be determined by the total amount of change collected during the MN State Fair, as well as the construction and creativity of the entry which will be judged by a panel of 4-H Foundation judges.

Winning coin collectors become the property of the MN 4-H Foundation to be used in other locations and at future state fairs to raise funds to support Minnesota 4-H.

### Entry:

**You must register your intent to enter by August 1, 2009.**

To register please forward the following information by email to [eskel007@umn.edu](mailto:eskel007@umn.edu) by August 1, 2009:

Minnesota 4-H Foundation "Make A Change with 4-H" Entry Form

Name of Entry:

County:

Contact Person's

Name:

Phone number:

Email:

You may enter as a club, small group or individual. All entries must be delivered to the 4-H building at the state fair at the same time as your county fair entries are delivered. A limited number of "Make A Change With 4-H" machines will be displayed. Once machines arrive at the fair a panel of judges will determine which ones will compete for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

Entries must be registered for state fair along with other state fair projects --use the codes below.

Indicate if your entry is a:

### COIN COLLECTION DEVICE

P - 2 - 1

**Club entry**

P - 2 - 2

**Small Group(Federation, Council, project area, etc.) Entry**

P - 2 - 3

**Individual Entry**



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