

# Polk County Fair Book

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## FAIR GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

(Entry forms available at Extension Office or at polkcountyfairiowa.com)

### ENTRIES:

1. All exhibitors must be 4-H or FFA members of Polk County. 4-H'er or FFA member must be enrolled by May 15 of current year.
  - Clover Kids – K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade
  - Junior – Grades 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Intermediate – Grades 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup>
  - FFA – Grades 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> or until age 21
2. The exhibit is to be an outgrowth of work done as a planned part of a project or program through 4-H or FFA.
3. **All fair entries including Open Livestock are to be made on fair entry forms available on the Polk County Fair Board Website and** are due in the Extension Office before or on July 3 by 5:00 pm. Forms can be handed in at the office or mailed to Polk County Extension, C/O Polk County Fair, 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona, IA 50009
  - a. Late entries can be made for 2 business days following July 3. A \$50.00 per day fee will be assessed for late entries. After the 2-day late registration period, youth must contact the Fair board President to attend the Fair board meeting and ask permission to exhibit at the fair. Upon the Fair board's decision, a final fee will be decided.
4. All exhibits will be under the control and general direction of the Department Superintendents.
5. The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board will use every precaution to insure the safety of animal or articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to the same.
6. The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board requests use of special precautions while using fans, radios, and other electrical equipment. All fans must have protective covering or will not be allowed.

### BEHAVIOR & CONDUCT

1. All exhibitors and program participants are expected to be cooperative, courteous and respectful 4-H or FFA representatives while on the fairgrounds and participating in fair events.
2. **The Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board has adopted a policy of no alcoholic beverages or illegal substances at the County Fair by Exhibitors.** Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, drugs or smoking by exhibitors at the fair will result in disqualification of the exhibitor's entry(s) and/or discontinued participation by the exhibitor.
3. 4-H and FFA members will NOT be allowed to remain at the fairgrounds overnight without adult supervision on the grounds.
4. Any cause for concern should be verbally addressed to the Department Superintendent. If complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, a protest

should be given, in writing, to the Department Superintendent from which the complaint arises. The Executive Committee on the grounds reserves the right to interpret all rules and their decisions will be final. All protests and Executive Committee action will be reviewed by the Polk County 4-H and FFA Fair Board at their next regular meeting.

5. No bikes, scooters, roller blades, skate boards, water balloons or water fights are allowed in barns or 4-H building at any time. Fireworks of any kind are not allowed on the fairgrounds.
6. Any violation of the General Rules and Regulations or anyone who engages in unruly acts, vandalism, malicious treatment of livestock, or any other behavior that could cause injury to people, animals or property, or disrupts fair activities should be reported to the general superintendent and action will be taken by the review committee on all cases. This will result in the forfeiture of all privileges, special recognition, and premiums. Livestock will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Hogs will not go through the livestock sale, but directly to the packer.
7. Iowa Youth Code Of Ethics will be enforced. Copy posted in the fair's livestock office and within the fair entry packet.

### PREMIUMS & AWARDS

1. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded. Ribbons will be awarded on the merit of the exhibit, regardless of the number of exhibits in the class. Decision of the judge shall be final. Participation ribbons will be given in the "Fun" and "Open" Classes.
2. Any premium check not submitted for cash within 90 days **will not** be reissued.

### LIVESTOCK

1. Livestock and animal projects must be identified using the 4-H LS106 series by May 15, including Breeding Beef, Sheep, Dog, Dairy, Dairy Goat, and Horse.
2. Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, & Meat Goats - County weigh-in dates.
3. No animal will be allowed in the barns before 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. All livestock must be checked-in and weighed-in according to the Livestock Weigh-in and Check-in Schedule. **All exhibits (livestock and non-livestock) must be in their assigned area and will be released Sunday, at 4:00 P.M.** The only exception will be cats, dogs, pets, open class animals, and animals shown as a pet during conference judging. They are released immediately following their respective shows.

<b>Animal</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Weigh-in/ Check-in</b>	<b>Show</b>	<b>Release</b>
<b>Advanced Feeders</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 AM	Wednesday 8:00 AM	Friday 9:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Beef</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM	Wednesday 8:00 PM	Polk County Produced- Thursday 6:00 PM Friday-All Cattle 5:30 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Bucket/Bottle Calf</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM – Thursday 3:00 PM	Thursday 3:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM	Following Show
<b>Cat</b>	Thursday 10:30 AM- 11:30 AM	Thursday 10:30 AM- 11:30 AM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Following Show
<b>Dairy Goat</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM	Wednesday 8:00 PM	Friday 8:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Dog</b>	Thursday 7:00 AM	Thursday 7:00 AM	Thursday 8:00 AM	Following Show
<b>Horse</b>	Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Wednesday 4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Thursday 2:00- 6:00 PM, Friday 8:30 AM, Saturday 8:30 AM, Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Meat Goat</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM	Wednesday Will be weighed as they arrive	Saturday 6:00 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Open Cat</b>	Thursday 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Thursday 11:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Thursday 12:00 PM	Following Show
<b>Open Class Poultry</b>	Sunday 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 11:00 AM	Following Show
<b>Open Class Rabbit/Cavy</b>	Saturday 8:00 AM	Saturday 9:00 AM	Saturday 10:00 AM	Following Show
<b>Open Dairy Goat</b>	Friday 7:00 AM	Friday 8:00 AM	Friday 8:00 AM	Following Show
<b>Open Meat Goat</b>	Saturday 2:00 PM	Saturday 2:00 PM	Saturday 6:00 PM	Following Show
<b>Open Horse</b>	See Horse MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	See Horse MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	Friday 7:00 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Open Sheep</b>	See Sheeo MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	See Sheep MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Open Swine</b>	See Swine MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	See Swine MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	Saturday 8:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Pet/Open Pet</b>	Friday 9:30 AM	Friday 9:30 AM	Friday 10:30 AM	Following Show
<b>Poultry</b>	Thursday 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Thursday 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Sunday 9:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Rabbit/Cavy</b>	Thursday 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Thursday 4:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Saturday 10:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Sheep</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM	Wednesday 8:00 PM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM
<b>Swine</b>	Wednesday 6:00 AM-8:00 PM	Thursday 8:00 AM	Saturday 8:00 AM	Sunday 4:00 PM

## **LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(Also see FAIR GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS)

1. All exhibitors must furnish their own feed, bedding, feed and water buckets for their exhibits, NO STRAW ALLOWED. Cattle will use wood chips only for bedding, and it is provided by the Beef Department for a fee. All pens will be cleaned out on dismissal or premiums will be withheld. It is important that all bedding material be removed from your pen and from underneath adjoining pens. A locked box for show equipment is recommended. Please mark all equipment for identification. Advertising, such as personal names, name of club, etc., is not allowed on show ring equipment.
2. All market animal weigh-in weights will be final once the animal has left the scale.
3. **Only white Polk County Fair T-shirts, white 4-H T-shirts, white FFA T-shirts, or plain white shirts and long jeans may be worn by exhibitors in show ring. No hats, shorts, or ripped jeans of any kind allowed.** (Exception: Horse department rules regarding dress and helmets.)
4. All livestock must be shown by the exhibitor who enters it, except in cases of illness or two exhibits in the same class. Substitutes must be Polk County 4-H or FFA members and be reported to the Department Superintendent before entering the show ring.
5. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the show ring at time of judging.
6. **Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects or conformation in animal giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.**
7. All entries must be in place as noted in "Livestock Weigh-In and Check-In Times".
8. **All exhibits must remain in assigned pen, cage, stall, or booth until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday unless stated otherwise in department rules.**
9. All beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be **FSQA certified** in order to show. Contact Extension Office for FSQA certification.
10. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have Drug affidavit turned in at weigh-in.

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

Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture

Any evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, draining abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.

Individual Certificates of Veterinary Inspection will be required on livestock or poultry exhibited at a county 4-H/FFA fair, and must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by a livestock superintendents. Superintendents will require health certificates at check-in time or the animal will be removed from the fair grounds. Each show must have an official veterinarian. Health Certificates must be issued within 30 days (14 days for sheep) of the county fair. Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

**Swine** - No testing is required for swine at an exhibition that involves only market classes, provided all swine are consigned directly to a slaughter establishment from the exhibition. Commercial gilts may be taken home subject to the state health rules and regulations.

**Sheep and Goats** - All sexually intact sheep must have an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag. All sexually intact goats must be identified with an individual Scrapie Flock of Origin identification tag or by an official tattoo registered with USDA (to register, call 1-866-USDA-TAG).

**Poultry and Birds** - All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean or equivalent flocks, and have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition performed by an authorized tester. All testing must be completed by the start of the fair and will not be done at the fair. Certificates will be reviewed by Superintendent at check-in.

**Dogs and Cats** - All dogs and cats exhibited must have a current rabies vaccination certificate. Cats must have been vaccinated before July 3 with the vaccination number listed on the entry form. You will be required to present your current rabies certificate at the scheduled check-in time.

**THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIAN WILL BE FINAL**

**These are the requirements as of February 2017, subject to change with the release of 2017 regulations.**

## AUCTION - LIVESTOCK

**Superintendents: Jim Nelson, Mike Cory, Eric Sanny, Clay Sprague, Rob Vincent, Don Timmins and Craig Veldhuizen**

The Livestock Auction provides an outlet for the 4-H and FFA Youth to sell their livestock. The Polk County Fair Board is not responsible for securing buyers or prices for the livestock. That is the responsibility of each youth.

1. All animals to be sold must have been exhibited in their respective departments by the 4-H or FFA Member.
2. Exhibitors will be limited to selling a maximum of four beef animals in the sale in addition to Advanced Cattle Feeder Pens. Exhibitors must report the ear tag numbers of all of their auction animals to the department superintendent prior to the end of their respective shows.
3. The sale begins promptly at 10:00 A.M. Monday. Exhibitors must be present for the auction or make prior arrangements with Auction Superintendent or Species Superintendent or premium will be withheld
4. Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goats weighing less than the minimums required by the packer will not go through the auction.
6. Sheep: using weigh-in weights  
Swine: using weigh-in weights  
Beef: using weigh-in weights  
Meat Goats: using weigh-in weights  
Auction begins at 10:00 A.M. Monday morning.
7. SALE FEE: 1% of total auction amount will be deducted from the 4-H/FFA member's check.
8. 4-H/FFA members are responsible for processing and delivering the rabbits and poultry to the buyer.
9. All Sales are Final. See rules in livestock office when entering your animals for sale.
10. Each Species will be released by the Sale Clerk.
11. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have Drug affidavit turned in at weigh-in.

## HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

**Superintendent: Nick Griffieon  
Committee: Fairboard Members**

1. All 4-H clubs and FFA chapters with entries in the following departments will compete for Herdsmanship awards: **Beef & Dairy, Dairy Goats, Boer Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit/Cavy, Sheep, and Swine.**
2. Judging will be done periodically by a committee, According to the following score card:

### SCORE CARD

	<u>Points</u>
a) <u>CLEANLINESS OF ALLEYS</u> .....	20
Alleys swept clean, free of dust, straw or any other foreign materials.	
b) <u>CLEANLINESS OF STALLS/PENS</u> .....	20
Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place.	
c) <u>CLEANLINESS/NEATNESS OF TACK PENS</u> .....	10
Tack pens are clean and arranged neatly for a pleasant appearance.	
d) <u>ANIMALS PROPERLY SECURED</u> .....	10
Animals are properly secured in pens with latches closed and secured, or animals are properly tied in designated areas.	
e) <u>WELFARE OF ANIMALS</u> .....	10
Animals appear to be properly taken care of with sufficient supply of water and proper cooling equipment.	
f) <u>APPEARANCE OF ANIMALS</u> .....	10
Animals are properly groomed and cleaned for the optimal appearance of animals for spectators.	
g) <u>IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS, PARTICIPANT'S NAME AND CLUB</u> .....	10
Stall cards are readable from alley and completely filled out with correct information.	
h) <u>ATTENDANTS FROM CLUB PRESENT</u> .....	10
Representatives from the club are close by the animals to represent their club in case of an emergency	
TOTAL.....	100

3. Ribbons will be awarded to clubs for Herdsmanship awards.
4. Horse displays are not to include banners, ribbons and awards other than 4-H or FFA. All alleys are to be kept clean. Paper decorations on stalls are permitted, but should be kept neat and orderly.

## SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

1. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards in the departments listed: **Beef, Cat, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat, Horse, Poultry, Rabbit, Cavy, Sheep, and Swine.**
2. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
3. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
  - Junior - grades 4 - 6
  - Intermediate - grades 7 - 8
  - Senior - grades 9 - 12
  - FFA – grades 9 - 12 or until age 21

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

**Superintendents: Nick Griffieon, Jack Bair, Craig Veldhuizen, Matt Eddy, Jessica Hebert, and Kevin Anderson.**

### Exhibitor Meeting - prior to contest

This meeting will be open to any Polk County 4-H and FFA member or parent. The objective of this meeting is to educate the participants on how to compete in a Livestock Judging Contest. It is designed to show 4-H & FFA members how to evaluate beef cattle, sheep and swine, class placing, oral reasons and questions, and how livestock judging can improve the participant's own livestock projects.

**Livestock Judging Contest – Friday**  
**Registration at 11:30 A.M. in East Show Ring**  
**Contest at 12:00 Noon in East Show Ring**  
**No Entry Fee**

### Rules

1. All participants must be a 4-H or FFA member.
2. Out of County 4-H and FFA members will be invited to participate in the contest.
3. There will be six classes to be judged - two beef, two sheep, and two swine. There will also be three sets of Questions (one for each species) for the Junior Division and three sets of Oral Reasons (one for each species) for the Senior Division.
4. You may compete as an individual or as a team.
5. To compete as a team, each team can have up to 4 members.
6. In tabulating Team Scores, the top three scoring members will be used to determine the total team score.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

LJ A	<b>Junior</b> – Individuals who have completed 8 <sup>th</sup> grade and below are eligible for the Junior Division
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The Junior Division will judge six classes which include 2 beef, 2 sheep, 2 swine, plus 3 sets of questions (one for each species.)

LJ B	<b>Senior</b> – Individuals who have completed 9 <sup>th</sup> grade or above must compete in the Senior Division
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The Senior Division will judge six classes which include 2 beef, 2 sheep, 2 swine, plus 3 sets of Oral Reasons (one for each species.)

### Awards

1. **High Individual**  
Junior Division – Trophy & ribbon  
Second place through fifth place will receive individual ribbons.  
Senior Division – Trophy & ribbon  
Second place through fifth place will receive individual ribbons.

2. **Top Team Award**  
Junior Division – Trophy & 4 team ribbons  
Second place through fifth place will receive 4 team ribbons each.  
Senior Division – Trophy & 4 team ribbons  
Second place through fifth place will receive 4 team ribbons each.

3. **Questions and Oral Reasons**  
Junior Division – Questions  
High Individual – Trophy & ribbon  
Second place through fifth place will receive individual ribbons.  
Senior Division – Oral Reasons  
High Individual – Trophy & ribbon  
Second place through fifth place will receive individual ribbons.

# LIVESTOCK DIVISION

## BEEF DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Jim Nelson & Eric Sanny

### ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mike Cory

Assitant: Lucas Nelson

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Animals sold early, or left at home, will be discounted in the on-hoof judging, but will be considered in final record evaluation with premiums paid.
3. Ribbons and trophies will be presented at the fair based on the following score card:
  - Rate of gain (From Weigh-in date)
  - Appearance
  - Uniformity and finish
  - Number of head per pen 4.
4. The animals will be exhibited, graded and sold according to plans developed by the Advanced Feeder Superintendent.
5. Pens of Heifers will be judged separately from Pens of Steers.
6. Excess mud and manure must be removed from cattle prior to weigh in or cattle will not be eligible for rate of gain.
7. Exhibitor may show a pen calf as an individual halter calf but must specify at the December Weigh-in. The calf must be sold as part of the pen and not as an individual.
8. ALL ADVANCED FEEDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 8:00 am WEDNESDAY unless prior arrangements have been made with ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER Superintendent.
9. ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT AT AUCTION FOR LIVESTOCK TO BE SOLD UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE PRIOR TO SALE WITH ADVANCED CATTLE FEEDER SUPERINTENDANT.
10. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
11. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
12. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or at [polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)

#### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

21	Advanced Cattle Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)
22	Advanced Heifer pen 4 cattle (on hoof)
23	Polk County Produced Feeder Steer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)
24	Polk County Produced Feeder Heifer pen of 4 cattle (on hoof)

#### Only wood chips are allowed for bedding.

1. Entries and dress code - See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Champion ribbons will be given only if merited.
3. All Champion and Reserve Champion animals will be selected at the end of each show.
4. Note weigh-in and check-in times at the front of this Fair book.
5. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 7:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY. (Only exception Class 9 Bucket/Bottle Class - see time below.)
6. All livestock must remain in stalls until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
7. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
8. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
9. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or at [polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)

#### 10. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

- a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
- b. There will be Reserve Showmanship honors awarded.
- c. Previous Showmanship Champions are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
- d. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
  - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
  - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
  - iii. Senior - grades 9 – 12

#### MARKET BEEF

1. Market beef have to be started, weighed-in and ear tagged at the County weigh-in date.
2. An exhibitor may enter a maximum of four head of Market beef animals.
3. All breeds and crossbreeds will show together in classes by weight.
4. Market Steers will be placed on individual merit from market standpoint, taking into consideration conformation, quality, finish and gain ability
5. **Polk County Produced Classes** - Only beef born in Polk County are eligible for these classes.
6. The order of the show will be posted PRIOR TO THE SHOW (check with the office in the youth livestock building). Champions will be selected at the end of each show.
7. Rate of Gain of 2.2 lbs/day or better for Market Steers and 1.8 lbs/day or better for Market Heifers is required to receive a Blue ribbon.

#### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

1	Market Steers
2	Market Heifers

3	Polk County Produced Market Heifer
4	Polk County Produced Market Steer

**RATE OF GAIN**

1. Trophies will be presented to the top two entries having highest rate of gain.
2. Rate of gain will be figured on the basis of official starting weight recorded at the time of ear-tagging and the weigh-in at the County fair. Excess mud must be removed prior or weigh-in to be considered for rate of gain.

**BREEDING BEEF**

1. An exhibitor may enter a total of four animals in this department. A cow and calf are considered as one animal. The calf must be at the cow's side in the cow and calf class.
2. All animals will be judged from the standpoint of breed characteristics, type quality, and conformation with future usefulness as a breeding cow considered.
3. The Champion and Reserve Champion animals in each division will compete for Supreme Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion at the end of the show.
4. All beef heifers and cow-calves will show in one show.
5. If individual heifer classes are too large, the beef heifer superintendent will break the classes into a reasonable number.
6. To show the calf from a cow/calf class that calf has to be entered in the spring class.
7. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
8. ALL cattle showing in the Polk County Produced need to have an Affidavit turned in to the extension office by July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Affidavits can be found at the extension office or at [polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com/forms)
9. **For breed classes:**
  - a. Minimum 4 per breed. If there are not 4 eligible they will just be shown in the cross bred class.
  - b. Registration papers must be submitted to the Superintendent's at the Fair to be eligible. Registration Papers need to be in the exhibitors or Families name.
  - c. Rosettes will be provided to Champion and Reserve of each breed.
  - d. Champion and Reserve of each breed will show for Supreme against Commercial Females.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION  
Polk County Produced Breeding Beef**

9	Polk Co. Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
10	Polk Co. Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
11	Polk Co. Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year
12	Polk Co. Junior Yearling Heifer, dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
13	Polk Co. Senior Yearling Heifer, dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
14	Polk Co. Breed-Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped

	5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
15	Polk Co. Breed- Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
16	Polk Co. Cow-calf pair, cow dropped prior to last year.

**Breeding Beef**

17	Spring Heifer Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
18	Spring Male Calf, dropped 1/1/current year - 5/15/current year.
19	Fall Heifer Calf, dropped 9/1/last year - 12/31/last year.
20	Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
21	Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
22	Breed-Jr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 5/1/last year - 8/31/last year.
23	Breed- Sr. Yearling Heifer - dropped 1/1/last year - 4/30/last year.
24	Cow and Calf - cow dropped prior to last year.

**OPEN CLASS - BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF  
Superintendent: Mike Cory**

**Entry and ground fees will be collected July 3.**

1. Entries and dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
3. Any newborn or orphan calf (bucket or bottle fed, no nursing), steer, heifer, dairy or beef that is calved between January 1 and May 31, this year may be shown.
4. The animals will be exhibited according to plans developed by the Bucket/Bottle Calf Superintendent. (Exhibitor will be interviewed in regards to management and care of calf.)
5. Calves will be shown at halter.
6. Stalls will be available at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Stalling will be in the Beef Dept. Area.
7. Calves must be in pens and checked in by 3:00 P.M. Thursday. (Health certificates are due at this time.)
8. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
9. Parent or guardian must be present during show.
10. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
11. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

8	Bucket/Bottle Calf
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**DAIRY COW DEPARTMENT**  
**Superintendent: James McDaniel**  
**Assistant Superintendent: Laurie Konrad**  
**Assistant: Jamie McDaniel**

Entries – See General Rules and Regulations.

1. Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H T-shirts or white FFA T-shirts and jeans or white trousers may be worn by exhibitor in show ring.
2. Animals including Dairy need to be Identified in 4-H online by May 15.
3. Because Iowa is brucellosis and T.B. free state, dairy originating in Iowa need not be tested.
4. Breeds eligible for competition are: AYRSHIRE, BROWN SWISS, GUERNSEY, HOLSTEIN, JERSEY, and MILKING SHORTHORN.
5. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
6. Champion ribbons will be awarded ONLY if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
7. The following class ages apply to all Dairy Classes below:
  - a) Heifer Calves- born after Aug. 31, last year and over 4 months of age.
  - b) Yearling Heifers- born one year prior to fair.
  - c) Two-Year-Old Heifers - born two years prior to fair.
  - d) Cow - in production (any yearling heifer that has freshen prior to time of judging must be entered in the Two-year old class.)
8. Cows in production must be milked out at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday and checked by superintendent or will not be eligible to be shown on Friday.
9. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY.
10. All livestock must remain in stall until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
11. Exhibitor must be FSQA Certified. You must have a copy of your certificate to show.
12. All Cattle must be dehorned prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
13. Health certificates are required.
14. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
  - a) Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - b) Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - c) Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

25	Heifer Calf
26	Yearling Heifer
27	Two -Year Old Cow
28	Cows

**DAIRY GOAT DEPARTMENT**  
**Superintendent: James McDaniel**  
**Assistant Superintendent: Laurie Konrad**  
**Assistant: Jamie McDaniel**

Entries – See General Rules and Regulations.

1. **This show follows all rules of the ADGA. (No horns allowed.)**
2. Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H, or white FFA T-shirts and jeans or white trousers may be worn by exhibitor in show ring.
3. Because Iowa is brucellosis and T.B. free state, dairy originating in Iowa need not be tested.
4. The following class ages apply to all Dairy Goat Classes below:
  - a. Junior Dairy Goats are 12 months of age or younger.
  - b. Dry Yearling Goats are 12 to 24 months of age and not in milk.
  - c. Senior Dairy Goats are older than 24 months of age or in milk.
  - d. Junior Wether Dairy Goats 12 Months or younger.
  - e. Senior Wether Dairy goats 12 to 24 months.
5. Goat Costume Class
  - a. Open to all youth and adults.
  - b. No toy animals may be entered, but may be part of the costume.
  - c. Goat and Handler must wear a costume.
  - d. Goats must be treated humanely.
  - e. Show will take place at the end of the Meat goat show
6. of age or over which have never freshen shall not be shown.
7. Mother and Daughter class consists of only two goats. Mother goat MUST be in milk.
8. Any doe in production must be milked out on Thursday at 6:00 P.M. and checked by superintendent or will not be eligible to show on Friday.
9. All animals will be placed on individuality only.
10. Champion ribbons will be awarded ONLY if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
11. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY.
12. All livestock must remain in pens until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
13. Exhibitor must be FSQA Certified. You must have a copy of your certificate to show.
14. Health certificates are required.
15. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
  - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

35	Junior Dairy Goats
36	Dry Yearling Goats
37	Senior Dairy Goats
38	Mother/Daughter Pair
39	Junior Wether Dairy Goats
40	Senior Wether Dairy Goats
52	Goat Costume class

## OPEN CLASS DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Superintendent: James McDaniel

Assistant Superintendent: Laurie Konrad

Assistant: Jamie McDaniel

1. Entry fee to be paid July 3
2. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat show, or bring their own.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Any doe may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat show.
5. Goats must be penned on the fairgrounds by 8:00 A.M. on the day of the show. Pens will be available beginning 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
6. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
7. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
8. Depending on number of entries, classes will be divided by age of the youth.
9. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge on the care and management of goats.
10. Conformation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
11. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
14. Health certificates are required.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

41	OPEN DAIRY GOAT CLASS
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## MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT

Superintendents: Rob Vincent & Paul McNeer

Entries – See General Rules and Regulations

1. Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H, or white FFA T-shirts and jeans may be worn by exhibitor in show ring.
2. Exhibitor must be FSQA Certified.
3. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE PLACED BY 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY.
4. Only does and wethers allowed on fairgrounds.
5. Market Goats will be weighed in upon arrival at the fairgrounds on Wednesday.
6. Please find a superintendent upon arrival to turn in Required Health Certificates and to weigh in any market goats.
7. All goats will be inspected by superintendents upon arrival. Superintendents reserve the right to refuse entry to any goats for health related concerns at the time of checkin.
8. All goats must be dehorned or blunt tipped prior to their arrival at the Polk County Fair.
9. All market wethers and market does must be weighed and tagged at the goat/sheep weigh-in day for Polk County.
10. All goats, both market and breeding does, must be verified in person by the superintendents at the weigh-in day.
11. Breeding does must have permanent ink tattoos that adhere to the USDA scrapies program requirements or have an approved 4-H or FFA ear tag. The chosen id method must be listed on the 4-H Meat Goat Verification form or be submitted through the FFA animal nomination process.
12. Iowa 4-H Meat Goat Verification Form or the FFA Meat Goat nomination form must be completed by 4-H or FFA deadline dates to show goats.
13. Meat Goats must weigh a minimum of 50 pounds by fair.
14. Market weathers and market does will be shown in the same classes.
15. All meat goats must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
16. The show date will be used to determine breeding doe class age breaks.
17. Breeding does over 24 months of age that have never kidded may not be shown.
18. All animals will be judged on individuality only.
19. Champion ribbons will be awarded ONLY if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award.
20. All livestock must remain in pens until release time of 4:00 P.M. on Sunday.
21. Market wethers and market does are eligible for auction.
22. PERFORMANCE Combination Class (#50)
  - a. All goats must be weighed in and identified on the specified county weigh-in date.
  - b. Exhibitors can enter up to three goats for this class. Entries made and paid by July 3 in the Extension Office.
  - c. Goats will be scanned to determine back fat, loin eye, etc. Final placing will be determined by combining scan data and rate of gain.
  - d. A \$7.00 fee/goat scanned is required. The fee is paid by July 3 when submitting the Fair entries.
23. Goat Costume Class
  - a. Open to all youth and adults.
  - b. No toy animals may be entered, but may be part of the costume.
  - c. Goat and Handler must wear a costume.
  - d. Goats must be treated humanely.
  - e. Show will take place at the end of the Meat goat show

**HORSE DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent: Sondra Feldstein

Assistant Superintendent: Jessica Boor

Horse Committee: Lisa Lajoie, Julie Ramer, Melissa Reeves

**24. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**

- a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
- b. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
  - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
  - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
  - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

45	Breeding Junior Doe – under 1 year
46	Breeding Junior Doe – 1 yr. - 2 years
47	Breeding Senior Doe – over 2 years
48	Market Wether/does – under 1 year
50	Performance Evaluation
52	Goat Costume class

**OPEN CLASS GOAT SHOW**

Superintendents: Rob Vincent & Paul McNeer

**ENTRY FEE DUE by JULY 3 at the Polk County Extension Office.**

Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows, or bring their own.

1. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
2. Any doe or wether may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows.
3. Goats must be penned on the fairgrounds by noon on the day of the show. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
4. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
5. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
6. Depending on number of entries, classes will be divided by age of the youth.
7. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge on the care and management of goats.
8. Conformation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
9. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
10. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
11. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
12. Health certificates are required. Please provide them to the superintendent at check in.
13. Goats not being shown in the 4-H/FFA show are released following the completion of the show.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

51	OPEN GOAT CLASS
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**GENERAL RULES**

1. Entries – See Fair General Rules and Regulations.
2. Check in and measurement will take place between 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Wednesday in the warm up arena. All exhibitors at check in will be asked to verify stall numbers & emergency phone numbers. All equines must be accompanied by a CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION with individual identification or a description of the individual animal listed and dated within 30 days of the County Fair.
3. An exhibitor meeting will be held in the warm up arena after the crowning of the Polk County Fair King and Queen or 8:00 P.M., whichever is later.
4. Unless otherwise addressed in this rulebook, “Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa” available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/4H511CEquineRulesRegOnline2013.pdf> will be followed. Some of the more important rules are restated in this (county) rulebook, but not all the rules are reprinted here. Exhibitors are advised to consult the state publication for class descriptions, judging standards, code of conduct and legal equipment for both performance and games divisions. Judge’s decision is final.
5. Exhibitors must present equipment for inspection when requested by show officials. Use of illegal equipment may result in dismissal from the show, disqualification and/or forfeiture of premiums, ribbons and other prizes.
6. An exhibitor is limited to entering and showing ONE (1) animal in a class, and may not exhibit more than FOUR (4) animals at the fair.
7. In accordance with state rules, siblings may co-identify multiple horses. However, they may not show the same horse in the same classes regardless of age division; eg., if one sibling shows in junior barrels, the other sibling may not show the same horse in senior barrels.
8. In cases where siblings share only one horse, there is no restriction on which classes they each may enter.
9. **NO STALLIONS, WEANLINGS OR FOALS MAY BE SHOWN OR BROUGHT TO THE FAIR.**
10. In compliance with State 4-H rules, in order to be eligible to show a horse at halter, the horse must be owned by the 4-H'er or in partnership with a family member such as a mother, father, sister or brother. This rule does not apply to any of the performance, games or showmanship classes.
11. Only exhibitors and members of the immediate family, local club leader, assistant leaders or project leaders may assist with grooming and fitting animals at the show. A 4-H/FFA exhibitor may not be coached by any

trainer on the Iowa State Fairgrounds during the Polk County Fair.

12. Only exhibitors may ride horses or ponies on the fairgrounds during the fair. If, for safety reasons, a parent or leader believes an animal needs to be lunged by an adult, please see the superintendent or a horse committee member.
13. **NO COACHING OR OTHER ASSISTANCE TO EXHIBITORS IN THE ARENA DURING A CLASS.** This includes verbal cues to the horse or pony. There will be ONE (1) warning from show officials. The next violation will be a disqualification for the exhibitor and the animal and forfeit of premiums, ribbons, and other awards.
14. No exhibitor may be tied or fastened in the saddle, in any manner, while on show grounds. Anyone violating this rule will be dismissed from the show and forfeit all ribbons, premiums, and other prizes.
15. No dumping manure in garbage cans. All manure must be carried outside to designated piles.
16. No riding double at any time. No riding in the barn at any time.
17. No loping in the warm up arena. One warning will be given by the superintendents, horse committee or designated show volunteers. A second violation will result in immediate dismissal from the show and forfeiture of all prizes & premiums.
18. All horses and ponies are to be in their stalls at all times except: (1) an exhibitor may exercise horses and ponies in the designated area(s) at the times designated by superintendents; (2) an exhibitor may wash his/her horse or pony at any time with adult supervision; or (3) an exhibitor may tie the horse or pony in the aisle to prepare the horse or pony for the show so long as the exhibitor does not leave the animal unattended.
19. For purposes of classes at this show, all entries will be subject to measurement at check-in. Animals 57 inches or taller will be considered horses. Ponies must be less than 57 inches, or 57 1/2 inches if shod. POA cards will be accepted.
20. Exhibitors riding a pony may choose to enter either the pony division or the appropriate age division for the rider, but must stick with one choice— you can't show as a pony in one class and a horse in another. Exception is games, where only age divisions are provided; exhibitors riding ponies in games should enter the rider's appropriate age division.
21. Exhibitors are required to provide woodshavings or straw for stall bedding. Stalls must be picked clean twice a day.
22. Stall cards must be attached to stall fronts and be filled out completely, including emergency phone numbers on the back of the card. **DO NOT LOCK** horse stalls. Tack stalls must also be marked and should be locked.
23. Questions about show conduct must be directed to show officials immediately. Once a decision has been reached, it is final.
24. Any exhibitor who needs to administer injections to a horse (eg., allergy medicine) should talk to the

superintendent first so there will be no misunderstanding about drug use.

25. **STALLS MUST BE CLEANED AND SWEEPED OUT, AND BEDDING MUST BE COMPLETELY REMOVED AND PLACED IN THE AISLE FOUR FEET FROM THE WALL. STALL CLEANING MAY BEGIN AT RELEASE TIME AND STALLS MUST BE INSPECTED BEFORE LEAVING FAIRGROUNDS OR PREMIUMS WILL BE FORFEITED.** Leave stall card in place until inspected by a superintendent or horse committee member.
26. ALL EXHIBITORS will be required to help clean the Jacobson arena and empty all trash cans in horse barn following completion of timed games on Sunday.
27. Violations of ANY rule(s) may result in premium & prize forfeiture and/or disqualification. (See General Rules and Regulations.)
28. Animals must remain in place until 4 p.m. Sunday. Any animal that leaves the grounds before that time will forfeit all ribbons, premiums, and prizes, except in cases of medical emergency as determined by a veterinarian and cleared with the superintendent.

#### **ATTIRE**

29. An ASTM/SEI approved headgear with properly fitted harness and chin strap fastened is required at all times while mounted. No caps, hats, or scarves may be worn under the helmet. The Polk County Fair Association and Iowa State University make no representation or warranty, express or implied, about any protective headgear, and caution all riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risk and no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.
30. Hard soled boots with heels and an approved helmet must be worn at all times when riding. Boots are recommended at all times. **NO FLIP-FLOPS WHILE HANDLING HORSES.**
31. Dress for exhibitors: Western/Games: long sleeve white or solid colored shirt is preferred, also acceptable are: tuxedo white shirt or FFA jacket. All shirts must be buttoned or snapped, no zippers. Blue jeans only, no chaps. An approved helmet and heeled boots; ties and gloves optional. English: plain white or colored shirt or blouse, riding breeches, field boots and an approved helmet. Paddock boots and half chaps are acceptable. (Jackets, vests, ties, and gloves are optional.) All shirts, English and Western, shall be absent of beading, sequins and other bling. No slip-on spurs.
32. Exhibitors will be issued two numbers. Numbers should be displayed on either side of saddle pad during all riding classes.
33. FFA or 4-H armband worn on the left arm is required for all exhibitors. Failure to properly display armband will result in disqualification from the class. 4-H armbands may be purchased at the Extension Office throughout the year or at the fair. FFA exhibitors, see your advisors for armbands.

#### **HALTER AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES**

34. For halter and showmanship classes, either Western or English tack and attire is acceptable. Western

exhibitors in halter and showmanship must wear a cowboy hat. No cowgirl crowns. Exhibitors may use either a leather or nylon halter with chain on the lead rope.

35. Exhibitors may win showmanship only once per age group. The Master Showmanship class is open to exhibitors who have already won an age division showmanship class in previous years and are ineligible to compete in that age division again.

### PERFORMANCE AND GAME CLASSES

36. Age divisions are according to last grade **completed** by exhibitor, as follows:

Junior: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Intermediate: 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Senior: 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Pony: animals under 57"

College FFA: FFA exhibitors who have started college. Separate classes will be provided if there are three or more college FFA exhibitors in a class. College FFA are not eligible for high point awards.

37. Class sizes for purpose of entries are not limited. The show officials and judge reserve the right to split larger classes into smaller groups or combine classes to facilitate judging.
38. Exhibitors in timed games will mount outside the arena. If absolutely necessary, exhibitors may mount inside the arena but must do so without assistance and the horse must remain under control at all times. Exhibitors will drop stirrups for inspection by designated gate official before entering arena. Once in the arena, exhibitors will wait until the gate is closed and the gate official gives the go order before starting their run. Failure to wait for the go order will result in a five second penalty. Exhibitors must come to a complete stop and dismount before exiting the arena.
39. Only a parent, leader or designated show official may assist the rider up to the gate. Adults may not enter the arena.
40. In all game classes a five second penalty will be assessed for each barrel or pole that is knocked down while riding the course. Touching a barrel or pole is not a disqualification. Holding up or resetting a pole or barrel is not allowed.
41. No do – over's for the game classes, including cases of equipment failure.
42. Exhibitors who are showing sheep or poultry will be accommodated as necessary. Otherwise all exhibitors will run games in the order listed in the show book.

### ADDITIONAL CLASS INFORMATION

1. Exhibitors entered in **Novice Walk Trot** and/or **Novice Walk Trot Horsemanship** may not enter any other performance classes except for Trail. They may enter Timed Games classes.
2. Exhibitors wishing to enter **bareback classes** for the first time must demonstrate to the Horse Committee's satisfaction their ability to stay on and steer their horse safely. Such demonstration will take place during pre-

fair clinics or at a designated time at the county fair. Bareback classes will use equitation elements as outlined in "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa."

3. **Ranch Horse Equitation** is a pattern class using AQHA Ranch Horse Pleasure Pattern #1 and the judging standards for Ranch Horse Pleasure.
4. All **pleasure classes** require riders to perform a controlled lope on a loose rein (see description of classes in "Rules and Regulations for 4-H Equine Shows in Iowa" available online at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4hfiles/agriculture/4H511CEquineRulesRegOnline2013.pdf>). If you and your horse are unable to perform this maneuver, you don't belong in the pleasure classes. Exhibitors displaying excessive speed, passing with insufficient room or otherwise judged to be endangering other riders will be asked to come to the center.

### AWARDS

43. Premiums will be awarded in all classes (unless otherwise specified) for Blue and Red ribbon groups. Purple ribbons may be given by the judge but will be treated as a blue ribbon for premium awards.
44. High Point/Reserve High Point awards will be given in each of the three age groups (Senior, Intermediate, Junior) for English performance, Western performance, and timed games divisions, and also for Pony Performance. These awards will be given to the exhibitor and horse/pony combination earning the most cumulative points in the division. Only a blue or purple ribbon earns points, regardless of class placing. All riding classes specific to the division and broken by rider's age will count toward high point.
45. The point system will be as follows:

Entries in Class	Points per Class
1	1
2	2-1
3	3-2-1
4	4-3-2-1
5	5-4-3-2-1

Tiebreakers: earned points in greatest number of events; greatest number of first place finishes; highest placing in western horsemanship/English equitation class.

### FUN GAMES (Friday evening)

**NO PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED.**

**NO PREMIUMS. NO POINTS.**

- 4-H/FFA horse exhibitors only except for boot scramble & stick horse race. Riding attire: jeans, boots, helmet and intact 4-H or FFA t-shirt.
  - A. Boot scramble up to & including 3rd grade
  - B. Stick horse race up to & including 3rd grade
  - C. Horse Parent Olympics
  - D. Egg & Spoon
  - E. Izzy-Dizzy
  - F. Donut Race

## G. TP Race

### **OPEN CLASSES FOR AGES K-3RD GRADE**

1. No Premiums. Entries due July 3 on Clover Kids entry form. See show schedule for class numbers. This is not a 4-H class, so it is not necessary to be a Clover Kids member to enter these classes.
2. Exhibitors must use a horse or pony that is otherwise entered in the current year's Polk County Fair. Specify on entry form name and club of exhibitor whose horse you will be riding.
3. Exhibitors who have completed kindergarten through 3rd grade may enter.
4. 4-H or FFA horse exhibitor must lead the exhibitor in the lead line class.
5. Parent or Guardian must be present during show.
6. Fair Association is not liable for injury. All exhibitors must have a liability waiver signed by parent or guardian.
7. Exhibitors must wear a helmet, jeans and long-sleeved white or solid-colored shirt or current Polk County Fair t-shirt. 4-H/FFA members in lead line class must follow the same rules for attire as in showmanship classes.
8. Exhibitors may enter both classes.
9. Exhibitors in these classes may warm up beginning at 6:00 p.m. Friday. They may not ride at any other time during the fair.

### **JUNIOR AND SENIOR COWGIRL QUEEN CONTEST**

#### **No Premiums. No points.**

1. Exhibitor must be a current 4-H/FFA member in Polk County to compete.
2. Attire is the same as all other Western classes.
3. Age requirements and rules will follow the Iowa State Fair rules for the current year. Junior Cowgirl exhibitors must be 10 to 15 years old as of January 1. Senior Cowgirl exhibitors must be 16 to 21 years of age as of January 1.
4. Winners must represent Polk County 4-H/FFA at the Iowa State Fair Cowgirl Queen Contest in August.
5. Enter appropriate class on regular entry form; see show schedule for class number.

**THURSDAY 2:00 p.m.**

1. Halter - Miniature Horse or Donkey, All Ages
2. Halter - Pony Mares, All Ages
3. Halter - Pony Geldings, All Ages
4. Pony/Mini/Donkey Halter Championship
5. Halter - Junior Mares 5 & under
6. Halter - Junior Geldings 5 & under
7. Halter - Senior Mares
8. Halter - Senior Geldings
9. Halter Championship
10. Master Showmanship, Western or English
11. Senior Showmanship, Western or English
12. Intermediate Showmanship, Western or English
13. Junior Showmanship, Western or English

**FRIDAY 8:30 A.M.**

14. Cart Driving-No Age Division
15. Pony English Walk Trot
16. Senior English Walk Trot
17. Intermediate English Walk Trot
18. Junior English Walk Trot
19. Pony English Pleasure Hunt Seat
20. Senior English Pleasure Hunt Seat
21. Intermediate English Pleasure Hunt Seat
22. Junior English Pleasure Hunt Seat
23. Pony English Equitation Hunt Seat
24. Senior English Equitation Hunt Seat
25. Intermediate English Equitation Hunt Seat
26. Junior English Equitation Hunt Seat
27. Pony Hunter Hack
28. Senior Hunter Hack
29. Intermediate Hunter Hack
30. Junior Hunter Hack
31. Miniature Horse Jumping
32. Pony English Bareback Equitation
33. Senior English Bareback Equitation
34. Intermediate English Bareback Equitation
35. Junior English Bareback Equitation

**BREAK**

36. Pony Western Bareback Equitation
37. Senior Western Bareback Equitation
38. Intermediate Western Bareback Equitation
39. Junior Western Bareback Equitation
40. Novice Walk Trot (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Year exhibitor)
41. 2 & 3 year old Pleasure (English or Western)
42. Novice Walk Trot Horsemanship - Pattern class (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Year exhibitor)
43. Pony Ranch Horse Equitation (AQHA #1)
44. Senior Ranch Horse Equitation (AQHA #1)
45. Intermediate Ranch Horse Equitation (AQHA #1)
46. Junior Ranch Horse Equitation (AQHA #1)

**FRIDAY 7:00 P.M**

47. K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lead Line
48. K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Walk Trot

FUN GAMES (no entry, no fee)  
 Boot scramble up to 3rd grade  
 Stick Horse Race up to 3rd grade  
 Horse Parent Olympics  
 Egg & Spoon  
 Izzy-Dizzy  
 Donut Race  
 Toilet Paper Race

**SATURDAY 8:30 A.M**

49. Miniature Horse, Yearling or Donkey Trail in Hand
50. Senior Western Trail
51. Intermediate Western Trail
52. Junior Western Trail
53. Pony Trail

**BREAK**

54. Pony Western Walk Trot
55. Senior Western Walk Trot
56. Intermediate Western Walk Trot
57. Junior Western Walk Trot
58. Pony Western Pleasure
59. Senior Western Pleasure
60. Intermediate Western Pleasure
61. Junior Western Pleasure
62. Pony Western Horsemanship
63. Senior Western Horsemanship
64. Intermediate Western Horsemanship
65. Junior Western Horsemanship
66. Senior Cowgirl Queen
67. Junior Cowgirl Queen

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M TIMED GAMES**

68. Senior Pole Bending
69. Intermediate Pole Bending
70. Junior Pole Bending
71. Senior Barrels
72. Intermediate Barrels
73. Junior Barrels
74. Senior Flag Race
75. Intermediate Flag Race
76. Junior Flag Race
77. Senior Figure 8 Barrels
78. Intermediate Figure 8 Barrels
79. Junior Figure 8 Barrels

## SHEEP DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Mike Cory

Assistant Superintendent: Craig Veldhuizen

Bedding (Bring your own wood chips, NO STRAW)

1. All Sheep must have tails docked at fair.
2. No Substitutions can be made at fair. Lambs must be entered in that class but the July 3 deadline.
3. Either wethers or ewes may be shown in the market lamb classes. EWES SHOWN IN THE BREEDING CLASSES CANNOT BE SHOWN IN THE MARKET CLASSES.
4. Sexually intact sheep must have a scrapies tag and that tag number must be noted on the Iowa Sheep Verification Form at the time of the weigh-in.
5. Member Produced Ewe Lambs and/or Polk County Produced Lambs must be identified on the Iowa Sheep Verification Form at the time of the weigh-in. There will not be an additional form.
6. Show will begin at 8:00 AM.
7. Entries in lamb classes shall be born after January 1, of this year. (Yearlings shall be born after January 1 one year prior to fair.)
8. Weigh in will be at 8:00 P.M. Wednesday
  - a. Blankets and tubes must be removed and left at pens.
  - b. All breeding and market lambs will be inspected and health certificates will be checked by the veterinarian.
  - c. Any evidence of Club Lamb Fungus, ringworm, draining abscess, foot rot, sore mouth or any other infectious disease will eliminate the animal from the show and be required to be removed from the fairgrounds immediately.
9. All Sheep must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.
10. All lambs that will not be sold at auction must be listed on a form, in the office, within 1 hour after the show.
11. All sheep must remain in pens until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday. At this time, all Sheep NOT selling at the auction MUST GO HOME.
12. All pens must be cleaned by the exhibitor or premiums WILL BE WITHHELD.
13. SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
  - a. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - b. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - c. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

### BREEDING SHEEP

1. Breeding sheep must be identified at weigh-in with birth dates, flock and scrapie number.

2. Each exhibitor is limited to two exhibits in each class, except member produced ewe lamb class where only one lamb may be shown.
3. Lambs will be placed on: type, quality, size, and fleece.
  - a) Entries in all breeding classes must have identified birth date, type and scrapie tag number on the 4-H Sheep Identification Report form 4-H 106d which is due at the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Exhibitors may summer shear lambs and feed for maximum growth (not fattening) to encourage early sexual maturity.
4. Exhibitors in commercial ewe classes must know the date the ewe was born. Offspring to be shown by side.
5. Member-produced ewe lamb - class 10: the animal must be produced from animal owned by member or immediate family. Member may show only one animal in this class. Animal may not be shown in another class. No additional form is needed to identify a Member Produced Lamb, BUT IDENTIFICATION MUST BE MADE on the 4-H Sheep Identification Report form 4-H 106d and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion Ewe & Ram will be selected for Purebreds. Champion and Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe will be selected. All champion ewes and rams will be selected for an overall supreme champion.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

10	Member-produced Ewe Lamb
20	P.B. Yearling Ram (all breeds)
21	P.B. Ram Lamb (all breeds)
22	P.B. Yearling Ewe (all breeds)
23	P.B. Ewe Lamb (all breeds)
24	P.B. Pair of Ewes (yearlings or lambs)
28	Commercial Yearling Ram
29	Commercial Ram Lamb
30	White Face Influenced Commercial Yearling Ewe with or without offspring
31	White Face Influenced Commercial Ewe Lamb (all breeds)
40	Commercial Yearling Ewe with or without offspring
41	Commercial Ewe Lamb (all breeds)
42	Commercial Pair of Ewes (yearling or lambs)

### MARKET SHEEP

1. Market lambs to be shown must have been sheared once between July 3<sup>rd</sup> and fair time. Full woolled lambs or block market lambs will not be accepted in the ring. Market lambs must come to the scale dry without blankets or tubes to be considered for rate of gain. (slick shorn is recommended)
2. All market lambs must be ear tagged with a county ear tag, and weighed-in at the designated site. All exhibitors must fill out the 4-H Sheep Identification Form 4H-106d which is due at the county extension office by May 15th.
  - a) All ewe lambs must have a scrapie tag and must have complete birth information on the 4-H
1. Polk County lambs and they must also be identified on Polk County Produced Market Lamb Class Form due



at the Extension Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>. All market ewe lambs must have a Scrapie tag.

2. Exhibitors may enter and show a maximum of three individual black-face market lambs, one black-face Polk County market lamb and one black face pen of three. The Polk County market lamb may be shown as part of pen of three but not as one of the individual market lambs.
3. Exhibitors may enter and show a maximum of three individual white-face influenced market lambs, One Polk County white-faced influenced market lamb and one white-faced influenced pen of three. The Polk County market lamb may be shown as part of pen of three but not as one of the individual market lambs.
4. Market lamb classes will be sub-divided by weight as determined by the Superintendent.
5. Lambs weighing less than 105 pounds will be placed in the feeder lamb class. These lambs will not be eligible for champions and will not be sold at the livestock sale. Re-sale bid is not guaranteed for lambs weighing less than 105 pounds. Lambs weighing less than 105 pounds must go home if a bid has not been established.
6. Champion and Reserve Champion Individual and Pen will be selected at the end of the show.
7. Rate of Gain: Special ribbons will be presented to the top ten entries having highest rate of gain. Rate of gain will be figured on the basis of official starting weight recorded at the time of ear-tagging and the weigh-in at the County Fair.
8. Polk County Market Lamb Class 211 must be reported as such on the Iowa Sheep Verification Form at the time of the weigh-in. There will be no separate form needed.
9. Class 230 – Scan Market Lamb must already be shorn before entering fairgrounds. All market exhibitors must enter 1 lamb to be scanned. **A breeding ewe may be scanned**

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

200	Feeder Lambs
209	White Faced Influenced Market Wether or Ewe Lambs
210	Black Faced Market Wether or Ewe Lambs
211	Polk County Market Lamb – Black Faced Influenced
212	Polk County Market Lamb – White Faced Influenced
219	Pen of Three - White Faced Influenced (Market, Wether or Ewe Lambs)
220	Pen of Three - Black Faced Influenced (Market, Wether or Ewe Lambs)
230	Scan Market Lamb Class

**OPEN CLASS SHEEP SHOW**

**Superintendents: Mike Cory**

**Assistant: Sheri Cory**

1. **Entry fee to be paid July 3.**
2. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H lamb shown by a 4-H/FFA member in the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Any lamb may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H lamb shown by a sibling in the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
5. Lambs must be penned on the fairgrounds by 8:00 A.M. Sunday. Pens will be available beginning 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
6. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
7. Lambs may be shown with halter.
8. The classes may be divided into classes depending on the number of exhibitors. Classes divided by age of the youth.
9. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management and care of lamb.
10. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What exhibitor has learned about the care and rising of the lamb.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the lamb.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of lamb and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
    - i. Conformation and quality of the lamb is NOT to be considered.
11. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

240	OPEN LAMB CLASS
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## SWINE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Don Timmins

Assistant Superintendent: Amy Weldon, Cheryl Timmins & Bart Weldon

**\*ALL SWINE PROJECT MEMBERS will be required to be certified through FSQA to exhibit hogs at county fair, sell their hogs to a packer and/or exhibit at State Fair. Check with Extension Office for certification information.**

### General

1. Entries - See General Rules and Regulations. Dress Code – Livestock Rules and Regulations.
2. Each exhibitor is limited to showing six crossbred market hogs (barrows or gilts), six purebred market hogs (barrows or gilts), four Derby hogs, and one pen of three, four commercial breeding gilts, four purebred breeding gilts and one litter.
3. All hogs competing may be purebred, crossbred, or grade.
4. All hogs must be born on or after January 1.
5. All swine must be tagged at the weigh-in. One pig will be required to be weighed for the Derby Class, if you wish to weigh all of your pigs you may.
6. All pigs must be ear notched. All pigs from a litter must have identical litter ear notch marks. Ear notch for litter must be done at birth. Pigs coming to weigh-in without notches will not be eligible for litter classes. No duplicate ear notches allowed in litter.
7. Exhibits of market gilts and barrows, commercial gilts, commercial purebred gilts, purebred market hogs or market pen of three may be made from a litter project or non litter entries or purchased feeder hog.
8. **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**
  - e. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - f. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - g. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

### Litter

1. The exhibitor must obtain the sow or gilt before she farrows. Hogs purchased after farrowing cannot be shown as a litter project.
2. A Market Litter will consist of a litter of six or more hogs farrowed by one sow.
3. Market Litters will be judged as follows: total weight of litter, number and age considered, 50%; uniformity of quality from market standpoint, 50%.
4. A litter consisting of less than 6 market hogs cannot be entered and judged as a litter.
5. A market litter will have to average not less than 230 lbs. or more than 300 lbs. per hog in order to compete for Champion Litter.
6. If entries warrant purebred litters may be in a separate class from commercial.
7. Ear notch for litter must be done at birth. Pigs coming to weigh-in without notches will not be eligible for litter classes. No duplicate ear notches allowed in litter.

### Derby

1. All swine must be weighed in and identified on the specified county weigh-in date in April.
2. All swine will be eligible for the DERBY CLASS as long as they were weighed in. You will need to weigh in at least one pig.
3. Exhibitors will choose at least one and no more than four swine for the Derby Class.
4. Derby Swine will be scanned to determine back fat, loin eye, etc. and final Derby Class placing will be determined from scan data.
5. Trophies will be awarded to first and second place Derby entries.
6. Derby swine will be eligible for the auction.

### Own, Breed, Born, & Raised Class (OBBR)

1. Project is made up of required documentation of ownership, breeding, gestation, farrowing and raising of swine, as well as exhibiting at the county fair.
2. Open to 4-H and FFA members
3. Novice (4-7 grade) and Advanced (8 and up) were assigned for Essay requirements and will compete separately at the live class.
4. The animals involved in this class need to have the exhibitor as the daily primary care giver.
5. Photos are required at every stage of the project.
6. You will need one Sow Packet per sow.

#### Sow ownership

- Exhibitor must own and show ownership of the unbred sow or gilt by September 1.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow packet for full requirements.

#### Breeding

- Photos of the boar are required.
- It is the participants' response ability to oversee the breeding process whether it is natural or artificial.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

#### Gestation & Farrowing

- Details of the farrowing are required.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

#### Raising

- This section refers to birth to pre-fair activities.
- Refer to of OBBR Sow Packet for full requirements.

#### Essay

- **For Novice OBBR Project Participants (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade)** Write a 250 or more word essay (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) about your experience in the Owned Bred Born & Raised Project this year.
- **For Advanced OBBR Project Participants (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** Write a 500 or more word essay (double-spaced, 12 pt. font) about your experience in the Owned Bred Born & Raised Project this year.

**Fair**

1. Note the weigh-in times on the front of this book.
2. All Swine must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair.
3. If hogs are clipped, packer guidelines of hair at least one half inch in length must be followed.
4. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY.
5. The weigh-in weight will be used for the sale. Hogs weighing less than 230 lbs. and in excess of 300 lbs. may be subject to a price discount.
6. Weight classes will be determined by the superintendent after weigh-in.
7. Feeder Class - Hogs weighing less than 230 lbs. will be placed in the Feeder Hog class. These hogs will not be eligible for champions and will be sold at the accepted bid from the buyer. Hogs weighing less than 230 lbs. will not go through the sale ring.
8. Only the market gilts and barrows weighing 230 - 300 lbs. will be eligible to compete for the Grand Champion market hog. All hogs weighing over 300 will compete in their weight classes but will not be eligible to compete for Grand Champion Individual Market Hog.
9. Each hog will weigh separately and each exhibitor will identify their hog classes (market gilt, market barrow, purebred market hog, litter, pen of three, commercial breeding gilt, purebred breeding gilt and Derby).
10. Commercial breeding gilts or purebred breeding gilts cannot be shown as individual market gilts, but can be shown in a pen of three, litter, or Derby.
11. Champions for the commercial gilt class are not subject to the 300lbs weight limit
12. All hogs can be taken home subject to state health rules and regulations.
13. A market pen of three will be composed of three pigs, Commercial or purebred (either barrows or gilts), but need not be litter mated. Market Pen of Three will have to average not less than 230 lbs. or more than 300 lbs. per hog in order to compete for Champion Market Pen of Three.
14. Champion ribbons will be awarded if the judge feels the exhibit merits the award. The first two blue ribbons in the market gilt, market barrow, purebred hogs, and pen of three, commercial gilt, purebred gilt and litter classes will compete for division champion.
15. The division champions in the market gilt, market barrow, purebred market hog and Derby classes will compete for grand champion market hog. The champion commercial gilt and champion purebred gilt will compete for grand champion breeding hog.
16. Showmanship classes will follow Championship Drive.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

230	Feeder Hog
231	Commercial Gilt
232	Purebred Gilt
233	Litter
234	Market Pen of Three
235	Individual Market Gilt
236	Individual Market Barrow
237	Purebred Market Hog
238	Derby Class
239	Own Bred Born & Raised - Novice 4-7 grade
240	Own Bred Born & Raised - Advanced 8-12 grade

**OPEN CLASS SWINE SHOW**

**Superintendent: Don Timmins**

**Assistant Superintendent: Amy Weldon, Cheryl Timmins & Bart Weldon**

1. **Entry fee to be paid and forms submitted by July 3.**
2. Exhibitors may only exhibit an animal shown by another exhibitor in the 4-H/FFA Swine Show
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
5. The classes may be divided into classes depending on the number of exhibitors. Classes divided by age of the youth.
6. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management and care of swine.
7. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
8. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
9. No premiums paid (ribbons only.)
10. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and rising of swine.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of swine and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
    - i. Conformation and quality of the animals is NOT to be considered.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

250	OPEN SWINE CLASS
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## **SMALL ANIMAL DIVISION**

**Superintendent: Carol Stock**

### **CAT DEPARTMENT**

**Superintendent –**

**Assistant Superintendent –**

**Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.**

1. Entries - Each exhibitor is limited to maximum of 2 cats or kittens per class, not to exceed a maximum of 6 cats or kittens total entered. See General Rules & Regulations for more info.
2. Cat entries will be checked in from 10:30am – 11:30am. Late arrivals will not be accepted. A **\$1.00 Veterinarian Fee** will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Open Class Show starts at **NOON**, with 4-H& FFA Cat Show to follow. Cats will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to be brought in and returned home the day of the show. Cats will be released by the Superintendent following the show and department clean up.
3. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate for their cat(s) at the time of check in at the fair. All cat(s) must have their rabies vaccination before July 3. Kittens that will be 4 months old on the day of the show can be vaccinated at 2 weeks before decision of the veterinarian will be final.
4. Toenails of cats on all feet, should be clipped just before fair. No pregnant, nursing or mother cats may be shown.
5. Cats are to be brought to the fair in a well ventilated, standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages are allowed. No cardboard boxes are allowed.
6. Cages will be provided during the show. Exhibitor is responsible for providing litter boxes, litter and water bowls. Curtains or towels must be brought for each cage. The single dimensions are 25 ½" wide x 23" deep x 26" high. Every side and top (except front) should be covered. This is to make the cat feel more secure and help prevent the cat from attempting to get out of the cage. Exhibitors are responsible for taking down their own cages after completion of the show and release of the cats. No premiums will be paid to exhibitors who fail to help with the take down and clean-up of the cat show. Family members are allowed to help with the take down.
7. Only white Polk County Fair, white 4-H, or the FFA T-shirts and long jeans are to be worn by exhibitors in the show ring. No hats of any kind allowed. Wearing improper attire will result in lower ribbon placing.
8. The exhibitor must be present to handle the cat during the show and answer the judge's questions.
9. Only exhibitors and officials are allowed in the show ring at time of judging. No cell phones or other devices will be allowed in the show ring area.
10. On the day of the show, kittens must be at least 4 months old and less than 8 months old.
11. Cats or kittens will not be judged with ribbons, collars, or other identifying marks on necks or bodies.
12. The following trophy awards will be given: Best In Show, Best Short Hair and Best Long Hair, Oldest Cat, Cage Décor. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior Showmanship Class (4-6 grades), Intermediate Showmanship Class (7-8 grades), Senior (7-12 grades) Class and Collegiate FFA Class winners.
13. Previous winners in their grade division of a Showmanship Class are ineligible for Champion award.

Previous Oldest Cats are ineligible for this award. The age of the cat must be listed on the original entry form be eligible for Oldest Cat. Listing the exact date of Birth is encouraged, as it could determine the winners. No changes to the age of the cat will be made at the time of the show.

14. All Cats and Kittens will be judged by the following scoring criteria:

- a. **Condition (30%)**
- b. **Cleanliness (25%)**
- c. **Grooming (20%)**
- d. **General Appearance and Individuality (15%)**
- e. **Disposition (10%)**

### **DESCRIPTIONS OF CLASSIFICATIONS**

#### **LONG HAIR CLASSIFICATION**

These classes are limited to kittens and cats with medium to long hair coats. Long haired cats can be determined by looking at the cat's tail, the hair will be longer than normal and usually fluffy or plume like. Refer to the Superintendent with questions.

100	Kittens	4 to 8 months
110	Adult cat, male	over 8 months
120	Adult cat, female	over 8 months
130	Adult cat, male neutered	over 8 months
140	Adult cat, female spayed	over 8 months

#### **SHORTHAIR CLASSIFICATION**

These classes are limited to kittens and cats with short hair. Short hair cat be determined by looking at the cat's tail, the hair will be short and about the same length as the body hair of the animal. Refer to the Superintendent with questions.

#### **CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

200	Kittens	4 to 8 months
210	Adult cat, male	over 8 months
220	Adult cat, female	over 8 months
230	Adult cat, male neutered	over 8 months
240	Adult cat, female spayed	over 8 months

#### **SHOWMANSHIP AWARD**

1. No advanced entry or entry fee required.
2. Exhibitor will be evaluated by the Cat Show Judge using the following criteria:
  - HANDLING 40 points
  - KNOWLEDGE 40 points
  - PROPER ATTIRE 20 points
3. Exhibitor will be evaluated during the judging of each cat or kitten class entry.
4. No premiums will be paid for ribbons awarded.
5. A Champion Rosette will be awarded to the Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Collegiate FFA Class winners.
6. Read Cat Department #12 for the **Previous Winners** rule.

## OPEN YOUTH CAT CLASS

1. Entry Fee will be collected July 3<sup>st</sup>.
2. Cat must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. The exhibitor may exhibit only one animal (cat or kitten.)
5. Cats should be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages or cardboard boxes allowed. A cage will be assigned for the exhibit entry. Cage decorating is allowed for the Open Cat Class. A Cage Décor Certificate will be presented to each Open Cat Class exhibitor who decorates their cats' cage.
6. Exhibitors must bring their cats to the fair between 10:30A.M and 11:30am on Thursday for an inspection by the veterinarian. A \$1.00 Veterinarian Fee will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Late arrivals will not be accepted. Open Class Show starts at NOON, followed by the 4-H and FFA Cat Show.
7. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate at the time of check-in at the fair. The cat must have their rabies shot before July 3.
8. Cats showing signs of parasites or disease will be excused. Toenails of cats on all feet should be clipped just before fair.
9. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management of the cat. Judging will be at the cage.
10. Conference Judging is based on:
  - a. What exhibitor has learned about taking care of the cat?
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the cat, general health condition and management of the animal.
11. No premiums paid (participation ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

460	Open Cat Class
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## DOG OBEDIENCE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent: Sally Martin

*Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.*

**SHOW - CHECK-IN THURSDAY at 7:00 A.M.**

**DOG SHOW BEGINS AT 8:00 A.M.**

1. Entries - Maximum of two dogs may be entered. ALL DOGS MUST BE PRE-ENTERED. See General Rules and Regulations.
2. All dogs must be on a leash at all times except in show ring and not be taken near the other livestock or into other exhibit buildings. Dogs must be clean and free of parasites of all kinds, DISEASE AND INJURY. NO FEMALES IN SEASON MAY BE EXHIBITED.
3. Dogs will not be housed at the fairgrounds. They are to check-in at 8:00 A.M. Thursday and removed immediately following the competition of judging. All dogs must be confined to the show arena during the judging.
4. The classes will be judged by American Kennel Club (AKC) rules and regulations EXCEPT that the classes will be open to mixed breed and purebred dogs. Handlers are to refer to dress code under LIVESTOCK RULES AND REGULATIONS. Shorts may not be worn.
5. Dogs and handlers will be evaluated in the following manner:
6. Obedience classes will be judged and scored by AKC rules and regulations.
7. Showmanship will be judged on proper presentation, which includes doing patterns correctly, following the directions of the judge, answering dog related questions correctly and the dog and handler's ability to present a pleasing image. Dogs should be well groomed.
8. Any dog displaying viciousness to a person or another dog will be excused.
9. Health Requirements: Member must present a current rabies certificate during check-in at the fair.
10. All dogs will be health checked at the time of check in by a Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per animal. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.
11. All dogs shall be trained and handled by the exhibitor without outside assistance.
12. All dogs in the obedience ring must wear a properly fitted collar. No special training collars such as electronic collars, prong collars, or head halters will be permitted. Nothing may be hanging from the dog's collar.
13. All dogs must be 6 months old by March 1<sup>st</sup>.
14. Qualifying Scores
  - Classes 250-252 = 140 points out of 200
  - All other obedience classes = 170 out of 200
  - Classes 259-261 = 70 points out of 100
  - Ribbon awards for classes 250-252
    - Blue, 140-200 Points
    - Red, 130-139.5 Points
    - White, less than 129.5 Points
  - Ribbon awards for classes 253-256
    - Blue, 170-200 Points
    - Red, 150-169.5 Points

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

250	<b>PRE-NOVICE "A"</b> – This class is <u>ONLY</u> for dogs and exhibitors in their first year of 4-H dog obedience training. Dogs will heel, stand for examination, and do the figure 8 all on leash. They will recall on leash, do sits for one minute, and downs for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have completed any leg toward any companion dog degree
251	<b>PRE-NOVICE "B"</b> – For dogs in their first year of training and for exhibitors who have had previous dog experience, for exhibitors who have not achieved a qualifying score in Pre-Novice A at the previous year's dog show, or for first year project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a non 4-H dog obedience show or have a dog with previous experience. Dogs will heel, stand for examination and do a figure eight, recall, do long sits for one minute and long downs for three minutes on leash. Dogs must not have earned any leg toward any Companion Dog degree.
252	<b>SUB-NOVICE</b> – For dogs and handlers who did not receive a qualifying score at the previous year's 4-H dog show in Pre-Novice Class B. Dogs will heel on leash, perform a figure eight on leash, recall off leash, stand for examination off leash, sit-stay for one minute and down-stay for three minutes off leash. Dogs must not have finished any leg towards any Companion Dog degree.
253	<b>NOVICE A: Companion Dog</b> – For exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in a 4-H Dog obedience show in a pre-novice A or Pre-Novice B class at the previous year's dog show. A qualifying score is not required to advance to this class. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in class 250-252. Dogs will heel and perform a figure eight on leash. Dogs will heel, stand for examination, recall, sit-stay for one minute, and long downs for three minutes while off leash. This class is open to dogs that have not completed any leg toward any companion dog degree.
254	<b>GRADUATE NOVICE</b> - This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Novice in a 4-H dog obedience show; However, a qualifying score is not required to enter this class. Dogs will heel on leash; will perform a figure eight, drop on recall, dumbbell recall, recall over high jump, and recall over broad jump while off leash. The dog will be required to perform a long down while the handler is out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 250-253. This class is open to dogs that do not have any legs towards a CDX or Graduate Novice Degree.
255	<b>OPEN: Companion Dog</b> – This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in Graduate Novice or Novice class at a previous 4-H Dog Show; however, a qualifying score in any previous class is not

	required to enter this class. Dogs will heel and perform a figure eight, drop on recall, retrieve on flat, retrieve over high jump, and perform while off leash. Dogs will be required to do three minute sits and five minute downs off leash and with the exhibitor out of sight. Dogs entered in this class may not enter classes 250-254. This class is open to dogs that have not completed any leg towards any CDX Degree
256	<b>UTILITY</b> – This class is open to project exhibitors who have achieved a qualifying score in the Open Class at a previous 4-H dog show; however, a qualifying score in open is not required to enter. Dogs will free heel, perform a signal exercise, perform scent discrimination, directed retrieve, moving stand for exam, and directed jumping. Dogs entered in this class may not be entered in classes 250-255. Dogs may have a UD degree.
257	<b>NOVICE SHOWMANSHIP</b> – For exhibitors who have never received a first place in class 257. Class will be divided by the age of the exhibitor: Senior, Intermediate, and Junior. Exhibitors may not be entered in class 258.
258	<b>OPEN SHOWMANSHIP</b> - For exhibitors who have previously received a first place in class 257. This class will not be divided. Exhibitors may not be entered in class 257.
259 A	<b>NOVICE RALLY A</b> – For dogs and handlers in their <b>first year of training</b> . All heeling is done on a loose leash. There are 10 to 15 stations (start and finish not included). Dogs must enter and leave ring on a leash.
259 B	<b>NOVICE RALLY B</b> – For dogs and handlers in their <b>second year</b> or more years of training and have not qualified in Novice A. All heeling is done on a loose leash. There are 10 to 15 stations (start and finish not included). Dogs must enter and leave ring on a leash.
260	<b>ADVANCE RALLY</b> – For dogs and who have qualified in novice rally. . There will be 12 to 17 stations (not including start and finish), including one jump. All exercises are done off leash. Dogs enter and leave ring on a leash.
261	<b>EXCELLENT RALLY</b> – For who have qualified in Advanced Rally. There will be 12 to 19 stations (not including start and finish), including two jumps. All exercises are done off leash. There will be an honor station either sit or down at the judge's discretion. Dogs enter and leave ring on a leash.

## Pet Show

Superintendent: Bill Wolfe

Assistant: Ginny Wolfe

1. All pets must be identified in 4hOnline by July 3st.
2. A (1) pet exhibit may be shown.
3. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl (cage supplied by owner).
4. No wild animals, No exotic animals and No reptiles may be shown.
5. No **poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, pea fowl or quail are shown here.** They are shown in the poultry division.
6. Exhibitors may not show the **same type of animal** in two different shows. For example, an exhibitor may not show one rabbit in the pet show and another rabbit in the rabbit show.
7. All animals must be healthy at the time of the show. The same health requirements for each species' specific class/division will also apply to the pet show. Cats, dogs and ferrets must have current rabies and/or distemper certificate. Vaccinations are required a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the fair for all small animals.
8. Pregnant animals will not be allowed to show. No animal with a nursing litter may be brought to the fair.
9. Kittens, dogs and ferrets shown at the fair must be 4 months old and above.
10. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep and goats are not to be shown in the Pet Show.
11. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
12. Judge has the option of removing pets from cages or asking the 4-H'er or FFA member to show and handle the pet.
13. Judging is based on the following information:
  - a. What is your goal in the project?
  - b. Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - c. Daily Care of My Animal
  - d. Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - e. How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

100	Junior
200	Intermediate
300	Senior

## Open Class Pet Show

Superintendent: Bill Wolfe

Assistant: Ginny Wolfe

### Entry fee to be paid July 3

**Pet must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**

1. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
2. A (1) pet exhibit may be shown.
3. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl (cage supplied by owner).
4. No wild animals, No exotic animals and No reptiles may be shown.
5. No **poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, pea fowl or quail are shown here.** They are shown in the poultry division.
6. Exhibitors may not show the **same type of animal** in two different shows. For example, an exhibitor may not show one rabbit in the pet show and another rabbit in the rabbit show.
7. All animals must be healthy at the time of the show. The same health requirements for each species' specific class/division will also apply to the pet show. Cats, dogs and ferrets must have current rabies and/or distemper certificate. Vaccinations are required a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the fair for all small animals.
8. Pregnant animals will not be allowed to show. No animal with a nursing litter may be brought to the fair.
9. Kittens, dogs and ferrets shown at the fair must be 4 months old and above.
10. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep and goats are not to be shown in the Pet Show. Please see individual departments for these animals.
11. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
12. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
13. Judge has the option of removing pets from cages or asking the 4-H'er to show and handle the pet.
14. Judging is based on the following information:
  - a. What is your goal in the project?
  - b. Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - c. Daily Care of My Animal
  - d. Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - e. How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

400	Open class pet
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**POULTRY DEPARTMENT**  
**Superintendents: Al & Bridget Pasker**

All poultry exhibited must come from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flocks and have had a negative Pullorum-Typhoid test within 90 days of public exhibition. If the birds came from a P.T. clean flock they will still need to be tested. Proof needs to be presented at check-in time. Testing will be available at the Polk County Extension Office prior to the fair.

*Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/  
 Health Requirements for additional information.*

1. Entries - See General Rules and Regulations. Dress Code – Livestock Rules and Regulations.
2. Only Market Broilers can be sold at the Livestock Auction on Monday. Broilers must be processed and delivered to buyer by 4-H or FFA member. After auction, the cages must be taken down and litter must be cleaned up by 4-H or FFA participant.
3. Poultry exhibit check-in is 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M., Thursday. All poultry are eligible to arrive between 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M., Thursday. No substitutions may be made of any poultry exhibit after poultry have been entered except by the permission of the Division Superintendent.
4. Each exhibitor is responsible for proper entering and placing birds in pens; however, the Division Superintendent assigns pens.
5. Each exhibitor is limited to **one entry per sex per variety**. (Rhode Island Red – Hen is one entry and Rhode Island Red – Rooster would be another entry.) The 4H/FFA Exhibitor could show two Rhode Island Reds.
6. Pens must contain birds of the same sex and age. Large/unusual exhibits may need special pen furnished by the exhibitor “and approved by the superintendent.”
7. Herdsmanship (judging care, cleanliness and health of the animal) will be checked by the Herdsmanship Department and ribbons provided to the exhibitors who merit awards. Exhibitors are responsible for care (feed and water) of their own animals. Water should be checked several times during each day. **Exhibitors are responsible for providing their own containers for feed and water.**
8. **Poultry exhibitors must provide their own litter or chips, feed, and all the feed pans and water pans. Sand is not to be used as litter.**
9. Production Poultry (previously titled Commercial Poultry) classes are for poultry raised to produce eggs. The basis for judging is uniformity, maturity (age considered), development, handling qualities, pigmentation, molt, and general conformation to breed characteristics.
11. Market broiler classes are for meat production birds under eight weeks old (purchase receipt to be presented at check-in.) Each exhibitor is limited to one entry. Entries will be judged according to USDA Production and Marketing Standards of quality for live poultry. Factors considered will include health, feathering, conformation (breast, back, legs and thighs,) fleshing and fat covering. The pen must consist of birds of the same sex.
12. Turkey classes will be judged on the same standards as are the Market Broilers.
13. Pigeons, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, and Pea Fowl will be judged on health, vigor, conformation, maturity (age considered), and development.
14. Standard and Bantam breeds will be judged by their adherence to the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection. No crossbred birds may be entered in these classes.

15. ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M., THURSDAY.
16. All Poultry must remain in cages until release time of 4:00 P.M. Sunday.
17. **SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST**
  - h. Exhibitors showing their own livestock in all classes including showmanship are eligible to compete for showmanship awards.
  - i. Previous winners are not eligible for this competition in the age divisions they have previously won.
  - j. Showmanship will be broken into three age divisions, as of September 1, previous year:
    - i. Junior - grades 4 – 6
    - ii. Intermediate - grades 7 – 8
    - iii. Senior - grades 9 - 12

Production Pullets-Less than 20 Weeks of Age

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

241	Production Pen of 3 pullets – max of one entry per variety.
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Production Hens-More than 20 weeks of Age

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

242	Production Pen of 3 hens – max of one entry per variety.
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Grand Champion Production Pen – Selected from pullet or hen classes

Reserve Champion Production Pen from pullet or hen classes

Market Broilers

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

250	Pen of 3 broilers/roasters – under eight weeks of age one entry per exhibitor
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Grand Champion Market Broiler Pen

Reserve Champion Market Broiler Pen

Turkeys

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

260	Pen of 1 turkey – max of one entry per sex per variety
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Waterfowl

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

270	Pen of 1 duck – max of one entry per sex per variety
271	Pen of 1 goose – max of one entry per sex per variety

Bantam Breeds

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

280	Pen of 1 bantam breed bird - max of one entry per sex per variety
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Standard Breeds Birds

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

290	Pen of 1 standard breeds bird max of one entry per sex per variety
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Pigeons, Doves, Ornamental

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

300	Pen of 1 pigeon – max of one entry per sex per variety
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301	Pen of 1 dove – max of one entry per sex per variety
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**RABBIT DEPARTMENT**  
**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**  
**Assistant: Ginny Wolfe**  
**Committee: Andi Wolfe**

Guinea, Pheasant, Quail, Pea Fowl

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

310	Pen of 1 bird – max of one entry per sex per variety
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Grand Champion Fancy Bird  
Reserve Champion Fancy Bird  
Grand and Reserve Champion to be chosen from Turkeys, Waterfowl, Bantam Breed, Standard Breed, Pigeon, Doves, Guinea, Pheasant, Quail and Pea Fowl classes

Showmanship will be judged on the member's ability to properly handle his/her bird, answer questions asked by the judge regarding breed, poultry anatomy, and general poultry knowledge, and overall poise and appearance. Showmanship classes are grouped by age into three categories:

- Senior Showmanship 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades & FFA
- Intermediate Showmanship 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades
- Junior Showmanship 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades

**OPEN POULTRY SHOW**

**SUNDAY**

**8:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Check-in**

**11:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Show**

1. **Bird must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
2. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
3. Health Certificates and Pullorum-Typhoid tests are required.
4. Entry deadline is July 3 at the Polk County Extension Office
5. One entry per exhibitor.

**Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations/Health Requirements for additional information.**  
*Exhibitors will need to be Food Safety and Quality Assurance (FSQA) certified.*

1. **All RABBITS** must be permanently tattooed in the left ear. Tattoo must be on the fair entry form with proper Class Number and the Rabbit's Tattoo.
2. All rabbit and cavies will be health checked at the time of check-in by the Fair Veterinarian for a total cost of \$1.00 per family. Any animal found in poor health or vicious will not be allowed to show and will have to leave the fairgrounds.
3. A rabbit showing evidence of the following conditions, at any time during the fair, will not be allowed to remain on the fair grounds.
  - a) Snuffels - thick white or yellow discharge from the nose
  - b) Runny Eyes
  - c) Ear Mites
  - d) Diarrhea
  - e) Abscesses
  - f) Coccidiosis
  - g) Other health problems that could endanger any other animal.
4. **RABBIT AND CAVIES (GUINEA PIGS) MUST BE CHECKED-IN THURSDAY BETWEEN 4:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M.** Only Rabbits and Cavies entered in the show may be on the grounds.
5. **ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. THURSDAY.** (Exception: open class/Clover kids Saturday 9AM.)
6. **ALL EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT AT 9:30 A.M. SATURDAY FOR THE EXHIBITOR'S MEETING** which will be held by the show ring.
7. **Only Meat Pen and Single Fryer entries can be sold in the livestock auction.** If entered in the auction the 4-H or FFA member must move the rabbits to the auction ring and tear down the cages and tables after the auction.
8. A copy of the American Rabbit Breeders Assn. (ARBA) **STANDARD OF PERFECTION** is available at the Polk County Extension Office and current publications will be used as the guide for judging our show.
9. Bring your own feeders, water containers, cleaning supplies, shavings, feed, fans and drop cords. Drop cords **must be** duct taped to the floor.
10. Exhibitors may decorate their cages on top and/or by skirting the tables. All decorations **must be** safe for rabbits and leave aisle clear.
11. "For Sale" Rabbits and Cavies may be identified on the cages, but must remain until 4:00 P.M. release on Sunday.
12. ALL Rabbits and Cavies **MUST STAY** in their cages until 4:00 P.M. release time on **SUNDAY** whether they are sold or not.
13. **DRESS CODE: Only** white 4-H, white FFA, or white county fair T-shirts (exception: if exhibitor is showing horse or dairy at the time). Jeans must be worn by exhibitors the day of show. Exhibitor Number must be worn on the back of the shirt, blue jean pants and close toed shoes **must** be worn by exhibitors during the show. **No** hats of **any** kind are allowed

## Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications

(Commercial and Fancy)

- Each exhibitor may enter two animals per class per breed and variety.
- Entries are limited to purebred rabbits of recognized breeds by the A.R.B.A. and will be judged accordingly.
- Rabbits will be shown in alphabetical order by breed and variety (color) within each breed. Best and Best Opposite sex of variety and/or group will be picked.
- The following special awards will be given:
  - Best Commercial Rabbit will receive a trophy
  - Best Fancy Rabbit will receive a trophy
  - Best in Show will receive a trophy
  - Best of Breed and Best Opposite Sex will receive a Rosette
  - Ribbons are awarded for all placements.

**Class Numbers for rabbit entry are determined by:**

Breed #	Variety Letter	Age	Sex
100 - 143	A thru Z	S - Senior I - Intermediate J - Junior	B - Buck D - Doe

For example: a Mini Rex (136), variety is chocolate (G), age is Junior (J) and is a Buck (B), the class number would be 136GJB.

\*\* Fancy breeds do not have an intermediate class.

## Commercial Rabbits

Commercial Classes:

Senior = over 8 months

Intermediate = 6 to 8 months

Junior = less than 6 months

## CLASS AND DESCRIPTION

### 100 – American

A – Blue  
B – White

### 101 – American Chinchilla

A – Standard

### 102 – Argent Brun

A – Standard

### 103 – Beveren

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – White

### 104 – Blanc de Hotot

A – Standard

### 105 – California

A – Standard

### 106 – Champagne D-Argent

A – Standard

### 107 – Checkered Giant

A – Black  
B – Blue

### 108 – Cinnamon

A – Standard

### 109 – Creme D'Argent

A – Standard

### 114 – Giant Chinchilla

A – Standard

### 115 – New Zealand

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken  
D – Red  
E – White

### 116 – Palomino

A – Golden  
B – Lynx

### 111 – Flemish Giant

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Fawn  
D – Light Grey  
E – Sandy  
F – Steel Grey  
G – White

### 112 – French Lop

A – Broken Pattern  
B – Solid Pattern

### 113 – Giant Angora

A – Ruby Eyed White

### 117 – Satin

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken Group  
D – Californian  
E – Chinchilla  
F – Chocolate  
G – Copper  
H – Otter  
I – Red  
J – Siamese

### 117 – Satin

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken Group  
D – Californian  
E – Chinchilla  
F – Chocolate  
G – Copper  
H – Otter  
I – Red  
J – Siamese  
K – White

### 118 – Silver Fox

A – Standard

## Fancy Rabbits

Fancy Classes:

Senior = over 6 months

Junior = 3 to 6 months

**\*No Intermediate Classes in Fancy Rabbits**

### 119 – American Fuzzy Lop

A – Broken Pattern  
B – Solid Pattern  
120 – American Sable  
A – Standard

### 121 – Belgian Hare

A – Standard

### 122 – Britannia Petite

A – Black  
B – Black Otter  
C – Blue Eyed White  
D – Broken  
E – Chestnut Agouti  
F – Ruby Eyed White  
G – Sable Martin

### 123 – Dutch

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Chinchilla  
D – Chocolate  
E – Gray  
F – Steel  
G – Tortoise

### 124 – Dwarf Hotot

A – Standard

### 125 – English Angora

A – White  
B – Colored

### 126 – English Spot

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Chocolate  
D – Gold  
E – Gray  
F – Lilac  
G – Tortoise

### 127 – Florida White

A – Standard

### 128 – French Angora

A – Colored  
B – White

### 129 – Harlequin

A – Japanese  
B – Magpie

### 130 – Havana

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken  
D – Chocolate

### E – Lilac

### 131 – Himalayan

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Chocolate  
D – Lilac

### 132 – Holland Lop

A – Broken Pattern  
B – Solid Pattern

### 133 – Jersey Woolly

A – Agouti  
B – Any other variety  
C – Broken  
D – Self  
E – Shaded  
F – Tan Pattern

### 134 – Lilac

A – Standard

### 135 – Lionhead

A – Chocolate  
B – Ruby-Eyed White  
C – Seal  
D – Tortoise

### 136 – Mini Lop

A – Solid Pattern  
B – Broken Pattern

### 137 – Mini Rex

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Blue Eyed White  
D – Broken Group  
E – Castor  
F – Chinchilla  
G – Chocolate  
H – Himalayan  
I – Lilac  
J – Lynx  
K – Opal  
L – Otter  
M – Red  
N – Sable Point  
O – Seal  
P – Silver Martin  
Q – Smoke Pearl  
R – Tortoise

### S – White

### 138 – Mini Satin

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken Group  
D – Chocolate  
E – Chocolate Agouti  
F – Copper  
G – Himalayan  
H – Opal  
I – Red  
J – Siamese  
K – Silver Marten  
L – Squirrel  
M – Tortoise  
N – Otter  
O – White

### 139 – Netherland Dwarf

A – Self  
B – Shaded  
C – Agouti  
D – Tan Pattern  
E – Any Other Variety

### 140 – Polish

A – Black  
B – Blue  
C – Broken  
D – Chocolate  
E – Blue Eyed White  
F – Ruby Eyed White

### 141 – Rex

A – Amber  
B – Black  
C – Black Otter  
D – Blue  
E – Broken Group  
F – Californian  
G – Castor  
H – Chinchilla  
I – Chocolate  
J – Lilac  
K – Lynx  
L – Opal  
M – Red  
N – Sable  
O – Seal  
P – White

### 142 – Rhinelander

A – Standard

### 143 – Satin Angora

A – Colored  
B – White  
144 – Silver  
A – Black  
B – Brown  
C – Fawn

**145-Silver Marten**

- A – Black
- B – Blue
- C – Chocolate
- D- Lilac

**146 – Standard Chinchilla**

A – Standard

**147 – Tan**

- A – Black
- B – Blue

**148 – Thrianta**

A – Standard

**Meat Pens Classification**

1. Meat Pen to consist of three rabbits not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds each.
2. ALL rabbits **must be** of the same breed and variety.
3. **Each exhibitor** may have **one meat pen entry**.
4. The Best Meat Pen will receive – Rosette Ribbon.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

300	Meat Pen - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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**Single Fryer Classification**

1. Single Fryer to be one rabbit not over 10 weeks and 3.5-5.5 pounds.
2. **Each exhibitor** may enter **one single fryer entry**.
3. The Best Single Fryer rabbit will receive – rosette ribbon.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

400	Single Fryer - Sex and age do not need to be specified
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**Roasters**

1. Roaster Class is one rabbit and must be under 6 months of age and 5.5-9 pounds.
2. **Each exhibitor** may enter **one Roaster entry**.
3. The Best Roaster rabbit will receive a rosette Ribbon.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

500	Roaster – Sex and Age need not be specified
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**Rabbit Fur Classification**

1. **Each exhibitor** may enter **two rabbits per class**.
2. The Best in each class will receive a ribbon.
3. Best overall fur will receive a Rosette Ribbon.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

600	<b>Rabbit Fur Class</b> <b>A</b> - Normal Colored Fur - Any coloring on body <b>B</b> - Angora Colored Wool (judged by breed) <b>C</b> - Mini Rex Colored Fur <b>D</b> - Rex Colored Fur <b>E</b> - Satin Colored Fur <b>F</b> - Normal White Fur -white bodied animals (includes Californian and Himalayan marked animals) <b>G</b> - Angora White Wool (judged by breed) <b>H</b> - Mini Rex White Fur <b>I</b> - Rex White Fur <b>J</b> - Satin White Fur <b>K</b> -Lionhead Fur
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**Doe & Litter Class**

1. Litter between 30-45 days of age
2. Will need to document at the fair Date of birth, size of litter, livekits.
3. Must have their nest box with them at fair.

700	Doe & Litter
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**Non-Standard Bred Rabbit Show Classifications**

**(Pet Rabbit)**

1. Entries are limited to rabbits that do not **qualify** to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. STANDARD OF PERFECTION at the Extension Office, or with any rabbit breeder that shows rabbits, for the information that would place your rabbits in any PET RABBIT classes (i.e., white toenails on colored rabbit; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.).
2. **Each Exhibitor is limited to two entries in this class.** The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows:  
Buck (B), Doe (D), Junior (J), Intermediate (I), and Senior (S).
4. The Best Pet Rabbit receives a Rosette Ribbon.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

200	Pet Rabbit (Breeds) A - Any Color
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**Showmanship Classifications**

1. **No advance entry required.** Sign-up Saturday morning.
2. A copy of the 4-H Rabbit Showmanship Score Sheet is available at the Extension Office. This form will be used to judge showmanship classes. Showmanship consists of rabbit/cavy handling procedure, exhibitor appearance, exhibitor knowledge, and rabbit/cavy appearance.
3. **SHOWMANSHIP judging will be on Saturday following the show.**
4. Showmanship exhibitors may either use a rabbit or cavy for judging, but it must be entered in the Rabbit or Cavy Show.
5. To be eligible for any Showmanship awards, exhibitor **MUST SHOW** at least one Rabbit or Cavy in the Polk County 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
6. Previous Showmanship Trophy Winners are eligible to compete in the Showmanship Class; however, any exhibitor may win a showmanship trophy only **ONCE IN EACH AGE GROUP**.
7. The following awards will be given **AFTER** the judging is completed:
  - a) Junior Showmanship Trophy
  - b) Intermediate Showmanship Trophy
  - c) Senior Showmanship Trophy
  - d) Overall Showmanship Trophy

Showmanship

- A - Junior Showmanship - Grades 4 - 6
- B - Intermediate Showmanship – Grades 7 - 8
- C - Senior Showmanship – Grades 9 -12 & FFA

## CAVY (GUINEA PIG) DEPARTMENT

**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**

**Assistant: Ginny Wolfe**

**Committee: Andi Wolfe**

**Refer to Livestock Rules and Regulations and Health Requirements for additional information.**

All rules for rabbit department apply to Cavy entries, including the following:

1. Each exhibitor may enter two cavies per class per breed and variety.
2. It is recommended that cavies are ear tagged, but not required to exhibit at the Polk County Fair. All cavies must be identified on the Fair entry form by Breed, Class number (ear tag number if available).
3. Cavies will be entered and judged according to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection. A copy of this book is available at the Polk County Extension Office for reference to disqualifications, breed standards and classes.
4. Any Cavy showing evidence of the following condition at anytime during the Fair will not be allowed to remain on the fairgrounds.
  - Abscesses
  - Cold-Nasal Discharge
  - Mange - dandruff or scale at base of hair
  - Mites, lice, or ticks
  - Runny Eyes
  - Other health problem that may endanger cavy or other exhibits.
5. Cavy cages are **NOT** available. The exhibitor is responsible for bringing their own cage(s), waterers, feeders and bedding. A cage table will be provided. **Please note the size of the cage/space needed**

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

201 - Abyssinian	208 - Silkie
202 - Abyssinian Satin	209 - Silkie Satin
203 - American	210 - Teddy
204 - American Satin	211 - Teddy Satin
205 - Coronet	212 - Texel
206 - Peruvian	213 - White Crested
207 - Peruvian Satin	

**One of these breeds must be listed on entry form.**

Classes are determined as follows:

Junior	Up to 4 months of age, minimum weight 12 ounces, maximum weight 22 ounces
Intermediate	Up to 6 months of age, or weight over 22 ounces with a maximum weight of 32 ounces
Senior	Over 6 months of age, over 32 ounces

### Varieties (Colors)

A – Sells (Beige, Black, Chocolate, Cream, Lilac, Red Eyed Orange, Red, White)
B – Solids (Brindle, Roan, Solid Dilute, Solid Golden, Solid Silver)
C – Agoutis (Dilute Agouti, Golden Agouti, Silve Agouti)
D – Marked (Broken Color, Dalmatian, Dutch, Himalayan, Marten, Tortoise Shell, Tortoise Shell and White)

### Non- Standard Bred Cavy Show Classifications (Pet Cavy)

1. Entries are limited to Cavies that do not **qualify** to show in the Standard Bred Show Classifications. Refer to the A.R.B.A. Standard of Perfection at the Extension Office, or with any Cavy breeder that shows cavies, for the information that would place your cavies in any PET CAVY classes (i.e., white toenails on a colored cavy; variety (color) not recognized by A.R.B.A.)
2. **Each Exhibitor is limited two entries in this class.** The animal will be judged according to the health of the animal and knowledge of the exhibitor.
3. The animal will be entered by sex and by the age as follows: Boar( B ), Sow( S ), Junior( J ), Intermediate ( I ), Senior( S ).
4. The Best Pet Cavy receives a Rosette Ribbon

### Class Number and Description

301	Pet / Crossbred A - Any Color
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### Showmanship

See Showmanship Classification under Rabbit Department

## OPEN CLASS RABBIT/CAVY

**Superintendent: Bill Wolfe**

**Assistant: Ginny Wolfe**

**Committee: Andi Wolfe**

1. **Entry fees due July 3rd at the Extension office** Judging Time – Saturday morning prior to the 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
2. **Rabbit/Cavy must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
3. Any Polk County youth K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Check-in 9:00 A.M. Saturday before Rabbit/Cavy show. Exhibitor meeting will be at 9:30 AM by the showing.
5. Exhibitor must wear plain white or white county fair T-shirt and Jeans, close toe shoes and must attach their exhibitor number on their back.
6. Any healthy Rabbit or Cavy (Guinea Pig) of any breed, variety, sex, and class may be shown. **All entries MUST be Health Checked by Rabbit /Cavy Superintendent.**
7. The Rabbit or Cavy does not need to meet breed standard requirements, but must be a minimum of 10 weeks of age.
8. Exhibitors may enter 1 Rabbit and 1 Cavy for a total of 2 animals in this division.
9. The class may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
10. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to the management and care of their exhibit.
11. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care of the Rabbit or Cavy.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
  - c. General health, condition and management of the animal.
12. No premium will be paid-Participation ribbons only.
13. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
14. Fair board is not responsible for accidents or injuries.
15. Animals must be brought and kept in approved animal carriers and removed following the shows.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

1	Rabbit
2	Cavy (Guinea Pig)

## 4-H EXHIBIT BUILDING DIVISION

Superintendents: Jolynn Fetters and Deb DeDecker

Committee: Andrea Nelson and Tracy Casey

**Yellow Highlights indicate changes that have been made this year.**

### CONFERENCE JUDGING SCHEDULE

All exhibits in Family and Consumer Sciences, Creative Arts, Science, Engineering, & Technology, Agricultural and Natural Resources, Personal Development, and Horticulture will be conference judged.

The purpose of conference judging is to let each member have a personal interview with the judge to discuss what the member planned to do in the project, how the item displayed fits into the goals the member hoped to reach, and how the member feels about the final results of his/her efforts for the year. This is an opportunity for the member to express his/her thoughts through conversation with a caring adult. The schedule for conference judging follows. Members should report during the listed time for their club. If a time schedule conflict occurs, members may bring their items to be judged during an alternate time block on Wednesday.

#### Conference Judging Time Schedule - Wednesday

Clubs should report for conference judging during their assigned time.

Special Interest and School Enrichment Groups may report from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Clover Kids 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

After School Groups 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

#### 8:30 am

Ankeny 4-H Club	Johnston Forevergreens
Bondurant Go-Getters	Levis 'N Lace
Freedom Riders	Open Opportunities

#### 9:30 am

Alleman Aces	Elkhart Rising Suns
Altoona Hustling Herdsmen	Polk Producers
Ankeny Achievers	Valley Pacers
Beaver Creek	

#### 10:30 am

Ankeny Trailblazers	Innovators
Bright Futures 4-H Club	New Beginnings
Camp Booster	Polk Possibilities
Independent Members	We XL

#### 1:00 pm

Altoona Adventurers	Plowshare
East High Sewing Club	Polk City Pioneers 4-H Club
Hot Shots	Runnells Rockets
Jester Dreamers	Suburban Spirits
Juntos	Team ASAP
Oakridge	Urbandale 4-H
	Wildfarm Kids

#### 2:00 pm

Beaver Hustlers	North Polk FFA
Callanan	North Polk Shining Stars
Des Moines FFA	Southeast Polk FFA
Dowling FFA	Southside Pride
Illuminations	Urban Farmers
K-9 Crew	

### Departments

Family and Consumer Sciences (includes Child Development, Clothing, Consumer Management, Food and Nutrition, Health, Home Improvement and Sewing), Agriculture/Animal/Natural resources, Creative Arts, Horticulture, Science/Engineering/Technology, and Personal Development.

See FAIR GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS for additional information. A violation of rules may result in a forfeiture of all privileges, recognition and premiums.

The goal and applicable exhibit standards will form the basis of the evaluation process. Evaluation criteria will include demonstrated learning, workmanship and techniques, and general appearance and design.

### 4-H Exhibit Rules and Regulations

1. These departments are open to 4-H and FFA members in Polk County. Exhibits are the result of project work prepared within the last 12 months.
2. All members of 4-H, FFA, Clover Kids, School Enrichment and Special Interest Groups must enter their exhibits on county fair entry forms available online at [polkcountyfairiowa.com](http://polkcountyfairiowa.com)

**Clover Kids – K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Junior – Grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

**Intermediate – Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

**Senior – Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**FFA – Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> and until age 21**

### ENTRY PACKET DUE DATE: July 3

3. **Clubs will be assigned a duty to complete during the fair. If your club is unable to complete the duty assigned, please find a group to switch with.**
4. Entries for all classes (except for open static classes) are due in the Extension Office before or on July 3 by 5:00 pm. Forms can be handed in at the office or mailed to Polk County Extension, C/O Polk County Fair, 1625 Adventureland Drive, Suite A, Altoona, IA 50009
  - a. Late entries can be made for 2 business days following July 3. A \$50.00 per day fee will be assessed for late entries. After the 2-day late registration period, youth must contact the Fair board President to attend the Fair board meeting and ask permission to exhibit at the fair. Upon the Fair board's decision, a final fee will be decided.
5. Clubs will be allowed to decorate their club booths from **5:30-8:00 pm** the Tuesday before the fair. Booth decorations need to be completed by **Noon** Wednesday.
6. Exhibits which do not comply with size guidelines, copyright, and safety procedures will not be accepted for entry, evaluation or display.
7. Eligible exhibits are an outgrowth of the 4-H'ers participation in a selected project or program. Exhibits can be prepared by an individual or group. Exhibits might be, but not limited to, an actual poster, display box, report, notebook, model, video tape, etc. 4-H participants in 4-H special interest and school enrichment programs and/or 4-H community clubs in grades 4 -12 are eligible to exhibit. FFA members are eligible to exhibit, but will not be selected to go on to State Fair. Clover Kids may only enter exhibits in the non-competitive, Clover Kids Department.
8. Each member can have an unlimited number of entries in each department.

### Exceptions:

Visual Arts - 3 exhibits per medium

Horticulture - 2 varieties per class

Photography – 6 exhibits

An exhibit may be entered in only one class. (Exception: Article(s) worn in Fashion Revue, Clothing Selection, or \$15 Challenge may also be entered in the related Clothing, Consumer Management, or Sewing Class. See the Clothing Selection Rules to determine the corresponding Family & Consumer Sciences Class)

9. **Entries must remain on exhibit until release time of 2:00-3:30 pm Sunday.** If you cannot be there to pick up your exhibit, arrange for a family member, friend or leader to get your exhibits.

### Fair Preparation

1. Exhibit Size:  
**Posters and banners** cannot exceed 24" X 36" or foam core board size of 22"x30". This is the folded size for a trifold poster. (Exception: See Communications Poster Exhibits.)  
**Charts, graph boards, model displays, etc.** cannot exceed 4' X 4'.  
**Display boxes** cannot exceed 28" X 22" in height or width and 12" in depth. (Exception: See Food & Nutrition Exhibits.)
2. Each exhibit and its pieces need to be clearly labeled with the class number, name, club, chapter, or group, and number of years in project.
3. Attach an entry tag to each exhibit. Entry tags are available from club leaders or from the Extension Office.

**GOALS:** Answers to the following questions about the exhibit must accompany the exhibit. (An audio cassette or video tape may be used (limited to 5 mins)).

**What was your goal(s)?**

**How did you go about working toward your goal(s)?**

**What were the most important things you learned as you worked toward your goal(s)?**

**What would you like to do in this project area next year?**

Failure to attach responses to these statements will result in a lower ribbon rating. Exception: Horticulture classes H-1 through H-43 require only a general garden goal statement.

4. Photography and Communication Poster exhibits require an exhibit label attached to entry.
5. Check for additional requirements in the following classes: Food & Nutrition, Photography, Communications, and Creative Arts.

### Conference Judging Day

1. **Pick up your entry form at the front desk. Take your form to each department when you check into the area. They will record the placing for each project judged. At times lines for different department will get long put your**

**name on all areas waiting list and wait in the shortest line. Then go to the next area and they will rotate through the list from the top.**

2. **After all projects are judged, return the form to the front desk.** Premiums are paid based on these sheets.
3. All items are conference judged in each department. Conference judging takes place **between the exhibitor and the judge only.** Seating is available for parental viewing. All clubs, chapters or groups with entries in this building are expected to display exhibits in a designated booth area for the entire fair.
4. Each judge holds back exhibits to be considered for awards and participates in the final selection decision.

### Exhibit Rules

1. Duplication of **copyright material** or design should not be used in a 4-H exhibit that is presented as original work by the exhibitor. A copyright design cannot be displayed in a public setting (fair) without permission being granted by the owner of the copyright. When permission has been granted, the exhibit will be displayed and labeled appropriately. Those without permission **cannot** be displayed. Many school art projects using copyright material are not acceptable. See Brochure 4-H 634 (March 2000) for more information.
2. A **purchased copyrighted item** can be used in an exhibit. Exhibits made from purchased kits must be identified. Example: a purchased puppet showing a child safety point or a purchased poster of a Star Wars character which you framed.
3. Noxious weeds endangered or threatened wild flowers nest and small songbird feathers CANNOT be used in any exhibit. Pheasant, duck, goose and quail feathers "legally taken" are acceptable.
4. Any exhibit which includes a live plant must be in a water-proof container or include a drip saucer.
5. Exhibit video or audio cassettes should not be longer than 5 minutes.

### Awards

1. Blue, Red, White, Participation, Gold, State Fair and State Fair Alternate ribbons are all assigned by the judge. This decision lies solely with the judge and is not the decision of the superintendents, 4-H volunteers or extension staff.
2. Gold ribbons are awarded to outstanding exhibits in one of the following areas:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Horticulture exhibit
  - FFA member
  - Non- Original Art
3. State Fair and State Fair Alternates are limited to 4-H'ers who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Exhibits entered through FFA are not eligible for State Fair consideration.
4. Polk County is assigned a number of exhibits that can advance to the State Fair. This number is based on 4-H enrollment from the previous 4-H year. 4-H Staff then assigns how many exhibits can go in each area based on the number of exhibits entered in each department.

## ART PRINCIPLES

Principles of design are the directions or guidelines for mixing the elements. Principles included are balance, rhythm, emphasis, proportion, and unity.

1. **Balance** gives a feeling of stability. There are three types of balance.
2. **Symmetrical**: the elements used on one side of the design are similar to those on the other side.
3. **Asymmetrical Balance**: the sides are different but still look balanced.
4. **Radical**: they are arranged around a central point and may be similar.
5. **Rhythm** is organized movement. It allows the eyes to move from one part of a design to another. It can be achieved through repetition, graduation, and alternation.
6. **Emphasis** is the part of the design that catches the viewer's attention.
7. **Proportion** refers to the relationship between one part of a design and another part or to the whole design. It is a comparison of sizes, shapes and quantities.
8. **Unity** When things look tight together, you have created unity or harmony. Lines and shapes that repeat each other show unity (curved lines with curved shapes). Colors that have a common hue are harmonious. Textures that have a similar feel add to unity. But too much uniformity sometimes can be boring. Also, too much variety destroys unity.

## ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Design has individual elements which are part of every item. These include color, texture, line, shape, and form. Design is an overall plan or scheme.

1. **Color** is described with the words hue, value, and intensity.
  - **Hue**: refers to the name of the color
  - **Value**: tells the lightness or darkness of a hue
  - **Intensity**: refers to the brightness or dullness of a hue.
2. **Line** can be horizontal, vertical, dotted, zigzag, curved, straight, diagonal, bold, or fine. Lines can show direction, lead the eye, outline an object, divide a space and communicate a feeling or emotion.
3. **Texture** is the surface quality that can be seen and felt. Textures can be rough or smooth, soft or hard. Textures do not always feel the way they look.
4. **Shape** is a closed line. Shapes can be geometric, like squares and circles; or organic, like free-formed shapes or natural shapes. Shapes are flat and can express length and width.
5. **Form** are three-dimensional shapes, expressing length, width and depth. Balls, cylinders, boxes and triangles are forms.
6. **Space** is the area between and around objects. The space around objects is often called negative space; negative space has shape. Space can also refer to the feeling of depth. Real space is three-dimensional; in visual art when we can create the feeling or illusion of depth we call it space.

**AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL, AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. **Your written or taped goal(s) of the project must be included. Failure to include a written goal(s) statement will result in a lower ribbon placing.**
3. All exhibits and pieces of exhibit are to be clearly labeled with class number, name, club or chapter and number of years in project. Entry tags are available from club leaders.
4. See Horticulture Dept. for horticulture exhibits.

10205	<b>Safety and Education in Shooting Sports</b> An exhibit that shows learning about safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment or wildlife management. (The exhibit must not include actual firearms; archery equipment allowed if tips are removed from arrows).
10206	<b>Other Agriculture and Natural Resources</b> An exhibit that shows learning about agriculture or natural resources and does not fit in any of the classes listed above.

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10101	<b>Animal Science</b> - An exhibit (other than the animal itself) that shows the learning about a large or small animal including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, dogs, horse & pony, meat goats, pets, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine. Ownership of any animal is not required.  <b><i>Any live animal which has its own department at the Polk County Fair must be exhibited in that department.</i></b>  <i>All live exhibits in this class will be released immediately after judging. Members must care for their own live exhibits, furnish appropriate confinement and clean up afterwards. Animals must be confined at all times unless being judged. This will include small pets, pygmy goats, etc. Pot Bellie pigs are not allowed on the grounds due to health rules.</i>
10102	<b>Veterinary Science</b> An exhibit that shows learning about keeping animals healthy.
10201	<b>Crop Production</b> An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of field crops.
10202	<b>Environment and Sustainability</b> An exhibit that shows the connections between humans and their environment including energy, stewardship, conservation, entomology, fish and wildlife, or forestry. Includes collections.
10203	<b>Horticulture</b> An exhibit that shows learning about the growth, use, and value of plants, small fruits, vegetable and flower gardens, and landscape design. ( <b>Garden crops and herbs are exhibited in classes in the 4-H Horticulture Department.</b> )
10204	<b>Outdoor Adventures</b> An exhibit that shows learning about backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other outdoor activities.



**CREATIVE ARTS DEPARTMENT**

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. All exhibits and pieces of exhibits are to be clearly labeled with class number, name, club or chapter, and years in project. Entry Tags are available from club leaders.
3. **Your written or taped goal(s) of the project must be included. Failure to include a goal(s) statement will result in a lower ribbon placing.**
4. **See copyright rules under Building Exhibit Rules.**

**ORIGINAL ART RULES**

- A. *Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.*
- B. *If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included.*
- C. *Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.*
- D. *Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm>*
- E. **Only three exhibits per medium** are accepted in visual art classes. **Examples of mediums are:** paper, fiber, clay, leather, textiles, wood, glass, plastic, metal, carbon, and chalk, pigment, and nature materials.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

10301	<b>Music</b> – An exhibit that shows learning about musical performance, composition and arrangements, instruments, musical styles, or history.
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10302	<p><b>Photography</b> – An exhibit, either photo(s) or an educational display that shows learning about photography from choosing a camera to modifying your photo. Still photos only, not video.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photographs may be either black and white or color. They may be processed from negatives, slides, or digital cameras and computer manipulation programs. Photographs must have been taken since last year's county fair.</li> <li>2. Photographs should be a minimum of 4" x 6". Finished size (including mounting/matting) of photographs should not exceed 16" in height or width.</li> <li>3. All photographs must be printed on photographic paper. Photos printed on canvas, fabric, ceramic, etc. will only be accepted as part of an educational display that shows learning about photography printing techniques, display, merchandising, etc.</li> <li>4. Mounted photos can be (a) flush-mounted [no board showing] on mounting board, or (b) with mount borders [window mat or flat mount directly on board]. Exhibitors may cut their own mounting boards, use ready-cut window mats or have matting done professionally.</li> <li>5. 4-Hers are responsible for design decisions such as border, color and size. Framed photographs (including floating frames) will not be judged.</li> <li>6. Non-mounted photos may be exhibited in a clear plastic covering.</li> <li>7. A series is a group of photographs or slides [3 to 5] that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence. Slides should be numbered.</li> <li>8. Digitally altered photos should include a copy of the photo before changes.</li> <li>9. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed. Example: Railroads-illegal to be on them and not safe. Photos with railroads may be disqualified.</li> <li>10. The <b>4-H Photography Exhibit label must be completed and attached</b> to the back of each photography entry (available at the Polk County Extension Office). Tape to back of mounting or fold label as appropriate for exhibit.</li> <li>11. <b>Photographs are limited to 6 entries.</b></li> </ol>
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10303	<p><b>Digital Photography</b> A photo or series of photos submitted electronically not printed. Photos in this class will be submitted, viewed, evaluated, and displayed electronically.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photographs may be either black and white or color.</li> <li>2. Photographs will not be printed.</li> <li>3. Entries may be a single photo or a series of photos. A series is a group of photographs (3 to 5) that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Series photo entries must have all photos in the series viewable at the same time.</li> <li>4. Photos entered should be submitted in the highest resolution possible. A finished file size of 1 MB – 3 MB is recommended.</li> <li>5. Photos should be submitted in an acceptable and commonly used format for ease of viewing.</li> <li>6. Subject matter of photographs must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting.</li> <li>7. Photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.</li> <li>8. Iowa State Fair 4-H photography exhibitors must use the Photo Exhibit Label to provide required information for photo exhibits. The Photo Exhibit Label may be submitted electronically with the photo entry.</li> <li>9. Photos entered in this class will be evaluated on the same evaluation criteria used for printed photographs.</li> </ol>
10304X	<p><b>Alternative/Creative Photography</b> –A single photograph or photographic image that has been created with an alternative photographic process, or a photograph that was creatively edited or modified beyond reality in a creative, imaginative and experimental way to make it more interesting and visually engaging. Could be a composite of multiple overlapped photographs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Photograph/Image must be mounted on foam core no smaller than 4"x4" and no larger than 10" x 10" in height and width. No matting and no framing is allowed, put your creativity into the photography!</li> <li>2. Photograph/Image can be created from film negative, digital negative, or digitally manipulated in computer.</li> <li>3. Photograph must be on photo paper, canvas, or other flat material.</li> <li>4. Exhibit must have Photo Exhibit Label on back with required information for photo exhibits. Include information about the processes used.</li> <li>5. Subject matter must be in good taste and be appropriate for public display in a 4-H setting, photographs depicting unsafe practices or illegal activities will not be displayed.</li> </ol>

10305	<p><b>Visual Arts</b> An exhibit that shows learning through original art, exploration of an art technique, or study of any other visual arts topic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exhibits made from kits or preformed molds will not be accepted. Exception: Preformed molds (greenware, whiteware) may be used to provide the appropriate surface for a process technique or application of original design.</li> <li>2. If the exhibit is a finished art object, the source or inspiration of the design, design sketches, or other process for creating the object and design must be included.</li> <li>3. Original works of art must be a creative expression of a design unique to the artist, or represent a significant modification to an existing design to make a new and original statement by the artist.</li> <li>4. Exhibition of derivative works created by a 4-H'er is prohibited without the written permission of the original copyright holder/owner. Use of copyrighted or trademarked designs, images, logos, or materials in 4-H visual arts exhibits is prohibited unless written permission has been obtained from the copyright or trademark holder/owner. For additional information, see 4-H Exhibit Copyright Information at <a href="http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm">http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4h/projects/visualart.htm</a>.</li> <li>5. Exhibitors are encouraged to have an understanding of the Art Principles and Elements of Design and they might be asked to describe their exhibits in these terms.</li> </ol>
10306	<p><b>Non-Original Art</b> (Not for State Fair consideration) An exhibit that is derived from a pre-packaged or Pre-determined design and the design is pre-determined by someone other than the 4-H'er.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pre-formed molds, greenware, or whiteware are to be exhibited in this class.</li> <li>2. Kits containing copyrighted figures such as Holly Hobby, Precious Moments, company logos, college and sport teams etc. must be identified to be placed in this division.</li> <li>3. No items in this category are eligible for State Fair.</li> <li>4. Exhibitors are encouraged to have an understanding of the Art Principles and</li> </ol>

## FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. All exhibits and pieces of exhibits are to be clearly labeled with class number name, club or chapter, and years in project. Entry tags are available from club leaders.
3. **Your written or taped goal(s) of the project must be included. Failure to include goal(s) statement will result in a lower ribbon placing.**
4. Exhibitors are encouraged to have an understanding of the Art Principles and Elements of Design where applicable.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

10401	<p><b>Child Development</b> An exhibit that shows learning about children. Examples: child care, growth and development, safety and health, children with special needs, and careers in child development.</p> <p><i><b>The process of learning about yourself and children is the most important part of the project. The judges want to know how the exhibit has helped the 4-H'er learn more about child development and what has been learned, rather than details of how the exhibit was made</b></i></p>
10402	<p><b>Clothing and Fashion</b> - An exhibit that shows learning about style, fashion, design, thrifty spending, wardrobe planning, types of fabrics, and clothing care. Exhibits may include constructed or purchased clothing and accessories.</p>
10403	<p><b>Consumer Management</b> – An exhibit that shows learning through savvy budgeting, comparison shopping, money management, and consumer rights and responsibilities.</p>
10405	<p><b>Health</b> – An exhibit that shows learning through food choices, safe activities and skills such as first aid and CPR, careers, and healthy lifestyle choices.</p>
10406	<p><b>Home Improvement</b> - An exhibit that shows learning in planning, improving and caring for your home living space. Exhibits may include new or refinished/reclaimed/restored items.</p>
10407	<p><b>Sewing and Needle Arts</b> - An exhibit that shows learning and skill in sewing, knitting, crocheting, or other needle arts, the use and care of fabrics and fibers, or the construction of clothing and other items.</p>
10408	<p><b>Other Family and Consumer Science</b> - An exhibit that demonstrates learning about a family and consumer science topic that does not fit any previous Family &amp; Consumer Science class listed.</p>

10404	<p><b>Food &amp; Nutrition</b> - An exhibit that shows learning through cooking, baking, eating and choosing healthy foods, including safety practices. Exhibits may include prepared products or educational displays. See also 4-H 3023 "Inappropriate Food Exhibits for Iowa 4-H Fairs" for additional information regarding prepared and preserved food products.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.</li> <li>2. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.</li> <li>3. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.</li> <li>4. 6 cupcakes or cookies per plate.</li> <li>5. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.</li> <li>6. Meat jerky products are prohibited.</li> <li>7. The recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.</li> <li>8. Preserved foods must include the Food Preservation Exhibit Label. <u>Only food processed after 7/20/2015 is acceptable.</u> Current USDA Recipes and guidelines for home food preservation must be used. For more information call the ISU AnswerLine at 1-800-262-3804. Can <b>not</b> use old recipes for canning.</li> <li>9. Preserved food exhibits <b>must</b> include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.</li> <li>10. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in a reclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened to the plate in the bag.</li> <li>11. The use of alcoholic beverages in the preparation or production of 4-H food exhibits is NOT Permitted.</li> <li>12. Perishable foods will not be returned. All baked goods will be sold at public food sale after judging with a small portion remaining for an exhibit.</li> </ol>
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## CLOTHING EVENT DEPARTMENT

Exhibitors may enter one exhibit in Fashion Revue and one exhibit in Clothing Selection.

The Polk County Clothing Event judging will be held prior to the fair. Watch for date in Clover Power. A judging schedule will be sent to each participant. Exhibitors must be judged on this day to allow them to participate in the Public Style Revue on Saturday, during the Polk County Fair. The exhibitor must wear the outfit for the judge on judging day, accompanied by a Fashion Revue or Clothing Construction Reporting Form, a commentary card, and a photograph. The form and card will be used for describing the outfit for judges, and for the Public Style Revue at the County Fair. The use of details such as color, type of fabric, construction details, accessories, occasion worn, grooming, poise, posture and clothing care all go into judging consideration. **Failure to include the form, card, and photograph will result in a lower ribbon placing.** Reporting Forms are available from the Extension Office.

The public presentation of the County Clothing Event will be held Saturday, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Exhibits Building. The youth may model one Fashion Revue Exhibit and one Clothing Selection Exhibit.

### FASHION REVUE

1. Class CE10, must be entered on the correct County Fair entry and premium form.
2. This class must have at least one major garment cut and constructed, hand knitted, machine-knitted, or crocheted by the exhibitor during the current 4-H year. (The constructed garment may be worn with a purchased garment See rule #4).
3. A garment or outfit consisting of one to three pieces such as party clothes, tailored suits, vest, slacks, shirt, skirt, active sportswear, and/or coats are acceptable as Fashion Revue entries.
4. Blouses, shirts and sweaters are usually considered garments. If used to complete an outfit, they may be constructed or selected.
5. All other accessories and undergarments may be constructed or selected.
6. Garments modeled in Fashion Revue are eligible to be entered in the Clothing Department competition at the County Fair, but are only eligible for State Fair in one class, either Clothing Event or as a clothing exhibit.
7. Four Senior 4-H'ers may be selected to represent the county at the State Fair Clothing Event, with no more than two (2) participants from any one category (male, female, and minority). Polk County will pay the entry fees for this contest. To be eligible, the member must meet the following requirements:
  - A. Be a senior 4-H member and have enrolled in the clothing project in the current 4-H program year.
  - B. Model a garment or outfit the entrant has constructed during the current 4-H year.
  - C. Must complete the State Fair Clothing Event Form and submit by the deadline.

### CLOTHING SELECTION

1. Clothing Selection, Class CE20, must be entered on the correct County Fair entry and premium form.
2. This class includes a purchased outfit for any occasion selected by the entrant and worn for the judges. The garment for this class must be purchased and not constructed.
3. Outfits may be selected and/or purchased from any source, including consignment shops, used clothes stores, etc. Clothing items which are home-sewn are not eligible unless the completed garment was purchased from a used clothing source. Clothing items which are custom sewn specifically for the participant are not eligible.
3. Garments modeled in Clothing Selection may be entered in the Clothing Department at the County Fair, but will only be eligible for State Fair in one class, either Clothing Event or as a clothing exhibit.
4. Three senior 4-H'ers (one male, one female, one minority) may be selected to represent the county at the Clothing Event at the State Fair. Polk County will pay for the State Fair entry fees. To be eligible, the member must meet the following requirements:
  - A. Must be a senior 4-H member.
  - B. Select and/or purchase an outfit that represents your goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
  - C. Have individually planned or county experiences in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison.
  - D. Must model garment purchased for clothing selection.
  - E. Must complete the State Fair form and submit by deadline.

**CLOVER KIDS DEPARTMENT**

**\$15 CHALLENGE**

1. \$15 Challenge, Class CE30, must be entered on the correct County Fair entry and premium form.
2. This class includes an outfit selected and/or purchased from a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop.
3. Exhibits in this class must meet this criteria and the total cost for the outfit must be \$15 or less (receipts must be turned in with Clothing Event Report Form).  
(Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'er belong in ClothingSelection.)
4. Garments modeled in the \$15 Challenge may be entered in the Clothing Department at the County Fair, but will only be eligible for State Fair in one class, either \$15 Challenge or as a clothing exhibit.
5. Three senior 4-H'ers (one male, one female, one minority) may be selected to represent the county at the Clothing Event at the State Fair. Polk County will pay for the State Fair entry fees. To be eligible, the member must meet the following requirements:
  - A. Must be a senior 4-H member.
  - B. Purchase an outfit that represents the 4-H'ers goal or intended use for the selected outfit.
  - C. Have had individual planned our county experience(s) in choosing shopping alternatives, evaluating fit, quality and construction features, price and cost comparison.
  - D. Outfits must be purchased at a garage sale, consignment store, or resale shop (i.e. Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other stores of this type.)  
(Hand-me-downs or clothing as gifts that were selected by the 4-H'er belong in ClothingSelection.)
  - E. Cost of outfit must be \$15 or less, not including shoes, accessories, or undergarments.
  - F. Receipt(s) MUST be turned in with Clothing Event Report Form.
  - G. Must model garment selected and/or purchased for \$15 Challenge.
  - H. Must complete the State Fair form and submit by deadline.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

CE10	Fashion Revue
CE20	Clothing Selection
CE30	\$15 Challenge

1. **This class is for youth in grades K-3rd in organized Polk County Clover Kids Groups.** See Exhibit Building Rules #1
2. These classes are open classes. No premiums paid. A participation ribbon will be awarded.
3. Enter on entry form. Entry form must be to the Polk County Extension Office before or on July 3 as stated in Rules and Regulations.
4. Youth should bring their exhibit(s) on **Wednesday, from 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** An optional interview will be available with a caring adult in show and tell fashion.
5. Youth may enter class CK1 once. Multiple exhibits may be shown, but youth will only receive one participation ribbon for the entire grouping. Youth may display their exhibit(s) in a display box or container, but it is not required. Exhibits may be anything that the youth has made while at a club meeting and/or anywhere else.
6. Larger posters may be used as decoration in display area. The display should be the result of participation at a meeting or activity of their Clover Kids Group. (No live animals please.)
7. Polk County Master Gardeners are sponsoring "Bucket of Live Flowers" where youth can exhibit flowers in a container of their choice. Flowers can be purchased or grown by the Clover Kid member. Optional interview will take place with a caring adult in show and tell fashion.
8. All displays will be put in a designated area during the fair and must not be taken home until released on Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

CK1	Clover Kid Exhibit
CK2	Bucket of Live Flowers <i>Sponsored by Polk County Master Gardeners</i>

## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

1. The Communications Division consists of the following exhibits: Educational Presentations, Working Exhibits, Extemporaneous Speaking, Share the Fun and Posters.
2. The judging or evaluation for presentations, working exhibits, and extemporaneous speaking will take place in the 4-H Exhibit Building, on the Thursday of the county fair. Posters will be turned in on Conference Judging Day and judged on Thursday. The Share the Fun Contest will be Saturday, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Exhibit Building, during the County Fair.

### Educational Presentations

1. An Educational Presentation is defined as any presentation that teaches or communicates a process, a fact or an idea, through a showing and telling process to gain a desired response from an audience.
2. This presentation may be by demonstration, talk with visuals, skit, panel discussion, dialogue, or any method desired to best get the educational subject matter taught to the audience.
3. The presentation may be given by one or more members. The topic of the presentation should determine its length, but should not exceed 20 minutes for intermediate and senior 4-H'ers. Junior presentations should not exceed 15 minutes.
4. All members involved in one presentation should be within the same age division, but if they are not, they must compete in the division of the oldest member.
5. If a member has been part of a team receiving top recognition at the Junior or Intermediate level, he or she must participate with different partners or individually while in the same age group. This does not apply to seniors.
6. Put the TITLE of your Educational Presentation in the class name column on fair entry form.
7. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are used in a presentation.  
**Any exhibit considered to be or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.**
8. Judging of presentations will take place at Communication Fun Day. A schedule will be sent to each entrant.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

11101	Educational Presentations- Juniors
11102	Educational Presentations – Intermediates and Seniors

## Working Exhibits

Working exhibits provide an opportunity for 4-H'ers to communicate, interact with, and teach an audience in an informal and experiential way.

1. Entries must be made on an entry form and submitted to the Extension Office. (Check Clover Power for this form and dates.)
2. Put the TITLE of your working exhibit in the class name column on entry form.
3. Exhibits will be scheduled on Communication Fun Day, prior to the County Fair. A schedule will be sent to all entrants.
4. Food products must be unquestionably safe to eat when they are used in a working exhibit. **Any exhibit considered to be or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.**

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

11201	Working Exhibits - Juniors
11202	Working Exhibits – Intermediates and Seniors

## Extemporaneous Speaking

This contest is designed to encourage the development of the life skill of communicating with others by enhancing the ability to think, to organize, to speak, and the answer questions readily by participating 4-H'ers before an audience.

1. Participants must be senior 4-H'ers.
2. Contest format:
  - A. Thirty minutes before the program, each participant will draw three of the available topics, selecting one to speak on.
  - B. The selected topic will not be available to the other participants in the speaker's assigned room. The general nature of the topics will relate to 4-H. The other two topics drawn but not chosen will be returned to the available topics for the other participants.
  - C. A preparation room is to be used with one participant per speaking site admitted initially and one additional participant per speaking site admitted each 15 minutes as the program progresses. A participant may not leave the preparation room until it is time to speak, nor may a participant receive help from a parent, leader, other adult or any other youth. A program official will assist participants with the time requirements.
  - D. All reference material will be screened by a program official on the following basis:
  - E. Participant may bring his/her own books, magazines or newspaper clippings for reference during the thirty minutes of preparation.
  - F. Reference material must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes, outlines or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for use in this program.
  - G. Some relevant reference material will be available in the preparation room. This material will consist of historical material related to the 4-H program.
  - H. Each speech shall be the result of the 4-H'ers own efforts using approved reference material that a participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Plain 3"x5" note cards will be provided for each participant in the preparation room. If notes are used, the 3"x5" note

cards provided must be used in delivering the speech.

- I. Only notes made during the preparation period may be used.
  - J. Each speech shall be not less than four but no more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judge. The participant will be shown time cards in an ascending order (1, 2, 3, 4, and 5) by the time keeper. "Stop" will be said at six minutes.
  - K. The program timekeeper will introduce each participant by name and the county he/she represents. The participant will be expected to introduce his/her speech by title only.
  - L. Participants are not permitted to use any props, gadgets, posters or audiovisuals of any sort. A podium not will be available.
3. Speeches will be evaluated using the following criteria:
- A. Content related to topic.
  - B. Knowledge of the subject.
  - C. Organization of material.
  - D. Power of expression.
  - E. Voice.
  - F. Stage presence.
  - G. General effect.
  - H. Response to questions.
4. A judge's critique/conference with each participant will be included as a part of the program.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

11401	Extemporaneous Speaking
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**Share the Fun**

Participation ribbon, no premiums

1. Share-The-Fun performances must not exceed eight minutes in length.
2. Skits, songs, stunts, short one-act plays, dance, and other entertainment will be acceptable. All performances must be appropriate for presentation to a general audience.
3. At least 80% of the performers in a Share the Fun Exhibit must have completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to be eligible for State Fair Consideration.
4. Only 4<sup>th</sup> grade exhibitors will be considered to represent Polk County.
5. Exhibitors must enter Share the Fun on the Fair Entry Form due July 3. Put the TITLE of your "Share the Fun" presentation in class name column on fair entry form.
6. If the entry is a group entry, only one entry need be made and the entry fee needs only be paid once. Please note the number of participants and grades of those participants on that entry.
7. All participants must be present at 6:00 pm, and remain throughout the entire program.
8. Youth may only compete in 2 Share the Fun Acts per year. Both of which cannot be solo acts.
9. One of the Acts that advances to the State Fair will be a club skit.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

11301	Share the Fun
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**Poster Exhibits**

1. Any 4-H'er may create a communication poster. This includes 4-H'ers of organized 4-H clubs, 4-H special interest and school enrichment groups. Exhibits are to be entered on the proper entry form by July 3.
2. All posters must be designed on, or affixed to, standard poster board or foam core board—size minimum of 14" x 20" or maximum of 15" x 22".
3. Posters may be vertical or horizontal. Posters may be any medium: watercolor, ink, crayon, acrylic, charcoal, oils, and collage.
4. Posters cannot be 3-dimensional. Materials used to make the poster may not extend more than 1/8 inch above the poster or foam core board.
5. Each poster must have an exhibit label attached to the back stating the theme and what you want people to think or feel when they look at the poster. The exhibit label is available at the Polk County Extension Office.
6. Posters cannot use copyrighted material or exact copies of other promotional designs, such as the Iowa 4-H Youth Conference theme logo.
7. 4-H'ers may include the 4-H clover in the poster.
8. The themes will be published in Clover Power.
9. Poster need to be turned in at the Front desk on Wednesday of the fair. Judging will occur Thursday by the communication Judges.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

10503	4-H Poster
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## HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. All exhibits and pieces of exhibits are to be clearly labeled with class number, name, club or chapter, and years in project. **Also list variety and name of vegetable on entry tag.** Failure to do so will result in a lower ribbon placing. Entry tags are available from club leaders and Extension Office.
3. **A general garden goal statement is required for Horticulture and Floriculture classes H-1 through H-62.**
4. The exhibits shall be arranged by the exhibitor.
5. Vegetables must be **grown** by the exhibitor.
6. Exhibits judged in Horticulture are not eligible for the state fair however they may receive gold ribbons. **The only horticulture class eligible for State Fair is Class 550 judged in the Ag & Natural Resources Department.**
7. Suggestions for displaying vegetables can be found in publication 4-H-462 "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables"; however, **use specimen number listed below.**
8. Outstanding exhibits from classes will be selected and placed in a Best of Class display by the judge and superintendents. *No additional premiums will be paid on these exhibits.*
9. You may exhibit **two different varieties per class.**
10. No limit on number of classes' exhibitors may enter. Exhibitors must specify and pay for the number of vegetable and flower classes they want to enter. **Specific vegetable classes may be determined on conference judging day. Put each class on one line of the form.**
11. All entries will be sold with a small portion remaining for an exhibit.
12. Monetary award sponsored by Polk County Master Gardeners for individual deemed best of vegetable class in classes H1-H45.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

H1	<b>Beans, Green-</b> 6 specimens
H2	<b>Beans, Wax-</b> 6 specimens
H3	<b>Beets-</b> 3 specimens
H4	<b>Broccoli-</b> 1 specimen
H5	<b>Brussels Sprouts-</b> 5 heads
H6	<b>Cabbage-</b> 1 specimen
H7	<b>Carrots-</b> 3 specimens
H8	<b>Cauliflower-</b> 1 head
H9	<b>Celery-</b> 1 Bunch
H10	<b>Corn, Sweet-</b> 2 specimens in husk
H11	<b>Cucumbers, pickling-</b> 5 specimens
H12	<b>Cucumbers, slicing-</b> 2 specimens
H13	<b>Eggplant-</b> 1 specimen
H14	<b>Garlic-</b> 3 specimens
H15	<b>Kale-</b> 1 plant
H16	<b>Kohlrabi-</b> 2 specimens
H17	<b>Lettuce, Leaf-</b> 1 plant
H18	<b>Okra-</b> 3 specimens
H19	<b>Onions, Green -</b> 1 bunch of 5 onions tied in the middle
H20	<b>Onions, Red-</b> (dry) 3 specimens
H21	<b>Onions, Yellow-</b> (dry) 3 specimens
H22	<b>Onions, White-</b> (dry) 3 specimens

H23	<b>Peas-</b> 6 pods
H24	<b>Peppers, Bell</b> or other <b>sweet peppers-</b> 2 specimens
H25	<b>Peppers, Hot-</b> 4 specimens
H26	<b>Potatoe, Sweet-</b> 2 specimens
H27	<b>Potatoes, Red-</b> 3 specimens
H28	<b>Potatoes, White-</b> 3 specimens
H29	<b>Radishes-</b> 1 bunch of 5, tied at the base of leaves
H30	<b>Spinach-</b> 1 plant
H31	<b>Squash, Winter -</b> 1 specimen
H32	<b>Squash, Summer-</b> 2 specimens
H33	<b>Tomato, Other-</b> 10 specimens
H34	<b>Tomatoes, Cherry-</b> 10 specimens (ripe)
H35	<b>Tomatoes, Regular-</b> 3 specimen (ripe)
H36	<b>Turnips-</b> 3 specimens
H37	<b>Watermelon-</b> 1 specimen
H38	<b>Other vegetable or fruit,</b> adequate specimens for evaluation
H39	<b>Display</b> of three or more different <b>fresh herbs</b>
H40	<b>Display</b> of three or more different <b>dried herbs</b>
H41	<b>Vegetable display</b> - must include five or more different vegetable crops grown in the exhibitor's home garden. More than one variety, but not more than four of a particular crop, can be displayed; however they will count as only one crop (i.e., all peppers are one crop). There is no limit to the number of vegetables in the display as long as all vegetables are shown as a project and the display occupies no more than a 24" X 30" table top space.
H42	<b>Garden Idea</b> - An exhibit which shows and explains one idea learned from participating in a garden project. Actual specimens of garden produce may or may not be included. This may be a poster or display.
H43	<b>Heritage Class</b> – Choice of heirloom vegetables with number of specimens comparable to classes above
H44	<b>Vegetable Collections</b> - A display of vegetables raised as the result of work done in the project. May include from 1 to 5 different kinds of species of vegetables prepared and displayed in the quantity recommended in separate classes listed above. Vegetables are judged on standards listed in 4-H 462 INDIVIDUAL SPECIES basis like classes H1-H37.
H45	<b>Chemical-Free Horticulture</b> - any vegetable or fruit grown without use of chemical pesticides or herbicides, with number of specimens comparable to classes above



## FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulation for additional information.
2. All exhibits and pieces of exhibits are to be clearly labeled with class number, name, club or chapter, and number of years in project. Entry Tags are available from club leaders or at the Polk County Extension office.
3. **A general garden goal is required.**
4. Flowers must be **grown** by the exhibitor.
5. **NO limit on number of entries in the youth flower department, but not more than 1 entry may be made in any 1 class or subclass.**
6. All pots/planters must be waterproof or include a drip saucer.
7. All entries must be checked in with the superintendent of the department.
8. The superintendent may refuse to place any exhibit which does not conform to the classes.
9. Arrangements must be the work, classified and set in place by the exhibitor.
10. No artificial flowers or foliage permitted. Iowa law prohibits the use of primary or secondary noxious weeds in decorative exhibits.
11. Monetary award sponsored by Polk County Master Gardeners for individual deemed best of floriculture class in classes H53 – H76.

### Flowers CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

**PLEASE NOTE CLASS NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.**

H53	<b>Gladiolus</b> - One spike
H54	<b>Hosta</b> - Three leaves or one flower spike
H55	<b>Liatris</b> - One spike
H56	<b>Marigold</b> - A- <b>French or Signet</b> – One to three sprays B- <b>African</b> – Three blooms
H57	<b>Oriental/Asiatic Lily</b> – One stem
H58	<b>Petunia</b> – One spray
H59	<b>Rose</b> A- <b>Tea</b> – One stem with one bloom B- <b>Miniature rose</b> – One bloom or one stem with cluster of blooms C- <b>Grandiflora</b> – One stem with one bloom or one stem with cluster of blooms D- <b>Floribunda</b> – One stem with one bloom or one stem with cluster of blooms E- <b>Shrub rose</b> – One stem with one bloom or one stem with cluster of blooms
H60	<b>Snapdragons</b> – Three stems
H61	<b>Zinnia</b> – Three blooms, no buds
H62	<b>Other individual flower not listed H46-H61.</b> Please refer to “Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibits” for how to exhibit your type of flower. Posted on polkcountyfairiowa.com.

H63	Three or more named <b>cacti</b> and/or <b>succulents</b> in a suitable container.
H64	<b>Arrangement</b> of five or more flowers in single container.
H65	<b>House Plant</b> - potted with a card attached, giving name of plant and where it could be placed in the home.
H66	<b>Hanging Container</b> with one or more plants.
H67	<b>Terrarium</b> containing one or more plants A- Open terrarium B- Closed terrarium
H68	<b>Container garden - for outdoors</b> -Three or more labeled plants
H69	<b>Tabletop container garden</b> - Three or more labeled plants
H70	<b>Fairy Garden</b> - named plants

### Artistic Designs CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

H70	<b>“The Spice of Life”</b> an arrangement including one or more herbs. (Named on the card).
H71	<b>“Tiny Treasures”</b> a miniature arrangement no more than 5” in any dimension. A- Using fresh materials B- Using dried materials
H72	<b>“Farmers Market”</b> an arrangement of foliage, fruit and/or vegetables.
H73	<b>“Happy Holiday”</b> an arrangement depicting a holiday of your choice.
H74	<b>“Lunch by the TV”</b> a luncheon tray with a flower.
H75	<b>“Color is Our Business”</b> an arrangement stressing color harmony.
H76	<b>“Down Where the Brook Meanders”</b> an arrangement showing an expanse of water.

### HORTICULTURE FUN CLASSES

1. 4-H and FFA members only.
2. Buckets with holes must have drip saucer.
3. Exhibits that decay will be disposed of.

#### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

FUN 1	<b>Extraordinary Veggie</b> - May exhibit most unusual, largest, funniest vegetable, etc.
FUN 2	<b>Crazy Critters</b> - Create a creature with vegetables. Main part of exhibit is to be grown by exhibitor. Use your imagination!
FUN 3	<b>A Bucket of Flowers</b> - A Bucket of flowers grown by exhibitor and each variety named. These will be used during the fair to beautify the grounds.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. **Your written or taped goal(s) of the project must be included.** Failure to include a goal(s) statement will result in a lower ribbon placing.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

10501	<b>Citizenship</b> - An exhibit that shows learning about or contributing to your community, your country or your world.
10502	<b>Communication</b> - An exhibit that shows learning about written, oral, and visual communication skills in their many forms.
10504	<b>Digital Storytelling</b> - Any exhibit that demonstrates the application of technology to produce a creative movie/film/video. Exhibits may include a finished movie or video, creation of a detailed storyboard, editing techniques using digital video software, production techniques, or other display to share what was learned. Copyright permission must be obtained for any non-original material included as part of a film/movie/video.
10505	<b>Leadership</b> - An exhibit that shows learning about leadership skills and influencing others in a positive way.
10506	<b>Self Determined</b> - An exhibit that shows learning as part of your 4-H adventure and does not fit any other class.

## SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

1. Entries - See 4-H Exhibit Building Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. **Your written or taped goal(s) of the project must be included.** Failure to include a goal(s) statement will result in a lower ribbon placing.
3. All exhibits and pieces of exhibits are to be clearly labeled with class number, name, club or chapter and number of years in project. Entry tags are available from the Extension Office and club leaders.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

10601	<b>Mechanics</b> - Any exhibit that shows skills or learning in automotive, electrical, small and large engines, tractors, welding, and restoration.
10602	<b>Woodworking</b> - Any exhibit that shows learning about wood, woodworking techniques, and safe uses of woodworking tools and machines. Exhibits may include newly constructed or refinished / reclaimed / restored wood items.
10603	<b>Science, Engineering &amp; Technology</b> - Any exhibit that shows learning about or helps explain how science and technology help us interact with the world. Topics include aerospace, biological and chemical sciences, computers & networking, earth & climate, geospatial mapping (GPS/GIS), robotics, or any other application of Science, Engineering, or Technology.

## **CONTEST DIVISION**

**Superintendents: Jolynn Fetters and Deb DeDecker  
Committee: Andrea Nelson and Tracy Casey**

### **KING & QUEEN CONTEST**

1. Each club or chapter may nominate one young woman and man (minimum age of 16, not older than 21 by the first day of the Iowa State Fair), to compete in the contest judging. Entry deadline is May 15th. (no exceptions)
2. Each king and queen candidate must have a club or chapter sponsor their nomination. Candidates are responsible for obtaining their own sponsorship. Contact Extension Office for a list of available clubs.
3. Candidates will be required to fill out contest application and send it in by May 15th.
4. The young women and men will be interviewed before the County Fair by a panel and judged on their personality, appearance, and achievements.
5. No professional model (one who has had ongoing employment in which modeling was the primary part of the job) is eligible to compete in the Polk County contest.
6. Any contestant who has competed in the State Fair Queen Contest may not compete in our County contest again.
7. The king and queen will be crowned at the County Fair Barbecue on Wednesday beginning at 7:00 P.M. The queen/king and her/his court will be required to hand out ribbons throughout the county fair and help at the Livestock Auction.
8. The queen is expected to participate in the State Fair Queen Contest and meet their requirements. You may not compete in any other titled contest at the Iowa State Fair. (You may still show your 4-H or FFA entries). The fee is paid by the Polk County Fair Board and Polk County Farm Bureau.
9. If the Polk County Fair Queen cannot compete at the State Fair, the first runner-up will take her responsibilities.
10. The queen and king and their court will act in a professional manner at all times. (Example, no smoking or drinking allowed and must adhere to all the fair rules and regulations.) If there is a question as to the professionalism of an individual, that person will forfeit their title.
11. The queen/king and their court will not be allowed to wear their crown or sashes while showing livestock or other projects.
12. The queen/king and their court will wear proper attire at all times (nice dress clothes).
13. The queen/king and their court will be present at all events they are assigned to, as well as other events as scheduled by the queen/king superintendent.
14. All court members will arrive on time to assigned events and be present throughout the entire event unless other arrangements have been made with the queen/king superintendent.
15. The queen/king and their court will hold a cheerful and positive attitude at all times.

### **KING ARTHUR FLOUR FROSTED CUPCAKE BAKING CONTEST**

1. Pre-entry form is required (see PCF website to download). Entries must be received in the Polk County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 37 or you may turn a form in at the Open Class Department in the 4-H Exhibit Building between 8:30 a.m. and noon on July 22.
2. Cupcakes should arrive no later than 12:00 p.m. on July 25. Judging will occur in the 4-H Building and the results of all judging will be available at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.
3. Cupcakes must use King Arthur Flour and be made from scratch. No cake mixes or prepared frostings.
4. Entries will consist of six standard sized frosted cupcakes on a firm disposable plate or cake board.
5. Judging will be based on: Taste (50%), Creativity (25%), and Texture (25%).
6. Entrant must bring the opened bag of King Arthur Flour or submit a UPC label from the flour bag when he/she brings the prepared entry to the contest at the fair.
7. Directions for preparing the recipe must be clear; measurements should be in level cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, or fractions thereof; also include pan size, cooking temperature, number of servings and any other pertinent information.
8. Typed or legibly written recipe on an 8.5 x 11 sheet of paper with name, address, daytime and evening phone number, email address if available, in the upper right hand corner. Entries must be legible and include a phone number or they will be disqualified.
9. Fair committee selects judges; judges' decisions are final.
10. Adult Category (ages 18 and up): 1st Place -\$75 gift certificate to Baker's Catalogue, 2nd Place-\$50 certificate to Baker's Catalogue, 3rd Place- King Arthur Flour logo canvas tote bag.
11. Junior/Youth Category (ages 8-17): 1st Place- Small square baking pan, 2nd Place- Plastic mixing bowl with spout, 3rd Place- Measuring cup.
12. All winners will also receive ribbons.

*\*\*\*King Arthur Flour is available at local Fareway, Hy-Vee, Dahl's and Walmart Grocery Stores. \*\*\**

**ANYTHING GOES CONTEST**  
**Superintendent: 4-H County Council**

**Entry Fee: \$1.00 per club due at sign-up at the event.**

1. The County Council is sponsoring the Anything Goes Contest on Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the Horse arena.
2. The inter-club competition between the clubs/chapters are for youth in 4th - 12th grade.
3. **All Participants MUST be enrolled in POLK COUNTY 4-H or FFA**
4. It is an Olympic style competition with cash prizes, lots of fun, and even some surprises.
5. There may be contests such as: Egg Toss, Orange race, Obstacle Course, Tug of War and others.
6. Must have leader or an adult in attendance with club members.

**CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION**

CC1	Anything Goes Contest
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**BEST CLUB BOOTH CONTEST**  
**Superintendent: 4-H County Council**

**No Entry Fee,**

1. All clubs and chapters with a booth in the 4-H building are automatically entered in this contest.
2. Booths are to be completed by Noon Wednesday.
3. Judging will take place Wednesday afternoon.
4. Booth will be judged on the following:
  - a. Use of Fair theme
  - b. Creativity
  - c. Neatness
  - d. Originality
5. Prizes:
  - \$20.00 first place
  - \$10.00 second place
  - \$5.00 third place

**DECORATE-A-BALE CONTEST**  
**Superintendent – 4-H County Council**

**Entry Fees - \$1.00 per bale to be collected at the event.**  
 Entry Tag – must be attached to the Bale twine. Entry tags available at Exhibit Building Office.

1. This class is for anyone (no age limits). Exhibits can be prepared by an individual exhibitor, a team of exhibitors or may be the result of a group effort.
  - a. At least one member of the group must be present during judging, 10 am Thursday.
2. **Only One** bale may be used per exhibit (straw, hay, grass, or bean straw – small size bale only.)
3. Contact a County Council member if you need a bale.
4. Decorations must be in good taste and not offensive.
5. Bales must be in place in by 9:30 A.M. Thursday. Location has changed they need to be on the north side of the center aisle tie wall.(They should not be in the center aisle)
6. **Bales may be decorated Wednesday. No Bales should be in the 4-H exhibit building. Bales must remain on the fairgrounds until Sunday at 2:00 P.M.**
7. Judging will be done according to originality, creativity etc.
  - \$20.00 first place.
  - \$10.00 second place.
  - \$5.00 third place.
8. Fair board is not responsible for damages to the bale or injuries

**LITTLE TYKES TRACTOR PULL**  
**Superintendent: Carol Stock**  
**Sponsor: Van Wall Group**

1. Any youth ages 4 - 12 years may compete.
2. \$1.00 Entry fee per youth.
3. No Flip Flops Allowed
4. Parent or guardian must sign a waiver and must be present during contest.
5. All contestants must wear shoes.
6. Winners may compete in the State Competition.
7. Awards will be given. No Premiums.
8. Fair board not responsible for injuries.

## CLOVER KIDS DEPARTMENT

1. **This class is for youth in grades K-3rd in organized Polk County Clover Kids Groups.** See Exhibit Building Rules #1
2. These classes are open classes. No premiums paid. A participation ribbon will be awarded.
3. Enter on entry form. Entry form must be to the Polk County Extension Office before or on July 3 as stated in Rules and Regulations.
4. Youth should bring their exhibit(s) on **Wednesday, from 8:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.** An optional interview will be available with a caring adult in show and tell fashion.
5. Youth may enter class CK1 once. Multiple exhibits may be shown, but youth will only receive one participation ribbon for the entire grouping. Youth may display their exhibit(s) in a display box or container, but it is not required. Exhibits may be anything that the youth has made while at a club meeting and/or anywhere else.
6. Larger posters may be used as decoration in display area. The display should be the result of participation at a meeting or activity of their Clover Kids Group. (No live animals please.)
7. Polk County Master Gardeners are sponsoring "Bucket of Live Flowers" where youth can exhibit flowers in a container of their choice. Flowers can be purchased or grown by the Clover Kid member. Optional interview will take place with a caring adult in show and tell fashion.
8. All displays will be put in a designated area during the fair and must not be taken home until released on Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

CK1	Clover Kid Exhibit
CK2	Bucket of Live Flowers <i>Sponsored by Polk County Master Gardeners</i>

### OPEN CLASS - BUCKET/BOTTLE CALF Superintendent: Mike Cory

#### Entry and ground fees will be collected July 3.

1. Entries and dress code – See General and Livestock Rules and Regulations for additional information.
2. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
3. Any newborn or orphan calf (bucket or bottle fed, no nursing), steer, heifer, dairy or beef that is calved between January 1 and May 31, this year may be shown.
4. The animals will be exhibited according to plans developed by the Bucket/Bottle Calf Superintendent. (Exhibitor will be interviewed in regards to management and care of calf.)
5. Calves will be shown at halter.
6. Stalls will be available at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Stalling will be in the Beef Dept. Area.
7. Calves must be in pens and checked in by 3:00 P.M. Thursday. (Health certificates are due at this time.)
8. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
9. Parent or guardian must be present during show.
10. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
11. All cattle must have a completed drug affidavit at the time of check in at the Polk County Fair. Can be found on the Polk County Fair Website or picked up at the extension office.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

8	Bucket/Bottle Calf
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## OPEN YOUTH CAT CLASS

1. Entry Fee will be collected July 3<sup>st</sup>.
2. Cat must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. The exhibitor may exhibit only one animal (cat or kitten.)
5. Cats should be brought to the fair in a well-ventilated standard cat carrier (Pet Taxi) with a solid bottom and secure door. No wire cages or wire bottoms in cages or cardboard boxes allowed. A cage will be assigned for the exhibit entry. Cage decorating is allowed for the Open Cat Class. A Cage Décor Certificate will be presented to each Open Cat Class exhibitor who decorates their cats' cage.
6. Exhibitors must bring their cats to the fair between 10:30A.M and 11:30am on Thursday for an inspection by the veterinarian. A \$1.00 Veterinarian Fee will be collected from each exhibitor at check-in time. Late arrivals will not be accepted. Open Class Show starts at NOON, followed by the 4-H and FFA Cat Show.
7. Exhibitors must present a current rabies certificate at the time of check-in at the fair. The cat must have their rabies shot before July 3.
8. Cats showing signs of parasites or disease will be excused. Toenails of cats on all feet should be clipped just before fair.
9. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management of the cat. Judging will be at the cage.
10. Conference Judging is based on:
  - a. What exhibitor has learned about taking care of the cat?
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the cat, general health condition and management of the animal.
11. No premiums paid (participation ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

460	Open Cat Class
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## OPEN CLASS GOAT SHOW

Superintendent: James McDaniel

Assistant Superintendent: Laurie Konrad

Assistant: Jamie McDaniel

1. Entry fee to be paid July 3
2. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat show, or bring their own.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Any doe may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat show.
5. Goats must be penned on the fairgrounds by 8:00 A.M. on the day of the show. Pens will be available beginning 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
6. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
7. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
8. Depending on number of entries, classes will be divided by age of the youth.
9. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge on the care and management of goats.
10. Conformation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
11. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
14. Health certificates are required.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

41	OPEN DAIRY GOAT CLASS
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## OPEN CLASS GOAT SHOW

Superintendents: Rob Vincent & Paul McNeer

### Entry fee to be paid July 3

Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows, or bring their own.

1. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
2. Any doe or wether may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H goat shown in the 4-H/FFA dairy goat or meat goat shows.
3. Goats must be penned on the fairgrounds by 8:00 A.M. on the day of the show. Pens will be available beginning 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
4. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
5. Goats may be shown with a halter or lead.
6. Depending on number of entries, classes will be divided by age of the youth.
7. Each youth will be interviewed about their knowledge on the care and management of goats.
8. Conformation and quality of the goat is NOT to be considered.
9. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
10. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
11. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
12. Health certificates are required. Please provide them to the superintendent at check in.
13. Goats not being shown in the 4-H/FFA show are released following the completion of the show.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

50	OPEN GOAT CLASS
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## OPEN CLASSES Horse Show

Superintendent: Sondra Feldstein

1. No Premiums. Entries due July 3 on Clover Kids entry form. See show schedule for class numbers. This is not a 4-H class, so it is not necessary to be a Clover Kids member to enter these classes.
2. Exhibitors must use a horse or pony that is otherwise entered in the current year's Polk County Fair. Specify on entry form name and club of exhibitor whose horse you will be riding.
3. Exhibitors who have completed kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may enter.
4. 4-H or FFA horse exhibitor must lead the exhibitor in the lead line class.
5. Parent or Guardian must be present during show.
6. Fair Association is not liable for injury. All exhibitors must have a liability waiver signed by parent or guardian.
7. Exhibitors must wear a helmet, jeans and long-sleeved white or solid-colored shirt or current Polk County Fair t-shirt. 4-H/FFA members in lead line class must follow the same rules for attire as in showmanship classes.
8. Exhibitors may enter both classes.
9. Exhibitors in these classes may warm up beginning at 6:00 p.m. Friday. They may not ride at any other time during the fair.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

33	K-3rd Grade Lead Line
34	K-3rd Grade Walk Trot

## OPEN POULTRY SHOW

### SUNDAY

8:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Check-in

11:00 A.M. Poultry Open Class Show

1. **Bird must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
2. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
3. Health Certificates and Pullorum-Typhoid tests are required.
4. Entry deadline is July 3 at the Polk County Extension Office
5. One entry per exhibitor.

## Open Class Pet Show

Superintendent: Bill Wolfe  
Assistant: Ginny Wolfe

### Entry fee to be paid July 3

**Pet must belong to the child and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**

1. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
2. A (1) pet exhibit may be shown.
3. All pets must come properly restrained or contained. Appropriate examples include on a leash or in a box, cage, or bowl (cage supplied by owner).
4. No wild animals, No exotic animals and No reptiles may be shown.
5. No **poultry, geese, turkeys, ducks, pigeons, doves, guinea, pheasant, pea fowl or quail are shown here.** They are shown in the poultry division.
6. Exhibitors may not show the **same type of animal** in two different shows. For example, an exhibitor may not show one rabbit in the pet show and another rabbit in the rabbit show.
7. All animals must be healthy at the time of the show. The same health requirements for each species' specific class/division will also apply to the pet show. Cats, dogs and ferrets must have current rabies and/or distemper certificate. Vaccinations are required a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the fair for all small animals.
8. Pregnant animals will not be allowed to show. No animal with a nursing litter may be brought to the fair.
9. Kittens, dogs and ferrets shown at the fair must be 4 months old and above.
10. Livestock animals such as swine, horses, cattle (beef and dairy), sheep and goats are not to be shown in the Pet Show. Please see individual departments for these animals.
11. Small pets are released immediately after the show.
12. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
13. Judge has the option of removing pets from cages or asking the 4-H'er to show and handle the pet.
14. Judging is based on the following information:
  - f. What is your goal in the project?
  - g. Necessary Veterinary Care of My Pet (including a vaccination certificate – if applicable)
  - h. Daily Care of My Animal
  - i. Cost of Pet and Daily Upkeep
  - j. How Does Your Pet Fit Into Your Family's Lifestyle?

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

400	Open class pet
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## OPEN CLASS RABBIT/CAVY

Superintendent: Bill Wolfe  
Assistant: Ginny Wolfe  
Committee: Andi Wolfe

16. **Entry fees due July 3rd at the Extension office**  
Judging Time – Saturday morning prior to the 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Cavy Show.
17. **Rabbit/Cavy must belong to the Clover Kid and not be shown in the 4-H/FFA Show.**
18. Any Polk County youth K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
19. Check-in 9:00 A.M. Saturday before Rabbit/Cavy show. Exhibitor meeting will be at 9:30 AM by the showing.
20. Exhibitor must wear plain white or white county fair T-shirt and Jeans, close toe shoes and must attach their exhibitor number on their back.
21. Any healthy Rabbit or Cavy (Guinea Pig) of any breed, variety, sex, and class may be shown. **All entries MUST be Health Checked by Rabbit /Cavy Superintendent.**
22. The Rabbit or Cavy does not need to meet breed standard requirements, but must be a minimum of 10 weeks of age.
23. Exhibitors may enter 1 Rabbit and 1 Cavy for a total of 2 animals in this division.
24. The class may be divided into classes depending on the number of entries.
25. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to the management and care of their exhibit.
26. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care of the Rabbit or Cavy.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
  - c. General health, condition and management of the animal.
27. No premium will be paid-Participation ribbons only.
28. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
29. Fair board is not responsible for accidents or injuries.
30. Animals must be brought and kept in approved animal carriers and removed following the shows.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

1	Rabbit
2	Cavy (Guinea Pig)

## OPEN CLASS SHEEP SHOW

Superintendents: Mike Cory  
Assistant: Sheri Cory

1. **Entry fee to be paid July 3.**
2. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H lamb shown by a 4-H/FFA member in the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Any lamb may enter this class. Exhibitors may exhibit a 4-H lamb shown by a sibling in the 4-H/FFA Sheep Show.
5. Lambs must be penned on the fairgrounds by 8:00 A.M. Sunday. Pens will be available beginning 6:00 A.M. Wednesday. **Please sign-in at the livestock office upon arrival to receive pen assignment and stall card.**
6. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
7. Lambs may be shown with halter.
8. The classes may be divided into classes depending on the number of exhibitors. Classes divided by age of the youth.
9. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management and care of lamb.
10. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What exhibitor has learned about the care and rising of the lamb.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the lamb.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of lamb and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
    - i. Conformation and quality of the lamb is NOT to be considered.
11. No premiums paid (ribbons only).
12. Parent or guardian must be present during show.
13. Fair board is not liable for injuries.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

240	OPEN LAMB CLASS
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## OPEN CLASS SWINE SHOW

Superintendent: Don Timmins  
Assistant Superintendent: Amy Weldon, Cheryl Timmins & Bart Weldon

1. **Entry fee to be paid and forms submitted by July 3.**
2. Exhibitors may only exhibit an animal shown by another exhibitor in the 4-H/FFA Swine Show
3. Any 4 y/o through 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, (as of July 3) may exhibit in this class.
4. Exhibitor may exhibit only one animal.
5. The classes may be divided into classes depending on the number of exhibitors. Classes divided by age of the youth.
6. Each youth will be interviewed in regard to care and management and care of swine.
7. Fair board is not liable for injuries.
8. Parent or guardian must be present during the show.
9. No premiums paid (ribbons only.)
10. Judging to be based on:
  - a. What the exhibitor has learned about the care and rising of swine.
  - b. The grooming and cleanliness of the animal.
  - c. General health, condition, and management of swine and exhibitor's knowledge of this area.
    - i. Conformation and quality of the animals is NOT to be considered.

### CLASS NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION

250	OPEN SWINE CLASS
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## OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENT

### OPEN CLASS EXHIBITS

**Superintendents: Jolynn Fetters and Deb DeDecker**

**Committee: Andrea Nelson and Tracy Casey**

#### **\$4 Entry Fee per Class. Ribbons only, no premiums.**

1. This division is open to all Polk County residents.
2. Exhibitors are permitted an unlimited number of entries per class in this division.
3. All exhibits must be brought to the fairgrounds between 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon, Wednesday.
4. All exhibits must remain in open class display for the duration of the fair.
5. All exhibits will be released Sunday at 2:00 -3:30 pm Superintendents will not be responsible for any exhibit after 3:30. Sunday.
6. Blue, Red and White ribbons will be given to all qualified entries. No premiums will be paid in these classes.
7. **Best in Class and Best in Division Ribbons will only be awarded if merited and at the sole discretion of the Open Class Judge(s).**
8. All exhibits must be fresh and clean.
9. Exhibitors 17 years old and under will be entered as a youth exhibit using the same class numbers, (i.e. Class #OP220-Y). All youth entries must enter their age on entry tag.

#### **Open Class Horticulture Division**

1. Criteria for exhibition are the quality, condition, representativeness, and uniformity.
2. The exhibitor should first select specimens that are as near physically perfect as possible, free from insect and disease injury and high in quality. Then choose from this selection those specimens which combine the ideal characteristics of the fruit or vegetable and which are most uniform in size, color and other characteristics.
3. It is highly recommended that exhibitors prepare their vegetables for exhibit as described in the publication 4H-462, entitled "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" available on the Polk County Fair Website for download or at the Polk County Extension Office.
4. For flower exhibits: all specimen flowers must be grown by the exhibitor. Furnish own containers. Fresh plant material is required unless otherwise specified.

OP200	Vegetables
OP210	Herbs
OP220	Heirloom Vegetables
OP230	Fruits
OP240	Floriculture

#### **Open Class Photography Division**

1. **BACKING:** All photographs must be mounted.
2. **PHOTOGRAPH SIZE:** Photographs can be any size up to and including 11" x 14".
3. **MATS:** Matting your photograph is optional.
4. **MEDIA:** We make NO distinction between film or digital photographs.

5. **ENTRY:** Photographer's name, photo title, date and other text must NOT appear on front of entry.
6. **PRESENTATION:** All photos must be unframed. Do NOT cover entry with cellophane, acetate or glass. There should be NO hooks or wires attached to the back.
7. **SERIES:** A series is a group of photographs that are related or tell a step-by-step story. Photographs must be mounted together in story order or sequence.

OP300	People and Portraits
OP310	Landscapes and Architecture
OP320	Still Life
OP330	Photo Series
OP340	Black and White or Monochromatic
OP350	Digitally Altered

#### **Open Class Fine Arts Division**

1. The work must be original work executed in the past calendar year. "Original" means that the artist has used his/her own concepts, ideas and techniques for execution of the artwork. The artist has not copied the ideas, techniques OR exactly duplicated the subject matter of another artist's work.
2. All work submitted must have a finished appearance; the media with which it is executed must be completely dry.
3. If the work is two-dimensional, it must not exceed 52" (4 feet, 6 inches) in either length or width. All two-dimensional adult work done with oil or acrylic paint must be framed; work done in pastels, watercolor, drawings and prints must be framed, covered with glass or Plexiglas and wired for hanging.
4. Three-dimensional work will not be accepted if it exceeds 60" (5 feet) in any direction, is excessively fragile or heavy. Three-dimensional work must be presented on a sturdy base or be appropriately wired if to be hung.
5. Work by youth may not exceed 30" (2 feet, 5 inches) in any direction. Framed work must be wired for hanging.

#### **CATEGORIES FOR EXHIBITION**

OP400	<b>Painting:</b> oils, tempera, acrylics, watercolor, and mixed media
OP410	<b>Scrapbooking</b>
OP420	<b>Drawings:</b> charcoal, pencil, ink, graphite, and pastels
OP430	<b>Prints:</b> commercial print processes such as giclee prints or computer scanned images of photographs are not allowed.
OP440	<b>Sculpture:</b> excessively fragile, heavy or large sculptures (not to exceed 60" in any direction) are not acceptable.
OP450	<b>Pottery:</b> handmade earthenware, stoneware and porcelain. Delicately constructed work requiring more than normal careful handling is not eligible.
OP460	<b>Art Glass:</b> hand-blown glass, stained glass and reverse glass painting.
OP470	<b>Fiber:</b> weaving, fiber construction, batik, tie dying, knotting, appliqué, and trapunto.
OP480	<b>Woodworking:</b> Constructed or refinished wood product, including wood burning.
OP490	<b>Other Fine Arts:</b> Exhibit that does not fit in any above category.

### Open Class Textiles Division

1. All articles entered in this department must strictly be the work of the exhibitor.
2. Articles may not have been exhibited in this department before.
3. The Management will use diligence to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will they be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.

#### CATEGORIES FOR EXHIBITION

OP500	<b>Needlework:</b> such as Embroidery, Cross Stitch and Needlepoint
OP510	<b>Handwork:</b> Knitting, Crochet and Tatting
OP520	<b>Quilting</b>
OP530	<b>Sewing:</b> Clothing
OP540	<b>Sewing:</b> Other

### Open Class Foods Division

1. All entries in the Food Department must be the product of the exhibitor, made in the home kitchen and not a means of livelihood.
2. ONLY class-winning entries will remain in place throughout the Fair. All other baked goods that do not place become the property of the Polk County Fair and will be sold at the bake sale
3. Any exhibit considered to be a food safety risk or portray a food safety risk will not be accepted, judged or displayed.
4. All food products/exhibits should be appropriate for human consumption.
5. Food product exhibits must be prepared, baked or cooked using only food grade utensils and containers.
6. Products that require refrigeration will not be accepted, judged or displayed.  
Meat jerky products are prohibited.
7. The recipe must be included for any prepared food exhibit; credit the source of the recipe.
8. Only food processed in the last calendar year is acceptable. Current USDA and/or Iowa State University guidelines for home food preservation must be used. For more information call the ISU Answer Line at 1-800-262-3804.
9. Preserved food exhibits must include two product samples. One will be opened for evaluation and discarded; the second will be placed on display and returned to the exhibitor. All perishable food products will be discarded when removed from display.
10. Prepared foods should be placed on a firm disposable plate or flat cardboard. Place food product exhibit in an enclosable plastic bag with entry tag fastened outside the bag.

OP600	Breads
OC610	Pies
OP620	Cookies, Bars and Brownies
OP630	Preserves
OP640	Canning
OP650	Cake Decoration