

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 1 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 2020, subject to change with the release of 2020 regulations.

Herdsmanship Contest

**Superintendent: Nick Griffieon
Committee: Fair board Members**

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

| Category | Description | Points Possible |
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| Cleanliness Of Alleys | Alleys swept clean, free of dust, straw or any other foreign materials | 20 |
| Cleanliness Of Stalls/Pens | Bedding adequate, bright, dry, clean and in place | 20 |
| Cleanliness/Neatness Of Tack Pens | Tack pens are clean and arranged neatly for a pleasant appearance | 10 |
| Animals Properly Secured | Animals are properly secured in pens with latches closed and secured, or animals are properly tied in designated areas. | 10 |
| Welfare Of Animals | Animals appear to be properly taken care of with sufficient supply of water and proper cooling equipment | 10 |
| Appearance Of Animals | Animals are properly groomed and cleaned for the optimal appearance of animals for spectators | 10 |
| Identification Of Animals | Stall cards are readable from alley and completely filled out with correct information. | 10 |
| Attendants From Club Present | Representatives from the club are close by the animals to represent their club in case of an emergency | 10 |

Auction - Livestock

Superintendents: Craig Veldhuizen, Eric Sanny, Amy Weldon, Rob Vincent, Mike Cory and Jim Nelson

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 12:00 PM Friday.
4. Exhibitors must be present for the auction or make prior arrangements with Auction Superintendent or Species Superintendent or premium will be withheld
5. Swine, Sheep, and Meat Goats weighing less than the minimums required by the packer will not go through the auction.
6. Sheep, Swine, Beef and Meat Goat use weigh-in weights
7. Auction begins at 12:00 PM Friday
8. SALE FEE: 1% of total auction amount will be deducted from the 4-H/FFA member's check.
9. 4-H/FFA members are responsible for processing and delivering the rabbits and poultry to the buyer.
10. All Sales are Final. See rules in livestock office when entering your animals for sale.
11. Each Species will be released by the Sale Clerk.
12. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have a Drug affidavit turned in at county fair weigh-in.

Skill-A-Thon

1. Teams consist of three members of youth in the same age range. Individual entries will be grouped together to form a team.
 - a. Junior- 4th-8th grade
 - b. Senior- 9th-12th grade
2. This contest covers the understanding and practical application and the principles of Animal Sciences related to the beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats project areas.
3. Team members will complete one official answer sheet for each team effort class representing the combined effort of all team members. Teams will be allowed 5 minutes to complete the group assignment for each class and turn in their answer sheet to the table host.
4. Contestants may use a blank steno pad or a clipboard and blank paper. Contestants may also use a small pocket calculator (programmable calculators will not be permitted). The contestants may bring no books, notes, pamphlets, or other reference material into the contest area. Contest officials reserve the right to check all contestant's notepads or clipboards to make sure they are blank just prior to the contest. Violators are subject to contest dismissal.
5. Only 1 team is allowed at each table at a time.

Supreme Showman Contest

Committee: Sondra Feldstein - Chair, Amy Weldon- co-Chair, Deb DeDecker, Caitlin Remington, Rob Vincent, Eric Sanny, James McDaniel, Craig Veldhuizen and Mike Cory

Supreme Showman will be held in Jacobson Arena Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. or immediately after conclusion of Bacon Buddies, whichever is first.

1. The Senior Showmanship winner in the following species will be eligible to compete for Supreme Showman: Beef, Dairy Goat, Horse, Meat Goat, Sheep, and Swine.
2. In the event that an exhibitor wins Senior Showmanship in more than one eligible species, he or she will choose which species to represent, and the Reserve Showmanship winner will be eligible to represent the other species but will not be eligible to win the Supreme Showman contest.
3. Department Superintendents are responsible for providing the necessary number of animals for the contest.
4. No exhibitor will be allowed to handle their own animal in the Supreme Showman contest.
5. All contestants will be required to submit a written biography prior to the competition, to be read aloud during introduction of contestants.
6. The following criteria will be considered in selection of Supreme Showman:
 - a) Exhibitor's ability to safely handle each species and show the animal to advantage.
 - b) Exhibitor's ability to answer questions put by the judges.
 - c) Exhibitor's show ring appearance and attitude.
7. Exhibitors will wear blue jeans, appropriate footwear, and t-shirts provided by the Committee. Exhibitors will display back numbers as provided. No hats will be worn.
8. Except horses, species will be shown as a class with all contestants together, class to end after approximately 10 minutes. Horses will be shown individually using the following pattern:
 - a) Pattern for horses: with cones to the right of the horse, walk to cone A, back four steps, turn 270 degrees to the right, trot to Cone B and set up for Judge. When dismissed, trot to exit.
9. Judges will be arranged by the Committee and will be qualified adults.
10. Contestants will be placed 1-6 in each species, and Supreme Showman winner is the contestant with highest number of points. Before commencement of contest, judges will decide on a tiebreaker, which could include asking some competitors to show an animal again. Judges' decision is final.
11. Once selected as Supreme Showman, an exhibitor will not be eligible to enter the contest in later years, even if they win senior showmanship again or in a different species. In that event, the Reserve Showman will enter the Supreme Showman contest as a regular contestant.