

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.
7. Iowa Youth Code of Ethics will be enforced. Each youth agrees to these terms when they enter classes through FairEntry.

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 5:00 AM Sunday. 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 Thursday, at 5:00 PM 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.

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. 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 5:00 PM Thursday unless stated otherwise in department rules.
9. All beef, sheep, swine, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be YQCA certified in order to show. Contact Extension Office for YQCA certification.
10. Cattle, Sheep, Swine and Meat Goat are required to have Drug affidavit turned in at fair weigh-in. Health Requirements for Exhibition of Livestock, Poultry and Birds at a County 4-H/FFA Fair

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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 and 7 days for swine) 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 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 2021, subject to change with the release of 2021 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. Ribbons will be awarded to clubs for Herdsmanship awards.
3. Horse displays are not to include banners, ribbons and awards other than 4-H or FFA.
4. All alleys are to be kept clean. Paper decorations on stalls are permitted, but should be kept neat and orderly.
5. Judging will be done periodically by a committee, According to the following score card:

Category	Description	Points Possible
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

Animal	Arrival	Weigh-in/ Check-in	Show	Release
Advanced Feeders	Sunday 8:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM	Wednesday 9:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Beef	Sunday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM	Polk County Produced- Tuesday 6:00 PM Wednesday-All Cattle 4:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Bucket/Bottle Calf	Sunday 8:00 AM – Wednesday 1:00 PM	Wednesday 1:00 PM	Wednesday 2:00 PM	Following show, if own animal
Cat	Saturday 2:30 PM- 3:30 AM	Saturday 2:30 PM- 3:30 AM	Saturday 4:30 PM or following Open Class	Following Show
Dairy Goat	Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sunday 10:00 PM	Wednesday 8:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Dog	Thursday 7:00 AM	Thursday 7:00 AM	Thursday 8:00 AM	Following Show
Horse	Sunday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Sunday 4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Monday 2:00 PM, Tuesday 8:30 AM, Wednesday 8:30 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Meat Goat	Sunday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Monday 5:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Open Cat	Saturday 2:30 PM- 3:30 AM	Saturday 2:30 PM- 3:30 AM	Saturday 4:00 PM	Following Show
Open Class Poultry	Monday 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Monday 8:00 AM	Monday 10:00 AM	Following Show
Open Class Rabbit/Cavy	Tuesday 10:00 AM	Tuesday 10:00 AM	Tuesday 12:00 AM	Following show
Open Dairy Goat	Wednesday 7:00 AM	Wednesday 7:00 AM	Wednesday 8:00 AM	Following show, if own animal
Open Meat Goat	Monday 2:00 PM	Monday 2:00 PM	Monday 5:00 PM	Following show, if own animal
Open Horse	Tuesday 4:00 PM	Tuesday 6:00 PM	Tuesday 7:00 PM	Following show, if own animal
Open Sheep	Monday 7:00 AM	Monday 7:00 AM	Monday 8:300 AM	Following show, if own animal
Open Swine	See Swine MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	See Swine MUST BE 4-H/FFA Animal	Tuesday 3:00 PM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Pet/Open Pet	Saturday 2:00 PM	Saturday 2:00 PM	Saturday 3:00 PM	Following Show
Poultry	Sunday 3:00 PM- 7:00 PM Broilers only Monday 8:00 AM	Sunday 3:00 PM- 7:00 PM Broilers only Monday 8:00 AM	Monday 10:00 AM	Wednesday 6:00 PM
Rabbit/Cavy	Monday 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Monday 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM	Saturday 12:00 PM	Wednesday 5:00 PM
Sheep	Sunday 5:00 AM-9:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Monday 9:30 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM
Swine	Sunday 5:00 AM-9:00 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM	Tuesday 8:00 AM	Thursday 5:00 PM

Auction - Livestock

Superintendents: Craig Veldhuizen, Amy Weldon, Rob Vincent, Mike Cory, Marty Vermeer, Nick Griffieon, Ben Shivers, John Fogarty, Trevor Gallagher and Greg VandeLune

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. Sheep, and Meat Goats weighing less than the minimums required by the packer will not go through the auction.
6. Sheep, 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.
13. As of 2/26/21 Swine will not sell at the 2021 Polk County Fair.

Skill-A-Thon

Committee: Nick Griffieon, Craig Veldhuizen, Amy Weldon, Ben Shivers, Kevin Anderson, Caitlin Remington, Emily Larson, Levi Collins, Jessica Hebert

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 poultry, rabbit, horse, dairy goat, 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, Amy Weldon, Deb DeDecker, Caitlin Remington, Trevor Gallagher

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.