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Animal Health Requirements For Admission to New York State and County Fairs

(Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regulations)

NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets/Division of Animal Industry

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General Prohibitions and Requirements

- No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds for any reason (show, exhibit, raffle, demonstration, display) during a fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian.
- Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious, or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during a fair.
- Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to, or require removal from, the fair premises or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of, or exposed to, any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease.
NOTE: The fair board of directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious, or communicable disease (Part 350.10). The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.
- All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, alpacas, deer, and misc. ruminants require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.
- The CVI must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. Wet ink signatures for paper CVIs or e-signature for eCVIs are acceptable.

- All animals must be officially identified. **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED.** Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- Only one species is allowed per certificate.
- The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

New York Origin Livestock:

- A valid intrastate CVI (AI-61) is required.
- Each animal must be individually identified on the CVI (see below).
- The CVI must be issued on or after May 1 of the current year.

Out of State Origin Livestock:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- An e-CVI may be issued but a paper copy of the e-CVI is required for the animal check-in process.
- The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of CVI inspection. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial entrance into a NY fair must be within 30 days of the date of CVI inspection. In order for the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a NYS Agriculture and Markets official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.

Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971, or at the division's import/export homepage: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/animal-import-export>

Animal Identification

- **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED**
- Cattle must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as "840 RFID tags," are strongly recommended.
- Sheep and goats must be identified by official scrapie identification (see sheep and goat sections below).
- Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) ear tags, commonly referred to as "840 RFID tags," are strongly recommended. Nursing piglets do not have to be individually identified if the sow is correctly identified on the CVI and the number of piglets in the litter is noted on the CVI.
- Llamas and alpacas must be identified by official ear tag or microchip.
- Misc. ruminants must be identified by unique ear tag or microchip.
- A complete written description is sufficient identification for horses entering New York accompanied by a CVI. The description must match the EIA test record.

Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars, and other markings as necessary to uniquely identify the horse. Tattoos and microchips if any should be included. "Bay, no markings" is not an acceptable description for a CVI or EIA test record.

- **NOTE:** If you are exhibiting animals identified by microchip, a working reader must be supplied by the exhibitor.
- For questions on animal identification please contact your veterinarian or our office at 518-457-3502.

Rabies Vaccination

- Rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair. ○ For most rabies vaccines, the earliest age allowable for primary vaccination is 3 months. Animals that are vaccinated prior to 3 months of age will need to be re-vaccinated according to label before entering the fairgrounds.
- Vaccine must have been administered within the past 12 months. The exception is Imrab LA vaccine used in sheep which protects for 3 years after the second annual vaccination (consult your veterinarian).
- The rabies vaccination requirement must be met on the day of admission even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate.
- **NOTE:** Individual fairs can require animals for which there is no approved rabies vaccine to be vaccinated for rabies. The requirements outlined above would apply. The fair is responsible for notifying exhibitors. The New York State Fair requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds.

Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination

- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include a signed written statement from the veterinarian administering the vaccine or a valid certificate of veterinary inspection that has the vaccination listed and is signed by the Category 2 accredited veterinarian.
- Acceptable proof of rabies vaccination must include the name of the product used, the date of administration, and the duration of immunity if longer than one year (sheep only).
- If the statement of rabies vaccination is included on an EIA test record, it must be signed separately in addition to the required EIA test record signature.
- NOTE: Rabies titers are not acceptable proof of rabies protection and cannot be used to meet entry requirements.
- Acceptable proof of vaccination for dogs is a valid vaccination certificate or a copy of the dog license that contains the rabies vaccination information.

BVD-PI Testing

- All cattle, llamas, and alpacas exhibited at NY county fairs, or the State Fair must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect **Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI)**. The testing veterinarian is responsible to make sure the proper test is conducted. This is a once in a lifetime test that must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection. The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, official identification of the animal, and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable, the test must be repeated.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- All buildings on the fairgrounds housing animals must be cleaned and disinfected prior to the opening of the fair and between groups of animals when housing is rotated (Section 50.2 of Agriculture and Market regulations).

Animal Deaths

- Occasionally animal deaths occur at a fair. If a death occurs it must be reported to the state veterinarian in charge as soon as possible for review. The animal must be promptly removed from the public exhibit area to a secure location and held for the veterinarian prior to disposal.

Calving, Kidding, and Lambing

- Any cattle, goats, or sheep that calve, kid, or lamb while at a county fair or the State Fair will be **ordered removed from the fairgrounds** along with their offspring, unless the animals are part of a birthing demonstration.

Commingling of Sheep and Cattle

- Due to the potential spread of malignant catarrhal fever from sheep to cattle, it is strongly recommended that cattle be kept separate from sheep.

Commingling of Swine and Poultry

- Due to the potential spread of influenza virus, it is recommended that swine and poultry be housed in separate locations.

Isolation on Returning Home

- The owner or custodian shall keep show animals biologically separate from the herd or flock for a period of at least two weeks after returning to the premises of origin. If any illness is noted in the exhibition animals, the owner should contact their veterinarian immediately.

Individual Species Requirements

Horses

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is not required for New York origin horses. CVI is required for imported horses. Extended Equine CVIs (EECVIs) are acceptable. For more information on EECVIs, visit <http://www.globalvetlink.com>.
- Negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) test is required for all horses 6 months of age or older. The horse must be accompanied by a valid negative EIA test record, signed by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. The sample collection date for the qualifying EIA test must have been on or after January 1, 2022, for New York origin horses. For imported horses, the EIA test must have been conducted within 12 months prior to entry. The EIA test certificate must include a complete description of the horse.
- Rabies vaccination within 12 months is required for all horses 4 months of age or older (see above).

Cattle

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- Rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair. The date and vaccine product should be documented.

Sheep

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 3) electronic implant device (microchip) if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).
- Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 4 months of age or older (see above). • The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved scrapie identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic implant ID is recorded on the goat's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-USDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious, or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.

Llamas and Alpacas

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- All llamas and alpacas must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Poultry

- Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons, and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.
- Poultry qualified by 90-day test must be identified by official leg band.
- Proof of NPIP status must be in the form of an NPIP certificate or purchase receipt containing NPIP certification information. If utilizing a receipt, it must be dated within 1 year of the date of admission to the fair.

Deer/Elk (Cervidae)

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.
- Originate from a herd classified as accredited or qualified under USDA tuberculosis regulations.
- A movement permit obtained from the Division of Animal Industry is required for all deer movements. All CWD and TB program requirements must be met before a permit will be issued. Questions regarding movement permits should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3502.

Miscellaneous Ruminants

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. See Animal Identification section above.

Exhibitor Pre-fair Guidelines

Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Llamas, and Alpacas, Cervids, Misc. Ruminants

- Review the animal health requirements booklet including information for your species **before** your veterinarian arrives to inspect your animals. If you have any questions, **ask**.
- Your veterinarian is responsible for inspecting your animals and completing the certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). Call **early** to avoid the last-minute rush when mistakes are made and there is no time to correct.
- Make sure **USDA approved official ear tags** are present on cattle and swine and USDA approved scrapie ID is in place on sheep and goats. Official ID must be applied to animals prior to regulatory testing and completion of the CVI.
- Llamas and alpacas require a microchip or ear tag. If a microchip is utilized make sure the veterinarian confirms the microchip ID or places one. If your animal is identified by a microchip, make sure you bring a working reader with you to the fair.
- **ALL IDENTIFICATION MUST BE RECORDED. Make sure it is.**
- Review the CVI carefully upon receipt to make sure all the information is correct including any required test or vaccination information.
- **DO NOT** stuff it in an envelope and assume all is well. The time to correct is before pulling them out at the fair. The CVI is your document, and you share responsibility if it is incorrect.
- If you are **importing** livestock from out of state, make sure the interstate requirements are met and you have a valid **interstate certificate of veterinary inspection**.

Poultry

- Schedule pullorum flock inspection and testing well ahead of the fair if your flock is participating in the NPIP program.
- If you're having your birds tested within 90 days of the fair, you must go to a pullorum clinic. Available clinics are listed on the Dept. website. No individual testing is available if you miss a clinic.
- Birds qualified by 90-day test must be identified by official leg band.
- **Bring documentation** with you to the fair in the form of a 1) current NPIP certificate, 2) 90-day test chart or 3) purchase receipt with NPIP certification within 1 year of the date of admission to the fair.

Horses

- NY origin horses must be accompanied by a negative EIA test report. The date of sample collection for the qualifying EIA test must have been on or after January 1, 2022.
- **Imported** horses must be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection with a **negative EIA test within 12 months prior to entry**. Rabies vaccination information can be incorporated into the CVI.
- Drawing or photograph **must** match the horse.
- Rabies vaccination must be within 1 year of arrival at the fair and be documented by a **signed** rabies certificate or a signed statement on the EIA test chart with the required information (see requirements).

MOST IMPORTANT

When you are loading your livestock for the trip to the fair, take the time to examine them. Make sure they are the same animals that are on the paperwork and official ID is present and legible. If they are showing any signs of illness, **LEAVE THEM HOME.**

DAIRY AND LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENTS

GENERAL RULES:

- A. All livestock must be owned or leased and cared for by exhibitors since June 15 of the current year.
- B. Exhibitors must submit evidence of ownership or leasing (4-H Program Animal Identification Form on file in the 4-H Department at the Extension Education Center office in Hudson by June 30) of all animals entered in the 4-H classes.
- C. 4-H exhibitors must make advance entries in order to be sure of barn space and that we can plan for show size. All dairy and livestock entries must be received by the Extension Education Center office in Hudson by August 1.
- D. **IMPORTANT:** All Dairy and Livestock exhibited in this department must meet the required health standards as determined by the NEW YORK STATE Department of Agriculture and Markets. (See Livestock Health Requirements above). **EACH ANIMAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A HEALTH CERTIFICATE.**
- E. Animals may be brought to the exhibit areas on Tuesday afternoon and evening. **All animals must be in place by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30th.** Health check procedures will be announced at a later date. Exhibits may not be taken from the display until MONDAY (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) and TUESDAY (8:30-10:30 a.m.) **except large animal exhibits (beef and dairy cattle, goats, sheep and swine) which may leave after 6:00 p.m. Monday evening and rabbit, cavy and poultry exhibits which may leave after 7:00 p.m. Monday evening.**
- F. All animals entered in 4-H Classes are required to be housed in the 4-H Dairy and Livestock areas. These areas to be designated by the 4-H Superintendent.
- G. All 4-H members are urged to enter animals in the open show. For entry information, contact the Columbia County Fair.
- H. 4-H members entering animals in the open show, and housing them in the 4-H area, are requested to indicate that they will be housed in the 4-H area when the open show entry is made.
- I. Exhibitors staying overnight on the fairgrounds must have a parent's written permission and an adult chaperone age 21 or older. (See General Rule Letter "S", page 5).
- J. All animals must be shown in the show ring and must be shown by the exhibitor. Any exceptions must be approved by the Superintendent and 4-H Educator.
- K. ALL 4-H animals on the fairgrounds must be cleaned and fed daily. Exhibit areas, pens, and cages must be cleaned each day prior to 9:30 AM. It is required in order to receive your premium monies that your animal(s) exhibit is clean and presentable when fair-goers are in attendance. Animals may **not** be removed before the published release time and if they are, it may result in loss of premium and/or ineligibility for future fair participation.
- L. 4-H animals are not to be on the midway, near food concessions, or in any public area **not designated for animals**. Animals should be in their appropriate exhibit building, or the show ring,

or taking part in a 4-H event or activity. Public Health and Biosecurity concerns prohibit animals from being taken around the fairgrounds.

- M. Master Livestock Showperson Contest** - A contest will be held to determine the Master Livestock Showperson from the dairy and livestock divisions. Entry is limited to the first place Master Showperson in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit, Cavy and Poultry. Each participant will show an animal of each species listed and be judged on their ability to effectively show each type of animal. Judging will be based on a maximum of 50 points per species with the Master Livestock Showperson being the highest scoring individual overall. The lowest score will be dropped. The 4-H educator reserves the right to remove a youth from the ring in an unsafe situation. Qualifying youth under the age of 12 will be allowed to participate in the Mastershowperson Contest as an educational experience. 4-H Leaders or knowledgeable adults should join youth under 12 years of age in the show ring. However, youth under 12 years of age will not be in the run to win the Mastershowperson Contest. In these cases, rules about returning as Mastershowperson in future years would not apply. **Appropriate attire:** a 4-H shirt or dress shirt, long pants, and closed-toe shoes (species-specific). All 4-H members from novice to senior showmanship divisions are eligible to participate for each species.
- N. Market Animals** - All species entered in 4-H market classes are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Auction on Monday. Exhibitors are responsible for obtaining a seller's packet from the Extension Education Center in Hudson and securing interest from at least one buyer **per animal** for the sale. **Seller must be present at sale.** Please call the CCE Hudson office at 518-828-3346 if you have any questions. See Department 432 for Livestock Sale requirements.
- O. Class Size and Safety** - Classes for any animal show can be divided if the number of animals warrants that move. The decision about when and how this will be done will be made by the staff person in charge and the judge of that class.

Department 422. CAVY

RULES:

- A. *Cavies will be brought to the 4-H Small Animal Exhibit in the Poultry Building at the fairgrounds on Tuesday between 3:00 and 8:00 PM. All cavies will be visually inspected before cooping.*** Any cavy found with ear canker or other contagious diseases will be disqualified and must be removed immediately. Questionable animals may be isolated and checked by the state vet on Thursday morning.
- B. OWNERSHIP**—Cavies must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. All cavies must have an identifier on tape or via permanent black marker in the right ear. Ear I.D. and 4-H Program Animal Identification forms will be checked upon entry.
- C. BARN DUTY** - Each exhibitor is required to complete two barn duty shifts. Barn duty information and health check schedule will be sent directly to exhibitors in August. All cleaning must be done before 9:30 am.
- D.** Exhibitors must show their own cavies. Cavies will not be judged unless the exhibitor is present. If the exhibitor needs help, he/she is to ask another 4-H member. A maximum of two entries may be made in a class.

- E. Substitutions can only be made in the same class (breed, gender) with a registered project animal.
- F. If five or more entries of a particular breed are entered in a class, additional breed classes may be added at the discretion of the show coordinator and 4-H Educator.
- G. Cavies that do not meet breed standards will be awarded a green ribbon in Section 2. (See Standard of Perfection.)
- H. No pregnant females and no sows with litters.
- I. All exhibitors must participate in showmanship (Section 1).
- J. **Exhibitors will be assigned a lock and key upon entry – to be returned at the end of the fair.**
- K. **Appropriate attire:** long-sleeved white shirt, lab coats work well. Also, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- L. Appropriate carrier cages are needed for Show Day. Animals will be transported to the Livestock Show Ring. Exhibitors are strongly encouraged to bring “travel chairs” as well.
- M. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.
- N. Release time for this department is 9:00 PM on Labor Day. Cavies may also be picked up on Tuesday morning between 8:30 and 10:30 AM – fill out the request form during Health Check.

Excellent, 30 points

Good, 20 points

Worthy, 15 points

CAVY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Section 1

- 1. **NOVICE** - (Never have exhibited in 4-H cavy competition)
- 2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H cavy competition)
- 3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H cavy competition)
- 4. **ADVANCED CLASS** - for those who have already earned the title of Master Cavy Showperson in previous years. (Do not enter other showmanship classes).

Championship: MASTER CAVY SHOWPERSON - (Top two return from Classes 1, 2 and 3). **No Pre-entry.**

Purebred Classes

Section 2

1. **Junior Boar**- Purebred, up to 4 months of age or 12 to 22 oz. in weight
2. **Junior Sow**- Purebred, up to 4 months of age or 12 to 22 oz. in weight
3. **Intermediate Boar**- Purebred, up to 6 months of age or 22 to 32 oz. in weight
4. **Intermediate Sow**- Purebred, up to 6 months of age or 22 to 32 oz. in weight
5. **Senior Boar**- Purebred 6 months or older with weight over 32oz.
6. **Senior Sow**- Purebred 6 months or older with weight over 32 oz.

Pet Classes Section 3

1. **Pet Class Boar**
2. **Pet Class Sow**

DEPARTMENT 423. RABBIT

RULES:

- A. ***Rabbits will be brought to the 4-H Small Animal Exhibit in the Poultry Building at the fairgrounds on Tuesday between 3:00 and 8:00 PM. No rabbits or cavies will be accepted outside of that time. All rabbits will be visually inspected before cooping.*** Any rabbit found with ear canker or other contagious diseases will be disqualified and must be removed immediately. Questionable animals may be isolated and checked by the state vet on Thursday morning.
- B. **OWNERSHIP**—Rabbits must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. All rabbits must be tattooed in the left ear or marked with permanent black marker in the left ear. Ear I.D. and 4-H Program Animal Identification forms will be checked upon entry.
- C. **BARN DUTY** - Each exhibitor is required to complete two barn duty shifts. Barn duty information and the health check schedule will be sent directly to exhibitors in August. All cleaning must be done before 9:30 AM.
- D. Exhibitors must show their own rabbits. Rabbits will not be judged unless the exhibitor is present. If the exhibitor needs help, he/she is to ask another 4-H member. **A maximum of two entries may be made in a class except for Doe & Litter where only one entry may be made** (for example, two junior buck, 2 senior buck and so on).
- E. Substitutions can only be made in the same class (breed, gender) with a registered project animal.
- F. If five or more entries of a particular breed are entered in a class, additional breed classes may be added at the discretion of the show coordinator and 4-H Educator.
- G. Rabbits that do not meet breed standards will be awarded a green ribbon in Sections 2-10. (See Standard of Perfection.)
- H. No pregnant females and no animals over 5 years old may be entered, unless they are in the pet class.
- I. All exhibitors must participate in showmanship (Section 1).
- J. **Exhibitors will be assigned a lock and key upon entry – to be and returned at the end of the fair.**

- K. **Appropriate attire:** long-sleeved white shirt, lab coats work well. Also, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- L. Doe and Litter Class – Litter must be a minimum of 4 weeks old. Entries may be limited due to cage availability.
- M. Appropriate carrier cages are needed for Show Day. Animals will be transported to the Livestock Show Ring. Members are strongly encouraged to bring “travel chairs” as well.
- N. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H Livestock Sale.
- O. Release time for this department is 9:00 PM on Labor Day. Rabbits may also be picked- up on Tuesday morning between 8:30 and 10:30 AM – fill out the request form during Health Check.
- P. Rabbits need to be a minimum of 12 weeks old in order to show.

Excellent, 30 points

Good, 20 points

Worthy, 15 points

RABBIT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Section 1

- 1. **NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H rabbit competition)
- 2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H rabbit competition)
- 3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H rabbit competition)
- 4. **ADVANCED CLASS** - for those who have already earned the title of Master Rabbit Showperson in previous years. (Do not enter other showmanship classes).

Championship: MASTER RABBIT SHOWPERSON - (Top two return from Classes 1, 2 and 3). **No Pre-entry.**

RABBIT PUREBRED CLASSES
(Six-class breeds)

Junior Buck/Doe – 3-6 months, Intermediate Buck/Doe – 6-8 months, Senior Buck/Doe – Over 8 Months

SECTION (Breed)	Jr. Buck	Int. Buck	Sr. Buck	Jr. Doe	Int. Doe	Sr. Doe	Doe & Litter
Section 2 Californian	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 3 Flemish Giant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 4 Checkered Giant	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 5 English Lop	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 6 American Chinchilla	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 7 New Zealand	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 8 Satin	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 9 Silver Fox	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 10 All Other Purebreds – (please specify breed)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

RABBIT PUREBRED CLASSES
(Four Class Breeds)

Junior Buck/Doe – 3 months to 6 months, Senior Buck/Doe – 6 months and over

Breed (Section #)	Jr. Buck	Sr. Buck	Jr. Doe	Sr. Doe	Doe & Litter
Section 11 English Angora	1	2	3	4	5
Section 12 American Fuzzy Lop	1	2	3	4	5
Section 13 Jersey Woolly	1	2	3	4	5
Section 14 Dutch	1	2	3	4	5
Section 15 English Spot	1	2	3	4	5
Section 16	1	2	3	4	5

Harlequin					
Section 17 Holland Lop	1	2	3	4	5
Section 18 Lionhead	1	2	3	4	5
Section 19 Mini Lop	1	2	3	4	5
Section 20 Mini Rex	1	2	3	4	5
Section 21 Netherland Dwarf	1	2	3	4	5
Section 22 Polish	1	2	3	4	5
Section 23 Dwarf Hotot	1	2	3	4	5
Section 24 Silver Martin	1	2	3	4	5
Section 25 Thrianta	1	2	3	4	5
Section 26 ARGENTE BRUN	1	2	3	4	5
Section 27 All Other Purebreds – 4 class (please specify breed)	1	2	3	4	5
MIXED BREEDS ONLY:					
Section 28 Fur Rabbit (Cross-bred only)	1	2	3	4	
Section 29 Pet Class (Cross-bred and non-standard)	1	2	3	4	

MARKET RABBIT CLASSES

Section 30

RULES:

- A. Rabbits must meet class, age and weight requirements. See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules.
- B. Rabbits will be weighed in the presence of the judge during the rabbit sale class judging.
- C. The judge will rank the animals for order of sale. The Grand Champion will be the first selection and the Reserve Champion will be the next eligible animal. The remaining positions will be selected from the remaining eligible animals. The Meat Pen is its own special placing and is guaranteed a third position. In the case of no Meat Pen, there will be a Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and the other placings from the remaining eligible animals.

- D. Rabbits must be permanently tattooed.
- E. Fryers, Roasters, Meat Pen, and Stewers must be owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15th of the project year.
- F. No more than eight entries per exhibitor may be entered in the MARKET RABBIT CLASSES.
- G. Rabbits will sell per unit.
- H. The exhibitor winning the Meat Pen class has the right to turn it down if they have also won Grand Champion or Reserve Champion.
- I. All market rabbits shown in Section 31 Class 1-4 are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale on Monday. Premiums will be withheld if these market animals are not sold in the auction.

CLASS NO.

- 1. **SINGLE FRYER:** Under 10 weeks old, must weigh 3.5 lbs. but not more than 5.5 lbs.
- 2. **MEAT PEN:** Three rabbits of the same breed and variety. Each rabbit must meet single fryer requirements. The entire pen should weigh not less than 10.5 lbs. and not more than 16.5 lbs.
- 3. **ROASTER:** Not more than 6 months old and must weigh not less than 5.5 lbs. but not more than 9 lbs.
- 4. **STEWER:** Over 6 months old and weigh not less than 8 lbs.
- 5. **NOT FOR SALE Market Rabbit.**

DEPARTMENT 424: POULTRY

RULES:

- A. **OWNERSHIP** - All birds must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitors since June 15 of the current year. **All 4-H exhibitors are allowed to show two animals per class.**
- B. All birds must be tested for pullorum before the fair. Copies of testing form are to be submitted with fair entry.
- C. *Poultry will be brought to the 4-H Small Animal Exhibit in the Poultry Building at the fairgrounds on Tuesday between 3:00 and 8:00 PM. No poultry will be accepted at any other time. All poultry will be visually inspected before cooping.* Any poultry found with contagious diseases will be disqualified and must be removed immediately. Questionable animals may be isolated and checked by the state vet on Thursday morning.

- D. Exhibitors must be present for judging. If the exhibitor needs help, he/she is to ask another 4-H member.
- E. **Appropriate attire:** long-sleeved white shirt, lab coats work well. Also, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- F. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H Livestock Sale.
- G. Release time for this department is 9:00 PM on Labor Day. Exhibits may also be picked up on Tuesday morning between 8:30 and 10:30 AM.

Excellent, 30 points

Good, 20 points

Worthy, 15 points

POULTRY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

(Mandatory for all exhibitors)

Section 1

Members are encouraged to obtain the 4-H Poultry Showmanship Guide from the Extension Education Center in Hudson.

1. **NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H poultry competition)
2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H poultry competition)
3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H poultry competition)
4. **ADVANCED** - for those who have won the title of Master Poultry Showman in previous years.

Championship: MASTER POULTRY SHOWPERSON - (Top two return from Classes 1, 2 and 3). **No Pre-entry.**

Members will prepare bird to be judged. Criteria for judging will be:

Overall poultry knowledge and management.....60%

Selection and preparation of bird20%

Handling20%

Total.....100%

PRODUCTION CLASSES

Egg Production Classes

Section 2

Any Breed or Variety: These birds will be judged on health, vigor and egg production characteristics. Bantam entries are allowed.

1. **Hen** – should be in active production
2. **Pullet** – egg-production type breeds under 1 year

3. **Trio** – One male and two females from egg production flock. Each trio should be of the same size/age/type.
4. **Hen/ Pullet Pet**- not of pure breed/variety
5. **Cock**- over 1 year
6. **Cockerel**- under 1 year
7. **Cock/ Cockerel Pet**- not of pure breed/ variety

Meat Production Classes—Live Birds

See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules

Section 3

These birds will be judged on health, vigor, and meat quality.

Birds for meat production may be either purebred varieties or crossbred stock.

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| 1. Fryers —8-12 weeks. | 3. Capons, Caponettes —12 weeks to 6 months. |
| 2. Roasters —12-20 weeks. | 4. Fowl over 20 weeks. |

Ducks, Geese, Turkeys and Miscellaneous

Section 4

1. **Young Drake, Gander or Tom**- under 1 year
2. **Young Duck, Goose or Turkey**- under 1 year
3. **Old Drake, Gander or Tom**- over 1 year
4. **Old Duck, Goose or Turkey**
5. **Pheasant**
6. **Trio**- Consists of 3 birds: 1 male and 2 females

POULTRY EQUIPMENT

Any article of home-made poultry equipment such as feeders, water stands, poultry catching hook, etc., may be entered in Department 414, Section 1, Class 5.

DEPARTMENT 425. SWINE

RULES:

- A. See Dairy and Livestock General Rules. **Up to two entries per class.** No one exhibitor can bring more than six swine to the fair. Should overcrowded conditions exist, the exhibitors who have the most hogs will be asked to take one animal home.
- B. **OWNERSHIP** - Market Hogs must have been born after February 19 of the current year and purchased by June 15 of the current year to be eligible to show. Breeding stock must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. Leased animals must have been cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year.
- C. Hogs may be purebred, grade, or crossbred barrows or gilts.

- D. Gilts in Market Classes may not be entered in Breeding Classes.
- E. All market hogs shown in Section 2 Class 1 are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale on Monday. Premiums will be withheld if these market animals are not sold in the auction. See Department 432 for General Livestock Sale rules. Weigh-in time will be set by the 4-H Livestock Sale Coordinator.
- F. All exhibitors must participate in showmanship (Section 1).
- G. All exhibitors must bring one battle board per animal.
- H. **Appropriate attire:** white 4-H shirt or plaid shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- I. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.

Excellent, 50 points

Good, 40 points

Worthy, 30 points

SWINE FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Section 1

1. **NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H swine competition)
2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H swine competition)
3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H swine competition)
4. **ADVANCED** - for those who have won the title of overall Master Showman in previous years. Do not enter other showmanship classes.

Championship: MASTER SWINE SHOWPERSON - (Top two return from Classes 1, 2 and 3). **No Pre-entry.**

SWINE CLASSES

See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules

Section 2

1. **Market Hog** (Entries will be grouped by weight for classes)
2. **NOT FOR SALE Market Hog**
3. **Breeding Gilt** (not bred, never farrowed)
4. **Bred Gilt** (never farrowed)
5. **Breeding Sow**
6. **Pen of two Market Hogs.** Animals must have been entered in Class 1. One entry per exhibitor.
7. **Pair of Gilts.** Animals must have been entered in classes 2 or 3. One entry per exhibitor.

DEPARTMENT 426. GOATS

RULES:

- A. See Dairy and Livestock General Rules.
- B. **OWNERSHIP**—Goats must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. Purebreds and recorded grades must have registration papers in the name of the exhibitor only. Dual and farm ownership, etc., will not be eligible. Leased dairy goats are allowed and must have been cared for by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year.
- C. All exhibitors must participate in fitting and showmanship (Section 1).
- D. All goats must have proper health certificates on arrival. See GOAT section under Animal Health Requirements. Goats with abscesses, sore mouth, or other visible, contagious diseases will be sent home.
- E. **No more than two animals entered per class, per exhibitor will be allowed.**
- F. **Appropriate attire:** white 4-H shirt or plaid shirt, long pants, and closed-toe shoes.
- G. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.
- H. Dairy goats with horns are not allowed. Pack goats and pygmy goats with horns are allowed, but may be required to “cap” with duct tape. Any goats exhibiting aggressive head butting or ramming will be sent home.
- I. Any doe that has freshened must compete in the Senior Division; any doe 24 months or under that has never freshened must compete in the Junior Division.
- J. All animal ages are stated as of show day.
- K. Classes may be combined due to low enrollment.
- L. Group classes must be pre-entered. No additional entries will be accepted the day of the show.
- M. For purebred goats entered in the A.O.P. (All Other Purebreds) Class, please indicate the breed on your entry form.
- N. All market goats shown in Section 9 Class 1 are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale on Monday. Premiums will be withheld if these market animals are not sold in the auction.
- O. **CCE Rule: Public contact with goats is not allowed due to lack of goat specific rabies vaccine. Special signage will be posted in the goat exhibit area and members may not allow fairgoers to pet the goats or enter the pens or exhibit areas.**

Excellent, 50 points

Good, 40 points

Worthy, 30 points

GOAT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP:

Section 1

1. **NOVICE DAIRY GOAT** - (Never have shown in 4-H dairy goat competition)
2. **JUNIOR DAIRY GOAT**- (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H dairy goat competition)
3. **SENIOR DAIRY GOAT**- (4th year or more of showing in 4-H dairy goat competition)
4. **ADVANCED DAIRY GOAT** - for those who have won the title of overall Master Showman in previous years and are no longer eligible to participate in the regular classes.
6. **NOVICE PYGMY GOAT** - (Never have shown in 4-H pygmy goat competition)
7. **JUNIOR PYGMY GOAT**- (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H pygmy goat competition)
8. **SENIOR PYGMY GOAT**- (4th year or more of showing in 4-H pygmy goat competition)
9. **NOVICE MEAT GOAT** - (Never have shown in 4-H meat goat competition)
10. **JUNIOR MEAT GOAT**- (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H meat goat competition)
11. **SENIOR MEAT GOAT**- (4th year or more of showing in 4-H meat goat competition)

Championship: MASTER GOAT SHOWPERSON - (Top two individuals from classes 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. **No Pre-entry.**

Members will prepare their goat to be judged. Criteria for judging will be:

Appearance of Animal	40 points
Appearance of Exhibitor.....	10 points
Presenting Animal in Ring	50 points
Total.....	100 points

DAIRY GOAT CLASSES

Section 2 - Alpine

Section 3 - LaMancha

Section 4 - Nubian

Section 5 - Saanen

Section 6 – All Other Purebreeds. (List breed on entry form)

Section 7 - Recorded Grades

Section 8 - Non-recorded Grades

CLASS NO.

DOE KIDS:

1. Born before June 15, 2023 and under 5 mos.
2. 5 mos. - under 9 mos.
3. 9 mos. - under 16 mos.
4. 16 mos. - under 24 mos.

DOES IN MILK:

5. 1 yr. and under 2 yr
6. 2 yr. and under 3 yr
7. 3 yrs and under 5 yrs.
8. 5 yr. and older

9. Dam-Daughter - Mother/daughter pair, both must have shown in individual classes. Owned by same exhibitor/family.

MARKET GOATS - All Breeds
See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules.
Section 9

1. Market goats - born before May 1, 2023 and under 12 mos (class may be divided by weight)
2. NOT FOR SALE Market goats - born before May 1, 2023 and under 12 mos (class may be divided by weight)

PYGMY GOAT CLASSES
Section 10

DOE KIDS:

1. Born before June 15 of current year and under 5 months
2. 5 mos. under 9 mos.
3. 9 mos. - under 16 mos.
4. 16 mos. - under 24 mos.

DOES IN MILK:

5. 1 yr. and under 2 yrs.
6. 2 yr. and under 3 yrs.
7. 3 yr. and under 5 yrs.
8. 5 yr. and older

9. Dam-Daughter - Mother/daughter pair, both must have shown in individual classes. Owned by same exhibitor/family.

PYGMY WETHERS - exhibited to breed standard
Section 11

1. Born before June 15, 2023 and under 6 months
2. 6 months to 12 months
3. Over 12 months

WORKING GOAT SHOWMANSHIP (Pack and Harness)
Section 12

1. **NOVICE WORKING GOAT** - (Never have shown in 4-H working goat competition)
2. **JUNIOR WORKING GOAT**- (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H working goat competition)
3. **SENIOR WORKING GOAT**- (4th year or more of showing in 4-H working goat competition)

WORKING GOAT CLASSES (Pack and Harness)
Section 13

CONFORMATION CLASS:

1. **Junior Pack Goat** – Animal less than one year old.
2. **Senior Pack Goat** – Animal one year and older.

Pack/ Obstacle Class:

Members will be judged on their ability to put a pack properly on their goat and the goat's ability to carry that pack through an obstacle course. Goats under 1 year of age and/or under 100 lbs. will be expected to wear a soft pack. Goats over 1 year and over 100 lbs. will be expected to wear a saddle with/without weight (depending on skill level) during Working Class exercises.

3. Beginner Pack (Goats born after last yrs. fair)
4. Intermediate Pack (Goats over one year under two)
5. Advanced Pack (Goats two years and older)

Cart and Harness Class:

Members will be judged on their ability to put a harness properly on their goat and the goat's ability to maneuver through an obstacle course. Goats over 1 year and over 100 lbs. will be expected to have weight in the cart (depending on skill level) during Working Class exercises.

6. Beginner Harness (animal's first year in project)
7. Intermediate Harness (animal's second year in project)
8. Advance Harness (animal's third year in project)

DEPARTMENT 427. SHEEP

RULES:

- A. See Dairy and Livestock General Rules.
- B. **OWNERSHIP** - Sheep must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. Leased sheep are allowed and must have been cared for by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year.
- C. All sheep must have proper health certificates on arrival. See SHEEP section under Animal Health Requirements.
- D. All exhibitors must participate in fitting and showmanship (Section 1).
- E. **Each exhibitor is permitted no more than two entries per class per breed.**
- F. Lambs shown in the purebred classes may not be shown in market classes.
- G. All market lambs shown in Section 12 Class 1 are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale on Monday. Premiums will be withheld if these market animals are not sold in the auction. Market lambs must be weighed prior to sale. Time will be set by the Livestock Sale Coordinator. See Department 432 for general Livestock Sale rules.
- H. Wool Breeds will be judged as follows: 60% wool, 40% conformation; no more than 2" of wool length on animal (unless the breed requires otherwise).
- I. All animals entered in group classes must have been shown in individual classes and all must be registered under the same name.

- J. For purebred sheep entered in the A.O.P. (All Other Purebreds) Class, please indicate the breed on your entry form.
- K. A flock is defined as one ram and two ewes. A pair of ewes can be any age but should be the same breed. One entry per class per exhibitor per breed.
- L. **Appropriate attire:** white 4-H shirt or plaid shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- M. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.

Excellent, 50 points

Good, 40 points

Worthy, 30 points

SHEEP FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

Section 1

(Mandatory for all exhibitors)

1. **NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H sheep competition)
2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H sheep competition)
3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H sheep competition)
4. **ADVANCED** - For those who have won the title of overall Master Showman in previous years. (Do not enter other showmanship classes.)

Championship: MASTER SHEEP SHOWPERSON - (Top two individuals from classes 1, 2 and 3) - **No Pre-entry.**

PUREBRED SHEEP CLASSES

(Animals may not be cross-entered in more than one breed)

Section (Breed)	Yrlg. Ram	Ram Lmb	Mature Ewe	Yrlg. Ewe	Ewe Lamb	Pair Ewes	Flock
Section 2 Dorset	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 3 Hampshire	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 4 Southdown	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 5 Suffolk	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 6							

A.O.P. (specify breed)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
WOOL BREEDS							
Section 7 Border Leicester	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 8 Cotswald	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 9 Shetland	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 10 Natural Colored	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Section 11 A.O.P (specify breed)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

MARKET SHEEP CLASSES

See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules

Section 12

(Market classes will be divided after weigh-in)

- 1. Market Lamb** - Market lambs must be born during the current calendar year, must have been shorn on or after August 2 (unless the breed requires otherwise), and may be purebred, grade or crossbred ewes, rams, or wethers. Wethers shall have no evidence of testicular tissue.

2. NOT FOR SALE Market Lamb

DEPARTMENT 430. BEEF

RULES:

- See Dairy and Livestock General Rules.
- OWNERSHIP**—Cattle must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. Purebreds and recorded grades must have registration papers in the name of the exhibitor only. Dual and farm ownership, etc., will not be eligible. Leased cattle are allowed and must have been cared for by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year.
- Any animals raised for beef production may be shown—e.g. Purebreds, Cross-breds, Dairy Beef, etc.
- Market Cattle must be over 12 months of age but under 24 months of age to be eligible to show.

- E. Prospect Market Cattle must be under 12 months of age to be eligible to show.
- F. **Two entries per class per exhibitor will be allowed.**
- G. All steers shown in Section 3 Class 2 are required to sell in the 4-H Livestock Sale on Monday. Premiums will be withheld if these market animals are not sold in the auction.
- H. All exhibitors must participate in fitting and showmanship (Section 1).
- I. **Appropriate attire:** white 4-H shirt or plaid shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- J. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.

Excellent, 50 points

Good, 40 points

Worthy, 30 points

BEEF FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST
(Mandatory for all exhibitors)
Section 1

1. **NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H beef competition)
2. **JUNIOR** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H beef competition)
3. **SENIOR** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H beef competition)
4. **ADVANCED** - for those who have won the title of overall Master Showman in previous years. (Do not enter other showmanship classes.)

Championship: MASTER BEEF SHOWPERSON - (Top two individuals from class 1, 2 and 3). **No Pre-entry.**

Members will prepare beef animals for judging. The following criteria will be used for judging:

Appearance of the animal	50%
Cleanliness.....	15
Condition	10
Clipping	20
Feet	5
Showing the animal in the ring	30%
Skill at posing and showing	15
Leading and control	15
Exhibitor	20%
Appearance and Knowledge ...	10
Poise, alertness, and attitude ...	10
Total	100%

BEEF BREED CLASSES:
Section 2**

1. **Heifer Calf** - under 12 months of age.
2. **Summer Yearling Heifer** – born between May 1 and Aug 31 of the preceding year.
3. **Junior Yearling Heifer** – born between Jan 1 and April 30 of the preceeding year.
4. **Senior Yearling Heifer** – born between Sept 1 and Dec 31 of the second preceeding year.
5. **Cow-Calf Pair** – Cow, any age, with a natural calf born after Jan 1 of the current year.

BEEF MARKET CLASSES:

See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules

Section 3**

1. **Prospect Market Steer**
2. **All Other Market Steers** – Will be weighed and divided in lightweight, mediumweight, and heavyweight classes.
3. **NOT FOR SALE Market Steer**

**Note: Classes will follow Open Show Format. Visit the Columbia County Fair website to see the Open Class List for Beef: <http://www.columbiafair.com/>

DEPARTMENT 431. DAIRY CATTLE

RULES:

See Dairy and Livestock General Rules.

- A. **OWNERSHIP**—Cattle must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15 of the current year. Leased cattle are allowed and must have been cared for by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year.
- B. **Only two entries per class per exhibitor will be allowed.**
- C. Dairy and livestock articles are to be entered in Department 414, Section 1, Classes 4-6. All entries to be judged Tuesday in Columbia Hall. Show boxes, calf blankets and halters may be brought to the livestock area Wednesday for use at the barns.
- D. The 4-H Show is separated into a Junior (Heifer) Show on Friday and a Senior (Cow) Show on Saturday. Youth must participate in Friday's Showmanship Classes to participate in Saturday's 4-H Senior Classes.
- E. All 4-H members are urged to enter registered animals in the open show. If the animal has placed in the top three of the 4-H breed classes, that animal is eligible for late entry in the open show. Please go to the fair office following the heifer show to enter.
- F. All exhibitors must participate in Fitting and Showmanship (Section 1).
- G. **Appropriate attire:** white 4-H shirt, long pants and closed-toe shoes.
- H. Class Size and Safety - see General Rules, Dairy and Livestock Department.

- I. 4-H Exhibits are educational; therefore, there will be **no** advertising of animals for sale. Any sale transactions are private, and any exchange of animals must take place at the end of the fair. The Livestock Sale is the exception to this rule and animals are only sold during the 4-H livestock sale.

Sections 1-8 Excellent, 50 points Good, 40 points Worthy, 30 points

DAIRY FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
(Mandatory for all exhibitors)
Section 1

JUNIOR DIVISION (13 and under – age on 1/1 of current year)

1. **JUNIOR NOVICE** - (Never have shown in 4-H dairy cattle competition)
2. **JUNIOR INTERMEDIATE** - (2nd or 3rd year of showing in 4-H dairy cattle competition)
3. **JUNIOR ADVANCED** - (4th year or more of showing in 4-H dairy cattle competition)

SENIOR DIVISION (14 and up – age on 1/1 of current year)

4. **SENIOR NOVICE** - (never have shown in 4-H dairy competition.)
5. **SENIOR INTERMEDIATE** - (shown before, 1st or 2nd year showing in **senior** dairy competition.)
6. **SENIOR ADVANCED** - (shown before, 3rd or more year showing in **senior** dairy competition.)

Championship: MASTER DAIRY SHOWPERSON - The top individual in classes 2 and 3, and the top two individuals from classes 5 & 6 return to earn a slot in the Master Livestock Showperson competition, at the discretion of the judge.

To be judged on the appearance of the animal, the appearance of the exhibitor, and on the manner in which the exhibit shows his/her animal in the ring. The following criteria will be used:

Appearance of the animal	40%
Condition	10
Grooming.....	10
Clipping	10
Cleanliness.....	10
Appearance of Exhibitor	10%
Showing Animal in the ring	50%
Leading	15
Posing.....	15
Show animal to best advantage	10
Poise, alertness, attitude	10
Total	100%

Section 2 – Ayrshire

Section 3 – Brown Swiss

Section 4 – Guernsey

Section 5 – Holstein

Section 6 – Jersey

Section 7 – Milking Shorthorn

Section 8- All Other

DAIRY CLASS BREAKDOWN:

JUNIOR SHOW (4-H DAY)

CLASS NO.	Age Breakdown	All Breeds
1.	Spring Heifer calf, born	3/1/22 to 5/01/22
2.	Winter Heifer calf, born	12/1/21 to 2/28/22
3.	Fall Heifer calf, born	9/1/21 to 11/30/21
4.	Summer Yearling Heifer (not in milk), born.....	6/1/21 to 8/31/21
5.	Spring Yearling Heifer (not in milk), born.....	3/1/21 to 5/31/21
6.	Winter Yearling Heifer (not in milk), born	12/1/21 to 2/28/21
7.	Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk), born	9/1/21 to 11/30/21

SENIOR SHOW (OPEN DAY)

CLASS NO.	Age Breakdown	All Breeds
8.	2 yr. old cow, born	9/1/19 to 8/31/20
9.	3 yr. old cow, born	9/1/18 to 8/31/19
10.	4 yr. old Cow, born	9/1/17 to 8/31/18
11.	Aged Cow, born	prior to 9/1/17
12.	Dry Cow, born	prior to 8/31/16

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES (Ribbons only, no entry required)

Junior Champion and Reserve Junior Champion Female (in each breed) – 1st and 2nd Animal in Heifer and Yearling classes (blue ribbon winners only) – rosette

Senior Champion and Reserve Senior Champion Female (in each breed) – 1st and 2nd Animal in Cow classes (blue ribbon winners only) – rosette

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female (in each breed) – Champion and Reserve Champion from each breed - rosette

Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Female (overall) – Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion from each breed - rosette

Supreme Junior Champion – All junior champions compete for trophy/prize.

GROUP CLASSES – LIST ON CLUB ENTRY FORM NOT INDIVIDUALLY

Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected. Entries must be done **as a club** (fill out entry form for club, not individual). **One entry per breed per club.**

Section 9

1. **Club Best Three Females** —Any three Junior female animals exhibited by members of the same 4-H club. These animals must be the project animals of at least two different club members and be of the same breed. Will be shown on 4-H Show Day.
2. **Club Herd** - Five females, including at least two milking cows and two heifers, exhibited by members of the same 4-H club. These animals must be the project animals of at least three different club members. Will be shown on Open Class Day (with the 4-H cows).

DAIRY MARKET CLASSES:

See Department 432 for general livestock sale rules

Section 9**

1. **Prospect Market Steers**
2. **All Other Market Steers** – Will be weighed and divided in lightweight, medium weight, and heavyweight classes.

**Note: Classes will follow Open Show Format. Visit the Columbia County Fair website to see the Open Class List for Beef: <http://www.columbiafair.com/>

Sign up for the following Events in Department 403 of the 4-H Premium Book!!

**Dairy Quiz Bowl Exhibition
Animal Costume Class**

4-H LIVESTOCK SALE Department 432

RULES:

1. Animals for the sale must be listed on the 4-H Voucher Entry-Blank and postmarked on or before July 14th, 2023. All animals for the sale must be entered in the appropriate 4-H Market Class to be eligible.
2. All members offering animals in the sale must recruit at least one bidder per animal. Member must be present at sale to present their animal.
3. All sale animals must meet a well-finished weight standard which may be at the discretion of the judge of their respective 4-H market class in order to be eligible. Weigh-in will be scheduled by the 4-H Livestock Sale Coordinator. Members will need to be present or send a representation to sign off on the recorded weight.
4. The order of sale is based upon the animal's placement in the market class.
5. The 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any animals at its discretion. The decisions of this committee are final. Only top quality animals will be offered for sale.

6. A 3% commission on the initial sale price of each animal sold will be deducted from the sale price. Proceeds from the resale or subsequent resales of livestock sold are designated to the 4-H Livestock Sale Committee. Any other arrangements must be **pre-approved** by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene Counties.
7. Once an animal is sold it becomes the sole responsibility of the buyer. Columbia and Greene 4-H and Cornell Cooperative Extension cannot be held responsible.
8. All 4-H sellers must be available to pick up and deliver meat when needed.
9. All entries will follow market class guidelines. In addition, the sale requirements for each species are:

Beef Market Steers – Must weigh at least 1,000 lbs.

Dairy Market Steers – Must weigh at least 1,000 lbs.

Market Hogs – Must weigh at least 200 lbs. and no more than 300 lbs.

Market Lambs – Must weigh at least 85 lbs. and no more than 150 lbs.

Market Goats – Must weigh at least 20 lbs. and no more than 80 lbs.

Market Rabbits - See market classes for specific weight requirements.

Market Poultry – Includes chickens. Limit of 4. Fryer, Roaster.

2023 COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR 4-H EVENTS

MONDAY, August 28

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

All exhibits except live animals brought in and evaluated (Columbia Hall)

TUESDAY, August 29

3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H rabbits, covies and poultry arrive

WEDNESDAY, August 30

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

All animal exhibits must be in place

4-H Buildings Open

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Rabbit/Cavy Show (Show Ring)

THURSDAY, August 31

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Poultry Show (Poultry Building)

4-H/Open Beef Show (Show Ring)

4-H Mini-Barnyard (in front of Columbia Hall)

4-H Cloverbud Peddle Power Derby (in front of Columbia Hall)

4-H Swine Show (Show Ring)

FRIDAY, September 1

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Dairy Cattle Show-heifers and yearlings (Show Ring)

4-H Public Presentation Showcase (Columbia Hall)

4-H Goat Show (Show Ring)

SATURDAY, September 2

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

12 p.m. (approximate)

4:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

4-H Public Presentation Showcase (Columbia Hall)

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Dairy Cows Judged During Open Show (Show Ring)

4-H Sheep Show (Show Ring)

4-H Cow Chip Bingo (Show Ring)

SUNDAY, September 3

11:00 a.m. – 8 p.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Exhibition (Columbia Hall Porch)

4-H Fashion Show (Columbia Hall)

4-H Mini-Barnyard (in front of Columbia Hall)

4-H Animal Costume Class (Show Ring)

MONDAY, September 4

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

10:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00pm

4-H non-animal exhibits release

4-H Master Livestock Showperson Competition (Show Ring)

4-H Milk Bar Open (behind Columbia Hall)

4-H Cloverbud Pet Show (Columbia Hall Porch)

4-H Livestock Sale (Show Ring)

4-H dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats released

4-H poultry, covies, rabbits released

TUESDAY, September 5

8:30 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

All 4-H exhibits must be removed – any left after this time are at your own risk