

ESSEX COUNTY FAIR 2025

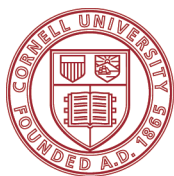
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4-H Fair Book

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To: Essex County 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents

Re: **Essex County Fair**

The Essex County Fair is scheduled for August 13-17, 2025. ***Sunday will be a full day of operation.*** The 4-H Exhibitor's Handbook contains all rules and classes for exhibiting at Fair. There are two separate books for 4-H and fair open classes. This is the 4-H Exhibitor's Handbook - the open classes are in a separate Fair Exhibitor's Handbook. It is necessary for everyone to read this letter and book very carefully. It contains important and necessary information.

Exhibits are only to be removed during specified times



All static exhibits are to arrive between
3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12th



Exhibits may not be removed until
Sunday, August 17th between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
August 18th between 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Other times to be determined according to fair board schedule

Incidentals:

- 4-H Members **who enter animals and static exhibits** are encouraged to volunteer to support the 4-H Program at Fair time Work Bee Day (Friday, August 8th 9 a.m.-12 p.m.), Jr. Superintendent training at 1 pm.
- Books are available one per club as of July 15th. Additional copies are also available at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Essex County website: <http://essex.cce.cornell.edu>
- A fair entry form is enclosed for all static exhibits. Additional copies can be obtained from club organizational leaders or the 4-H Office (518-962-4810). <http://essex.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/essex-county-fair>
- All exhibits, except livestock, must be listed on the fair entry form. List entries in order and bring the sheet with you when you bring your exhibits on August 11th & August 12th between 3 – 6 p.m. ***No late entries will be accepted.***
- All small animal (poultry, rabbits) exhibits must be in place by 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 12th and ***may not be removed before 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th.***
- All animal (goat, sheep, swine, dairy, beef, and horse) exhibits must be in place by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12th and ***may not be removed before 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th.***
- 4-H youth may exhibit in open class by following the requirements in the Fair Exhibitor's Handbook. You may request the Exhibitor's Handbook for Open Class from the Essex County Fair Office (962-8650) or website <http://www.essexcountyfair.org>
- You do not have to put your social security number on the double entry tags. However, if your exhibit is selected to be exhibited at State Fair and you wish to receive premium money, you will need to provide the 4-H office with your social security number.

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- 4-Hers unable to be present on judging day must fill out an “Exhibitor Information Statement Form” that describes the completed project. Every exhibit will need a form attached. The forms may be found on the last page of this handbook. The form may be photocopied.
- Be sure to enter Department, Section, and Class Numbers on all entry forms and double entry cards.
- To receive premium money, 4-Hers must submit an end of the year progress summary report by September 30th.
- Cloverbud exhibitors are 5-8 years of age as of January 1st. Junior and senior exhibitors are ages 9-18 as of January 1st.

Livestock Exhibitors:

- Check all ownership dates, health regulations, etc., very carefully. **All sheep, horses, cows, goats and swine, must have rabies vaccination at least 14 days before fair.** All livestock, including horses, must have project forms sent into the 4-H Office by **July 31, 2025**. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE**.

Dog Exhibitors:

- Entries to be in the 4-H Office by **July 31, 2025**, on fair livestock forms.

Rabbit Exhibitors:

- Cavies are entered in the Rabbit Department. Please note that there is a rabbit costume class.

Poultry Exhibitors:

- If you plan on exhibiting Poultry, call the 4-H Office (962-4810). Your flock may or may not have to be tested. Please note that there is a poultry costume class. Poultry must have pullorum testing for 2024 fair season. Pullorum testing will be available Tuesday, August 13th.

Home Economics Exhibitors:

- Read carefully the requirements in each section. Several classes require additional information on 3" x 5" cards. If these cards are not present on the exhibits they will be marked down one award.

Cloverbud Exhibitors:

- All exhibits, except animals, **MUST** be placed in **Department 029, Section A, Class 1**. Exhibitors will talk with judges about each exhibit.
- Hogs, Sheep, and Goats: Cloverbud members may complete projects with very young animals in these species. Goat and sheep classes for fair will be set up at the discretion of the show committee.
- All entries in horse, dairy, beef, poultry, and rabbit must be in specified Cloverbud classes.
- All Cloverbud exhibits including animals are not eligible for exhibit at State Fair.

If you have **any** questions, please ask your 4-H leader or call the 4-H Office at 518-962-4810. We want everyone to have a successful experience at fair.

Sincerely,

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4-H Youth Development
Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Essex County

"Learn by Doing"

4-H is a program open to all youngsters ages 5-19. The Essex County 4-H Program is carried on under the guidance of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, NY State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Human Ecology, and the Essex County Board of Supervisors.

4-H clubs offer youth a voluntary informal education program, operating year round. 4-H members have a choice of over 100 projects, ranging from nutrition and rocketry, to cows and horses, to life skills to citizenship and leadership development.

The Essex County Agricultural Society congratulates the 4-H Program on its' much deserved success and is proud to provide an ample premium list each year to promote and encourage the work of the Essex County 4-H Clubs. The Society also wishes to pay its respects to members of the Quality of Life Committee and the Leaders/Volunteers of the many clubs, all of whom give so generously of their time and energy, without enumeration, to carry on this outstanding and truly democratic work among the youth of the county.

The 4-Hers build upon the pledge that dedicates "Head, Heart, Hands and Health," to clearer thinking, greater loyalty, larger service and better living for Club, Community, Country and World.

ESSEX COUNTY Community Vitality Program Committee

Lissa French	Trisha Best	Marietta Brady	Colleen Bessette
Emily French	Katie Andersen	Traci Plouffe	Patricia Damp
	Herb Longware	Denise McLaughlin	

~ RULES AND REGULATIONS ~

(Double entry exhibit cards may be obtained from the 4-H Office)

1. All static exhibits must be in the 4-H Exhibit Hall, located in the 4-H dairy barn, by 7 p.m. upon completion of judging on **Tuesday, August 12th** and may be removed **Sunday, August 17th from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m or August 18th from 3 p.m. – 5p.m., other times will be determined later.**
2. All small animal (poultry, rabbit) exhibits must be in place by 5 p.m. **Tuesday, August 12th** and may be removed **Sunday, August 17th at 5 p.m.**
3. All large animal (goat, sheep, swine, dairy, horse, and beef) exhibits must be in place by 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 13th** and may be removed **Sunday, August 17th at 5 p.m.**
4. Classes are open to all enrolled youth members in Essex County by June 1, according to projects in which they are enrolled. Exhibits must conform to classes offered in the premium list.
5. Exhibits must be grown, made or prepared by the exhibitor during the current project year.
6. **4-H members must turn in 4-H Summary Reports before September 30, 2025 to receive their premium money from the fair.**
7. 2 bags of shavings will be provided per cow, horse, sheep, swine and goat.
8. The Fair Association and the 4-H Program assume no responsibility in the event of loss or damage from any cause to livestock or exhibits and on this condition only are entries received. Times to remove your exhibits will be determined according to the fair board schedule.
9. All entries of dairy and beef cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, horses, and dogs must be in by July 31st, 2025 on special livestock entry forms. Forms may be obtained from the 4-H Office.
10. All animals must be owned by the exhibitor unless otherwise stated.
11. The 4-H Program assumes no responsibility for youngsters staying overnight on the Fair Grounds.
12. Kits are only acceptable where indicated.
13. All exhibits will be judged using the Danish System. Exhibitors are encouraged to be present with their exhibits while they are judged. However, if a 4-H member is unable to be present for judging arrangements must be made with Extension Educators to speak with a judge by telephone the day of judging or may submit an **"Exhibitor Information Statement Form"** (located at the back of the handbook) for each item exhibited which may be entered by another family and /or club member with prior notice for extenuating circumstances. All required paperwork must accompany each exhibit.
14. All exhibits (static & animals) for members enrolled as Cloverbuds must be placed in classes designated specifically for these members.
15. General animal health requirements:

- (a) The owner or custodian shall keep show animals segregated from the herd or flock for a period of at least 2 (two) weeks after Fair for biosecurity reasons.
 - (b) The animal health requirements must be printed in each fair premium book.
 - (c) No fair shall impose requirements in addition to, or different from, those requirements set forth under those parts.
16. **All horses, cows, pigs, sheep, and goats must have been vaccinated for rabies at least 14 days before fair.**
17. All youth showing small animals should dress in appropriate show clothing; white top and black bottom.

POINT SYSTEM

Continuing this year most awards will be made on a point system. Exhibits will be judged on a basis of Excellent (blue), Good (red), and Worthy (white). Amount of premium will depend on number of entries and exhibitors. See below for point system values.

Department	Description	POINT SYSTEM VALUES		
		Point Value		
		Blue	Red	White
001	Vegetables	3	2	1
002	Ornamental Horticulture	3	2	1
003	Poultry	3	2	1
004	Dairy Purebred	24	18	12
005	Dairy Grades	12	10	8
006	Beef	12	10	8
007	Swine	12	8	4
008	Sheep	12	8	4
009	Dairy & Meat Goats	12	8	4
010	Horses	6	4	2
011	Dog	12	8	4
012	Rabbit & Cavy	3	2	1
013	Mechanics - Ag. Engineering	3	2	1
014	Energy	3	2	1
015	Rockets / Aerospace	3	2	1
016	Photography	3	2	1
017	Club Exhibits	25	20	15
018	Achievement Record Books	5	3	1
019	Natural Resources	3	2	1
020	Food Preservation	2	1	0
021	Baking	3	2	1
022	Clothing & Textiles	5	3	1
023	Home Improvement	3	2	1
024	Child Care / Health & Safety	3	2	1
025	Crafts	3	2	1
026	Art Adventure	3	2	1
027	Heritage & Horizons	3	2	1
028	Needlework	5	3	1
029	Cloverbud	1	1	1
030	Gladys Emerson Memorial Award – Award will be given during Fair week			
031	Public Presentation	5	3	1
032	Science & Technology	5	3	1

DEPARTMENT 001 - VEGETABLES

Rules:

1. Exhibits must be grown, by exhibitor, as a project and be from garden of exhibitor.
2. Exhibit card must indicate variety name.
3. Vegetables to be exhibited on sturdy paper plates or in plastic baggies.
4. For information on exhibiting and judging vegetables consult the brochure, *Displaying Vegetables at Their Best*. Brochure can be obtained from project leader or 4-H Office.

SECTION A - GARDEN VEGETABLE CLASSES

Class No.

1. Beans, lima, 6 green pods containing edible beans
2. Beans, snap, green 10 pods
3. Beans, snap, yellow, 10 pods
4. Beets, 3 tops trimmed to 1 inch, trim taproot to 1 1/2 inches
5. Broccoli, 1 head or bunch of small heads, 5 inches or more in diameter
6. Cabbage, 1 head, 2 to 4 pounds, with 3 to 4 wrapper leaves, any fresh market variety
7. Cabbage, 1 head, large size, with 3 to 4 wrappers leaves, any kraut variety.
8. Carrots, 3 tops trimmed to 1 inch, no green shoulders
9. Cauliflower, 1 head, leaves cut just above head
10. Celery, 1 plant, market quality, roots off
11. Chard, 1 plant, roots and damaged leaves off
12. Corn, Sweet, 3 ears, husks removed completely, shank trimmed to 1/2 inch, display in transparent bag
13. Cucumbers, 2 slicing types, 5 inches or longer, 2 inches or less in diameter
14. Cucumbers, 5 pickling type, less than 3 to 5 inches long
15. Cucumbers, 10 pickling type, less than 3 inches long
16. Dill, bunch of 6 seed heads, tied or in transparent bag
17. Lettuce, leaf, 1 plant, roots off, good market size
18. Lettuce, head, 1 plant, roots off, good market size
19. Onions, 3 tops trimmed to 1/2 inch, well cured and dried, not peeled
20. Onions, 6 green bunching type, tops on but trimmed evenly
21. Parsley; 1 plant, roots off, good market size and quality
22. Parsnips, 3 tops trimmed to 1 inch
23. Peppers, 2 large types such as Bell, Cubanelle, Italian Sweet
24. Peppers, 3 small types such as Banana, Hungarian Wax, Cherry, Jalapeno
25. Potatoes, 3 tubers, 5 to 10 ounces
26. Pumpkin, 1 ripe, any pie variety
27. Pumpkin, 1 ripe, any field variety
28. Squash, summer, 2, young, skin tender, such as zucchini, yellow, scallop
29. Squash winter, 1, any large types such as Hubbard, Delicious, Banana
30. Squash, winter 2, such as Buttercup, Butternut, Spaghetti, Table Queen and Golden Nugget
31. Squash, 1 soft and round stem, largest by dimensions in exhibit period, such as Big Max, Big Moon, Mammoth
32. Sweet potatoes, 3 roots, any variety
33. Tomatoes, 3 ripe, stems off or on, medium and large fruited varieties including Roma types
34. Tomatoes, cherry, ripe, 1 pint basket, stems off, also Presto and small fruited types
35. Tomatoes, green, 3 ripe, stems off or on, medium and large fruited varieties
36. Turnips, 3 tops trimmed to 1 inch
37. Miscellaneous, any other vegetable or class not listed, display same number of specimens as similar crop
38. Garden in a Bucket

DEPARTMENT 002 – ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURE

SECTION A - CUT FLOWERS

Rules:

1. Cut flowers will be displayed as brought in.
2. An exhibit shall consist of 3 stems with the same color blooms except as noted:
 - Gladiolus - an entry is **ONE** spike with at least 12-inch stem.
 - Roses - an entry is **ONE** stem of the type listed.
 - Dahlias - an entry is **THREE** blooms of one color, or **ONE bloom** if over 6 inches.
3. Stems should be eight inches long, except where type of flower makes this impossible.

5. Flowers that do not last as cut flowers (hollyhocks, four o'clock, and portulaca) may not be entered.
6. Blooms of weeds, wildflowers and shrubs will not be judged.
7. For information on exhibiting and judging flowers consult the brochure, *Exhibiting Flowers at Fair*. Brochure can be obtained from project leader or 4-H Office (518-962-4810).

VARIETY NAME MUST BE LISTED FOR ALL ENTRIES IN CUT FLOWER CLASSES 38 THRU 62.

(Entries listing incorrect or no variety name will be dropped one level.)

Class No.

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| 38. Aster | 51. Nasturtium |
| 39. Bachelor Button | 52. Petunia |
| 40. Calendula | 53. Phlox-annual |
| 41. Cosmos | 54. Rose, Hybrid tea |
| 42. Dahlia | 55. Rose, Other |
| 43. Gladiolus - white, cream, yellow | 56. Nicotiana |
| 44. Gladiolus - orange, buff, salmon | 57. Snapdragon |
| 45. Gladiolus - pink, scarlet, red | 58. Sweet Pea |
| 46. Gladiolus - lavender, blue, violet | 59. Zinnia, small - under 2" |
| 47. Gladiolus - other | 60. Zinnia, medium 2" to 4" |
| 48. Marigold, French (dwarf) | 61. Zinnia, large - over 4" |
| 49. Marigold, African | 62. Miscellaneous flowers, any other cut flower not listed, |
| 50. Marigold, hybrid | annual or perennial, display the same number of |
| | specimens as similar crop listed |

SECTION B - INDOOR GARDENING

Houseplants must be single stem or crown in proportional container. All items should follow recommended guides of balance, design, proportion and harmony.

No artificially colored or plastic materials allowed in any class, with the exception of class #74. Ribbon and bows as part of design is allowed.

Class No.

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| 63. Potted house plant - flowering | 71. Dry or fresh flower corsage in transparent bag |
| 64. Potted house plant - foliage | 72. Table arrangement of live or dry plant material - not over |
| 65. Potted house plant - vine | 12" diameter and under 8" in height |
| 66. Potted house plant - hanging | 73. Holiday decoration of live or natural plant materials - |
| container. More than 1 plant | no more than 18" in diameter or 24" long |
| accepted | 74. Miniature landscape gardens |
| 67. Potted houseplant - miniature | 75. Miniature dry or fresh arrangement 6" x 6" |
| 2¼ - 3 inch container | 76. Portable container garden |
| 68. Dish garden | 77. Grass Pet Head |
| 69. Terrarium or closed eco system | 78. Hydroponics |
| 70. Plaque of dried or pressed plant material | 79. Pouch Gardening |
| | 80. Other |

DEPARTMENT 003 – POULTRY

Health Requirements:

Poultry. To qualify for exhibition at fairs, poultry:

- (a) shall not originate from any state where the commissioner has determined that avian influenza highly pathogenic sub type H5 N2 is present. A list of such states is maintained at the offices of the USDA, 1 Winners Circle, Albany, New York 12235 and,
- (b) must be accompanied by results of a negative pullorum-typhoid test conducted within 90 days prior to the opening date of the fair or proof that the fowl originated directly from a U.S. pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent flock. Waterfowl are exempt from this requirement. US pullorum-typhoid clean or equivalent must be done yearly.

Rules:

1. All birds must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 1, 2024.
2. Entries will be limited to 1 in a class except for in classes 26-30. Multiple class entries for birds of the same breed will not be allowed.
3. Birds will be judged on the production basis with emphasis on the major qualifications.
4. A cock or hen is a male or female bird respectively, hatched prior to January of the current year. A cockerel or pullet is a male or female bird respectively, hatched since January of the current year.
5. An entry in a single class cannot also be used in a trio class.
6. A poultry trio consists of 2 females & 1 male of all the same breed.

Feed will be provided

SECTION A Class numbers listed below

	Cock	Hen	Cockerel	Pullet	Trio
White Leghorns	1	2	3	4	5
Barred Plymouth Rocks	6	7	8	9	10
White Rocks	11	12	13	14	15
Rhode Island Reds	16	17	18	19	20
New Hampshires	21	22	23	24	25
Any other chicken breed	26	27	28	29	30
Cross Breeds	31	32	33	34	
Turkeys (Any Breed)	35 (male)		36 (female)		37 (trio)
Ducks (Any Breed)	38 (male)		39 (female)		40 (trio)
Geese (Any Breed)	41 (male)		42 (female)		43 (trio)
Guineas	44 (male)		45 (female)		46 (trio)
Any other poultry	47 (male)		48 (female)		
Cloverbud	49				

Class no. 50

Chicks – includes groups of at least three young baby chickens of any breed no more than 3 months of age that were hatched by the exhibitor in an incubator. The exhibitor will be expected to answer questions about the hatching and care of their chicks. The exhibitor must provide an appropriate cage and heat source apparatus. If special feed is needed, it should also be provided by the exhibitor. Birds of low vitality will not be allowed for entry.

Class no. 51

Poultry Costume Class (Ribbon Only) - Any costume which causes harm to the bird in any way will not be allowed.

Class no. 52

Rooster Crowing Contest *(Ribbon Only) – Any cock may be entered on the days prior to each contest. Separate contests will be held each morning on Thursday through Sunday at a pre-determined time. Roosters will be judged on loudness and frequency of crows within a ten-minute span. Roosters that win a crowing contest may not compete in another crowing contest during the week. Winners of each daily contest will be posted in the poultry barn.

DAIRY
DEPARTMENT 004 - PUREBRED ANIMALS
DEPARTMENT 005 - GRADE ANIMALS

Health Requirements:

- (1) **Must be identified by an USDA approved official eartag, tattoo or registration papers.**
- (2) **Health certificate (with animals individually identified) completed within 45 days of opening date of fair.**
- (3) **Must have proof of vaccination against rabies at least 14 days before fair.**
- (4) Bovine respiratory disease complex - cattle three months of age and older must show proof of being vaccinated against the common bovine respiratory disease viruses in order to provide active immunity prior to arrival on the fairgrounds. Vaccination MUST include immunization against bovine viral diarrhea (BVD), bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV), infectious bovine rhino tracheitis (IBR) and Parainfluenza (PI).
- (5) Observe milk & drug/vaccine labeled withholding times.

Rules:

1. **4-H Cattle entries must be in the 4-H Office by July 31st.** Use special livestock form.
2. No animals may be exhibited that are not properly fitted.
3. All cattle exhibited as purebreds must be registered in the club member's/farm name as of May 15, 2025. No more than two entries in a class by same exhibitor.
4. **All project animals to be on file in the 4-H office by June 20th.**
5. All exhibitors are expected to participate in the appropriate showmanship class unless excused by superintendents.
6. Exhibitors must care for and show their own animals.
7. Exhibitors must furnish their own grain, hay, water pails and feed buckets. Bedding will be furnished by the Fair.
8. All 4-H Dairy and livestock will be judged in the open show.
9. Grades and Registered animals will be shown in the same classes. Registered animals will continue to receive a higher premium.
10. 4-Hers must have participated in **one** county-wide dairy clinic and/or dairy camp to be eligible for this show.
11. No Cloverbud will be allowed in the ring without being accompanied by a responsible person over age 18.
12. All beef and dairy cattle with the exception of Highland cattle entries must be dehorned or naturally polled at the state level.
13. No bulls over one year old allowed.

Each 4-Her must show his/her own animals, but during the course of the contest they may be asked by the judge to show some other animal.

The Judge in making the awards shall consider the following points:

Preparation of the animal for showing:

1. Condition of feet and trimming of toes.
2. Condition of the head, ears, tail, etc.
3. Cleanliness and condition of the hide and hair.

Showing the animal:

1. Control of the animal by the exhibitor.
2. Poise and coolness of the exhibitor.
3. Skill in showing the animal to best advantage.

DEPARTMENT 005 - Showmanship Classes

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Cloverbud Showmanship (ages 5-8 years on Jan. 1, 2025) Each Cloverbud must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 18.

Class No. 2

Junior showmanship for 4-Hers ages 9-13 as of January 1, 2025.

Class No. 3

Senior showmanship for 4-Hers ages 14-18 as of January 1, 2025.

Note: 4-Hers who have won Emerson Grand Champion 4-H Showmanship trophy will not compete in class 1, 2 or 3.

Class No. 4

Emerson Grand Champion - winners of classes 2, & 3 to compete. Previous winners: 2005-Brandon Bertrand; 2006-Lydia Wuest, 2007-Emily French; 2008-Ian Pierce; 2009-Rachael Burt; 2010-Autumn Flora; 2011-Kaitlyn Moore; 2012-Madison Flora; 2013-Lorelei Leerkes; 2014- Rilee Garrabrant; 2015-Owen Pierce; 2016- Kelly Bright; 2017- Aurelia Leerkes; 2018- Mackenzie Moses

Class No. 5

Grand Champion Dairy Showman. The current and previous winners of the Emerson Award to compete.

All registered animals will be entered in Department 004 – Section B
All grade animals will be entered in Department 005 – Section B

SECTION B

BREED CLASSES

	<u>Ayrshire</u>	<u>Brown Swiss</u>	<u>Guersney</u>	<u>Holstein</u>	<u>Jersey</u>	<u>Milking Shorthorn</u>
Junior Heifer Calf born on or after March 1, 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6
Intermediate Heifer Calf born Dec. 1, 2022-Feb. 28, 2025	7	8	9	10	11	12
Senior Heifer Calf born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2024	13	14	15	16	17	18
Summer Yearling born June 1-August 31, 2025	19	20	21	22	23	24
Junior Yearling (not in milk) born March 1-May 31, 2024	25	26	27	28	29	30
Intermediate Senior Yearling (not in milk) born Dec. 1, 2017-Feb. 28, 2024	31	32	33	34	35	36
Senior Yearling (not in milk) born Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 2023	37	38	39	40	41	42
Junior Champion (winners of 1st blue for each breed) *	43	44	45	46	47	48
Heifer 2 years, Junior born March 1 - Aug. 31, 2023	49	50	51	52	53	54
Heifer, 2 years, Senior born Sept. 1, 2020-Feb. 28, 2023	55	56	57	58	59	60
Heifer, 3 years born Sept. 1, 2019-Aug. 31, 2022	61	62	63	64	65	66
Cow, 4 years, born Sept. 1, 2016-Aug. 31, 2021	67	68	69	70	71	72
Dry Cow, 4 years, under Must have freshened at least once	73	74	75	76	77	78
Dry Cow, 4 years & over	79	80	81	82	83	84
Cow, 5 years & over, born before Aug. 31, 2020	85	86	87	88	89	90

Senior Champion (winners of

1st blue for each breed) *	91	92	93	94	95	96
Bull Calf	97	98	99	100	101	102
Grand Jr. & Sr. Champions	103	104	105	106	107	108
Supreme Champion *						
(Winners of all Breed Champions)	109					

Section C – Miscellaneous Classes**Class No. 110**

Club Herd - Groups of four females, any age or breed, owned by four members of local organized club. Only one entry per club. Prizes to be paid to the clubs.

Class No. 111 *

Young Breeders Herd - To consist of at least 3 females, of one breed registered in 4-H member's name. (Ribbon Only)

Class No. 112 *

Produce of Dam - To consist of at least 2 registered animals of either sex, both to be progeny of one cow registered in 4-H member's name. (Ribbon Only)

Class No. 113 *

Dam and Daughter

Class No. 114

Working Steer under one year

Class No. 115

Working Steer over one year

Class No. 116

Club Herdsmanship Award - All dairy exhibits will be inspected daily and awards will be made to the clubs that do the best job of caring for their exhibit. Premiums will be awarded to the clubs.

Sportsmanship Award – 4-H members in the fair 4-H dairy program may submit one vote for who they believe has demonstrated the best sportsmanship

*** Ribbon Only**

DEPARTMENT 006 - BEEF**To be judged immediately following 4-H Dairy Show****Rules:**

1. Animals entered in the Beef Classes must comply with the same health requirements as stated for dairy cattle and exhibitor must furnish a certification from a veterinarian so stating.
2. Animals to have been owned by exhibitor since **June 1, 2025**.
3. **All project animals to be registered with the 4-H office by June 20th.**
4. **Entries must be in the 4-H Office by July 31st on a special livestock form.**
5. Classes comparable to purebred dairy will be arranged for entries of purebred beef animals.
6. To be judged immediately following 4-H Dairy Show.
7. No bulls over 1 year old.
8. **No beef over age 24 months – no Highlands over age 30 months**

SECTION A – BEEF SHOWMANSHIP**Class No. 1**

Cloverbud Showmanship (ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2025). Each Cloverbud must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 18.

Class No. 2

Junior showmanship for 4-Hers under the age of 13 years old on January 1, 2025

Class No. 3

Senior showmanship for 4-Hers over the age of 14 on January 1, 2025

SECTION B – CONFORMATION CLASSES**Class No. 1**

Beef Heifer under 1 year

Class No. 2

- Beef under 1 year
- Class No. 3**
- Yearling Beef Heifers
- Class No. 4**
- Yearling Steers
- Class No. 5**
- Dairy Beef

SECTION C - MARKET CLASSES

- Class No. 6**
- Animal under 800 lbs.
- Class No. 7**
- Animal over 800 lbs.
- Class No. 8 ***
- Grand & Reserve Champion Beef
- Ribbon Only ***

DEPARTMENT 007 – SWINE

To qualify for exhibition at fairs, swine:

1. **Must be identified by an USDA approved official ear tag, tattoo, ear notch or registration papers.**
2. **Health Certificate (with animals individually identified) completed within 45 days of opening date of fair.**
3. Veterinary Statement – The health chart must contain a written statement from the issuing veterinarian certifying that within 45 days of the fair there has been no evidence of contagious disease (animal or public health concern) in the herd of origin.
4. **Rabies vaccination required at least 14 days before fair.**

Rules:

1. Animals to have been owned by exhibitor/immediate family since **June 1, 2025.**
2. **All project animals to be registered with the 4-H office by June 20th.**
3. Purebreds to be registered in name of exhibitor.
4. Purebreds will be judged according to breed types.
5. Market pigs will be judged from a neat standpoint.
6. **Entries must be in the 4-H Office by July 31st on special livestock form.**
7. The above health requirements must be met.

SECTION A – CONFORMATION CLASSES

- Class No. 1**
- Purebred gilt farrowed since February 1, 2025
- Class No. 2**
- Purebred sow 1 year or over
- Class No. 3**
- Purebred boar farrowed since February 1, 2025
- Class No. 4**
- Market pig - open to purebred, grade or crossbred barrows or gilts farrowed since February 1, 2025
- Class No. 5**
- Market Pig - Pen of 3

DEPARTMENT 008 – SHEEP

Health Requirements:

To qualify for exhibition at fairs, sheep:

- (1) **All sheep must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or an USDA approved official identification tag.**
- (2) **Health Certificate (with animals individually identified) completed within 45 days of opening date of fair.**
- (3) Veterinary Statement - The health chart must contain a written statement from the issuing veterinarian certifying that within 45 days of the fair there has been no evidence of contagious disease (animal or public health concern) in the herd of origin.

- (4) **Rabies vaccination required at least 14 days before fair.**
- (5) Due to a concern about the spread of Scrapie, any sheep or goats that are exhibited at a county fair that have recently given birth or have a vaginal discharge, will be ordered removed along with their offspring.

Rules:

- 1. Animals to have been owned by exhibitor or immediate family since **June 1, 2025**. Purebred animals must be accompanied by registration papers in the 4-H'ers name.
- 2. **All project animals to be registered with the 4-H office by June 20th.**
- 3. All exhibitors must present a neat appearance. Ex: white shirt black pants or skirt.
- 4. All exhibitors must enter the Fitting and Showmanship class.
- 5. Exhibitors must care for and show their own animals. If an exhibitor has more than one animal in a class, he shall find another youth (19 and under) to help show.
- 6. Grade and registered animals to be shown in the same classes.
- 7. **All entries must be in by July 31st on a special livestock form.**

SECTION A – FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP

Fitting and Showmanship: Judged 50% on fitting and conditioning of animal and 50% on showmanship. Judge may ask questions of each exhibitor to aid in placing competitors. Exhibitors should know such information as age, breed, birth date, weight, and production record of older animals, as well as general knowledge about feeding and managing sheep.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud Showmanship (ages 5-8 years as of Jan. 1, 2025) Each Cloverbud must be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 18.

Class No. 2

Junior Showmanship for 4-Hers under the age of 13 years old on January 1, 2025

Class No. 3

Senior Showmanship for 4-Hers over the age of 14 on January 1, 2025

Class No. 4

Grand Champion Showman

SECTION B – CONFORMATION CLASSES

Class No. 1

Ewe Lamb: Lambs under 12 months old. These should be superior ewe lambs suitable for breeding.

Class No. 2

Ram Lamb: Lambs under 12 months old. These should be superior ram lambs suitable for breeding.

Class No. 3

Market Lamb: Under 12 months old. These lambs will be judged solely on meat qualities. They are not eligible for classes 1 or 2. They are to be shown with a fleece 1/2" or shorter.

Class No. 4

Yearling Ewe: Ewes 12-23 months old. Judged on suitability to produce wool and lambs in a brood flock.

Class No. 5

Yearling Ram: Rams 12-23 months old. To be judged as a potential herd sire to improve meat and wool qualities of lambs produced.

Class No. 6

Producing Ewe: Ewes must have produced lambs. Judged on ewe's potential for wool and lamb production in a commercial or purebred flock. Age 2 years and older.

Class No. 7

Aged Ram: 2 years or older. Judged on meat and wool qualities as a herd sire in a commercial or purebred flock.

Class No. 8 *

Grand and Reserve Champion: First place animals from classes 1 - 7 to be considered for 4-H champion and reserve champion.

Class No. 9

Make It with Wool Leadline Class: Leader must be wearing something they have made from wool. It may be knitted, woven, felted, or sewn with commercially made wool fabric (at least 25% wool). Items may be anything from a hat or mittens to an entire outfit. Exhibitor must submit an index card describing their item to the announcer. Judged 50% on the fit and style of the woolen item and 50% on the fitting of the sheep and its leading manners. Any age or sex of sheep may be used, but it should lead in a well-mannered fashion.

SECTION C – COSTUME CLASSES

Class No. 10 *

Costume Class: Historical Division: Leader to dress in the traditional costume of any group of people that have raised sheep. Their costume will include a label indicating the country or group of people and the approximate period in history (example, Colonial America, 1600's or Middle Eastern shepherd, 100 BC)

Class No. 11 *

Costume Class: Most Creative Division: from Little Bo Peep to Ewe Hoo! (Ribbon Only)

* Ribbon Only

DEPARTMENT 009- MEAT GOATS

Health Requirements:

To qualify for exhibition at fairs, goats:

- (1) **All goats must be identified by a legible registration tattoo or an USDA approved official identification tag.**
- (2) **Health certificate (with animals individually identified) completed with 45 days of opening date of fair.**
- (3) Veterinary Statement - The health chart must contain a written statement from the issuing veterinarian certifying that within 45 days of the fair there has been no evidence of contagious disease (animal or public health concern) in the herd of origin.
- (4) **Rabies vaccination required at least 14 days before fair.**
- (5) Due to a concern about the spread of Scrapie, any sheep or goats that are exhibited at a county fair that have recently given birth or have a vaginal discharge, will be ordered removed along with their offspring.

Rules:

1. No Bucks allowed. Meat goats with horns are allowed – aggressive horned goats will be disqualified and dismissed and sent home.
2. **Entries must be in the 4-H Office on July 31st on special livestock form.**
3. **Exhibitor must own animals by June 1, 2025.**
4. **All project animals to be registered in the 4-H office by June 20th.**
5. All goat exhibitors should present an overall neat appearance in the show ring. White shirts and pants are recommended for dairy goat exhibitors and white shirt and dark pants for meat goat exhibitors.
6. All goat exhibitors are expected to participate in Fitting & Showmanship.
7. We reserve the right to divide or combine classes where the number of entries warrant.
8. The date of show will be used to determine age of animal.

SECTION A - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP (Dairy Goats)

Exhibitors must show own animal

Judge will consider:

- (a) Appearance of animal
- (b) Appearance of exhibitor
- (c) Presentation of animal

Class No. 1

Cloverbud Showmanship (5-8 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025). Each Cloverbud must be accompanied by a responsible person of the age of 18.

Class No. 2

Junior Showmanship (ages 9-13 as of January 1, 2025)

Class No. 3

Senior Showmanship (ages 14-19 as of January 1, 2025)

Class No. 4 *

Grand Champion 4-H Dairy Goat Showman - Winners of classes 2 & 3 to compete. (Ribbon only)

SECTION B - CONFORMATION CLASSES

Jr. Does any breed

Class No. 1

Doe Kid - 2 months to 4 months

Class No. 2

Doe Kid - 5 months to 12 months

Class No. 3

Doe Kid - 13 months to 24 months

Sr. Does (milkers)

Class No. 4

Under 2 years of age

Class No. 5

2 years to under 5 years of age

Class No. 6

5 years or older

Class No. 7 *

Grand & Reserve Champion - 1st blue ribbon winners in classes 1 – 6 to compete for Rosettes only

Class No. 8

Market class - must be born prior to **May 1st**

SECTION C - FITTING & SHOWMANSHIP (Meat Goats)

Exhibitors must show own animal

Judge will consider:

- (a) Appearance of animal
- (b) Appearance of exhibitor
- (c) Presentation of animal

Class No. 1

Cloverbud Showmanship (5-8 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025). Each Cloverbud must be accompanied by a responsible person of the age of 18.

Class No. 2

Junior Showmanship (ages 9-13 as of January 1, 2025)

Class No. 3

Senior Showmanship (ages 14-19 as of January 1, 2025)

Class No. 4 *

Grand Champion 4-H Meat Goat Showman - Winners of classes 2 & 3 to compete. (Ribbon only)

SECTION D – CONFORMATION CLASSES

Class No. 1

Meat Doe under 1 year

Class No. 2

Wether under 1 year

Class No. 3

Meat Doe over 1 year

Class No. 4

Meat Wether over 1 year

SECTION E - MARKET CLASSES

Class No. 6

Animal under 50 lbs.

Class No. 7

Animal over 50 lbs.

Class No. 8 *

Grand & Reserve Champion Meat Goat 1st blue ribbon winners in classes 1 – 7 to compete for Rosettes only

*** Ribbon Only**

**DEPARTMENT 010 – HORSE
Show to be held on July 19, 2025**

General Rules:

1. All 4-H horses must conform to the rules and regulations as outlined in the New York State Department of Ag and Markets Livestock Health Requirements.
2. 4-H exhibitors must meet county 4-H Horse Project Requirements for showing at the Essex County Fair. This includes participation in 3 county events (Public Presentation, hippology, horse bowl, horse camp, horse clinics, and Miner Institute) conducted from July 2024 through June 2025. In addition, 4-H participants must have been evaluated with each animal they exhibit.³³
3. All horses must have been officially designated as the 4-H member's project animal by June 15th of the current year, with a copy of the completed certificate on file in the 4-H office. 4-H members may designate all personally or family owned equine as project animals. (Family will be defined as the parents, stepparents, legal guardian, husband, wife, child, brother, sister, stepchild, half-brother, half-sister, grandmother, grandfather, and in-laws of the same relation.) 4-H members not owning or using a personally or family owned equine may designate one non-owned equine as their project animal.
4. Mares with foals at their side and stallions may not be brought to or exhibited in the 4-H Horse Show.
5. Any project animal that is lame, out of condition, improperly trained, out of control, or a danger to exhibitors or others will be disqualified & dismissed from the 4-H Horse Show.
6. All riders must wear an approved ASTM SEI safety helmet and appropriate heeled footwear when riding, driving, or working with a horse on the Fairgrounds.
7. Horses may not be ridden in the barn and must walk in the barn area.
8. Stalls will be assigned.
9. Entries must be on Special Livestock Forms and turned in to the 4-H office by **July 31st**.
10. 4-H exhibitors are encouraged to enter all classes they may possibly want to participate in as there will be no adding of classes on the day of the show.
11. Exhibitors may enter English, Western, and/or Gymkhana classes with the same animal.
12. All exhibitors, except Cloverbuds, must enter Fitting and Showmanship and may only enter one animal in this class.
13. ****Cloverbud exhibitors are 5-8 years of age as of January 1st**
14. Cloverbud exhibitors, ages 5-8 as of January 1st, can enter the Leadline or Walk/Trot or Jog classes as per their evaluation. Cloverbuds in the Walk/Trot or Jog classes will be asked to Trot/Jog individually. There will be no more than 5 Cloverbuds in a class at one time.
15. Junior and Senior exhibitors, ages 9-18 as of January 1st, can enter Leadline, Walk/Trot or Jog, Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope, or Intermediate classes as per their evaluation.
16. Intermediate riders can be Juniors or Seniors riding horses or ponies as per their evaluation.
17. Leadline handlers must be a knowledgeable adult 21 years of age or older.
18. The 4-H Horse Superintendent reserves the right to split or combine classes.
19. There will be a maximum of three minutes allowed for tack changes.
20. Lunch and/or dinner breaks will be announced.
21. Martingales will only be permitted in the jumping classes, and tie downs will only be permitted in the gymkhana classes.
22. In English Equitation, unrowelled spurs and crops are optional.
23. In Stock Seat Equitation, chaps, blunt rowelled, and unrowelled spurs are optional.
24. Chain curbs are allowed, but must be at least ½" in width and lie flat against the jaw. Wire curbs will not be allowed.
25. In Gymkhana classes, crops, bats, whips, quirts, etc. are prohibited. 4-H exhibitors will be disqualified for striking the horse with their free hand, reins, or any other part of the tack, appointments, or equipment.
26. 4-H exhibitors will be eligible to win the following awards more than once: The Prudy Lamb Grand Champion 4-H Horse Showmanship Trophy and the Denise Brant Memorial Trail Award.
27. Evidence of poor sportsmanship and/or horsemanship of any exhibitor will result in disqualification & dismissal from the 4-H Horse Show.

SECTION A – SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

All Junior & Senior exhibitors must enter one Fitting & Showmanship Class

May be entered with either English or Western tack and apparel.

Class No.

1. Junior Fitting & Showmanship – A Junior rider is ages 8–13 as of January 1, 2025
2. Senior Fitting & Showmanship – A Senior rider is ages 14–18 as of January 1, 2025

Prudy Lamb Grand Champion 4-H Horse Showmanship Trophy*

The 1st and 2nd blue ribbon winners of classes 1 and 2 will compete for this trophy.

SECTION B – CLOVERBUD CLASSES**English/Western****Class No.**

3. Leadline English/Western Equitation
4. Leadline English/Western Pleasure
5. Leadline Command
6. Leadline Egg and Spoon
7. Leadline Simon Says
8. Walk/Trot English/Western Equitation
9. Walk/Trot English/Western Pleasure
10. Walk/Trot Command
11. Walk/Trot Egg and Spoon
12. Walk/Trot Simon Says

Equine Knowledge**Class No.**

13. Label 10 parts of the horse
14. Label the parts of the saddle you ride in English/Western

Safety and Horse Care**Class No.**

15. A rider must wear an approved helmet to ride or work around horses. Explain
16. A rider must wear boots with a closed toe and heel to ride. Explain
17. A rider must wear proper clothing that fits correctly to ride (i.e. shirts must be tucked in and long pants). Explain
18. Horse Care – a horse must have water, food, and shelter. Explain

SECTION C – ENGLISH CLASSES

English Equitation (Only the rider is being judged both ways of the ring. Intermediate riders will be asked to line up and back at least 3 steps in a straight line.)

English Pleasure (Horses/Ponies are to be shown both ways of the ring. The pleasure horse/pony should be forward, relaxed, and willing.)

English Command (Riders will be given 3 seconds to carry out each command before being eliminated.)

Leadline**Class No.**

19. English Equitation
20. English Pleasure
21. English Command

WALK/TROT**Class No.**

22. English Equitation
23. English Pleasure
24. English Command

WALK/TROT/BEGINNER CANTER

Class No.

- 25. English Equitation
- 26. English Pleasure
- 27. English Command

INTERMEDIATE

Class No.

- 28. English Equitation
- 29. English Pleasure
- 30. English Command

SECTION D – JUMPING CLASSES

Equitation Over Fences (The rider is being judged on position, approach to jumps, correct leads, and overall performance over the course.)

Hunter Over Fences (The horse is being judged on pace, obedience, smoothness over jumps, and correct leads throughout the course.)

BEGINNER DIVISION (Cross Rails)

Class No.

- 31. Hunter Over Fences
- 32. Equitation over fences

Low Hunter Division (12”-18”)

- 33. Equitation Over Fences
- 34. Hunter Over Fences

Regular Hunter Division (24”-30”)

- 35. Equitation Over Fences
- 36. Hunter Over Fences

Maura Benway Memorial Award*

A rider will be selected from the 1st blue ribbon winners of classes 29, 31, and 33 to receive this award.

SECTION E – WESTERN CLASSES

Stock Seat Equitation (Only the rider is being judged both ways of the ring. Intermediate riders will be asked to line up and back at least 3 steps in a straight line.)

Western Pleasure (Horses/Ponies are to be shown both ways of the ring. The pleasure horse/pony should be relaxed, but alert and ready to respond to the rider's commands without the use of excessive aids.)

Western Command (Riders will be given 3 seconds to carry out each command before being eliminated.)

Leadline

Class No.

- 37. Stock Seat Equitation
- 38. Western Pleasure
- 39. Western Command

WALK/JOG

Class No.

- 40. Stock Seat Equitation
- 41. Western Pleasure
- 42. Western Command

WALK/JOG/BEGINNER LOPE**Class No.**

- 43. Stock Seat Equitation
- 44. Western Pleasure
- 45. Western Command

INTERMEDIATE**Class No.**

- 46. Stock Seat Equitation - **Kari Lynn Nixon Memorial (awarded to the first blue)**
- 47. Western Pleasure
- 48. Western Command

Christy Adams Memorial Trophy*

The 1st blue ribbon Junior winner of the Intermediate English Pleasure Class (29) and the 1st blue ribbon Junior winner of the Intermediate Western Pleasure Class (47) will compete for this trophy.

SECTION F- COSTUME CLASS**Class No.**

- 49. Leadline
- 50. Walk/Trot or Jog
- 51. Walk/Trot or Jog/ Beginner Canter/Lope
- 52. Intermediate

SECTION G – DRIVING

No Class 2025

Class No.

- 53. Pleasure Driving

SECTION H – GYMKHANA**CLOVERLEAF BARREL RACE****Class No.**

- 54. Leadline
- 55. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 56. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 57. Intermediate

Quad Barrel Race**Class No.**

- 58. Leadline
- 59. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 60. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 61. Intermediate

Flag Race**Class No.**

- 62. Leadline
- 63. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 64. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 65. Intermediate

POLE BENDING**Class No.**

- 66. Leadline
- 67. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 68. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 69. Intermediate

Stake -N-Barrel

Class No.

- 70. Leadline
- 71. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 72. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 73. Intermediate

Keyhole

Class No.

- 74. Leadline
- 75. Walk/Trot or Jog (Riders will be disqualified if they canter/lope)
- 76. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 77. Intermediate

Betty Cross Memorial Award *

The 4-H exhibitor with the highest combined finish in the Cloverleaf Barrel Race and the Stake-N-Barrel classes will receive this award.

SECTION I – Dressage Division (English/Western)

English Dressage

Class No.

- 78. Leadline
- 79. Walk/Trot or Jog
- 80. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 81. Intermediate

Western Dressage

Class No.

- 82. Leadline
- 83. Walk/Trot or Jog
- 84. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 85. Intermediate

SECTION J – TRAIL

Class No.

- 86. Leadline
- 87. Walk/Trot or Jog
- 88. Walk/Trot or Jog/Beginner Canter/Lope
- 89. Intermediate

Denise Brant Memorial Trail Award*

The 4-H exhibitor with the highest points from classes 88–89 will receive this award

DEPARTMENT 011 – DOG SHOW No dog show 2025

Rules:

All 4-H dogs must conform to the rules and regulations of the Livestock Health requirements as outlined in this premium book.

1. Open to Essex County 4-H members who have completed the **4-H Dog Obedience Program** during the current 4-H Club year.
2. Entries must be in the 4-H Office by **July 31st** on Dog Entry Form.
3. Leader will decide which classes to go in.
4. At no time may a dog be left unattended at the fairgrounds.
5. A female dog in season **MUST NOT** be brought to fair.
6. Dog leashes for on-lead exercises are to be 6 feet in length.
7. All dogs must be on a lead at all times except in the show. **Dogs must be crated until show.**
8. All dogs will be shown without the use of bait or treats in the obedience class.
9. No dog may compete in more than one regular obedience class. An individual can compete at one level only with each dog.
10. Dogs **MUST** leave fairgrounds after the show.
11. A current rabies certificate must be brought to the show.

SECTION A – Grooming & Handling**Class No. 1**

Grooming and Handling A – for 4-Hers who are competing for the first time in Grooming and Handling.

Class No. 2

Grooming and Handling B – for those who have shown in Grooming and Handling before.

Class No. 3

Cloverbud (age 5-8 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025)

General Guidelines for Grooming and Handling Classes:

Scoring to determine the award of ribbons will be based on the following:

The appearance of the animal (Grooming) will account for 45 points and the showing (Handling) of the animal will account for 45 points. Knowledge of handler (appropriate to the class level) will account for 10 points. Maximum possible points will be 100points. Ties will be broken based upon knowledge of the handler.

- Discriminating use of bait (food, toy, etc.) will be allowed in grooming and handling classes but is not mandatory. Inappropriate baiting will be penalized.
- Gaiting Patterns – Dogs should be moved at a trot. How smoothly a pattern is performed is more important than the actual mechanics of it (i.e., which hand switched where). 4-Hers should strive to keep their dogs between themselves and the judge where possible. 4-Hers in all divisions will be expected to be able to gait their dog in a circle, a triangle and in a straight line. The straight line may be on the diagonal of the ring or parallel to a side of the ring. 4-Hers in Grooming and Handling division B will additionally be expected to be able to gait their dogs in an “L” pattern and also in a straight line paired with another 4-Her and his or her dog.

SECTION B – Obedience / Agility**Class No. 4**

Obedience

The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (heel on leash and figure 8, stand for exam, recall, long sit for 30 seconds, long down for one minute) will be performed on lead.

Class No. 5

Cloverbud Obedience

Class No. 6

Agility

For 4-Hers who have not previously trained a dog. The dogs in this class must not have graduated beyond the Beginner level. All exercises (heel on leash and figure 8, stand for exam, recall, long sit for one minute, long down for three minutes) will be performed on lead.

Class No. 7

Cloverbud Agility

SECTION C – Fun Classes

- Class No. 8*** - Best Trick
9* - Best Costume
10* - Waggiest Tail
11* - Saddest Eyes

*** Ribbon Only**

DEPARTMENT 012 – RABBIT & CAVY No show for 2025

The classes below (except for the Other Classes) are showmanship classes which are judged on the appearance of the exhibitor and animal, exhibitor's actions, and the exhibitor's knowledge. 4-H'ers should know the breed and class of their rabbit, age group terminology, parts of the animal and basic care.

1. Rabbits are not required to be vaccinated
2. Rabbits may be entered in more than one section
3. All 4-Hers must enter showmanship with one rabbit only, the same and other rabbits may be shown in other 'Type' sections and/or Pure-Bred section.
4. Multiple rabbits may be entered. At least one cage per exhibitor will be provided. Each rabbit must have its own cage. If you bring more than one rabbit, please be prepared to supply your own cages. Final caging availability will be determined by the number of entries.
5. Bucks and does of any age will be shown at the same time in each section.
6. Age of exhibitor will affect showmanship (SH) classes only. Please enter appropriate age/class# for showmanship. Any age 4-Hers will be able to enter all other divisions. Cloverbuds may have an adult assist in carrying or placing rabbits on the judging table.
7. Showmanship classes (SECTION SH class#1-3 cloverbud, junior, senior) are judged on appearance of the exhibitor and animal, exhibitors actions, knowledge and terminology, condition and evidence of basic care, parts of a rabbit, breed or type (for ex). Questions may be asked of the exhibitor at time of judging.
8. Rabbits entered in Sections A-F are not required to be pure-bred animals. They will be judged according to body type, health, and condition. (Eye color, toenail color, off-standard colors will not be faults or DQ's in these sections/classes).
9. Purebred rabbits entered in division PB do not require pedigrees or proof of breed purity but will be judged against the ARBA standard of perfection for the respective breed. (NOTE: pure- bred animals may be disqualified or faulted depending on breed standard). Purebred division is designed as a basic introduction to open ARBA-style rabbit show criteria.
10. BEST in SHOW(BIS) and RESERVE in SHOW(RIS) will be chosen from the first-place winners of each division except SH (showmanship)
11. A purebred rabbit may be entered in both its TYPE division(A-F) and PB (purebred division).
12. Animals showing signs of distress or disease will not be admitted to the fair or will be removed immediately if symptoms develop during the fair.

SECTION SH - Showmanship

- Class No. 1**
Cloverbud exhibitor
- Class No. 2**
Junior Exhibitor.
- Class No. 3**
Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION A - Cylindrical type rabbit

Typically only one breed, the Himalayan or their crosses. They possess a long cylindrical body type and weigh approximately 3-5 lbs.

- Class No. 1**
Cloverbud exhibitor
- Class No. 2**
Junior Exhibitor.
- Class No. 3**
Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION B - Dwarf / Posed upright type rabbit

Very small(under approx. 4 lbs) and typically posed with front legs extended and head held high. Examples would include Netherland dwarf, jersey woolie, holland lop and crosses of these breeds.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION C- Compact type rabbit

Medium sized, usually approximately 4-7 lbs. Stocky and well-muscled, compact rabbits have short shoulders and bodies, full rounded loin and hind quarters. Some examples are Dutch, Havana, Mini-Lop, English Angora, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Florida White and crosses.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION D – Commercial type rabbit

Also known as meat rabbits, usually 7-10 lbs. mature weight, some breeds slightly larger. Commercial type rabbits have excellent meat producing qualities, fullness of loin and hip, with a gradual rise in topline beginning just behind a short shoulder. A few examples: New Zealand, Satin, Californian, French Angora, Silver Fox, Champagne D'Argent, Palomino, Rex, and crosses.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION E- Full arch type rabbits

Full arch rabbits are posed upright and allowed to move around the judging table. They appear slender and athletic with their belly appearing tucked up and front legs extended. Top line is smooth and sleek. Some full arched breeds are the English Spot, Britannia Petite, Tan, Giant Checker, Belgian Hare, and various crosses.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION F - Mandolin (semi- arch) type rabbit

Usually 11+ lbs at maturity, Posed flush on the table, its profile resembling a mandolin. The shoulders are low and long, with a smooth gradual rise over well-filled hips. These rabbits are large and long-bodied including American, Beveren, Giant Flemish, Giant Chinchilla, English Lop, and crosses.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

SECTION PB- Purebred Rabbits

These rabbits should be readily identifiable as an ARBA recognized breed

This class is open to any rabbit which is purebred and outwardly meets its ARBA breed standard. No pedigree is necessary to show a rabbit in pure bred class. A purebred rabbit may also be shown in its respective body type class, (sections A-F above.) PLEASE LIST BREED ON ENTRY. All breeds, Bucks, does, and all age rabbits will be shown in the same class unless the number shown is unable to be reasonably managed. Dividing the class at time of show is at the discretion of the judge.

Class No. 1

Cloverbud exhibitor

Class No. 2

Junior Exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Senior exhibitor (Showmanship to be judged prior to all other classes.)

DEPARTMENT 013 – MECHANICS

SECTION A

Rules:

1. Articles in this section must have been made as part of an Agricultural Engineering project during the current year.
2. All entries must be labeled with a tag giving name of article, class number, exhibitor's name, age, address and county.
3. There is no limit of entries in any class providing each item is different.

Class No. 1

Articles made in wood science project, from a kit in which the member has not made the exhibit entirely, but has assembled pre-cut materials and/or has applied an appropriate finish. (This includes articles that the leader cut out materials and member assembled.)

Class No. 2

Articles made in a wood science project, made entirely by the member.

Class No. 3

An article made in an electric project, such as a portable bench light, extension cord, pinup or study lamp, circuit boards, rewiring an old lamp, etc. Judging emphasis based primarily on electric techniques and skills.

Class No. 4

An article made as a part of a related 4-H Project, such as saddle bags (horse), poultry hook (poultry), and rope halter (dairy), and not included in class 1 or 2.

Class No. 5

Engine rebuilt or built from scratch

Class No. 6

Other

DEPARTMENT 014 – ENERGY

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Up to four articles made as part of an energy project.

DEPARTMENT 015 – ROCKETS (Model & Liter Bottle) / AEROSPACE

SECTION A

Rules:

1. Rockets must be made as part of a 4-H Rocket project during the current year
2. There is no limit of entries in either class providing each item is different.

Class No. 1

Model Rockets made from kit.

Class No. 2

Rockets made entirely by exhibitor.

Class No. 3

Flight

Class No. 4

Model Airplane from kit or other

Class No. 5

Other

DEPARTMENT 016 – PHOTOGRAPHY

Rules:

1. All photographs must have been taken by exhibitor as part of the 4-H photography project during the current 4-H year. No exhibitor may enter more than one exhibit per class. All exhibits **must be mounted on sturdy background with hanger**. Exhibits will be judged on technical quality, composition, storytelling ability and preparation of exhibit. All exhibits should be titled.
2. No photographs to be smaller than 3 ½" x 3 ½" nor larger than 8" x 10". Adjacent to each photograph **must be a title or caption** to assist the viewer to interpret the photographic message. Exhibit preparation to demonstrate good workmanship and use of materials.

SECTION A – Prints

- Class No. 1** Single Photo Black & White Enlargement
- 2** Single Photo Color Enlargement
- 3** Photo story composed of 4 to 8 prints of similar size
- 4** Photo Study Class. Shall consist of one of the following:
- a) 4 photos demonstrating 4 methods of isolating the subject, not more than 3 objects permitted in each photo.
 - b) 4 close-up photos with a different main light source in each – front, side, back and diffuse.
 - c) 4 photos – each to illustrate one idea, i.e., hidden lines and shapes, framing, patterns, perspective or texture. Show differences – same topic, different location, angles, etc.
- 5** 1-3 photographs developed and printed by exhibitor and properly mounted.
- 6** Darkroom technique – up to 4 enlargements. 8" x 10" maximum size. Use film you processed and picture you printed. Attach contact print of each negative. Indicate control techniques used, if any, including spotting. For color enlargements indicate process used: color printing paper or enlarging film.

SECTION B – Slides

- 7** Individual color slide. (Note: slide should be displayed in protective cover and labeled with name and address).
- 8** Slide story composed of 5 to 7 slides displayed in protective cover accompanied by a written script.

SECTION C – Video

- 13** Video Project – Video submitted must be at least seven minutes in length. All video to feature a 4-H project or activity. Judging criteria to include technical quality, organization and communication of message, and creativity in approach. Project can be submitted as CD or DVD.

SECTION D – Digital Images

- Class No. 10** Single unedited digital image – Picture comes straight from the camera without any modification.

- 11 Single slightly edited digital image – Image has been somewhat digitally edited or enhanced. Modifications may include: cropping; sharpening or blurring; brightness or contrast changes; or the addition of text. Thumbnail of the original image shall accompany exhibit.
- 12 Single heavily edited digital image – Image has radically digitally edited or enhanced. Modifications may include: addition to or the removal of parts of the image; changes in the color scheme of the image; the use of filters or effects; or animation using digital images, etc. Thumbnail of the original image shall accompany exhibit.
- 13 Story composed of a 4 – 8 digital images of similar size – If edited images are used, thumbnails of the originals shall accompany exhibit.

SECTION E – Anita & John Deming Award

All Photography exhibits will be automatically entered. Photography judge will choose 4 photos. A \$25 award will be given to the top 4 recipients. This award is sponsored by Anita & John Deming.

DEPARTMENT 017 - CLUB EXHIBITS

SECTION A

An entry form with club's name needs to be filled out for all club exhibits.

Class No. 1

Club Exhibit should show some phase of the 4-H Club's Program during the current 4-H year. Clubs are urged to exercise their originality and initiative. The club exhibit should represent the combined efforts of all members. 3' x 5' space available.

Class No. 2

Club Banner – only new banners may be entered

Class No. 3

Other Educational Exhibits are for clubs to highlight a particular project or activity their club participated in the current 4-H year that does not result in exhibits that can be entered by 4-H members. This might include such projects as Small Engines, Maple Syrup, Outdoor Cookery, Baby Sitting, First Aid, etc. This could be a static or working exhibit. 3' x 5' space available.

DEPARTMENT 018 - ACHIEVEMENT BOOKS AND RECORDS

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Achievement Books - open to all club members in grades 3 -12 to include cover, records and achievement of years in club work. Emphasis will be placed upon current 4-H year's activities and general appearance.

Class No. 2

Secretary's Record Book

Class No. 3

4-H Project Notebook or kit assembled as part of project work. No limit on entries.

DEPARTMENT 019 - NATURAL RESOURCES

Rules:

1. All entries must be labeled with a tag giving name, age, address, county, and name and class number of exhibit and a brief project story. The project story should include an explanation of the project - why the project was chosen, what steps were followed in developing the project and how the project will be used.
2. Exhibits showing processes, products, skill development, and relevance to environmental/natural resource issues are strongly encouraged. Each exhibit should be self-explanatory or self-interpretive. Overly simplistic or non-interpretive exhibits should be avoided.
3. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of their content, quality of expression and presentation. Creativity is encouraged as is display of materials showing observational skills, i.e., journals or sketch books. Age, experience and standards listed in appropriate 4-H publications will be included in the judging criteria.

SECTION A - Environmental Education

Class No. 1

Nature trails - e.g. Display of 4-H constructed nature trail or observation made along another nature trail.

Class No. 2

Geology - Simple collections must include a minimum of 15 specimens properly identified, labeled and mounted. Labels must show the specimen's name, date of location, specific site of collection (distance and direction to nearest town, county, state or province) and collector. Inclusion of field journals is strongly encouraged, and identification criteria must be completely and clearly defined. Exhibits showing evolutionary histories, vertical or horizontal studies of strata, etc., are encouraged.

Class No. 3

Fun with Fungi - Simple collection must contain dried examples of at least 5 different kinds of fungi, each clearly labeled. Other items that can be included in this exhibit are line drawings illustrating the parts of a mushroom, line drawings illustrating different types of mushrooms that were not available for the dried collection, spore prints of one or more mushrooms. This exhibit is eligible for display only at State Fair and will receive a ribbon of participation.

Photo Exhibits - Photographs of fungi may be displayed according to the General information in the Photography Section. Fungi in photos must be identified by their common name and/or scientific name. Include with the title or caption the date and location of the photo. Suggestions include:

- 1) Photograph of a single fungus or group of fungi
- 2) A collection of three or more photographs of different fungi.
- 3) 4 close up photographs, taken hours, days or weeks apart, showing the growth and development of the same mushroom
- 4) 3 photographs taken one each during spring, summer and fall.

Class No. 4

Field Identification Projects - Collections of preserved specimens, photographs or sketches properly labeled and showing identification criteria may be displayed for any habitat in New York. Any taxon may be selected.

Class No. 5

County or self-initiated projects (e.g. Do Your Own Thing) that fits this category, e.g. vegetation maps, plant phenology, demonstrations of ecological principles, computer models or similar synthesis. Transfer of display ideas and concepts from other project areas is encouraged.

Class No. 6

Insects All Around Us - An exhibit will consist of item(s) developed as the result of the project completion such as collecting and observing devices as described in project materials, "shake-it box", pitfall trap,

homemade butterfly net, model of an insect showing the body parts; information about one or more of the following: insect life cycles, different orders or groups of insects, parts of the body, how insects differ from other invertebrates, or different mouthparts, presented in a notebook, poster, or other creative means.

SECTION B - Fisheries & Aquatic Resources

Class No. 7

SAREP - Exhibits may be displays or records of any SAREP and/or National 4-H Sports Fishing related activity including but not limited to fishing techniques, aquatic sampling methods, aquatic insect ecology, habitat improvement, or fisheries management and biology. Consult the SAREP manual, available from SAREP office or *Pond and Stream Safari* and National 4-H Sport Fishing curricula for additional ideas.

Class No. 8

Other fishing projects may be found in 4-H Publications.

Class No. 9

Water monitoring - project ideas may be found in *Water Worlds*, *Water Wise*, *Pond & Stream Safari*.

SECTION C - Forestry

Class No. 10

Displays and presentations may be based upon, but are not limited to, the following projects: *Know Your Trees*, *Timber Management for Small Woodlands*; *Wildlife and Timber from Private Lands: A Landowners Guide to Planning*; *Woods of New York*; *Maple Syrup Production for the Beginner*; *Trees: Dead or Alive*; and other or self-initiated projects such as the 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Invitational.

SECTION D - Resource Based Recreation

Please remember that a project story must be included, giving complete explanation of the project and its relevance to natural resources and environmental education.

Class No. 11

Shooting Sports - any exhibit or record based upon content of the NYS Shooting Sports Programs or any of the New York State DEC certification programs.

Class No. 12

Other Outdoor Recreation - Exhibits based upon related outdoor recreation activities, e.g. orienteering, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, wilderness camping, or outdoor cookery.

SECTION E - Wildlife

Class No. 13

Bird Study - Consult *Bluebirds of New York*, *Birds of Prey*, *Introduction to Bird Study*, or any other bird materials for exhibit ideas. **If a birdhouse is exhibited under the wildlife section please remember that a project story must be included, giving complete explanation of the project and its relevance to natural resources and environmental education.**

Class No. 14

Habitat Improvement - consult *Wildlife Habitat Enhancement*, *Enhancement of Wildlife on Private Land*, *Managing Small Woodlots for Wildlife*, and *Plants for Improving Wildlife Habitat Around your Home* for exhibit ideas.

Class No. 15

Trapping Furbearers - Exhibits based upon the NYS DEC Trapper Training Program are acceptable, as are displays of equipment, pelt preparation, and discussions of the role of trapping in wildlife management.

Class No. 16

Other Wildlife Projects - Exhibits based upon New York's wildlife resources, *Environmental Awareness: Wildlife*, *Managing Small Woodlots for Wildlife*; *Plants for Improving Wildlife Habitat Around Your Home*; *Wildlife Discovery*; and *Wildlife in Today's Landscapes*. County projects or self-initiated projects are acceptable. A good source of potential project is the 4-H Forestry and Wildlife Invitational.

DEPARTMENT 020 - FOOD PRESERVATION

Criteria for Exhibiting Home Canned Foods:

- ✓ **Remember: use only United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) tested and approved recipes.**
The USDA has researched, tested and approved recipes for home canning. In order to obtain a safe, quality product use only up-to-date (1994 or later) USDA approved recipes. Approved recipe sources include:
National center for Home Food Preservation at, So Easy to Preserve, University of Georgia, Ball® Blue Book, Cornell Cooperative Extension Office (962-4810)
- ✓ **Canned exhibit consists of one clear-glass Standard Mason jar processed with a self-sealing, two piece lid.** (metal lid and metal ring).
- ✓ Jars must be free of cracks, chips, etc.
- ✓ Each exhibit must be vacuum sealed.
- ✓ Rings should have been removed after processing and cooling in order to clean and store the canned good. Rings should be put back on for transport, but removed for judging.
- ✓ Top of jars must be labeled with the product and date processed. Do not put labels on the sides of the jars (this makes it difficult for judges to view the product).
- ✓ Attach a separate card securely to the exhibit and include:
 - Recipe
 - The card should include the following information if not already included in the recipe:
 - Contents
 - Type of pack (hot or raw)
 - Type of processing (boiling water bath or pressure canner)
 - Processing time
 - Altitude adjustment if required
 - Headspace
 - Date of processing
- ✓ Appropriate head space requirements must be followed. In general – Fruit Juices ¼ inch; Vegetables ½ inch; Jams and Jellies ⅛– ¼ inch; Pickles ½ inch; Tomatoes ½ inch, or according to USDA approved recipes.
- ✓ The following entries will be disqualified:
 - Foods processed and packages not following current (1994 and later) USDA recommendations
 - Paraffin sealed jams and jellies
 - Jars with zinc lids
 - Foods in green jars or non-standardized jars
 - Jars with more than 2" headspace
 - Jars with added color, bleach, sulfite or other preservatives, unless called for in a USDA approved recipe. (For example, baking soda may not be added to green vegetables)
 - Jars or food that were made and processed over one year ago

SECTION A – CANNED FOODS

Class No. 1

Canned fruit, one pint or quart jar of same kind of fruit, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 2

Canned vegetables, one pint or quart jar of same kind of vegetables, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 3

Canned pickles, one pint or quart jar of same kind, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 4

Canned tomatoes, or juice, one pint or quart jar, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 5

Marmalade, one ½ pint jar, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 6

Jam, one ½ pint jar, made by member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

Class No. 7

Jelly, one ½ pint jar, made by a member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025

SECTION B – DRIED / DEHYDRATED FOODS

Criteria for Exhibiting Home Dried/Dehydrated Foods

- ✓ Dried foods must be displayed in either clear ½ pint zip closure bags or glass jars with tight fitting lids.
- ✓ Foods in unapproved containers or more than one year old will be disqualified.
- ✓ Top of jars must be labeled with the product and date processed. Do not put labels on the sides of the jars (this makes it difficult for judges to view the product).
- ✓ Attach a separate card securely to the exhibit and include:
 - Method of drying (Dehydrator, oven)
 - Time and temperature of drying
 - Pre-treatment method (if used)

Class No. 8

Dried Vegetables

Class No. 9

Dried Fruit

Class No. 10

Leathers

Class No. 11

Herbs / Herb Seasoning Mix

SECTION C –MAPLE / HONEY PRODUCTS

Class No. 12

Maple Products – Maple Syrup, Maple Sugar, creamed Maple. An exhibit will consist of homemade maple products in a clear container appropriate for syrup products. A card should include the process used to make the syrup and the resources(s) of their information. Made by a member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025.

Class No. 13

Honey Products- Comb Honey, Creamed Honey, Honey. An exhibit will consist of homemade Honey products in a clear container appropriate for syrup products. A card should include the process used to make the honey and the resources(s) of their information. Made by a member 8-18 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2025.

DEPARTMENT 021 – BAKING

Rules:

1. All baked entries must have been baked from scratch by the exhibitor. **No refrigerated or frozen dough or box mixes are permitted. Use of bread machine is not allowed.**
2. No exhibits requiring refrigeration (cream or custard-based pies, cakes) are allowed.
3. Remove all items from baking pans (except pies, use disposable pie plates) and exhibit on paper plates or foil-wrapped cardboard. Do not bake muffins or cupcakes in paper liners. Loose granola and trail mix should be in an air tight container, either clear ½ pint zip closure bags or glass jars with tight fitting lids.
4. Include recipe card (product name, ingredients, preparation steps, and yield) with all baked entries.
5. An exhibit is: 3 samples of small items (cookies, muffins, cupcakes, rolls, breadsticks, pretzels, granola bars or similar products); ½ of large item (loaf bread, cake, coffee cake, or similar products); or whole item if needed to convey appearance of product (pie, turtle-shaped bread, or similar products); 3 samples of ½ cup loose granola or snack mix.
6. Each exhibitor may enter up to 3 exhibits per class.

SECTION A

Class No. 8

Cookies, drop or hand-shaped. Examples: drop-chocolate chip, applesauce, oatmeal; hand-shaped peanut butter, snickerdoodles, crinkles. No frosting; hand-shaped cookies can be rolled in sugar.

Class No. 9

Cookies, pan-baked. Examples: date bar, pumpkin bar, brownies or other batter cookie (not layered pan cookies). No frosting or added decorations that are not part of the batter.

Class No. 10

Cookies – other (does not qualify for State Fair)

Class No. 11

Cookies – No bake (does not qualify for State Fair)

Class No. 12

Cakes - (does not qualify for State Fair)

Class No. 13

Muffins - plain, whole wheat, cornbread, bran, apple, or other. No toppings.

Class No. 14

Biscuits or Scones - plain, whole grain, flavored, or other shaped (rolled & cut) biscuits or scones. No toppings.

Class No. 15

Loaf Bread (not yeast leavened). Banana, blueberry, apple, pumpkin, or other bread baked in 9x5 or 8x4-inch pan.

Class No. 16

Yeast Rolls. Plain, whole grain, flavored, or other yeast rolls of any shape; does not include fancy rolls with fillings or frosting.

Class No. 17

Yeast Bread. Plain, whole grain, flavored, or other baked in a 9x5 or 8x4-inch loaf pan.

Class No. 18

Shaped Bread. An exhibit is any small (such as pretzels or breadsticks), or large (such as animal shaped) hand shaped bread. Plain, whole grain, flavored, or other; does not include fancy yeast breads with fillings or frosting.

Class No. 19

Baking Light. An exhibit is sample of any baked product that is made with less fat and total calories by (1) modifying a recipe (include original and revised recipe); (2) using an already modified recipe; (3) making a traditionally low fat product such as angel food cake. The recipe and explanation of why it is low in fat must be included. Cookies, loaf bread, cake, cupcake, coffee cake, muffins, pies, or other baked items.

Class No. 20

Grown in New York. An exhibit is a sample of any baked product that contains a fruit or vegetable grown in New York State and must include: (a) recipe, (b) explanation of ingredient grown in New York, including where it was grown and purchased and if it was preserved for later use. Source of ingredient can be garden U-pick or roadside stand, farmers market, or any market if source can be identified. Cookies, muffins, bread, cake, cupcakes, coffee cake, pie or other baked items.

Class No. 21

Heritage Foods. An exhibit is sample of any baked item associated with family traditions or history and must include: (a) recipe and (b) family history and traditions associated with the food. Cookies, muffins, bread, cake, cupcakes, coffee cake, pie, or other baked items.

Class No. 22

International Foods. An exhibit is sample of any baked item associated with customs and traditions of a country or population of the world and must include: a) recipe, b) historical background or context, and c) traditions associated with preparing, serving, and eating the food. Cookies, muffins, bread, cake, cupcake, coffee cake, pie, or other baked items.

Class No. 23

Animal Treats

Class No. 24

Granola. Loose or bar form.

Class No. 25

Snack Mix. Savory or sweet.

DEPARTMENT 022 - CLOTHING & TEXTILES**Rules:**

1. In addition to the entry tags, a card must be fastened inside hem or lower edge of garment with the following information:
 - a) Name of exhibitor
 - b) Years in textiles and clothing (4-H or school)
 - c) Fiber content of item
 - d) Care label information
 - e) At least 3 things learned while constructing the item
2. Garments not completely and/or correctly labeled will be marked down one placing.
3. If a kit is used for down or fiberfill items or outdoor equipment (i.e. parka, hood, booties), this must be stated on the card and the instruction sheet(s) must be firmly attached to the items.
4. Each exhibitor may enter up to 5 articles in either class 1, 2, and 3.
5. Each exhibitor may enter up to 2 articles in class 4.
6. Each exhibitor may enter up to 1 article in class 5 and 6.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Beginning Clothing - any simplified article made in the 4-H Adventures in Clothing project. Articles might include apron with or without potholder, T-top, wrap skirt, beach wrap up, duffle bag, equipped sewing box, felt items made for sewing box, or jams.

Class No. 2

Intermediate Clothing - any intermediate level garment made in the 4-H Challenges in Clothing project. Articles might include skirt or blouse; slacks or skirt with a waistband, darts & zipper; jumper, simple down or fiberfill jacket or vest; backpack.

Class No. 3

Advanced Clothing - any article showing superior accomplishments made in the Strategies in Clothing project. Articles might include detailed dress, suit, sport or dress coat; garments made of a special fabric such as wool, uneven plaids, velvet, fur, silk or ultra-suede.

Class No. 4

Article made for use in other project area (article from the Clothes Horse Project, riding outfit, dairy showmanship outfit, etc.)

Class No. 5

4-H Mannequin Modeling - members will be able to mannequin model an outfit which was completed as part of a clothing and textile project. Modeling will be done during a two hour time period selected by the member.

Class No. 6

Purchased Garment: Garment or outfit accompanied by an 8½" x 11" information notebook. The notebook must include the following:

- 1) color photo of entrant wearing garment or outfit;
- 2) cost of garment - include price tags, itemized comparison of cost to make garment. Consider cost of fabric, notions, pattern, labor, etc.;
- 3) story that describes: a) why garment was purchased, b) how it fits into wardrobe, c) fabric content and care, d) accessories selected, and e) activities for which garment will be worn.

DEPARTMENT 023 - HOME IMPROVEMENT

Rules:

1. Attach to each exhibit a 3 x 5 card with the following information:
 - a) name and age of exhibitor;
 - b) number of years in Home Improvement work;
 - c) color scheme in room where article is used;
 - d) how or where article is used in room.
2. Limit two (2) entries per class.
3. Objects whose ultimate use is to hang on the wall must have mountings on them and be ready for hanging.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Major item of fabric furnishings such as a bedspread, coverlet, quilt, dust ruffle, table covering, curtains, draperies. Additional information required: fiber content.

Class No. 2

An accessory item selected, constructed and finished by exhibitor such as:

Fabric: pillow, door pocket, padded picture frame, stretcher art, etc.

Wood (natural or painted finish): shelf, magazine rack, picture frame, etc.

Combination of Materials: bulletin board, lamp, etc.

Class No. 3

A piece of furniture of natural or painted finish done by exhibitor such as: a chair, table, chest, bookcase, etc. New unfinished, refinished or constructed by exhibitor. Additional information required: method of refinishing and/or finishing.

DEPARTMENT 024 - CHILD CARE / HEALTH & SAFETY

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Picture Book - a durable book made for children, cloth or paper story or activity book.

Class No. 2

Handmade toy suitable for child age 2 to 5 years.

Class No. 3

Babysitting Kit - which includes at least three (3) handmade items.

Class No. 4

First Aid Kit made as part of a 4-H Club First Aid project, limit 1 kit per exhibitor.

DEPARTMENT 025 - CRAFTS

Rules:

1. Kits and printed designs will be permitted. If either is used, it must be stated on the entry card and the instruction sheet(s) must be firmly attached to the item. These exhibits are eligible for display only at State Fair and will receive a ribbon of participation.
2. All entries must be appropriately displayed, stretched, matted, framed, etc., in other words, in finished, ready-to-be used state. Objects whose ultimate use is to hang on the wall must have mountings on them and be ready for hanging.
3. There is a limit of 3 entries per class providing each item is different.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Holiday/Seasonal

Class No. 2

Ceramics, Pottery: objects of clay, fired and/or glazed, hand built, wheel thrown, cast from original mold.
Hobby Ceramics: any form cast from a commercial mold or pre-form.

Class No. 3

Fiber, Fabric: objects employing any of the following techniques; string art, appliqué, macramé, tie-dying.

Class No. 4

Leather: objects can be tooled, carved, molded, stamped, laced, stitched or riveted.

Class No. 5

Sculpture: materials may be wood, clay, paper-mâché, fibers, fabric or a combination of these. Processes: carved, molded, fired, glued, nailed or sewn.

Class No. 6

Wood and/or paper: processes: carving, gluing, cutting, layered.

Class No. 7

Any other article

DEPARTMENT 026 - ART ADVENTURE

SECTION A

Rules:

1. All entries must be appropriately displayed, stretched, matted, framed, etc., in other words, in finished, ready-to-be used state.
2. There is a limit of 3 entries per class providing each item is different.

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| Class No. 1 | Clay: hand built objects of clay such as whistles, creatures, or clay pockets |
| 2 | Kites: designed and made entirely by exhibitor, no kits allowed |
| 3 | Baskets: woven entirely by exhibitor, no kits allowed |
| 4 | Painting: water or oil |
| 5 | Drawing: pencil or charcoal |
| 6 | Weaving: utilization of basic techniques learned in workshop |
| 7 | Edible Art: cake decorating, veggie/fruit carving |
| 8 | Other |

DEPARTMENT 027 - HERITAGE & HORIZONS

Rules:

1. A total of four (4) entries may be exhibited in this section.
2. Exhibits must have been made as part of a 4-H Heritage & Horizon project.
3. Exhibits must be judged by the demonstrative method - judge and member discuss exhibit.
4. Exhibits must be traditional objects using materials, methods and/or decoration based on a continuation of ethnic art or handed down from one generation to another.

Example: Hand spun wool or fur objects, soap, cordage, dolls, cured and tanned leather objects, natural dyed objects, tinware, wood toys and games, stenciled wood and tinware, natural clay pottery, traditional embroidery and quilted objects, splint or natural reed basketry, ethnic art objects, family trees, dried food, herbs, wild plants, heritage recipes, breads.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Heritage Article

DEPARTMENT 028 - NEEDLEWORK

Rules:

1. Kits and printed designs will be permitted. If either is used, it must be stated on the entry card and the instruction sheet(s) must be firmly attached to the item.
2. All entries must be appropriately displayed, stretched, matted, framed, blocked, etc., in other words, in finished ready-to-be used state.
3. There is a limit of 3 entries per class providing each item is different.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Crocheted Article

Class No. 2

Knitted Article

Class No. 3

Woven article - article done on a loom

Class No. 4

Crewel, Embroidery article

Class No. 5

Needlepoint article

Class No. 6

Plastic Canvas

Class No. 7

Cross Stitch

Class No. 8

Other

DEPARTMENT 029 - CLOVERBUDS

Rules:

1. Only Cloverbuds, members ages 5-8 as of January 1, 2025, may exhibit in this section.
2. All exhibits must have been made or grown as part of a 4-H Cloverbud project completed during the current 4-H year.
3. One item from each project completed may be exhibited with the exception of vegetables, flowers, project notebooks, crafts, and art adventure. Up to 6 items may be exhibited in these projects.

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Project article

DEPARTMENT 030 – GLADYS EMERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

SECTION A

Mrs. Emerson, a 4-H Leader for many years in AuSable Forks, had an intense commitment to the development of young people. She utilized a variety of 4-H Projects to share knowledge, teach skills and impart values to those young people involved in 4-H in AuSable and all of Essex County. In honor of her participation and commitment to 4-H and young people an award has been created that will recognize the accomplishments of 4-H Members in the areas of food, nutrition, clothing and textiles, art objects, mechanics and photography. Exhibits entered in the areas mentioned above may also be entered in the Gladys Emerson Memorial Award class. A second exhibit card will need to be attached to the exhibit and also listed on the entry form (Department 030 – Section A – Class No.1).

* (Please note this is a trophy award, not connected to premium money that will be presented to the recipient during fair week.)

This class will highlight project work through an exhibit. Members in grades K-6 are eligible to enter. Members of the Program Committee and Emerson Family will evaluate all exhibit entries. Creativity, originality, use of materials, detailed information and demonstration of project completion will be considered in the selection process.

Class No. 1

An exhibit made specifically by the 4-H member in the project area of: food and nutrition, clothing and textiles, art objects, mechanics, or photography.

DEPARTMENT 031 – PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

(All presentations will be scheduled before noon)

SECTION A

Class No. 1

Public Presentation (Illustrated Talk, Demonstration, Speech) – all youth that presented at County Public Presentation 2025 are eligible

Class No. 2

Presentation Posters (no more than 2 posters used for Public Presentation 2025)

DEPARTMENT 032 – SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Rules:

1. Exhibits must be taken from 4-H curricula

SECTION A In-Touch Science

Class No. 1

Chemistry & Environment

Class No. 2

Fibers & Animals

Class No. 3

Food & Fiber

Class No. 4

Plants & Engineering

SECTION B GPS / GIS

Class No. 1

GPS

Class No. 2

GIS

Class No. 3

Other

4-H JUNIOR SUPERINTENDENT DEMONSTRATION SERVICE AWARD

A selected group of teen 4-H members will demonstrate and assist in the exhibit areas throughout the week under the supervision of the 4-H Extension Educator. Participants will each receive a stipend upon completion. A daily work log is required to be completed.

These 4-H Junior Superintendents **must** develop a working demonstration before the Fair. Demonstrations should be planned to take no more than 1/2 hour. One presentation will be given daily (time should include set up, clean up and question period). Participants are expected to bring their own supplies, visuals, etc., to explain their subject.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR

Exhibits will be selected for entry in the 4-H classes at the New York State Fair based on classes available and quality of exhibits. **Please be aware that each individual is responsible to bring their exhibits to state fair if they wish to have it displayed. Cooperative Extension will not be transporting the exhibits.**

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING BUT...

Too often, people plan too much emphasis on winning and losing in 4-H and not enough on the real value, the lessons learned.

This is not to say that parents should not encourage children to do their best to win but, on the other hand, winning is not the bottom line to success in the 4-H Program. Positive thinking has proven to be important to success in most fields of work.

Several skills can be gained as a 4-H Member:

- **How to get along with people is important in everyday life.** 4-Hers learn to cooperate with others. They meet new people who have the same interests and learn other interests through new friendships.
- **Sportsmanship**, where most 4-Hers who show or exhibit for any period of time experience the thought of winning and the disappointment of losing. Both are important. Life isn't all peaks but has a good number of valleys. It is not uncommon to see those who did not win congratulate the winner, and the winner often has something nice to say to those who did not win.
- **Responsibility**, a good habit to learn at a young age. Hardly anyone is successful in life who is not responsible.
- **Decision Making** is never easy at any point in our lives. The 4-H project offers an opportunity at a young age to make decisions.
- **Goal Setting** will depend on the individual, his or her age and experience. The important point is to set a goal.

Source: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County 4-H

