

# NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

CELEBRATING

89 YEARS OF 4-H IN NIAGARA COUNTY



2026 Niagara County 4-H Fair  
August 5 – August 9, 2026



## New in 2026

**\*NEW\* Constructed Projects with Manufactured Components-** Projects in this class use manufactured construction pieces to complete a project. Can be a kit or an original design. Examples include but are not limited to Lego\*, Kinex\*, Brio\* and Mechano\*. See Ag Science & Technology Dept, Division 606 Class 18

**\*NEW\* 4-H Dog Show in 2026** will be held in the Agriculture Education Building on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00am

## Reminder: New in 2025

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Special and Unique Exhibits (CFS)	Visual Arts
Communication and Expressive Arts	Natural Resources
Fine Arts and Crafts	Plant Pathology
Home Environment	Entomology
Child Development/Care	Science, Engineering and Technology (STEM)
Textiles and Clothing	Horticulture
Special and Unique Exhibits (Ag)	Food and Nutrition

To be named Outstanding Exhibitor, the following criteria must be met for each department:

- All exhibits must be registered to fairentury.com by the July due date
- At least one exhibit must be of excellent quality (blue ribbon)
- At least one exhibit must be selected for NYS Fair or receive a Special Award

**Details:** To determine the award winners, Premium Book points will be tallied, then additional points added for each NYS Fair selection or/and Special Award. One junior and one senior member will be awarded \$15 dollars for each division, if they meet the criteria. Members may be named Outstanding Exhibitor in multiple divisions. Cash awards will be presented at the annual Achievement Night and provided by the Niagara County 4-H Club Sponsors, Inc.

**\*NEW\* Beef Cattle & Swine Members** – First year showing swine and/or beef cattle in Niagara County 4-H, ages 8 and up, are not eligible to sell a beef steer or hog in the livestock auction. (This rule also continues to apply to poultry/auction meat bird eligibility, as implemented in 2024.)

All beef and swine members are allowed to participate in the beef/swine meetings, the fair, show in beef/swine showmanship, and market and/or breed classes. You will need to show your own (listed on your fair entry) non-auction beef or non-auction swine animal to be eligible to sell in auction your second year.

Exception for beef cattle and swine – Cloverbuds who were members of the Cloverbud Beef or Cloverbud Swine Program for at least 2 years (ages 5-7), and showed your own calf or your own hog at the Niagara County Fair as a Cloverbud, then upon turning 8 years old by January 1 and becoming an official 4-H member, you can show and sell a steer or hog in the 4-H auction that year.

**\*NEW\* Livestock Auction** - Each 4-H member will be capped as to how many species they can auction off, based on the following:

- First year as regular 4-H member– (clover bud years not included) ONE species maximum in auction
- Juniors – THREE species maximum in auction (but not first year members) \*\*see below\*\*
- Seniors – FOUR species maximum in auction

\*\*First year 4-H members could be considered a beginner or junior, depending on how old they are when they join 4-H for the first time.

WHEN do you have to make your decision on which species you are auctioning off at the livestock auction at Niagara County Fair? By the auction entry due dates listed below. Please note, 4-H member cannot enter more than your capped allowance of species based on the criteria above. (First year as regular 4-H member, may enter auction entry for 1 species; juniors may enter maximum of 3 auction entries for 3 species, and seniors and may enter auction entries for 4 species.)

Steers - January 31

Meat Birds – February date, set by leaders

Meat Goat, Hogs, Lambs - May 2

Meat Rabbits – June Rabbit Meeting

**\*NEW\* 4-H College Students** who are currently attending college out of town, do not need to attend 5 species meetings per year, but need to discuss a plan with your species key leader, at the start of the 4-H year, to see how your leader would like you to fulfill your participation duties in the program for animal exhibit eligibility at fair.

**\*NEW\* Showmanship:** A regular member cannot use a cloverbud's or another 4-H member's animal to show in showmanship. To qualify to be in master showmanship competition, a regular member must not only show in showmanship class with your own animal but also be showing in at least one breed and/or market class for that species you will represent. A Cloverbud CAN use another member's animal to show in their Cloverbud class. Two cloverbuds can share the same animal for Cloverbud showmanship (if your species breaks their Cloverbud showmanship into 2 classes). A 4-H member can LEASE an animal from another 4-H member, and list it on their own fair entry, but cannot simply borrow the animal during fair to use for showmanship.

*Premium Book is designed to assist you in filling out online entries for fair exhibits.*

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## NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR

The Niagara County Fair, operated under the auspices of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County, is a collaborative undertaking of our staff, board of directors, fair committee, volunteers, sponsors, and members of the Niagara County community. We thank all those who are giving their time and effort to making the Fair a continued success.

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## ENTERING EXHIBITS FOR THE NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR

All 4-H'ers must enter their exhibits and animals online to compete at the Niagara County Fair. See due dates below. The following link will take you to the online entry system: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195>

You must sign into Fair Entry using the family email associated with your 4-H Online/enrollment account. (The email where you receive Tuesday Tidbits). If you are new this year or have forgotten your password, please follow the directions below to use the reset password link. All members in one family enter under the same account/same email. No entry fee is charged. Help videos can be found in the entry system or contact a 4-H staff member to get help.

**To register your exhibits on Fair Entry you will need a 4-H online password. If you are new or have forgotten your password, please follow these steps.**

1. Go to <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195>
2. How would you like to participate? Click "As an Exhibitor"
3. Enter the family email that you indicated on your enrollment paperwork (where you receive Tuesday Tidbits). If you do not know your password or this is your first time using fair entry, please click "GO TO 4-H ONLINE TO RESET YOUR PASSWORD."
4. Enter your 4-H Online email. If you don't know which email (if you have several different family emails) please stop here and contact the 4-H office. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.**
5. At 4-H online you will enter a new password, confirm new password and then click "change password." **DO NOT go further and DO NOT sign into 4-H online**
6. Once you have reset your password, go back to Fair Entry: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195> & sign on with your new password.

\*note\* Training Center entries brought to judging days (on July 28, Aug 3), that were **NOT** previously entered into Fair Entry by the due date, will be judged, but will **NOT** receive points/premium money and therefore these entries will not count towards awards. For those entries, blank entry cards will be available.

### Tips:

Use the fair premium book to decide which class your exhibit should be entered.  
Enter only those exhibits you plan to bring on judging day.

Note: *We will not be responsible for your exhibit. Enter at your own risk.*

## ENTRY DUE DATES AND SPECIFICATIONS

- June 1:** Online registration system (Fair Entry) opens
- June 1:** Equine, Donkey, Mule Ownership Certificates Due. MAIL TO: Cheryl Bish, 3796 North Ridge Road, Lockport, NY 14094. Certificates available from Cheryl Bish or the 4-H Office.
- June 16:** Online Entries Due for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steer, Goat, Sheep, Swine (And Ownership/Lease Forms due to species leaders for those who require it)
- July 1:** Online Entries Due for Cats, Dogs, Rabbit & Cavy, Poultry
- July 1:** 4-H Auction Buyer Contact Forms Due – 3 per species & Senior Biography Form
- July 11:** Online Entry Due for all Training Center Exhibits.
- July 15:** Equine Online Entries Due: English, Western, Gymkhana, Driving, and Miniature horse
- July 15:** Mandatory Livestock (non-Equine) Work Bee (Fair set up) starting at 6:00pm
- July 21:** Equine Work Bee (Fair Set-Up)
- August 4:** Animals arrive on Fairgrounds (Tue) and auction weigh-in starts @6pm
- August 17:** Post Auction - Thank you cards for buyers and project records due to 4-H office for checks to be issued.

## CLOVERBUDS ENTERING EXHIBITS FOR FAIR:

Cloverbuds (Must be age 5, 6, or 7, years old by January 1 of the current 4-H year). Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry per child, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, foods, crafts, etc. Cloverbuds will be allowed 10 exhibit entries per division (Non-Perishables, Food and Nutrition, and Horticulture) and will select 3 in each division to present to the judges.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- No entry fee is charged.
- Except as otherwise stated, all classes are open to any boy or girl living in Niagara County or affiliated with a 4-H club or school in Niagara County and carrying out project work under supervision.

### AGE DIVISIONS

Niagara County 4-H age is determined by your birth date:

- Cloverbuds are ages 5-7 (as of January 1 of the current year).
- 4-H members are ages 8-18 (as of January 1 of the current year).
- Beginner Showman - first year showman under 14 years of age\*
- Junior Member/Division - a 4-H member who has not reached their 14th birthday on Jan. 1 of the current year.
- Senior Member/Division - a 4-H member who has reached their 14th birthday on Jan. 1 of the current year.
- New York State Fair 4-H age - youth participants must be 8 by January 1 and not have reached their 19th birthday prior to January 1 of the current year.

### PHYSICALLY & MENTALLY CHALLENGED

- General rules section must be followed but open to all youth in Niagara County.
- Youth must be 8 to 19 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, or within that developmental age range.
- Members will receive a Blue (excellent), Red (good), or White (worthy) award.
- Judging accommodations – Please let the 4-H office staff know if your child needs accommodation. Accommodation might include peer assistance, repeated directions or using a C.O.O.L. form to judge an exhibit. (C.O.O.L. Conquering Obstacles and Overcoming Limitations) or Other.

## TRAINING CENTER EXHIBITS

NON-PERISHABLE EXHIBITS (JUDGING DAY 1): Tuesday, July 28, 4:00pm-7:30pm

PERISHABLE EXHIBITS (JUDGING DAY 2) Monday August 3. 4:00pm-6:30pm

\*\*FOOD AND NUTRITION EXHIBITS (JUDGING DAY 2) Foods & Nutrition entries must come in on this date plus Adult Exhibits

\*\*HORTICULTURE EXHIBITS (JUDGING DAY 2) All Horticulture including Field Crops, Flowers, Fruits/Nuts, Home Garden, Landscaping.

Exhibits not meeting class requirements and standards will be given a green participation ribbon. A project may not be entered if it has been entered in previous years, no matter the category or program area.

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### ADULT EXHIBITS

Adults are invited to participate by exhibiting in adult classes at the Niagara County Fair. If it is in the Consumer and Family Science, Agriculture, Science and Technology Section of the Premium Book, you can enter it! See Premium Book for requirements.

Exhibits are entered on July 28 and Aug 3 between 4:00pm and 6:30pm in the 4-H Training Center and will remain on display until Sunday evening. Entry cards will be available at the time of entry. You need to meet the same entry requirements as 4-H members; see 4 H premium book for rules and regulations. 4-H'ers exhibiting in the same class or category will judge the adult exhibits.

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### JUDGING & AWARDS

After consultation with appropriate judges, Cloverbuds will receive green participation ribbons, no monetary awards.

Capable judges will do judging. The group award system of judging will be followed in all classes. The colors blue, red, and white shall denote awards of excellent, good, and worthy, respectively. A point value has been established for each section, with a blue award carrying a certain point value, a red award a certain point value, and a white award a certain point value. When all judging is completed, the total number of points awarded divided into the total money available in the section will determine the award value of each point.

At the time of judging, ribbons will be awarded in all classes. Special cash awards provided by the 4-H Club Sponsors Committee for 4-H members and premium money from NYS Ag. and Markets can be picked up at Achievement Night (usually end of September) or in the office following that event.

### STATE FAIR SELECTIONS

In all sections for which there are State Fair classes, recommendations for the State Fair will be made by the judges and the 4-H staff. Exhibits recommended will be identified with a ribbon "Recommended for State Fair" except livestock exhibits (beef, dairy goat, dog, rabbit, cavy, equine, sheep, dairy steer, and swine), in which case exhibitors will be notified and will be required to attend one of the registration meetings on Saturday or Sunday during the Niagara County Fair, with a parent/guardian. If you are only sending a recommended exhibit (other than livestock) you are not required to attend the meeting.

### SUPERVISION & RESPONSIBILITY OF EXHIBITS

Reasonable care will be used in the supervision of exhibits to NYS Fair, but the Niagara County Fair management assumes no responsibility in case of loss or damage to exhibits from any cause, and upon this condition only are exhibits accepted.

### RELEASE OF TRAINING CENTER EXHIBITS

Exhibits not picked up during the following times will not be kept unless prior arrangements have been made with staff. If prior arrangements have not been made, premium money may be forfeited.

Sunday - immediately following Closing Fair Ceremony until 7:00pm. No early release of exhibits.

Monday after Fair closes - 9:00am to 4:00pm. Useable vegetables not picked up on Sunday will be disposed of.

\*\*Release of animals – see animal science section of premium book for rules

### **FAIR PREMIUMS**

Premium cash will be available by the end of September. Look for Information in Clover Scene and Tuesday Tidbits. Please email [Niagara4h@cornell.edu](mailto:Niagara4h@cornell.edu) if you would like to donate your premium back to 4-H programming.

### **ANIMAL EXHIBITS ARRIVAL AND SCHEDULE**

#### **ARRIVAL Tuesday August 4, 8:00 AM- 6:00 PM**

Must be in place by 6pm. Livestock, Poultry, Aquariums, and Live exhibits (entomology) must be set up. Equine arrives on respective show dates. See equine section for details. Rabbits, Cavy, Swine, & Poultry – Strongly encouraged to arrive by 12pm for faster and safer delivery & unloading before majority of cattle & large animals arrive.

In all livestock classes, exhibitors must show their own animals. When necessary, other 4-H youth exhibitors can be asked to help. If youth cannot control animals in the show ring, they may be excused from the class by the judge. Special rules applying to specific sections are listed at the beginning of each section. Exhibits must be in place from time of admission to release time.

In the case of sickness or accident in livestock, an animal must be removed. The state veterinarian, along with species key leader AND 4-H Staff must certify and approve this removal, as necessary.

## 2026 Niagara County Fair: 4-H SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Tuesday	8am-12pm	Swine, Rabbit/Cavy, Poultry arrive	Barns-Vet check & unload animals
	8am-6pm	All animals arrive to fairgrounds	Barns-Vet check & unload animals
	5:30-6:00pm	Dairy Cattle Clover Bud Practice	Show Ring
	6:00-7:00pm	Auction Weigh-In	Show Ring & Livestock Barn
	7:00-8:00pm	Livestock Judging	Show Ring (see Matt Sweeney)
	7:00-8:00pm	Goat Products Contest	Memorial Room
	8:00-8:30pm	Swine Practice	Show Ring
	8:30-9:00pm	Sheep & Goat Practice	Show Ring
	Wednesday	8:00am	Opening Ceremony, Breakfast, Pie Auction
9:00am		Miniature In-Hand Show	Horse Arena
9am-12pm		Swine Show	Show Ring
10:00am		Poultry Show	Small Animal Barn
10:00am		Rabbit/Cavy Breed Show, & Meat Rab.	4-H Tent
10:30am-12:30pm		Goat Knowledge Olympics	Memorial Room
After Swine 'til 12:45		Beef Clover Bud Practice	Show Ring
11:00am-6:00pm		Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
1:00-2:00pm		Dairy Cattle Clover Bud Show	Show Ring
1:30-3:00pm		Goat Knowledge Olympics	Memorial Room
3:00-5:00pm		Meat Goat Show	Show Ring
4:00-5:30pm		Rabbit Hopping & Cavy Agility	4-H Tent
5:00pm-5:30pm		Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
5:00pm-8:00pm		Working Goat Agility & Cart Class	Show Ring
6:00-7:00pm		Tractor Parade	Grounds
After working goats		Beef Practice	Show Ring
Thursday		9:00am	Driving Horse Show
	9:00am-3:00pm	Beef Cattle Show/Dairy Steer	Show Ring
	10:00am	Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship	4-H Tent
	11:00am-6:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	3:00pm	Gymkhana	Horse Arena
	5:00pm-7:30pm	Sheep Show	Show Ring
	5:00-5:30pm	Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
	6:00pm	Equine Drill Team Demo	Outdoor Horse Arena
	After sheep show	Dairy Cattle Practice	Show Ring
	Friday	8:00am	English Horse Show
9:00am-3:00pm		Dairy Cattle Show	Show Ring
11:00am-6:00pm		Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
12:00-5:00pm		STEAM Day	4-H Tent
6:00pm		Livestock Auction	Show Ring
Saturday	9:00am-11:30am	Dairy Goat Show	Show Ring
	8:00am	Western Horse Show	Horse Arena
	11:00am-3:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	12:00pm-5:00pm	Working Goat Show	Show Ring
	12:00-5:00pm	Robotics	4-H Tent
	5:00pm-5:30pm	Dairy Cattle Milking Demo	Coliseum (Dairy cattle area)
	6:00pm	Rabbit/Cavy Costume Contest	Rabbit Barn
	3:00pm	Gymkhana-Open Show	Horse Arena
Sunday	6:00pm	Paul Bunyan Contest	Show Ring**
	7:30am	English/Western Open Horse	Horse Arena
	8:30-9:00am	Non-denominational church service	Show Ring**
	9:00-10:00am	Sheep & Goat Costume Contest	Show Ring
	11:00am	Little Britches Dairy Calf Show	Show Ring**
	11:00am-3:00pm	Stick Pony Activity	Outdoor horse arena**
	12:00pm	Master Showmanship Contest	Show Ring
	2:00pm	Cow Chip Bingo	Show Ring
	5:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	Show Ring
TBD	Advertised in Barns	****STATE FAIR MEETINGS ****	To Be Advertised

## RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR

### NIAGARA COUNTY FAIR CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EXHIBITORS, LEADERS, VOLUNTEERS

All 4-H members, leaders and volunteers are expected to observe all rules and regulations regarding the safety of self, other exhibitors, the public and all live and static exhibits.

All 4-H members, key leaders and volunteers shall encourage and practice good sportsmanship, good conduct, good nature, cooperation, and fellowship.

#### FAIRGROUND RULES

- 1) Overnight spaces will be provided for authorized 4-H families for RV/campers. Once allotted spaces are filled, no additional campers will be allowed. Look for RV Registration information in June on the website:  
[www.cceniaagricounty.org](http://www.cceniaagricounty.org).
- 2) No tents permitted, or open fires.
- 3) No possession of firearms or weapons are permitted on the grounds.
- 4) No dogs or other pets allowed, except for those that are being exhibited and service dogs. No animals allowed in the Training Center during Fair week; this is a Health Department requirement.
- 5) No possession or consumption of Alcohol, Drugs and Smoking in the barn areas.
- 6) No parking in restricted areas around the barns (Due to Fire and Safety regulations).
- 7) No unauthorized motorized vehicles (golf carts, ATVs, motorcycles, etc.). Authorized vehicles must be registered with CCE and display an authorization tag. Motorized wheelchairs will be permitted.
- 8) Stalls and pens will be assigned by the 4-H County Project Key Animal Science Leader in charge of each Livestock area.
- 9) Once an animal is brought to the grounds, the owner is responsible for its care. If the owner is unable to remain with the animal, they must leave contact information with the County Project Key Leader.

Failure to observe ALL the above Standards for Conduct may result in 4-H members being excused from exhibiting, loss of special awards, loss of regular awards and exclusion from exhibiting at the New York State Fair.

*Rules & Regulations of the NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets - Title 1 of the official compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations:*

#### PART 350 - STANDARD FOR CONDUCT OF FAIRS

Statutory authority: Agriculture and Markets Law Section 287

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS, DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY  
10B AIRLINE DRIVE  
ALBANY, NY 12235

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - *Please see Appendix at the end of this book.*

#### 4-H VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH & ADULTS

- **4-H TRAINING CENTER GREETERS**

**Duties:** Greet fair goers as they enter the area, offer to answer questions, monitor fair goers to preserve exhibits. If interested, please call 716-433-8839 x241 (Heidi)

- **4-H MILK BAR**

**Duties:** Vary according to direction of manager, but may include taking orders, making milk shakes, and runner. If interested, please call front office (716)433-8839

## 4-H ROYALTY

*We encourage any eligible 4-H member to apply!*

Each year, two youth are selected to represent and promote the Niagara County 4-H Program by serving as 4-H Royalty. Those chosen contribute the most time and effort to the success of the 4-H year by excelling in leadership, project work, and activities. Members of the Royalty Court may also be selected.

### Expectations:

- Actively represent the 4-H program throughout the year, including participation in local community events and 4-H county activities acting as a 4-H Ambassador
- Your reign will be for one year, until the conclusion of next year's fair
- Follow the 4-H Youth Code of Conduct at all times, including appropriate attire.
  
- **Eligibility:**
- Must be an enrolled Niagara County 4-H member, 14-17 years old as of January 1
- Must have completed at least 3 years of 4-H work in Niagara County
- Must be an enrolled 4-H member during your entire reign of court.
  
- **Application Process:** APPLICATIONS PICKED UP AND TURNED INTO THE 4-H OFFICE
- By July 1st – Submit Royalty Application Form A to CCE office, attach additional paper if needed
- At Workbee – Personal interview at CCE Office - You will be notified of the time
- By Saturday of Fair - Submit Royalty Application Form B, before 9:00 p.m. to CCE front office



*More volunteer opportunities listed on page 39 of this Premium Book.  
**Thank you for your support!***

## NON-PERISHABLE EXHIBITS (Judging Day 1) Tuesday July 28, 4:00-7:30pm

NO MORE THAN Five (5) EXHIBITS PER CLASS **EXCEPTION:** You may enter MORE than 5 exhibits in Textiles and Clothing (Div. 505) classes and no more than 3 exhibits in each of Visual Arts classes with a maximum of 20 entries in Visual Arts division total (Div. 601)

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website prior to judging day, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, foods, crafts, etc. Cloverbuds will be allowed 10 entries per division and will select 3 to present to the judges on Judging Day.

## Consumer and Family Sciences Department

### DIVISION 500 SPECIAL/UNIQUE EXHIBITS

**CLASS 01 4-H Club Exhibit:** Exhibit will be the result of 4-H project or club members relating to the field of Consumer and Family Science. The maximum size of the exhibit shall not exceed 4' in width, 4' in height, 4' in depth, unless otherwise approved and will be displayed on a table or platform. Exhibitors must provide their own tables and must pre-register using the Large Exhibit registration form. These exhibits are not open to any other competition at Fair.

**CLASS 02 Do Your Own Thing** -A self-determined 4-H Project for older youth to take a different direction in some phase of an already existing project, or to develop a plan for a project not currently available in Consumer and Family Sciences. If you choose to do the latter, project guides are available at the office. Members set their own objectives, determine method of operation, and devise a reporting system. The project may be long term or short term. A variety of people may be asked for help (e.g., clergymen, teachers, neighbors, friends, etc.)

The maximum size of the exhibit shall not exceed 4' in width, 4' in height, 4' in depth, unless otherwise approved and will be displayed on a table or platform. Exhibitors must provide their own table. These exhibits are not open to any other competition at Fair.

**CLASS 03 Health/Safety** Entry should be self-explanatory using appropriate signs or labels. Suggested topics include first aid, home safety, bicycle safety, physical activity journals, and substance abuse education.

### CLASS 04 Community Service

This class is designed to demonstrate projects that recognize youth as active citizens. Exhibit must have two parts:

1. A two-page summary of the project.

2. 3-dimensional exhibit, poster or scrapbook (pictures with descriptions). Exhibit may visually display the entire project or highlight certain parts in a manner, which tells the public what positive effects the project had on the community.

### DIVISION 501 COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS

**CLASS 01 Scrapbooking:** Exhibits may include one or more scrapbooks (pictures with descriptions). Scrapbooks can display a wide variety of techniques and creativity.

**CLASS 02 Press Releases or Editorials:** Press releases or editorials submitted to the media: If the release was printed, please include a copy, indicating date of release and title of publication.

**CLASS 03 Creative Writing:** Entries must be exhibitor's own work. Examples may include poems, speeches, short stories, etc. Point value:

**CLASS 04 Reflective Essay:** A written essay represents a young person's ability to reflect on what they've learned through participation in 4-H youth development programs, projects, and activities. Reflective essays will be evaluated using the following criteria: evidence of life skill development through experiential learning (Do, Share, Process, Generalize, Apply); meaningful documentation of the impact that 4-H has had in exhibitor's life; and adequate information for evaluator to comprehend the skills and abilities learned. Exhibitors are expected to pay attention to formatting, spelling and grammar

usage. Exhibits will be evaluated according to individual age and level of development and is limited to six one sided pages. Point value:

**CLASS 05 4-H Achievements/Record Book:** Including photos, essays, news articles and other records of your own experiences for the current year and/or an in-depth scrapbook of one project area.

**CLASS 06 4-H Portfolio:** Should include 4-H Records (appropriate project record sheets), 4-H story documenting member participation, and evidence of growth through involvement in the 4-H program for the current year. Exhibit will be judged on the ability of exhibitor to clearly record information, the ease at which evaluator is able to understand scope of experiences and involvement and the overall 4-H story.

**CLASS 07 4-H Photography/Marketing:** pictures submitted of Niagara County 4-H members that show 4-H'ers at their best. Pictures should be action shots that "tell a story" and are accompanied by a 3x5 card that explains why the picture is good for marketing/publicizing 4-H (include names of anyone photographed and what activity is occurring). Photo does not have to be taken by the 4-H'er who submits it. These photos will not be returned and will become the property of Niagara County 4-H. Submission of entries acts as consent for use in marketing Niagara County 4-H.

**CLASS 08 Club Secretary's Book:** A record of the current year.

**CLASS 09 Jr. Leadership Journals:** A record of the current years' work in assisting and leading classes, projects, and community events.

**CLASS 10 Legislative Intern notebook:** Must include journal, resolution, and position paper.

**CLASS 11 Jr. Leadership Projects:** Exhibitor must be 13 years or older to enter this category. This category is for those projects that teens have taught younger 4-H'ers that are too simple or easy to be considered an experienced 4-H'ers project. A narrative or story must be included. Information that may be included in your story: how many youths were taught, what would you do different if you taught the project again, what skills and knowledge did you gain? Exhibit must include an example of the project taught.

**CLASS 12 Youth Leader Learning Logs:** written Learning Logs as described by the Youth Leader program

**CLASS 13 Posters and 3-Dimensional Displays:** A poster (at least 14" x 22"), series of posters/photos (8"x11") or three-dimensional exhibit representing any topic. The entry will be evaluated on purpose or principal idea, effectiveness in illustrating one idea, appearance, arrangement, and description of the exhibit. Display should incorporate some text to help fairgoers understand what the exhibit is all about.

**CLASS 14 4-H Youth Development Banners:** Size: 2' x 4' minimum. Designed to hang vertically or horizontally or to be carried horizontally. Must be equipped with a dowel on top suitable for hanging or carrying. Any assembly technique can be used. Must incorporate the use of the 4-H Clover.

**CLASS 15 Performing Arts:** Exhibits should illustrate the exhibitor's involvement in performing arts. Involvement may be as a performer, technical support staff, review or observer. May include prop, original script or other aspects that illustrate involvement in performances.

**CLASS 16 Open Class:** Any communication or expressive art piece that does not fit the description of the above classes.

#### **DIVISION 502 HOME ENVIRONMENT**

**CLASS 01 Furniture:** A piece of furniture with a painted or natural finish such as: chair, table, chest, bookcase, etc. New, unfinished, refinished or constructed by exhibitor.

**CLASS 02 Accessory Item:** A wooden accessory item with painted or natural finish such as: shelf, magazine rack, picture frame, wooden bowl, etc. Emphasis in this class is the restoration and not the actual construction of the exhibit. Point value:

**CLASS 03 Chair/ Stool with New Seating:** The frame to be new, unfinished, constructed by exhibitor, restored, or refinished with a painted or natural finish. New seat (and back) material of either woven or pressed cane, Hong Kong grass, rush, splint, etc.

**CLASS 04 Chair Seat:** Only the seating will be evaluated. Point value:

**CLASS 05 Coordinated ensemble:** Three to five fabric items that may include only non-sewn items. To include fabric content and fabric care.

**CLASS 06 Embellished Furnishing:** Items such as placemats and lampshades that have been changed by adding fabric, painted design, or other embellishment.

**CLASS 07 Home Storage:** Drawer divider, storage unit, laundry bags, shoe bags, locker caddies. Point value: Blue, 6-10; Red, 2-5; White, 1

**CLASS 08 Accessory Items:** Bulletin board, lamp, padded picture frame, covered album, no-sew pillows, etc. An object whose ultimate use is to hang on the wall must have mountings and be ready for hanging. The use of a pattern or kit is permitted, but the exhibitor is encouraged to be creative and to make his/her own design and color selections whenever appropriate. Exhibits will be judged on craftsmanship, technique, and learning. Include holiday & seasonal decorations.

**CLASS 09 Open Class:** Any similar type of exhibit not specifically described by a class. May include outdoor accessories: lawn ornaments made of wood, cast concrete, solar use, creative frames etc. (No kit steppingstones – enter under craft.) May include Poster or Poster Series: (at least 14" x 22") on any aspect of Home Environment. May also include a project created by more than one member. Each member must be able to explain their contribution to the project, and a combined effort project may not be recommended to go to NYS State Fair.

#### **DIVISION 503 FINE ARTS & CRAFTS**

**General Guidelines:** Objects must be in good condition, framed and/or matted and ready for hanging and completed since the previous Niagara County Fair. On the exhibit card for variety, breed, or type, write the name and type of article (e.g., painting-oil; sculpture-wood). A personal and creative statement or interpretation about people, events, or things from past or present. Any style of expression appropriately displayed, stretched, matted, or framed and **ready to hang**. **Artwork must be visibly signed.** Backgrounds should be filled in lightly on all artworks. Objects whose ultimate use is to hang on the wall must have mountings and be ready for hanging.

**CLASS 01 Drawing** – Expressive work in pencil, charcoal, felt tip pen, crayon, pastel, brush or ink.

**CLASS 02 Painting** – Expressive work in oil, watercolor, acrylics or mixed media, i.e., watercolor and ink, acrylic and chalk, acrylic and collage, etc. Traditional: stretched canvas or non-traditional: bark, fungus, rocks, saws, gourds, etc.

**CLASS 03 Graphics/Prints** – Any printing process that duplicates one or more identical images. Minimum of 2 images in exhibit. Include the stamp or photo of the graphic ex. potato or apple.

**CLASS 04 Sculpture** – Materials may be wood, stone, clay, original cast plaster, paper- mache, metal (sheet or wire), fibers, fabric or fiber glass, or a combination of these. Processes may be carved, modeled, fired, soldered, glued, molded, laminated, nailed or sewn.

**CLASS 05 Recycled Art:** Remodeled or renovated items (example: sculpture made from recycled plastic bags). On a 3" x 5" card: a) describe the original materials or items and b) describe what you did.

**CLASS 06 Crafts:** Craft objects are an individual interpretation and expression using material, process and/or skill for utility, functional or decorative purposes. Craft exhibits may include beaded articles, stenciled articles other than on fabric, crafts made from natural materials such as corn husk items, decoupage on wood and tole painting, handmade candle, original arrangement of handmade flowers such as paper, tie-dye, metal, glass etching, mosaics, weaving, knotting, crocheting, knitting, needle art, etc.

**CLASS 07 Recycled Crafts:** remodeled or renovated items (example: include bottle cap jewelry). On a 3" x 5" card: a) describe the original materials or items and b) describe what you did.

**CLASS 08 Pottery** – Vessels of clay, glazed or unglazed, hand built, wheel thrown, cast from original mold. No pre-forms permitted.

**CLASS 09 Hobby Ceramics**– Any form cast from a commercial mold or preform. Cleaned and painted/stained/glazed. Proper sealant if not glazed.

**CLASS 10 Fiber/Fabric** – Original design objects of 2 or 3 dimensions of fibers and/or fabrics used singly or in combination, employing any of the following techniques: weaving; knotting; needle arts; string art; felting, etc. \*Entries are self-designed needle art.

**CLASS 11 Leather**– Using no pattern and no kits. Objects can be tooled, carved, molded, stamped, laced, stitched and/or riveted. Sealant should be applied.

**CLASS 12 Glasswork** – Self created entries made by exhibitor, not from a commercial source

- 1) Etched, sandblasted, blown, or pulled, nailing/tempering/slumped/fired.
- 2) Stained glass – no painted glass or liquid lead.

**Class 13 Metal**– Objects of metal(s) used singly or in combination with other materials such as other metals, plastics, wood, ground stones, bone, enamel. Objects can be made by the following processes: hand cut, etched; engraved; tooled or molded. No entries with tin cans permitted.

**CLASS 14 Mosaics** – Two- or three-dimensional objects using clay tile, glass, stone. Projects should be grouted and sealed. No steppingstones to be entered

**CLASS 15 Wood and/or Paper**– Processes: carving; wood burning, gluing; inlay; cutting; tearing; layering; (origami) folding, quilling.

**CLASS 16 Jewelry and/or Precious Metals** - May include designs from pattern books, bead loom, crochet, etc. NO KITS, NO PONY BEADS.

- 1) Handmade materials: silverworks, glass blowing, clay formation, paper formation, stone, fossils, enameling, etc.
- 2) Purchased materials: pattern (a commercial pattern or a hand drawn design) must be provided with exhibit.
  - a). FIRST YEAR IN JEWELRY CLASS ONLY – may enter jewelry made with purchased materials simply strung. Will evaluate on bead and color selection and pattern used to string beads.
  - b). Jewelry exhibits made with purchased materials using more creative and intricate forms to string the beads. NO SIMPLE STRING OF BEADS ALLOWED.

**CLASS 17 Heritage Arts & Crafts:** Traditional objects using materials, methods and/or decoration based on a continuation of ethnic art or handed down from one generation to another. (e.g., hand spun wool or fur objects, soap, cordage, dolls, cured and tanned leather objects, natural dyed objects, tin ware, wood toys and games, stenciled wood and tin ware, natural clay pottery, traditional embroidery and quilted objects, splint or natural reed basketry, ethnic art objects.) Emphasizes authentic use of traditional designs and materials and/or documentation of history, folk art or material culture. Processed Natural Fibers: Natural fibers processed for use. (e.g., hand spun wool, natural dyed yarns, and

rawhide.) Heritage Documentation: Documentation of family or community history, buildings, methods of processing and/or use. (e.g., genealogy charts, architectural drawings and legends, collections of traditional objects and legends, herb exhibit and charts, natural dye exhibit and charts.)

### **CLASS 18 Hobby Crafts:**

A. Craft Kit – used a commercially available kit to explore a new area. Can be made using any material ex. Fabric, leather, mosaics, glasswork, wood, paper, rubber bands, beads, etc.... to make items like stuffed animal, wallet, tin punch lamp, steppingstone, wreath made from twigs, origami, bracelet and /or earrings, etc. Please give the name of the kit on your exhibit Entry Form.

B. Craft Non- kit purchased all the supplies for this exhibit separately. Can be any material ex. Fabric, leather, mosaics, glasswork, wood, paper, rubber bands, beads, etc.... to make items like stuffed animal, wallet, tin punch lamp, steppingstone, wreath made from twigs, origami, bracelet and /or earrings, etc. Please give the name or pattern resource used to complete this craft on your entry.

C. Recycled Craft – items made, remodeled, or renovated from recycled material, ex. Picture frame covered in seashells, sculpture made from recycled plastic bags. Please include where the recycle material came from on Exhibitor entry card.

**CLASS 19 Open:** May include Poster or Poster Series: (at least 14" x 22") on any aspect of Fine Arts and Crafts. Sample book: a notebook of samples of needle arts techniques with directions. Juniors must include at least five dated samples, and seniors must include at least eight dated samples for each year the sample book is entered. Each sample must show a new skill. May also include a project created by more than one member. Each member must be able to explain their contribution to the project, and a combined effort project may not be recommended to go to NYS State Fair

### **DIVISION 504 CHILD DEVELOPMENT/CARE**

In addition to the entry card, each exhibit should have securely attached a 3" x 5" card(s) with the following information: (Any entry without the statement will be marked down one placing.)

1. Name of childcare project.
2. Years involved in childcare 4-H projects.
3. Description of the exhibit, including:
  - a Intended use.
  - b What did the exhibitor learn about children while preparing the exhibit, and/or
  - c What learning experiences will a young child gain from use of the game or toy
  - d What age child is suitable for and what developmental stage is this item suited for

**CLASS 01 Creative Toy, Game, or Storybook:** A homemade toy, book, game, or activity to be used with children. Describe how to play the game or activity.

**CLASS 02 Babysitter's Kit:** Including games, toys and safety materials needed while caring for a baby, toddler, or preschooler. Include an explanation of planned use of articles in the kit.

**CLASS 03 Open:** May include snapshot/picture story on a poster or in an album describing a phase of a child's development (infant, toddler or preschooler phase) or published book with description by the exhibitor of how this book could be used in caring for a toddler or preschooler or poster about safe babysitting/childcare practices or about child development stages. May also include a project created by more than one member. Each member must be able to explain their contribution to the project, and a combined effort project may not be recommended to go to NYS. State Fair

### **DIVISION 505 TEXTILES & CLOTHING**

There is no limit in this division, more than 5 entries per class will be accepted. For all classes, include the following: name or source of pattern (if applicable), fiber content of item, and care label information. If a kit is used this must be stated on the entry card. Items must be freshly laundered or dry-cleaned. At the judge's discretion soiled garments may be marked down one placing or not judged.

**CLASS 01 Sewn Items:** any simple, intermediate, or advanced level apparel or non-apparel item. (e.g., clothing such as sportswear, dresses, sleep wear, costumes, vests, headpieces, blankets, pillows, sample books, etc.). Must be sewn and constructed by the exhibitor.

Beginner skill – skills may include seams, pressing, casing for elastic, facing, hems, raglan and dolman sleeves, straps or belt loops, gathering and waistband) examples for exhibits in this category may include apron, elastic waist shorts or skirt, jogging pants, simple bags, pillowcases, etc.

Intermediate skill – skills may include gathering, collar, set-in sleeves, plackets and cuffs, zipper, pockets, pleats, plaid, snaps, hook/eye machine buttonhooks) examples for exhibits in this class include 2 to 3 higher level skills.

Advanced skill – skills may include specialty fabrics, plaids and stripes, lining, bound buttonholes, welt pockets, tailoring) articles in this class should include several harder techniques.

**CLASS 02 Recycled Garments/Non-Apparel, SEWN:** remodeled or renovated items examples include jeans turned into grocery/all-purpose bags, towels turned into a dog toy, etc. On a 3" x 5" card: a) describe the original garment and b) describe what you did.

**CLASS 03 Wearable or Non-Wearable items designed and constructed by the Exhibitor:** designs may be made by hand, by computer or combinations/design alterations of purchased patterns. Include pattern and description.

**CLASS 04 Purchased Garment:** garment or outfit accompanied by an 8 1/2" x 11" information notebook. The notebook must include the following:

- Color photo of entrant wearing garment or outfit. Label photo with name, county, and color of complexion, hair, and eyes.
- Cost of garment. Include price tags and itemized comparison of cost to make the garment. Consider cost of fabric, notions, pattern, labor, etc.
- Story that describes:
  - Why the garment was purchased.
  - How it fits into your wardrobe.
  - Fabric structure, fiber content, and care.
  - Simple accessories selected.
  - Activities for which the garment will be worn.

**CLASS 05 Open:** Entries will be judged based on content, composition, and effectiveness. May include Poster or Poster Series: (at least 14" x 22") on any aspect of Clothing and Textiles. May also include a project created by more than one member. Each member must be able to explain their contribution to the project, and a combined effort project may not be recommended to go to NYS State Fair.

## **Agriculture, Science, & Technology Department**

**\*\*NO MORE THAN FIVE (5) EXHIBITS PER EXHIBITOR MAY BE ENTERED IN EACH CLASS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VISUAL ARTS (SEE BELOW)\*\***

**\*NEW\* Points Values as Follows Blue Ribbon: 8 points, Red Ribbon: 4 points, White Ribbon: 1 point. Point values will determine premium money due to exhibitor**

### **DIVISION 600 SPECIAL/UNIQUE EXHIBITS**

**CLASS 01 4-H Club Exhibit:** Exhibit will be the result of 4-H project or club members relating to the field of Agriculture, Science or Technology. The maximum size of the exhibit shall not exceed 4' in width, 4' in height, 4' in depth, unless otherwise approved and will be displayed on a table or platform. Exhibitors must provide their own tables and must pre-register using the Large Exhibit registration form. These exhibits are not open to any other competition at Fair.

**CLASS 02 Do Your Own Thing** A Self Determined 4-H Project for older youth to take a different direction in some phase of an already existing project, or to develop a plan for a project not currently available in Agriculture, Science & Technology. If you choose to do the latter, project guides are available at the office. Members set their own objectives, determine method of operation and devise a reporting system. The project may be long term or short term. A variety of people may be asked for help (e.g. clergymen, teachers, neighbors, friends, etc.)

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**CLASS 03 Veterinary Science** Entries shall be of a display type (i.e. poster, diagrams, etc.) Subject matter should pertain to the areas which were covered in the project this year (i.e. second year members should not use first year materials). Topics may be either that discussed in class or those related but of a personal interest. Entries will be judged on choice of topic, depth of research, appropriateness to method of presentation and neatness. Only one exhibit per class.

**CLASS 04 Animal Accessories** -Any article to be used by or on an animal which can be sewn such as a animal coat, tail bag or pack. Also includes lead lines or ties, posters, record sheets, animal first aid kit, 4-H animal handbook (handouts from monthly meetings.)

#### **DIVISION 601 VISUAL ARTS**

The exhibitor, as part of a 4-H program, must have taken all photographs during the current year.

No exhibitor may enter more than **THREE (3)** exhibits per class with a **maximum of TWENTY (20)** entries per exhibitor in the Visual Arts category only.

**All exhibits must be mounted on sturdy background – no picture frames.** Exhibits will be judged on technical quality, composition, storytelling ability, and preparation of exhibit. **All exhibits must be titled.**

No photographs to be smaller than 4" x 6", nor larger than 11" x 14". 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. Must be ready to hang.

On the back of each exhibit list class number, exhibitor's name, county, age, and number of years in photography project. If class requires original, you may use thumbnail or larger size no bigger than a 4" x 6".

All edited images must include a thumbnail print.

**CLASS 01 Single photo** black and white enlargement

**CLASS 02 Single photo** color enlargement

**CLASS 03 Photo Story**-Narrative or informational presentation using images as illustrations to communicate story or document a process, composed of four to eight prints of similar size

**CLASS 04 Photo Study** shall consist of one of the following:

- a) Four photos demonstrating four methods of isolating the subject, not more than three objects permitted in each photo.
- b) Four close-up photos with a different main light source in each - front, side, back, and diffuse.
- c) Four 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.

**Point value: Blue, 4-6; Red, 2; White, 1**

**CLASS 05 Pictures of 4-H Projects, Activities, and Trips**- any size. Images will be evaluated based on design, ability to tell a story, and marketing appeal.

**CLASS 06 Single unedited digital image** - Picture comes straight from the camera, no modification.

**CLASS 07 Single slightly edited digital image**

- Image 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.

**CLASS 08 Single heavily edited digital image**

- Image has been 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.

**CLASS 09 Story**-composed of 4-8 digital images of similar size. If edited images are used, thumbnails of the originals shall accompany exhibit.

**CLASS 10 Using digital images** - A short statement, story or article using one or more digital images to illustrate, visually explain or enhance its meaning.

**CLASS 11 Computer graphic design**

Design a graphic to be used to promote 4-H in your county or in New York State. Design must:

- Be black and white
- Be copy friendly
- Have been generated by a computer
- Use the official 4-H clover (<http://www.4h-usa.org/4h/4h-name.h5m>)
- Use of graphics from the world wide web is allowed

**CLASS 12 Creative Framing**

- Exhibitors can only enter one photo in this category.
- Use your imagination. Create your own frame to show off your photography this year, use branches, bark or twigs to highlight your nature photo, what about lace and ribbons for your baby picture?
- Frame will be judged on the overall appearance, matching or comparing of theme with photograph, creativity, and neatness.

**CLASS 13 Video Project** – tapes/cd submitted must be at least seven minutes in length. All tapes/cd to feature a 4 H project or activity. Judging criteria to include technical quality, organization and communication of message, and creativity in approach. CD, DVD or flash drive.

**CLASS 14 PowerPoint Presentation**: submit a hard copy of presentation as well as a disc or flash drive.

**CLASS 15 My Web Page**: Entry to include Web Page Address. A short write-up of what you would like to accomplish through your Web Page shall be included. Desirable, but not required, that your Web Page include the use of Chris Clover and at least one clover in support of the theme “4-H Feeds the Future” (using Microsoft compatible software). Web Page must be accessible either on a disk or on-line.

**CLASS 16 AI/ Digital Created Submission** – original visual or creative submission generated using artificial intelligence programs. Must include name of AI Tool used (i.e. Dall-E, Midjourney, Bard, Llama, etc.) and description of the process used to create entry or story behind its creation. – items made using exhibitors original design idea/artwork incorporated onto/within or other traditionally framed creative art display. Must be created by the exhibitor using digital art software / computer aided software. Providing an online web link to your artwork and/or your design process (i.e. portfolio, time lapse, video, etc.) in the description is encouraged.

**CLASS 17 Open** – any image or visual art project that does not fall under any previously listed category. Example: photos that are self-developed.

### **DIVISION 603 NATURAL RESOURCES**

Exhibits must demonstrate a concept, process, product, or skill development related to natural resources and/or the environment. Exhibits must include a project story. On a separate sheet of paper, explain why your project was interesting to you, its relevance to natural resources and/or environmental education and detailing information you learned and how the project might be used. Story can include knowledge gained, types of materials used, and steps taken in project. Exhibits that do not include a project story will be penalized at one award level. Exhibits may be presented in the form of journals, photographs, demonstrations, hands-on activities, or in any manner that will clearly communicate the nature of the project.

**CLASS01 Environmental Education**-Nature Trails- Display of 4-H constructed nature trail or observation made along another nature trail. Geology-simple collections must include the specimen's name, dates of collection, specific site of collection (distance and direction to nearest town, county, state or province) and collector's name for 15 specimens. Inclusion of field journal is strongly encouraged, and identification criteria must be completely and clearly defined. Exhibits showing evolutionary histories, adaptations of fossil organisms, vertical or horizontal studies of strata, or similar studies are encouraged. Field Identification Projects: Collection of preserved specimens, photographs or sketches properly labeled and showing identification criteria may be displayed for any habitat in New York.

**CLASS 02 Fisheries and Aquatic Resources**- Exhibits may be displays or records of any Fisheries and Aquatic Resources related activity including but not limited to fishing techniques, aquatic sampling methods, aquatic insect ecology, habitat improvement or fisheries management and biology.

**CLASS 03 Aquarium** Displays must be designed and cared for by 4-H members. Aquariums will not be displayed at Fair. Pre-register using the large exhibit form so a judge may schedule a home visit for project review. Photo of the exhibit, entry card and ribbons will be kept to display at Fair. The following projects: Fresh Water, Salt Water and Native Habitat are all acceptable projects.

**CLASS 04 Forestry** 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, Trees: Dead or Alive, Know Your Tree Diseases, Maple Syrup Production for the Beginner, and other forestry exhibits based upon national, county, or self-initiated projects

**CLASS 05 Resource Based Recreation**- Shooting Sports- any exhibit or record based upon content of the NYS Shooting Sports Program or any of the New York State DEC Certification programs. Other Outdoor Education- Exhibits based upon related outdoor recreation activities: orienteering, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, wilderness camping, or outdoor cookery.

**CLASS 06 Wildlife**- Bird Study- Consult Bluebirds of New York, Birds of Prey, Introductions to Bird Study, or any other bird materials can be made etc.. Blue bird houses. Habitat Improvement- Consult Wildlife Habitat Enhancement, enhancement of Wildlife on Private Land, Managing Small Woodlots for Wildlife for exhibit ideas. Trapping Furbearers- Exhibits are based upon NYS DEC Trapper Training program are acceptable, as are displays of equipment, pelt preparation, and discussions of the role of trapping in wildlife management. Other Wildlife Projects- Exhibits based upon New York's wildlife resources, Environmental Awareness: Wildlife, Managing Small Woodlots for Wildlife, Wildlife Discovery, New York's Wildlife Resources, and Wildlife in Today's Landscapes.

**CLASS 07 Reuse & Recycling**- Exhibits based on recycling or composting projects in the home or community. Clothing, crafts, or other items created using post-consumer materials.

**CLASS 08 Open** – Any exhibit that belongs in this class but does not fall under a previously listed category may be entered.

## DIVISION 604 PLANT PATHOLOGY

An Exhibitor Information Statement must accompany each exhibit.

**CLASS 01** Leafspot Collection Booklets - as described in Know Your Plant's Disease and Know Your Tree Diseases, leaf disease notebooks or diseased plant specimens in Riker mounts may be exhibited.

**CLASS 02** Other Plant Pathology - exhibits based upon regional, county or self-initiated projects, or other exhibit ideas.

**CLASS 03** Insect & Disease Management on Vegetables projects must exhibit a member's experience in and knowledge of this subject matter. Exhibits derived from these projects should include one of the following:

- 1) A display of preserved plant specimens, either pressed, dried, or otherwise preserved in as life-like form as possible, exhibiting symptoms of insect injury or plant disease. Where possible the insect which caused injury should be properly mounted and included in the display. All specimens should be labeled as follows: vegetable name, insect or plant disease name, date specimen collected, collector's name and county. At least fifteen plant specimens should be included, depicting different insect or disease problems. Evaluation will be primarily weighted toward originality of display.
- 2) A poster display showing the layout of your garden and indicating specific steps taken to manage pests in your garden within the past year or two. A record book may be presented indicating dates on which problems were observed, treatments were utilized, and observations were made as to the effectiveness of these treatments. This poster should attempt to teach those who examine it some of the principles of pest management that you are familiar with. Photographs, drawings, and other visual aids may be used where appropriate. Evaluation will be weighted on the member's understanding of the subject and effectiveness of the poster as a teaching aid.

**CLASS 04** Fun With Fungi - fungus collections must have a minimum of 12 distinctly different kinds of fungi (at least one gill fungus, one pore fungus and one bracket fungus). For full credit the dried collections should contain spring, summer and autumn specimens and be labeled in the manner described in Fun With Fungi. Displays should attempt to exhibit knowledge gained about fungi and their role in the environment. Collection boxes should have removable covers to allow close examination of each specimen during judging.

**CLASS 05** Photo Exhibits - photos of fungi may be displayed according to the general information in the Visual Arts section. Their common name and/or scientific name must identify fungi in photos. Include with the title or caption the date and location of the photo. Suggestions include:

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

## DIVISION 605 ENTOMOLOGY

**CLASS 01** First year project exhibits must include a minimum of 20 specimens, representing 5 insect orders.

Classifications need not be taken further than order names. Mounting: the wings of all butterflies and moths must be spread.

**CLASS 02** Second year project exhibits must include a minimum of 40 specimens, representing 9 insect orders. 20 specimens must have been collected during the current project year. 20 specimens must also be identified as too common name with the name written on a label and pinned separately near the specimen (easily visible, to aid in judging). The addition of scientific names is optional in this class. Mounting: the wings of all butterflies and moths must be spread and at least one small insect must be mounted on a point or minute pin.

**CLASS 03** Third year project exhibits must include a minimum of 60 specimens representing 12 orders. Thirty specimens must have been collected during the current year, thirty specimens must be identified to common name and at least five specimens (representing at least five families) must be identified to family. Scientific names (genus and species) should be included whenever possible, although insects from some orders will be difficult to identify to this level; common names should be placed on a separate label pinned near the specimen as in Class 2. Mounting: the wings of all butterflies and moths must be spread, and at least two small insects must be mounted on points or minute pins.

**CLASS 04 Fourth year** and beyond project exhibits consisting of general collections must include 80 specimens representing at least 12 orders. Forty specimens must have been collected during the current year; forty specimens must be identified to common name; and at least 10 specimens (representing at least 10 families) must be identified to their family. Scientific names should be included wherever possible. Common names should be placed on a separate label, pinned near the specimen as in Class 2. Proper mounting (pinned properly, wings of Lepidoptera spread, two small insects on points or minutes) will be strongly emphasized.

**CLASS 05 Advanced collections** are usually third and higher year projects. However, first through third year members can enter this class if all project requirements are completed. Riker mounts may also be used.

- Life cycle collections, minimum of four species.
- Single order collections, minimum of 20 specimens, 5 families except Coleoptera, minimum 30 specimens, 5 families.
- Collections of insects found on or in specific habitats such as ponds, streams, pine barrens, bogs, etc., minimum of 15 specimens, 3 orders.
- Collection of insects from a specific type of garden such as vegetables, flowers, landscape planting (may include pests and beneficial insects where applicable), minimum of 15 specimens, 3 orders.
- Insect galls, minimum of 15 specimens.
- Insects and diseases of vegetables, enter under Section 7 - Plant Pathology, class 2
- Collections of leaves containing leaf mining insects, minimum of 10 specimens.
- Collections of insects that feed upon or annoy domestic animals and pets, minimum of 12 specimens.
- Insects collected from a single kind of plant (i.e. oak trees, shrubs, flowers), minimum of 10 specimens.
- Collection of insect damaged leaves, twigs and wood (identify insects to order and plants to common name), minimum of 10 specimens.
- Special study of one insect species. Honeybee exhibits may be entered here. See section for live exhibits.
- A general regional insect collection for eventual donation to a museum.
- Collections of butterfly parasites, insect eggs, camouflage and others, minimum of 10 specimens.
- Others are described in project guides M-6-1 and M-6-6.

All entries must have complete collection data. Imagination and individuality are encouraged for those making advanced collections. The rules for mounting, as set up for general collections, do not have to be followed if, by doing so, the advanced collection can be enhanced, although the scientific and not the artistic aspects should be emphasized.

**CLASS 06 Single collections prepared by the combined efforts of a club.** These may be any kind of insect collection or may represent a group activity that can be presented as an exhibit. Regional insect collections prepared for eventual donation to a museum may be entered in this class if prepared by more than 1 person; otherwise, these should be entered under Class 4. Judging will be based on number of members and completeness of exhibit.

**CLASS 07 Living Insects** These exhibits must convey an educational message to the public and/or the educational opportunities in 4-H work in the field of Entomology. The exhibits are to be arranged by the county 4-H staff and members and completed by opening day. Those contemplating Class 07 entries must get approval from the Educator. Live educational exhibits are encouraged. Possible exhibits including living adult butterflies, butterfly chrysalides from which the adults are emerging, caterpillars, ant farms and aquatic insects in water tanks. The showing of a living exhibit requires that the exhibitor be on hand to care for the needs of his or her "livestock" daily. The exhibits will be judged on educational value, appearance, quality and arrangement. Those planning to prepare exhibits should first make arrangements with the educator.

**CLASS 08 Honey Bee/Apicture Exhibits**- Honey-1 pound container. Bee/Honey products made from Beeswax. (ex. candle). Display/Poster, Project Record Book.

**CLASS 09 Open** Any exhibit in Entomology that does not fall under a previously listed category.

## DIVISION 606 SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, & TECHNOLOGY

**CLASS 01 Wood Science Project** A copy of the woodworking scorecard may be obtained prior to Fair from the office. All exhibits must have been made because of work done during the current school, club, or project year. Each exhibitor enrolled in the Woodworking project who wishes to receive credit for project completion must exhibit a minimum of one project completed during the current project year. Up to three articles per member may be entered (classes 1-6).

There are no age divisions. However, articles in the different classes may be intended for different age levels and different degrees of skill. Two scorecards will be used for judging the woodworking projects. One will be used to judge the projects that were completely constructed by the youth, including all saw cuts. The other scorecard will be used to judge projects in which the project leader or an adult pre-cut the wood to dimension or made saw cuts.

**Hand Tool** Any article that was cut out, assembled, and finished with hand tools only.

**Power Tool** Any article that has been partially or totally completed with power tools. If power tools are used by youth in making project, youth must be 12 years or older.

**Kit Division** Any article that is made from materials pre-cut by an outside resource (i.e. 4-H office, commercial supplier, or woodworking leader) but is assembled and finished by the exhibitor. Judges will place emphasis on the quality of workmanship performed by the exhibitor.

**Recycled Wood Project** – Made from pre-existing items made into a new useable form. Such as taking an old headboard and making it into a bench, a pallet into a table, etc. Project will be evaluated according to woodworking standards.

**CLASS 02 Wood Science/Shopwork Open** Exhibits must be made during the current project year. Exception is free form, abstract form, or log sculpture. Maximum of three entries per exhibitor. Articles will be judged on the following: a) Workmanship - carving, sanding, balance; b) Finish - appropriate finish for the article (i.e. natural, painted or part natural and part painted); c) attractiveness - character, originality. Judging will be done considering three age groups: 9 and 10; 11 and 12; 13 and over. Exhibits may be made from a kit or blank which the members have not made themselves entirely. Examples: Carving in the round (i.e. birds, animals, etc.), Relief carving - articles carved on flat surfaces (i.e. cross, plaques, etc.), Contemporary and Abstract (i.e. driftwood, face, form, etc.), Original constructed items, jointed and doweled figures, log sculpture.

**Electrical Exhibits** - Articles exhibited must have been made by the exhibitor during the current project year. Two entries per class are allowed. However, when two entries are exhibited in one class they must be of a different variety, finish, application, and design. Lamps without bulbs or shades will not be considered complete and will not be accepted for exhibit. Projects involving both woodworking and electrical tasks will be judged on the merits of both. **Preplugs will be dropped one award.** Safety, being one of the most important items, both mechanical and electrical, will be considered on all exhibits. Plug caps without terminal screws used on the electrical items show little if any skill on the part of the exhibitor and will be judged on that basis. (Tension restraint device must be in place, i.e. underwriters' knot, etc.)

**CLASS 03 Electric**- Any article made in an electric project (e.g. trouble lamp, test lamp, portable bench light, extension cord, pin-up or study lamp, rewiring of an old lamp, etc.) ***Plug caps without terminal screws used on electrical items show little, if any skill on the part of the exhibitor and will be dropped one award.*** Tension restraint device must be in place (i.e. underwriter's knot, etc.)

**CLASS 04 Electronics/Robotics** -Any article made in an electric project utilizing principles and construction procedures relating to electronics is acceptable. These projects will be judged based on soldering and connection techniques, neatness of assembly and other assembly procedures. All projects must be hand wired and no breadboard kits will be acceptable. The project must be operative (i.e. contain all necessary batteries). The project should also contain a short explanation of why or how it works (programming), what use does it have, and what was learned from building this project.

**CLASS 05 Beginner Computer Programming**- Exhibit a simple program using Scratch (or other simple graphic programming language). The program should include 8 different commands including looping and getting input from the keyboard and mouse.

**CLASS 06 Intermediate Computer Programming-** Exhibit a program using Scratch (or other simple graphic programming) that you have downloaded from the internet and then modified. Compare the two programs and demonstrate the changes you made to the original program; OR create an animated storybook or video game using Bloxels (or other simple graphical programming language).

**CLASS 07 Advanced Computer Programming-** Exhibit an original using a higher-level programming language such as Python, Javascript, C++, etc.

**CLASS 08 App Development-** Exhibit an original mobile app. Describe the purpose of the app and what inspired you to create it in the exhibit information statement.

**CLASS 09 Maker/Tinker Invention-** Exhibit should display how youth used the design process to bring their idea and invention to life. Exhibit may be the item the youth has created or a notebook, poster or other display that depicts their project. Inventions may include elements from kits such as Arduino or Little Bits. Computer coding may be written by the exhibitor or someone else's code the exhibitor has modified. Exhibitors should cite the sources of any designs or codes they tinkered with to create their invention. Examples must include reprogramming a toy to do something different or adding circuitry (lights, sounds, etc.) to an existing item like a sweater. Ideas can be found at sites like <http://makezine.com>, <http://instructables.com>, <http://makered.org/youndmakers>, or <http://tinkering.exploratorium.edu>.

**CLASS 10 Junk Drawer Robotics-** All exhibits should be original designs made from everyday objects and materials. Exhibits with purchased kits will not be accepted. Robots should be designed to carry out a series of at least 3 actions automatically to accomplish a task. Examples are included in the 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics curriculum or Rube Goldberg Machine contests.

**CLASS 11 Educational Display-** A series of posters (at least 14" x 22") and/or a 3-dimensional exhibit related to an engineering science project. Display should be self-explanatory through use of signs or labels and limited to approximately card table size. Topics may include such things as engine parts or bicycle parts display boards, electric circuit boards, electric quiz games, computer project display, safety rules for bicycling or working in a wood shop or with electricity. Entry will be evaluated on the purpose or principal idea, effectiveness in illustrating one idea, appearance, arrangement and description of the display. Exhibit must be self-explanatory.

- *Robots/Mechanical Science Projects:* club or individual display. Exhibit must include project story, including club or individual project, knowledge gained, how project works, etc.
- *Alternate Energy Projects:* May include workbook, working model or educational display.

**CLASS 12 Stop Motion Animation-** Students will use a stop motion technique to create a simple two-dimensional and/or three-dimensional animation. Judges will be looking for the idea/theme and creativity. Project should be downloaded onto a flash drive.

**CLASS 13 Model Rockets-** A judging score sheet may be requested in advance of the Fair from the office. Exhibits to be flying models (engine not required in exhibit) of any size. Judging will be based on skill of workmanship and degree of difficulty for age of the exhibitor, technical correctness, and appearance. Plans or drawings and a statement of intent shall accompany each rocket. A member must specify whether they are junior or senior level and may exhibit any number of rockets.

**Junior** Any rocket made in a rocket program either from a kit or non-kit materials and totally assembled and finished by a youth 13 years of age or younger. Plastic fins or tubes are not allowed. Judges will place emphasis on proper kit assembly and finishing.

**Senior** Any rocket made from non-kit materials and totally constructed and finished by a youth 14 years and older. Emphasis will be placed on proper construction techniques and finished product. Kits may be used when they are incorporated with other materials to meet the requirements of an educational display.

**CLASS 14 Related Science Projects**- Any article made as a part of a directly related engineering science project, such as metalworking, cardboard carpentry, safety items and not included in classes 1-6. Kits not acceptable for Senior Division entries (14 years and older). May include model rockets- exhibit to be a flying model, a glider or an airplane powered by rubber, jet or fueled engine and built by the member during the current project year. Assembly is required. Plans shall accompany each plane exhibited. A member may exhibit any number of planes. Models built to use engines should have them attached.

**CLASS 15 Science Experiments & Exhibits**- connect systematic observations to tell about the natural world. Experiments include hypothesis (what you think will happen), procedures performed, observations made/conclusions drawn, include samples or drawings. Use poster board (14" x 22" minimum) as a background. Public Service Projects may include any watershed rehabilitation, recycling.

**CLASS 16 Geospatial Science**- GIS or GPS project or activity, such as Community Mapping, GIS maps, record book, photo documentation, video, CD, or DVD

**CLASS 17 Digitally Created Design Projects** A 3-dimensional object built from a digital design. Must be created by the exhibitor using digital art software / computer aided software. Youth may use original designs or someone else's they have re-designed in a unique way. Providing an online web link to your artwork and/or your design process (i.e. portfolio, time lapse, video, etc.) in the description is encouraged. Youth must bring their finished printed object (we cannot print objects at the Fair). Exhibits will be judged based on the complexity of the design and shape. Must include the following:

- a. Software used to create 3D design.
- b. Design or, if using a re-design, the original design and the youth's design with changes.
- c. Orientation that the object was printed.

**CLASS 18 Constructed Projects with Manufactured Components**- Maximum two per youth. Projects in this class use manufactured construction pieces to complete a project. Can be a kit or an original design. Examples include but are not limited to Lego\*, Kinex\*, Brio\* and Mechano\*. Judging will be based on completion, complexity, presentation and explanation of design, understanding of principles and visual presentation. **MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

- a. Number of pieces: Youth must know the approximate number of pieces used in assembly. For kits the number is on the box. It is understood after a long creative process, it may be difficult to know the exact number of pieces; the youth must provide an estimate rounded to 25.
- b. Diagram: Diagram could be a photograph printed on printer paper, a scale drawing on graph paper, a photocopy of an instruction sheet (brand logo must be covered) or variable scale rough drawing. Diagram must include 1) Name of Youth 2) Title 3) Approx number of pieces 4. Self-judgement of complexity level (Easy-1 to 3 hrs build time, Complex – more than 3 hrs build time)
- c. Protection: Youth must prepare a display box for the project. There is no evaluation or points for the box, it is merely protection. A simple box could be a cardboard box with 2 sides removed and replaced with clear plastic.

**CLASS 19 Open**- any science or technology related project that does not fit into a class. May include a Poster Series or Exhibit on Science, Engineering, or Technology.

## PERISHABLE EXHIBITS (Judging Day 2) Monday August 3, 4:00PM – 6:30PM

**\*NEW\*** Points Values as Follows Blue Ribbon: 8 points, Red Ribbon: 4 points, White Ribbon: 1 point. Point values will determine premium money due to exhibitor.

### DIVISION 506 FOOD AND NUTRITION

There is no limit on entries per class in this department/division.

#### GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- **Exhibits requiring refrigeration (cream, custard, cheeses, cut fruits and vegetables, etc.) are NOT allowed.**
- Exhibitor must have made all baked entries from scratch. No prepared pie filling, ready-made, refrigerated or frozen dough, pastry crust, or box mixes allowed.
- Each entry is made by each member. No sharing of entries.
- Recipes may not include alcohol, except vanilla.
- More than one entry is allowed per class, but the same recipe cannot be entered more than once
- Print FROZEN on the entry description if the item has been made and frozen prior to entry date
- A Key Nutrient Statement, listing main nutrients in baked recipes and their purpose, may accompany exhibits for extra credit. They should be typed or printed on recipe cards in ink.
- Some entries will be selected for entry at the NYS Fair.
- Demonstration judging will be held when exhibits are entered. This gives the members the opportunity to hear their comments and ask questions.
- Each class has specific criteria
- Some whole exhibits or partial exhibits will be kept for fair display.
- Members are encouraged to enter the Food Demonstration class. They will present any food and nutrition entry in front of an audience in the 4-H Training Center during fair. Please schedule with the 4H office.
- If members are physically or mentally challenged, it should be noted on their entry form
- **The recipe may not include alcohol as an ingredient (this does not include vanilla, which is standard in a recipe.)**

#### PREPARING THE ENTRY:

- An exhibit is: 3 samples of small items (candy, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, rolls, pretzels, etc.), ½ half of a large item (loaf bread, cake, bread, etc.), or whole item if needed to convey appearance of product (pie, animal shaped bread, etc.)
- Remove items from baking pans, except pies, and exhibit on paper plates or foil wrapped cardboard. Cover with resealable plastic bags. **Do not use plastic wrap or clear food storage containers.**
- All exhibits must be completely cooled before entering
- A recipe must be included for all baked items. Recipes can be printed in ink on a recipe card or printed from the computer. **The recipe must include product name, amount of the ingredient, preparation steps, yield recipe makes and recipe source.** Optional Key Nutrient Statements can be attached to the recipes. Recipes should be completed at home

#### Class 01 Cookies A - No frosting or decorations added

- Drop - such as chocolate chip, applesauce, oatmeal, etc.
  - Hand Shaped-such a peanut butter, snickerdoodles, etc. (may have sugar on them)
  - Bar - such as brownies, pumpkin bar, apple bar, etc.
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

#### Class 02 Cookies B

- Pressed - using a cookie press or gun, such as spritz
  - Rolled - such as cut outs, shortbread, etc.
  - Fried - such as pizzelle, rosettes
  - No bake - such as cereal bars, scotcheroos, etc
  - Novelty - such as thumbprint, tea cakes, fortune, biscotti, macarons, etc.
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 03 Muffins, Scones, Biscuits, Loaf Breads (not yeast leavened)**

- Do not bake in paper liners
- No toppings, any flavor
- Loaf breads baked in a 9" x 5" or 8" X 4" pan  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 04 Yeast Breads and Yeast Rolls**

- Fancy breads and rolls may have filling and frosting
- Breads and rolls may be any shape  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 05 Cakes**

- **Cut in half to exhibit**
- Plain - such as chocolate, spice, white, yellow, etc .NO FROSTING
- Foam - type - such as angel food, chiffon, sponge, baked in a 9-10" tube pan
- Nutritious - made with vegetables or fruit, baked in a 8"-9" round/square or 9"-10" tube pan  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 06 Decorated Cakes (made with tips)**

- Frosted and decorated cakes using disposable, non-edible forms
- Most decorations are to be made from frosting using multiple decorator's tips
- Other decorations can be added to frosting decorations, but not used alone
- The board the cake is presented on should not be larger than 15" x 18"
- Judged on creativity, decorations, use of colors, difficulty and techniques
- Include frosting recipe and explain the occasion the cake will be used for  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 07 Novelty Cakes (made with candy, cookies, fondant and other decorations)**

- Frosted and decorated cakes using disposable, non-edible forms
- May use molded or shaped pans
- Most decorations should be edible
- The board the cake is presented on should not be larger than 15" x 18"
- Judged on decorations, use of colors, difficulty, and techniques
- Include frosting recipe and explain the occasion the cake will be used for  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 08 Decorated Cupcake Creations**

- Most decorations are to be made from frosting using decorator's tips
- Cupcakes may be filled, paper liners may be used
- Judged on creativity, decorations, use of colors, difficulty and techniques
- Include frosting recipe and explain the occasion the cupcakes will be used for  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 09 Cupcakes**

- Includes all cupcakes, plain or flavored, may be filled, paper liners may be used
- Frosting is optional. If used, include frosting recipe along with cupcake recipe  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 10 Pull apart Cupcakes**

- Cupcakes formed to create a cake and decorated
- The board the cake is presented on should not be larger than 15" X 18"
- Judged on decorations, use of colors, difficulty, and techniques
- Include recipes for cupcakes and frosting and explain the cake occasion  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 11 Candy, cooked**

- Any cooked candy such as fudge, taffy, hard candy, peanut brittle, toffee, etc.  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 12 Candy, uncooked**

- Any uncooked candy such as peanut butter balls, chocolate covered cherries, nut drops, bark, truffles, people chow, oreo balls etc.  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 13 Fruit Pies**

- Made with a 2 crust pastry in an 8"-10" pie plate
- Top crust may be plain, lattice or decorative. No crumb crusts
- Exhibit in pie plate that it is baked in. May be glass, metal, foil or ceramic  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 14 Novelty Fruit Pies**

- Can be a hand pie, 2 crust pastry, rectangular shape, or 8" round or larger
- Top crust may be plain, decorated, lattice, or crumb topping
- Exhibit round pie in pie plate that it is baked in. Maybe glass, metal, foil or ceramic  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 15 Tarts or Turnovers** Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 16 Produced in Niagara County**

- Any baked item that contains food products that are produced in Niagara County
- Include an explanation of the ingredient, where it was produced, and purchased
- Source of ingredient can be home garden, roadside stand, farmer's market, etc.  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 17 Healthy Baked Product**

- Any baked item that is made with little sugar, fat or salt, altered using a sugar or fat substitute, gluten free or other dietary modifications
- Must include an explanation of how the recipe is made healthy with changes or specialty ingredients  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 18 Heritage/Cultural Foods**

- A baked item associated with cultural customs/traditions of family or country
- Include tradition associated with preparing, serving and eating the food
- If using frosting and toppings, include in recipe  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 19 Food Technology Exhibit**

- To include a food product prepared using new technology or a non-traditional method (bread machine, convection oven, etc)
- Include why you used this method  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 20 Healthy Snack**

- This must be non-perishable food exhibit, such as a poster, photos, or fake foods
- The idea is to prepare a healthy snack for yourself or/and friends
- Include serving size and nutritional information for the snack
- Example - veggie tray; but cannot use real foods that need refrigeration  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 21 Packed Lunch**

- To be presented in a lunch bag or box
  - Can use photos, pictures or fake food
  - Explain who the lunch is for and the menu
  - Include dietary needs of the individual (ex. 3rd grader needs less food than high school athlete)
  - Include facilities available for storing lunch (outdoor picnic, school, etc)
- Point value: **Blue 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 22 Menu for a Day**

- Menu should include a complete listing of all meals and snacks eaten over a one day period
  - Include a description of individual or family members for whom meals are intended
  - Typed exhibit with photos or pictures is recommended
  - Creativity is encouraged
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 23 Healthy Recipe Collection**

- An exhibit of at least 6 recipes displayed in box, notebook, or file folder
  - Include photos, pictures or illustrations, that provide needed nutrients while limiting fat and calories
  - For each recipe state; relationship of key ingredients to ChooseMyPlate.gov, nutritional benefit, source of recipe, how well it was liked, any changes you would make to the recipe
  - All recipes must be collected and made during the current 4-H year
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 24 Heritage Recipe Collection**

- An exhibit of at least 10 recipes displayed in a box, notebook or file folder
  - Include photos, pictures or illustrations that depict family or local history
  - For each recipe state; source of recipe, history related to recipe, traditions related to preparing, serving and eating the food
  - For 4 of the 10 recipes, indicate how well it was liked after tasting it
  - The collections should represent one or more generations older than you and can be collected from family, friends, or other community sources
  - All recipes must be collected and at least 4 of the 10 prepared during the current 4-H year
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 25 Favorite Recipe Collection**

- An exhibit of at least 10 recipes displayed in a box or notebook
  - Recipes can be collected from club work, community service, family or friends
  - Include photos, pictures, or illustrations of the finished products
  - For each recipe state: source; how well it is liked, and any changes you would make
  - All recipes must be collected during the current 4-H year
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 26 Dry Recipe in a Jar**

- Layered dry ingredients for any recipe such as soup, cookies, etc
  - Include a list of ingredient amounts and a recipe, listing additional ingredients and procedure attached to the jar
  - Decorations encouraged
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 27 Table Setting Exhibit**

- Include table setting for two people, menu, short story about the occasion, centerpiece, and table decorations as appropriate. Tablecloth, place mats, and napkins are to be artfully displayed on a card table provided by the exhibitor
  - Contact the office to view the evaluation sheet which has very specific criteria
- Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

**Class 28 Educational Display** A 3-dimensional display on any aspect of food and nutrition

- Can include photographs, pictures, illustrations, fake food, equipment, or any resources that convey the message
- Display should be limited to a card table, provided by the exhibitor
- Evaluated on content, composition, and effectiveness  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

**Class 29 Education Poster**

- At least a 20" x 24" poster or poster series describing any aspect of food and nutrition including relationship of key ingredients to ChooseMyPlate.gov, food safety, kitchen safety, label reading, nutrition, etc.
- Evaluated on content, composition, and effectiveness  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

**Class 30 Canned Foods**

- Exhibits must be prepared according to the latest USDA recommendations (<http://www.uga.edu/nchfp/>)
- Canned exhibit consists of one clear-glass Standard Mason jar processed with a self-sealing, two-piece lid. (metal lid and metal ring). Exception: Sub Class F needs 2 identical jars, any size
- Rings should be removed after processing and cooling to clean and store. Rings should be put back on for transport but removed for judging.
- Each entry should have a label on top with product name and date processed. A separate 3" x 5" card should list recipe, recipe source, contents, type of processing (boiling water or pressure), processing time, altitude adjustment if required, and headspace.
- Appropriate head space requirements must be followed: Fruit Juices-1/4 inch; Vegetables-1/2 to 1 inch; Jams & Jellies-1/8 to 1/4 inch; Pickles-1/2 inch; Tomatoes-1/2 inch.
- Jars must have a vacuum seal.
- All entries must be packed in the current year - August of last year through July of this year.
- All processed foods will be judged on appearance and process used, not the taste.
- The following entries will be disqualified:
  - a) foods processed and packaged not following current (1994 or later) USDA recommendations.
  - b) paraffin sealed jams and jellies
  - c) Jars with zinc lids
  - d) Foods in green glass jars or non-standardized jars
  - e) Foods that have been improperly processed or packed
  - f) jars with added color, bleach, sulfite or other preservatives. (For example, baking soda may not be added to green vegetables and acids may not be added to non-pickled foods with the exception of tomatoes and figs.)

30A Canned Fruit

30B Vegetable (other than tomato)

30C Tomatoes

30D Juice

30E Pickles, Relish (dill, bread-and-butter, etc. or pickled vegetables)

30F Jam, Jelly, Marmalade (may use a mixture of fruits) Please bring 2 identical jars, 1 for opening and 1 for display

30G Pie Filling

Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

**Class 31 Dried/Dehydrated Foods**

- Must be displayed in ½ pt clear zipper bag or glass jar with tight fitting lid
- Products must have been made during the last current 4-H year
- Jars/bags must be labeled with product and date processed.
- Attach the method of drying, time and temperature and pre-treatment, if used  
Examples: Vegetables, Fruits, Leathers, Herbs  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 32 Maple Syrup**

- Homemade maple syrup displayed in a clear glass bottle appropriate for syrup products
- Attach information about the processes used and sources of information  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 33 Outdoor Cookery Equipment**

- Explain how the equipment was made. List name, purpose, and examples of foods cooked  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 34 Outdoor Cookery**

- A food product prepared by using homemade outdoor cookery
- Include a recipe and how the equipment was used  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 35 Food used as decorations**

- Candy, Cookie, Cake Pop Bouquet
  - a) Base can be a box, vase, flowerpot, mug, bowl, etc., filled with Styrofoam, crispy treats, play-doh, sand, beans, etc.
  - b) Wrapped homemade or purchased candy, cookies or cake pops and other foods can be used to complete the decoration
  - c) A theme may be used, and messages attached with sticks, tape, wire, glue
- Food items shaped into animals, farm equipment, trains, airplanes, wreaths, sleighs, garland ornaments, gardens, race cars, etc.
  - a) May use homemade or purchased foods, including fondant and marzipan
  - b) Attach with sticks, tape, wire, glue, etc.
- Gingerbread house, chocolate candy house, castle, or similar item
  - a) Most of the exhibit should be edible
  - b) Display on board no larger than 15" x 18"
- Include a list of supplies used and how entry was made and its purpose  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 36 Pet Treats**

- A 1 cup mixture (or 3 samples) of baked treats for dogs, horses, etc.
- Include the reason for the treat, ex. personal pet, community service project, etc.
- Evaluated on appearance, smell, and texture  
Point value: **Blue, 8; Red, 4; White, 1**

### **Class 37 Food Demonstration/Presentation**

- Demonstrate (or present) a recipe learned from a 4-H Food project or at home (to include any project - dairy foods from dairy cattle, bbq from poultry, beef recipe, home recipe, etc.) Samples can be shared with observers
- Presentation time from 15 minutes to 1 hour
- Pre-entry required and scheduled with 4-H staff members
- Pictures of presentation will be posted in Training Center
- Participants responsible for all ingredients and supplies except table
- Copies of recipe to hand out will be made for presenter
- May be a silent or a talking presentation  
Point value: **Blue 8; Red 4; White 1**

### **Class 38 Open Class**

- This is an option for exhibits deemed by the county to be worthwhile for exhibit but fall outside the food classes listed. A recipe and written process of the exhibit must be included, or how the item was created. **Blue 8; Red 4; White 1**

## HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT (Judging Day 2) Monday August 3 4:00pm – 6:30PM

\*\*You may enter MORE THAN 5 exhibits in VEGETABLES & CUT FLOWERS classes\*\*

**\*NEW\*** Points Values as Follows Blue Ribbon: 8 points, Red Ribbon: 4 points, White Ribbon: 1 point. Point values will determine premium money due to exhibitor

Developing a plant collection will help youth learn to recognize and identify different plant species. Project descriptions are required within this division.

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website prior to judging day, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, foods, crafts, etc. Cloverbuds will be allowed 10 entries per division and will select 3 to present to the judges on Judging Day.

### DIVISION 602 HORTICULTURE

**CLASS 01 Preserved Plant Collection** – at least ten plants must be pressed, dried, mounted and labeled. A clear, protective overlay is required. Weeds and other specimens mounted green (not pressed) will not be judged. Collections of plants may be on one side of one piece of poster board or like material, 22" x 28" in size, or in notebook binders with single specimens on pages 8 1/2" x 11".

*EXAMPLES:* Leaf, twig (and fruit, flower and seed if possible) of ten or more ornamental trees; Leaf, twig (and fruit, flower and seed if possible) of ten or more ornamental shrubs; Leaf, twig and illustration of fruit or nut, of ten or more fruit or nut plants; Ten weeds common to lawns and flowerbeds; Ten annual flowers; Ten perennial flowers; Ten wild flowers; Ten seeds, any single plant types (e.g. ten ornamentals, ten fruits, etc.)

**CLASS 02 Horticulture Scrapbook** - a collection of plant pictures. This collection may be cut from magazines or garden center catalogs, illustrated, photographed, or photocopied. This scrapbook makes an excellent study guide for the Horticulture Contest. Single pictures can be fastened to 8 1/2" x 11" page. Fasten with clear tape, paper glue or rubber cement. All pages must be bound in a notebook binder. Label with common name and brief description.

***Beginner*** 15 plants specified from each group-flowers and indoor plants; ornamentals; fruits and nuts; vegetables

***Intermediate*** 30 plants from each group

***Advanced*** Consult NY Horticulture Contest guidelines for the 45 plants that are required in each class. All 45 plants must appear in each scrapbook

**CLASS 03 Experiments** - The intent of this division is to have youth develop an interest in a science-based approach to horticulture. This is accomplished by having exhibitors depict an experiment performed on a group of plants. Follow the scientific methods (i.e., form a hypothesis, apply treatments, make observations and draw conclusions). You must include at least one treatment and a control (untreated group of plants), if appropriate. The display should include treated and untreated item(s). If it is difficult or impossible to recreate the study for the exhibit, drawings or photographs are acceptable; use a poster (at least 14" x 22") or poster series format. Posters should depict the specific methods that were used. Categories are listed below. A project description is required with this division.

For project ideas consult: Factors Influencing Seed Germination, L-10-8; Cultural Experiments in Vegetable Crops, L-10-10; Propagating Annuals, Perennials and Shrubs from Cuttings, Using a Heat Flat, H-7-3L; Exploring the World of Plants and Soils series, C0700-C0706; To Tent or Tunnel, FVS 4-H Fact Sheet #3; Strawberry Yields Forever, FVS 4-H Fact Sheet #4. FVS 4-H fact sheets are available from your 4-H Educator.

*EXAMPLES:* Propagation, Breeding, Soil Science, Cultural Practices, Miscellaneous

**Garden Entries** - This division offers an opportunity to display a garden item and gives participants an opportunity to show the products of their gardening efforts. The exhibitor in their individual, family, school, or community gardens must grow each exhibit. Exhibits will be evaluated based on the standards expressed below. Each exhibit must be labeled with the correct variety name; otherwise, awards will be downgraded to one place.

**Garden Entry Awards will be based on the following standards:**

Excellent - Blue Ribbon - clean, only very minor defects in general appearance, best market size and quality, true to varietal characteristics. For exhibits with more than one specimen: not more than 10% variation in sizes for fruits and vegetables; uniform in shape, color and degree of maturity.

Good - Red Ribbon - clean, slight defects in general appearance, defective and unusable parts should not exceed 5%, good market size and quality. For exhibits with more than one specimen: not more than 25% variation in sizes for fruits and vegetables; only slightly detectable variation in shape, color and degree of maturity.

Worthy - White Ribbon - fairly clean, some defects in general appearance, defective and unusable parts should not exceed 10%, fair market size and quality. For exhibits with more than one specimen: not more than 100% variation in sizes for fruits and vegetables; noticeable variation in shape, color or degree of maturity.

No Award - dirty, serious damage apparent, defective and unusable parts exceed 10%, unsatisfactory market size or quality. For exhibits with more than one specimen: more than 100% variation in sizes for fruits and vegetables; extreme differences in shape, color or degree of maturity.

Exhibitors must furnish their own containers and may pick them up at the close of exhibit. For most specimen exhibits it is suggested you use bright, clean tin cans. Cans with advertising must be covered with foil. For arrangements, use containers of your choice and identify any container you wish saved with your name printed on adhesive tape on the bottom. Tin cans will not be saved. The management will not be responsible for any containers left after the release time of the projects as stated in this Premium Book.

**CLASS 04 Vegetables**

Beans - lima, five green pods containing edible beans

Beans - snap, green, five pods

Beans - snap, yellow, five pods

Beans - snap, pole or vining type, five pods

Beans - green shell, five pods, any variety including edible soy, Horticultural, Kentucky Wonder

Beans - dry shelled, 1/2 cup in container, dry field bean variety including Mung, Adzuki, Fava

Beets - three, tops trimmed to 1", no green shoulders

Broccoli - one head or a bunch of small heads, 5" or more in diameter

Brussels Sprouts - One-pint basket

Cabbage - one head, two to four pounds with three to four wrapper leaves, any fresh market variety

Carrots - three, tops trimmed to 1", no green shoulders

Cauliflower - one head, leaves cut just above head

Celery - one plant, market quality, roots off

Chard - one plant, roots and damaged leaves off

Chinese Cabbage - one head

Chinese Cabbage - loose leaf, roots off, one plant

Corn - sweet, three ears, husks removed completely, shank trimmed to 1/2", display in transparent bag

Cucumbers - two slicing types, 5" or longer, 2" or less in diameter

Cucumbers - three pickling type, 3-5" long

Cucumbers - three pickling type, less than 3" long

Dill - bunch of three seed heads, tied or in transparent bag

Eggplant - one, large oval and oblong types such as Black Beauty, Black Magic, Black Enorma, Dusky

Eggplant - two, small, slender, and round types such as Easter Egg, Ichiban, Long Tom, White Beauty

Endive - one plant, roots off, good market size

Garlic - three bulbs, dried, braided together or tops trimmed to 1", cleaned but not peeled

Herbs - any kind, plant in pot or tied bunch

Herbs - dried, show a minimum of 1 tbsp of more and must be prepared for use

Kale - one plant, roots off

Kohlrabi - two, tops and taproot trimmed to 2"

Leek - three large, trimmed

Lettuce - leaf, one plant, roots off, good market size

Lettuce - head, one plant, roots off, good market size

Muskmelon and Honeydew melon - one, good market quality  
 Mustard - one plant, roots off  
 Okra - four, 1 1/2-3" long  
 Onions - three bulbs, tops trimmed to 1/2", well cured and dried, not peeled  
 Onions - four green, bunching type, tops on but trimmed evenly  
 Parsley - one plant, roots off, good market size and quality  
 Parsnips - three, tops trimmed to 1"  
 Peas - five pods  
 Peppers - two large, such as Bell, Cubanelle, Italian Sweet  
 Peppers - three small, such as Banana, Hungarian Wax, Cherry, Jalapeno  
 Potatoes - three tubers, 5 to 10 ounces  
 Potatoes - one pint basket, salt potato types, 3/4-1 1/4" diameter  
 Pumpkin - one, ripe, any variety  
 Radishes - four, tops trimmed to 1/2"  
 Rhubarb - four stalks, tops trimmed  
 Rutabaga - one, top trimmed off  
 Shallot - three, tops trimmed to 1/4", dried, not peeled  
 Spinach - common, 1/2 pound in transparent bag  
 Spinach - New Zealand, 1/2-pound bunches or tender tips, 3-6" long, tied or in transparent bag  
 Squash - two summer, young, skin tender, such as zucchini, yellow, scallop  
 Squash - one winter, any large type such as Hubbard, Delicious, Banana  
 Squash - two winter, any small type such as Buttercup, Butternut, Spaghetti, Table Queen,  
 Golden Nugget Squash - one, soft and round stem, such as Big Max, Big Moon, Mammoth  
 Sweet potatoes - three roots, any variety  
 Tomatoes - two, ripe, stems off, medium and large fruited varieties, including Roma types  
 Tomatoes - cherry, ripe, one-pint basket, stems off, also Presto and small fruited types  
 Turnips - two, tops trimmed to 1"  
 Watermelon - one, mature, market size

- A collection of three related types, such as three varieties of pepper, or three vegetables that appear in an ethnic cuisine
- Miniature Vegetables - six of one type, harvested at small or baby stage
- Ornamental Vegetables - three, such as miniature pumpkins, gourds, decorative corn, ornamental kale, one specimen
- Heirloom Vegetables - any variety from the Heirloom Garden bulletin, exhibited in the same manner as other vegetable classes
- Miscellaneous - any other vegetable not listed, display the same number of specimens as similar crop listed

**CLASS 05 Vegetable Art- \* list plants used.** evaluated on vegetable character, sculpture, geometric design, neatness of assembly, number of horticulture products used, imaginative use of plants and plant materials, overall appearance

**CLASS 06 Cut Flowers** -An exhibit shall consist of three stems with the same color blooms except as noted:

- Gladiolus - an entry is one spike with at least a 12" stem and other large spikes
- Roses - an entry is one stem of the type listed
- Dahlias - an entry is three blooms of one color, or one bloom of over 6"
- Any bloom 6" or larger – show one specimen, such as a 6" + sunflower or dinner plate dahlia.
- Stems should be 8" long, except where type of flower makes this impossible. Flowers that do not last as cut flowers (hollyhocks, impatiens, portulaca) may not be entered.
- Blooms of weeds, wildflowers and shrubs will not be judged.
- A collection of 6 (six) garden cut flowers, not used in other cut flower entries.
- One specimen of each variety.
- Flowers named and variety listed.
- Cut Flowers which are allowed include...see next page....

Aster (annual)	Petunia
Bachelor Button	Phlox (annual)
Calendula	Pansies
Calla lily – 3 stems	Rose
Chrysanthemum (any form)	Rudbeckia (Coneflowers, Black-eyed Susans)
Cleome	Sweet Peas Dahlia
Cosmos	Snapdragon
Dahlia	Statice (fresh, not dried)
Flowering Tobacco	Stock
Gladiolus	Strawflower (fresh, not dried)
Larkspur	Sunflowers
Marigold	Zinnia
Delphinium	Zinnia, large, over 4"
Asiatic Lily (one stem)	Daisies
Nasturtium	Viola Carnation
Ornamental Grass (foliage and fully developed seed head)	

*AND Miscellaneous - any other cut flower not listed, annual or perennial, display the same number of specimens as similar crop listed.*

**CLASS 07 Indoor Gardening-** list plants and plant material used. All items should follow recommended guides of balance, design, proportion, and harmony. No artificial or plastic plant materials allowed. Ribbon and bows as part of the design are allowed. Entries must be grown in display container prior to June 1.

- Dish Garden      -Terrarium or closed eco system-no endangered species allowed.

**CLASS 08 Indoor Gardening: Houseplants** must be single stem or crown in proportional container. List plant name. No artificial or plastic plant materials allowed.

- Potted house plant - flowering
  - Potted house plant - foliage
  - Potted house plant - vine
  - Potted house plant - hanging container, more than one plant accepted
- Miniature house plant - 2 1/4-3" pot maximum (e.g. miniature African Violet)

**CLASS 09 Container Gardening** - including trough gardens (May use perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, ornamentals) No artificial or plastic plant materials. List plants in container. Entries must be grown in container exhibited prior to June 1.

**CLASS 10 Fruits and Nuts** - all fruits and nuts must be cared for by exhibitors. Nuts grown in the previous year may be entered. For more information on culture consult Strawberry Yields Forever - a day neutral strawberry 4-H project, available through the Department of Fruits & Vegetable Science and the Home Fruit Planting, IB 156.

- Apples - three, ripe, any single variety
- Apricots - three, ripe
- Blueberries - one pint
- Cherries - one pint basket, with stems, any single variety
- Elderberries - attached to cluster, one quart
- Grapes - one bunch
- Nectarines - three, ripe
- Peaches - three, ripe
- Pears - three, ripe, with stems, any single variety
- Raspberries - 1/2 pint, any single variety
- Strawberries - one pint, caps on
- Other minor fruits such as quince or persimmon - three, ripe
- Miscellaneous - any fruit not listed, display same number of specimens as similar crop listed
- Nuts - all, ripe, dry, unshelled, one pint, any single variety
- A collection of three types - such as three different varieties of apple

**CLASS 11 Floral Design**- list plants and varieties and put in transparent bags.

- Corsage - dried materials
- Corsage - fresh outdoor materials • Corsage - fresh indoor materials
- Plaque of dried or pressed plant material, includes other craft projects made with real plant materials (e.g., floral pictures, wreaths) no more than 18" in diameter or 24" long
- Table arrangement of live, outdoor grown plant material, not over 12" in diameter and under 8" in height, centerpiece style.
- Holiday decoration of live, dried, or natural plant materials, no more than 18" in diameter or 24" long

**CLASS 12 Miniature Arrangement** - Arrangement of fresh or dried flowers. Less than 6" in height. List plants used.

**CLASS 13 Open**- may include nosegay or bridal bouquet

**CLASS 14 Horticulture Methods** - This division allows participants a chance to explore a unique approach to growing plants. This enhances gardening skills and encourages the participant to think creatively. Because of the difficulty in reproducing some of the horticulture methods for exhibiting purposes, a poster (at least 14" x 22") or poster series format is required. Glue or tape photos and diagrams, along with sheets of white paper that include your description within these sections: 1) introduction, 2) growing method used, and 3) what you learned or discovered. In addition, an exhibit of the method itself (such as a small hydroponics set-up) can be displayed. A project description is required in this division. Consult for display ideas: To Tent or Tunnel, FVS 4-H Fact Sheet #3; Strawberry Yields Forever, FVS 4-H Fact Sheet #4.

*EXAMPLES:* Hydroponics Gardening, Season Extender Methods, Propagation, Miscellaneous - any horticultural methods not listed

**CLASS 15 Landscape Pictures and Plans** - This division teaches youth about the elements of design and how plants can be used effectively for ornamental purposes. All collections, pictures and plans must have a clear, protective overlay. Markers, colored pencils or paints may be used to enhance the landscape plan. A project description is required in this division.

***Home Grounds Landscape*** photographic album, with at least six "before" and six "after" pictures of the current year's work.

***Plan or map of home grounds*** drawn to scale, showing things as they were at the beginning of project. A second map, with suitable and necessary notes, showing changes and improvements made. In different colors, show changes and improvements yet to be made. Indicate direction north on plan. See "Young People's Guide to Landscaping", M-7-1.

***Plan or map of apartment dwelling*** drawn to scale, showing grounds as they are currently. A second map, showing proposed changes that would improve existing grounds. Where ground space is unavailable, a terrace or porch garden of containerized plants can be depicted. Indicate direction north on plan.

***Plan of annual and/or perennial flower garden*** showing varieties, name, placement, height and color; use scale no smaller than 1" equals 4'. Indicate direction north on plan.

***Plan of home orchard (tree fruit and/or berry crops)*** showing varieties, names, placement, height and time of fruiting; use scale no smaller than 1" equals 4'. Exhibit only current year's work. Indicate direction north on plan.

***Plan of home vegetable garden*** showing varieties, names placement, height and approximate harvest times. Succession of plants may be indicated by a tracing paper overlay. Use scale no smaller than 1" equals 4'. Indicate direction north on plan.

**CLASS 16 Garden Record Book**- List plants chosen and varieties. List reason for selection. Garden design sketch, including lay-out, dimensions, and spacing. Indicate direction north. Photos showing before and after are helpful.

**CLASS 17 Open** –any exhibit that demonstrates landscaping or horticulture but does not fit into a category above. May include posters

**CLASS 18 Field Crops** -The following field crops may be displayed as:

- Oats – 1 peck
- Wheat – 1 peck
- Any other small grains
- Field Corn-three ears
- Haylage-quart jar with mixture names on entry card
- Corn silage- quart jar with mixture names on entry card
- Alfalfa
- Clover
- Birdsfoot trefoil
- Timothy
- Mixed Hay – state mixture on card-must be well cured, not moist
- Niagara County only: Tallest Corn Contest - display your tallest corn stalk. Winner determined by measurement.

### ***ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THE FAIR??***

*The fair committee is looking for volunteers pre-fair, during fair and post-fair!*

#### ***FRIENDS of the FAIR***

- *CCE Front Office assistance during fair*
- *Be a book reader or storyteller for young children*
- *Put up/take down fair signs on the grounds*
- *Set out 4-H/dedication Benches*
- *Place trash cans and returnable containers on the grounds*
- *Build wooden barricades*
- *Paint*
- *Gate tender for handicapped parking lot*
- *Landscaping and grounds beautification*
- *Help organize the Book Barn*

*Let Debi Sweeney ([dsweeney7371@gmail.com](mailto:dsweeney7371@gmail.com) ) know if you would like to assist in any way and you will be contacted. Free fair passes available to volunteers.*

*Is there another way (not listed) where you would like to volunteer? Have an idea or suggestion? Contact Heidi Feltz, [hmk3@cornell.edu](mailto:hmk3@cornell.edu)*

**ANIMAL SCIENCE SHOWS (GENERAL INFO)**  
**QUALIFICATIONS TO SHOW AN ANIMAL SPECIES AT FAIR**

**#1 ENROLLMENT IN NIAGARA COUNTY 4-H**

Animal Science participants must be enrolled in Niagara County 4-H for the current year. Enrollment is October 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 30<sup>th</sup>, anyone who re-enrolled after January 3, will not receive premium money from fair. (New members could enroll by March 1)

**#2 ENTER EXHIBITS BY DUE DATE**

Must enter online at fair entry. <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/23195>

Must use family email and password that is connected to your enrollment in 4-H Online. New members should use "forgot password" link to set up a password at 4-H online web page. DO NOT reset password on fair entry website. Family enters all members and projects before submitting. No entry fee is charged. NOTE: Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child, which then will ask them a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, foods, crafts, etc.

**#3 PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST 5 ANIMAL SCIENCE MEETINGS PER SPECIES YOU EXHIBIT PER YEAR**

\*\*Also attend your species Work Bee Night (But Work bee does not count as one of the 5 required meetings)

Except as otherwise stated, all classes are open to any boy or girl living in Niagara County or affiliated with 4-H or a school in Niagara County and carrying out project work under a Niagara County 4-H Staff or Niagara County Volunteer Leader.

**ANIMAL SPECIES ENTRY & OWNERSHIP DUE DATES**

**June 1** **Equine, Donkey, Mule Ownership Certificates.** MAIL TO: Cheryl Bish, 3796 North Ridge Road, Lockport, NY 14094. Certificates available from Cheryl Bish or the 4-H Office.

**June 16** **Online entries** Due for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steer, Goat, Sheep, Swine and **Ownership/Lease Certificates** Due to species leader

**July 1** **Auction Buyer Contact Forms (3) and Senior Biography** due to 4-H office  
**Online Entries Due** for Rabbit & Cavy, Dogs, Cats & Poultry Shows

**July 15** **Online entries** due Equine: English, Western, Gymkhana, Driving, and Miniature horse.

**July 15** **MANDATORY Livestock Work Bee** (fair set up in each species area) at 6:00pm until done  
See your species leader for directions. Typically, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of July.

**July 21** **Equine Work Bee**

**August 17** **Post Auction** Thank you cards ADDRESSED AND STAMPED for buyers & project records both items due to 4-H office for checks to be issued.

**LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS ARRIVE AT FAIRGROUNDS**

Tuesday before fair opens, anytime between 8am-6pm. ALL Animals must be in place by 6pm.

Poultry, Rabbits, Cavy, and Swine – are strongly encouraged to arrive between 8am-12pm on Tuesday.

NO parking vehicles of any kind by the barns or next to barns on Tuesday. Must unload, keep car running, and then move vehicle next to Agriculture Education Building or back behind campers.

Equine – refer to your section for guidelines.

Note: All species are to remain in their area/barn – please do not walk animals around fairgrounds.

Note: Dogs and Cats should be on the grounds only during the time of judging. Only dogs entered in 4-H classes are allowed on the fairgrounds, and they must have special identification.

#### STALL/PEN ASSIGNMENTS & ANIMAL HOUSING/BARN SPACE

ALL Animal species must be housed and kept in their assigned pen location throughout entire fair. Animals may not be moved or housed outside or in a livestock trailer or camper at any time. This is for biosecurity, the safety of exhibitors, fair attendees, and our livestock.

Due to the limited amount of housing available and need for animal safety, the Niagara County Fair & CCE Niagara reserves the right to limit the number of entries made in any livestock area either before or after online entries are made. The leader for each species will determine the number and size of animals to be placed in a pen or stall. Dogs must be kept in crates or a secure enclosure and/or kept on the leash. Dogs are not allowed in other livestock areas and/or barns.

#### HEALTH AND OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Animal Health requirements may be found at [www.agmkt.state.ny.us](http://www.agmkt.state.ny.us) - Click on "Fairs and Events." Then click on "Fair Regulations." All Original Animal Health Certificates (**NO COPIES**) must be presented when animals arrive at Fair. Exhibitors are responsible for contacting a veterinarian and getting proper tests and vaccinations prior to attending fair. Livestock will be inspected by Fair personnel (including staff, species leader, and state veterinarian). Any animal exhibiting a health threat or in poor condition will be sent home.

Beef: Birth date of bull calves must be January 1 or later of the current year.

Dairy: No bulls of any age are to be shown.

Goat: No bucks of any age are to be shown.

Sheep: No rams older than Senior Ram are to be shown.

Swine: No boars are allowed except piglet boars nursing on a sow.

No animals with horns are allowed on the grounds except goats & sheep – refer to your species section of this premium book. All animals must be properly de-horned or be naturally polled to show in classes. Animals with scurs will be allowed, but fair officials reserve the right to check animals with scurs to ensure that they are not attached to the animal's skull.

**EAR TAG RULE:** This rule applies to the following auction animals: Hogs, Lambs, Meat Goats, and Beef Cattle. If an auction animal loses or rips out their official ear tag (USDA, scrapes, RFID, etc.) after the initial spring weigh-in, 4-H member must contact their species leader and 4-H staff via email or phone. Request replacement tag from your breeder or from 4-H staff, if you do not have a replacement tag at home. If leader and 4-H staff member are not notified, and you replace the ear tag yourself without notifying the indicated parties, and the issue/change is not addressed prior to Tuesday of fair when animals arrive, the auction committee reserves the right to dismiss the animal from the auction. New ear tag i.d. # must also match the fair vet check paperwork. Exception being, you do not need to report lost/broken farm tags.

#### LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP

#### AUCTION LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP

June 1 – Equine

Jan. 31 – Beef

June 1–Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Steer

May 2–Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine

June 1 –Dog, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Rabbit & Cavy

June 1–Poultry

JUDGING- based on the Danish System- Blue, Red, or White

- Exhibits not meeting class requirements and standards will not receive awards.
- Exhibitors must show their own animals. Adults are not allowed to handle animals in the show ring. When necessary, other 4-H youth exhibitors should be asked to help.
- If a youth cannot handle the animal, they may be disqualified from that class and asked to leave ring.
- After consultation with a qualified judge, Cloverbuds will receive green participation ribbons. No monetary awards for Cloverbuds.

- At the time of judging, qualified judges will award blue, red, and white ribbons denoting awards of excellent, good, and worthy, respectively.

### SHOWMANSHIP STANDARDS

All members who exhibit an animal at Fair must participate in a showmanship class for that species. In addition, any 4-H member who is completing an animal science program is eligible to show in showmanship of that species. That 4-H member need not show in breed classes. \*age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year. Regular 4-H members cannot show a Cloverbud's fair animal in showmanship.

- Cloverbud – age 5-7 (only receives a green participation ribbon)
- Beginner - first year showman under 14 years of age\*
- Junior - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age
- Senior - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman
- Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. Each Species Winner then has option to participate in Master Showmanship on Sunday. Includes: Beef, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, & Dairy Cattle. See additional rules and exceptions on next page.
- Special Showmanship: for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a showmanship class based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper. Check with your species leader on this.

### MASTER SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

12:00pm Sunday of Fair; In Show Ring

1. The key leaders responsible for the Master Showmanship Contest at the Niagara County Fair are dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, beef cattle, sheep, and swine.
2. The Grand Champion Showman or the representative of each species is the participant. The 4-H member can be any 4-H age. Harness Numbers will identify each member.
3. The judge will not be associated with any participants or farm/family members.
4. Participants will dress uniformly with t-shirt (provided by the program) and jeans.
5. Each key leader will select the animals for the contest within their species. Preference will be to select animals that are not owned by the participant or family member. The 6 chosen animals from each species will be labeled on paper by leader prior to start of contest. Including: Numbers 1 through 6, owner's name, info about the animal. Before the show, each participant will draw a number between 1-6, to determine which numbered animal from each species they will be showing.
6. Each key leader will provide the number of animals and equipment for each member and have it ringside when needed. A representative of each species will assist in the ring if necessary.
7. The order of the contest will be Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle, water break, Meat Goat, Beef, Dairy Goat.
8. The judge can ask questions privately of each participant, at the judge's discretion. Judges will be encouraged to ask questions during each class.
9. Each 4-H'er will answer one question over the microphone. This will not be scored.
10. A point system will be used with emphasis on the showing of the animal.
11. Placing of each class will not be announced during the contest. Judge will be asked to stay for approximately 15 minutes after show to speak to the six participants only, ask questions, give feedback (but judge will not share placings).
12. The first and second place winners will be announced at the Fair Closing Ceremony. Awards will be handed out at this time.
13. The 1st Place winner of the 2025 grand champion master showman cannot compete in the contest in 2026. Must take 1 year off. 1st Place winner of 2025 can compete again in 2027 with any of the six mentioned species.
14. No premiums will be awarded for this contest.
15. If the Grand Champion Showman of his or her species, has also won multiple grand champion showmanship titles in other species competing in the master showmanship contest of current year, the 4-H member must decide by Saturday of fair, by 11am, report to their leader, which species they are choosing to represent. Leader should share decision with 4-H staff & animal science leaders. The reserve champion showman is then offered the opportunity to represent the other species in the contest.
16. Participants may request their scores/placings (written on paper by judge) to 4-H staff after Closing Ceremony.

17. In the event of a tied first place and/or tied second place, judge must make final decision before leaving show ring area. Judge will review their notes from the show and given time to reflect, and make their own personal decision on who they felt was the overall best showman of the contest. Judge's decision is final.

### **LIVESTOCK AUCTION PROGRAM**

The livestock auction takes place on Friday night of fair week. 4-H Beef, Swine, sheep, poultry, meat goats and meat rabbit members can raise market animals, show in market auction class in their respective species areas and then sell that animal in the live auction. Members must attend one auction program meeting during the current 4-H year to participate in the auction and complete all other auction requirements. Part of the requirements make members responsible for helping to market their animals and recruit potential buyers.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST** Open to 4-H members. Contestants will judge two classes each of beef, sheep, and swine, and give one set of reasons. Must participate at County level to qualify for State Fair Niagara Team/Individuals. \*Note-this contest is not currently available at Niagara County Fair.

**LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON CONTEST** – Not taking place during fair

### **RELEASE OF ANIMAL SCIENCE EXHIBITS**

**EQUINE:** Horses not staying for Open Show must be removed by Saturday, 6:00pm and stalls cleaned.

**BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY STEER, GOAT, POULTRY, RABBITS/CAVY, SHEEP, and SWINE:** Release time is Sunday, starting at 6:30pm. No premium awards or special awards will be given to any member NOT cleaning their stall/pen and helping to take down pens and stalls in the livestock and animal barns after closing ceremony, by Sunday night after the fair closes. However, 4-H beef, rabbit, and dairy cattle programs have an extended time to clean pens and areas until Monday night.

**\*REMINDER: (NEW STARTED IN 2023) \*\* ALL CATTLE, ALL GOATS, SHEEP, POULTRY, RABBITS, CAVY, SWINE:**

At the conclusion of closing ceremony, NO trucks and trailers of any kind, can come up to the barns to load up animals until 6:30pm. After closing ceremony until 6:30pm, 4-H families will be instructed to take down stall/pen decorations, carry anything you can out to your car or camper. Use wagons or carts (see your leader). Walk out or carry out smaller animals. Most animals should be able to be walked or carried out except for cattle and swine, which need trailers backed up to barns. At 6:30pm, anyone can bring trucks and trailers up to barns, but just like on Tuesday, please load up and go. Do not stay parked.

If you have heavy/large items to be removed from barns (such as show boxes, clipping stands, etc.) that cannot be carried or wagoned out, pull your vehicle up any time after 6:30pm, load up and immediately exit.

Any vehicle or trailer that tries to drive up to barns before 6:30pm on Sunday, will be immediately asked to move, or could result in being towed.

Prior to the conclusion and completion of Closing Ceremony, regardless of the time, NO 4-H exhibitor, nor any person, can:

- Remove livestock or animals from barns, pens, or cages
- Have truck and/or trailer backed up or parked next to the barns
- Remove or take down any stall/pen bedding, decorations, ribbons, and posters

If any of these above tasks are completed or in process during closing ceremonies or before, and any failure to comply with these rules, will result in 4-H exhibitor not receiving premium money and ineligibility for Special Awards and/or Achievement Night Awards.

If 4-H exhibitor has a concerning reason to remove animal(s) prior to the completion of closing ceremonies, 4-H exhibitor must ask permission from their species key leader and CCE 4-H staff member prior to start of closing ceremony. Both the species key leader and CCE 4-H staff member must both agree on a decision to grant or not grant permission for an early release. These parties do have the right to deny 4-H exhibitor's request.

## STATE FAIR

Youth representing Niagara County 4-H at the New York State Fair market class must have exhibited at the Niagara County Fair in the species area. All animals, except market classes, must be exhibited at the Niagara County Fair to be eligible for the New York State Fair.

Criteria for exhibitors to attend State Fair: blue ribbon winners only, recommendation of judge at the Niagara County Fair, and recommendation of species leader. Leaders may need to consider and limit the number of animals that exhibitors take to State Fair (no more than five small animals per exhibitor, per species.)

Must attend a state fair meeting with 4-H staff to enter, complete forms and be approved to attend and exhibit at State Fair 4-H events/shows. State Fair meetings are held during fair usually slotted for limited hours on Saturday and Sunday – see clover scene for dates and times.

2026 Great New York State Fair in Syracuse, NY

August 26 – September 7, 2026

<https://nysfair.ny.gov/>

## BEEF DEPARTMENT

Point value: Blue-15 points; Red-7 points; White-1 point

### DIVISION 001 BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) must enter animal shows and Cloverbud classes online. Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website prior to show day, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. Cloverbuds are eligible to show calves only.

All beef members are required to show in one Fitting & Showmanship Class to receive credit for the project year.

Exhibitors of beef cattle should present a neat appearance and be dressed in a Niagara County 4-H Beef club blue shirt and dark blue pants. All animals to be shown must be clean and properly fitted. Senior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals on their own. Junior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals with limited adult help. If a showman class has more than 14 entries, that class will be split by age.

The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship).

\* Age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 004 Special Showman:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a showmanship class based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. No premium points awarded.

### BEEF HERDSMAN AWARD

One dollar per day for each properly fitted and shown animal complying with rules. Animal must be judged worthy or better. This award will be forfeited AND One dollar per animal will be collected from exhibitor to pay for clean out after Fair unless stalls are cleaned out and manure disposed of by each exhibitor daily. Leader will award Herdsman as an award in the fair entry results.

### DIVISION 002 BREEDING BEEF

Breed will be identified in the Fair Entry System – when you complete animal type information.

RA - Registered Angus	GA - Grade Angus
RC - Registered Charolais	GC - Grade Charolais
RH - Registered Hereford	GH - Grade Hereford
RPH - Registered Polled Hereford	GRPH - Grade Polled Hereford
RS - Registered Simmental	GS - Grade Simmental
RE - Registered Exotic Breeds	GO - Grade Other

**Note:** In order to show as a separate breed, there must be at least six animals of that breed, otherwise animals will be shown in a combined class.

**CLASS 005 Junior Heifer Calf** - born January 1 to June 15 of this year.

**CLASS 006 Senior Heifer Calf** - born September 1 to December 31 of last year.

**CLASS 007 Summer Yearling Heifer** - born May 1 to August 31 of last year.

**CLASS 008 Junior Yearling Heifer** - born January 1 to April 30 of last year.

**CLASS 009 Senior Yearling Heifer** - born September 1 to December 31 two years ago.

**CLASS 010 Aged Heifer** - born before September 1 two years ago and never calved.

**Grand & Reserve Champion Heifer** - winners from classes 1-6 Compete. \*No premium points

**CLASS 011 Mature Cow** - May be shown with or without calf.

**CLASS 012 First Calf Heifer** - shown with calf.

**Grand & Reserve Cow.** \*No premium points awarded.

**Supreme Champion Female** - Grand Champion Heifer & Grand Champion Cow compete. \*No premium points awarded

**CLASS 013 Bull Calf** - born after January 1 of this year.

**CLASS 014 Get of Sire** - Two animals with the same sire, either sex, do not need to be owned by same member.

**CLASS 015 Produce of Dam** – two animals either sex.

#### **DIVISION 003 MARKET BEEF**

All steers will be weighed Tuesday night before the show. At this time, the 4-H member will tell the leader which classes he wishes to enter which animal. The classes available are:

#### **CLASS 016 Market Steer**

Feeder Steer classes - unfinished animals

Under 500 pounds & 500 pounds and over

Market Steer classes - finished animals ready to market today

800 to 1,000 pounds & Over 1,000 pounds

**CLASS 017 Auction Steer class** – will sell animal at fair auction, member has completed all requirements for auction program.

**CLASS 018 State Fair Steer** - steers to be shown at NY State Fair and marketed at that time

#### **DIVISION 004 ALL BEEF**

**CLASS 019 Best Two Head** – two animals, either sex.

**CLASS 020 Best Bred by Exhibitor** (one animal, either sex) Sex and age will break up this class. To encourage members to breed beef of acceptable quality, a special award of \$2.00 will be given for each registered entry, which was bred by exhibitor. Breeder is owner of the dam at the time of service.

**CLASS 021 Premier Breeder** - Open to senior members only, their best three head, one must be bred by exhibitor

**CLASS 022 Beef Born Bred and Raised in NY**

## DIVISION 005 EDUCATIONAL BEEF

**CLASS 023 Educational poster** To encourage public viewings and education of the beef cattle industry. Points Blue 8 Red 4 White 1

**CLASS 024 Educational display** To encourage public viewings and education of the beef cattle industry. Points Blue 8 Red 4 White 1

## DAIRY STEER DEPARTMENT

**\*\*\*contact 4-H office if you plan to enter in this department\*\*\*\***

Point value – Blue - 15 points; Red - 7 points; White - 1 point

- All animals are to be purebred Dairy steers, no beef crosses.
- Members must provide their own bedding and hay.
- All steers are to be fed in accordance with the high concentrate program as outlined in the 4-H guide, or a similar high concentrate-low roughage program.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

Dairy Steer exhibitors are required to show in the Fitting and Showmanship Class on beef showmanship day.

REGISTER UNDER DAIRY STEER ON Fair entry for showmanship class – but you will be showing with beef program.

### **BREED CLASSES**

**CLASS 001 Feeder Dairy Steer** up to 800 pounds

**CLASS 002 Lightweight Steers** 800 to 1,000 pounds

**CLASS 003 Heavyweight Steers** 1,000 pounds and up

**CLASS 004 Market Dairy Steer**, animals under 1,000 pounds not eligible for entry

Note: Steers will be weighed on the date brought in and divided by weight at that time.

**CLASS 005 Get of Sire** - three animals with the same sire, do not need to be owned by the same exhibitor.

**CLASS 006 Premier Breeder** - open to senior members only, their best three head, and one must be bred by the exhibitor

**CLASS 007 Best Two Head** – two animals, either sex.

**CLASS 008 Best Bred by Exhibitor** (one animal)

Sex and age will break up this class. To encourage members to breed dairy steer of acceptable quality, a special award of \$2.00 will be given for each registered entry, which was bred by exhibitor. Breeder is owner of the dam at the time of service.

**CLASS 009 Premier Breeder** - Open to senior members only, their best three head, one must be bred by exhibitor

**CLASS 010 Beef Born Bred and Raised in NY**

**CLASS 011 Educational poster** To encourage public viewings and education of the dairy steer industry. Points Blue 8 Red 4 White 1

**CLASS 012 Educational display** To encourage public viewings and education of the dairy steer industry. Points Blue 8 Red 4 White 1

## HERDSMAN AWARD

One dollar per day for each properly fitted and shown animal complying with rules. Animal must be judged worthy or better. This award will be forfeited unless stalls are cleaned out and manure disposed of by each exhibitor daily. One dollar per animal will be collected from exhibitor to pay for clean out after Fair.

## DAIRY CATTLE DEPARTMENT

Point value – Blue - 15 points; Red - 7 points; White - 1 point

Some exceptions see individual classes

- All registered cattle must present registration papers on the day of arrival. Dual ownership or syndicates are not allowed.
- All animals are to be registered dairy animals or grade animals: **(Please attach copy of registration paper with entries.)**

\*\*For the safety of others all animals must be dehorned unless prior approval is obtained from the species leader and animal science.

- Decoration of each exhibit is strongly suggested.
- Exhibitors must show their own animals, unless more than one in a class, then a dairy youth member may exhibit.
- Members must provide their own bedding (unless otherwise advised) and must bring their hay and grain. A vacuum pump will be provided. Each exhibitor is required to provide their own milking machine.

### DAIRY CATTLE HERDSMAN AWARD

- One dollar per day for each properly fitted and shown animal complying with rules. Animal must be judged worthy or better. This award will be forfeited unless stalls are cleaned out and manure disposed of by each exhibitor daily.
- Leader will award Herdsman as an award in the fair entry results. Exhibitor is required to clean coliseum after Fair as organized by key leader.

### DIVISION 005 DAIRY CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for DCCB show online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, foods, crafts, etc.

All animals to be shown must be clean and properly fitted. **No professional grooming will be allowed.** Senior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals on their own. Junior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals with limited adult help. All members are required to show in showmanship to receive credit for the project year. If a showman class has more than 14 entries, that class will be split by age. Dairy show persons are expected to present clean appearance. Show clothes should be white with no visible farm name and give a neat appearance. The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship). \* age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (S1 – S3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*Grand Champion Showman – 1st and 2nd place winners from the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. No points

**DIVISION 006 BREED CLASSES**

**Breeds** – A - Ayrshire, B - Brown Swiss, G - Guernsey, J - Jersey, H - Holstein, M - Milking Shorthorn, O - Other

**CLASS 005 Spring Heifer Calf** – born after February 28 of this year and 4 months old at the time of the show.

**CLASS 006 Winter Heifer Calf** – born after November 30 of last year and before March 1 of this year

**CLASS 007 Fall Heifer Calf** – born after August 31 of last year and before December 1 of last year

**CLASS 008 Summer Yearling Heifer** – born after May 31 of last year and before September 1 of last year

**CLASS 009 Spring Yearling Heifer (not in milk)** – born after February 28 of last year and before June 1 of last year

**CLASS 010 Winter Yearling Heifer (not in milk)** – born after November 30, two years ago and before March 1 of last year

**CLASS 011 Fall Yearling Heifer (not in milk)** – born after August 31, two years ago and before December 1, two years ago.

**CLASS 012 Junior Best 3 Females** - consisting of 3 calves or heifers owned by one exhibitor, any breed. (Registration papers required)

*\*\*\*\*Best Udder and Second-Best Udder will be awarded.*

*\*\*\*\*Production Awards are based on mandatory Dairy One records.*

**CLASS 013 Junior Two-Year-Old Cow** – born after February 28, two years ago and before September 1, two years ago.

**CLASS 014 Senior Two-Year-Old Cow** – born after August 31, three years ago and before March 1, 2021, two years ago.

**CLASS 015 Junior Three-Year-Old Cow** – born after February 28, three years ago and before September 1, three years ago.

**CLASS 016 Senior Three-Year-Old Cow** – born after August 31, four years ago and before March 1, three years ago.

**CLASS 017 Four-Year-Old Cow** – born after August 31, five years ago and before September 1, four years ago

**CLASS 018 Five-Year-Old Cow** – born after August 31, six years ago and before September 1, five years ago

**CLASS 019 Aged Cow** – born before September 1, six years ago

**CLASS 020 Dry Cow** – 4 years old and over. Must have freshened at least once.

**CLASS 021 Senior Best 3 Females** - consisting of 3 cows owned by one exhibitor, any breed - all must have freshened at least once.

**CLASS 022 Bred by Exhibitor** (state number). Breeder is the owner of the dam at the time of service. (\$2 award)

**CLASS 023 Dam and Daughter** - must have shown in individual classes.

**CLASS 024 Produce of Dam** - to consist of two animals of any age, the produce of one cow, owned by 1 exhibitor.

**CLASS 025 Breeders Herd of 5** - consists of 2 animals over 2 years of age that have freshened; 2 females under 2 years old; and one female, any age, any breed, owned by one exhibitor.

## DIVISION 007 DAIRY CATTLE EDUCATION

**CLASS 026 Educational Exhibit** (pre-register on animal science entry form by stating space needed in the coliseum.) To encourage public viewing and education of the Dairy Cattle program, individually or as a family, 4-H members may enter an exhibit of any aspect of the Dairy Cattle Program, not inclusive to dairy products, breeds, parts of an animal, milking process, birthing process, and contemporary issues. The exhibit should be free standing and may be manned with demonstration and handouts. Points blue 8, red 4, white 1

**CLASS 027 Educational Poster** – on dairy cattle industry for public education. Points blue 8, red 4 white 1

## DOG DEPARTMENT

Point value – Blue - 10 points; Red - 5 points; White - 1 point

### DOG SHOW EXHIBITOR RULES:

- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion recognition will be given ONLY for Blue Ribbon qualifying scores. To break a tied score, the heel-on-leash exercise will be used (without the figure 8). Dogs that received a red or white ribbon rating at the previous State Fair may compete in the same class the second year. Dogs that received a blue placing must move up to the next level. In Obedience training it is important that the dog learn the exercise well before going on to the next training level.
- Intact clothing must be neat, clean, and properly fitting with no rips or tears. Sleeved shirts (including t-shirts) are required for all classes. NO cutoffs, mid-drifts, minis, open toed shoes, or obscene logos/language on attire. Skirts and dresses must be of an appropriate length, not higher than 3 inches above the kneecap.
- Exhibitors are responsible for their own dogs and must immediately clean up after their dogs.
- Youth are not to walk their dogs anywhere on the Fairgrounds other than necessary transit to and from the Dog Show.
- A female in season may not be brought to Fair.
- At no time may a dog be left unattended.

**SCORING** - Ribbons will be awarded on the following basis:

- Beginner and Graduate Beginners: Excellent (Blue) 145-160, Very Good (Red) 120-144, Worthy (White) 0-110.
- Novice, Graduate Novice, Open & Utility: Excellent (Blue) 170-200, Very Good (Red) 150-169, Worthy (White) 0-149.
- Grooming and Handling: Excellent (Blue) 86-100, Very Good (Red) 71-85, Worthy (White) 0-70.
- No premium points given to Reserve and Grand Champion placing

Green participation ribbons only for clover bud members

## DIVISION 009 SHOWMANSHIP

- The appearance of the animal (Grooming) will account for 45 points. Knowledge of handler (appropriate to class level) will account for 10 points. The maximum possible score will be 100 points. The ties are broken based on the knowledge of the handler.
- Dogs must be shown by the 4-H'er who did the grooming. The same dog may not be shown twice.
- If a dog defecates or eliminates in the ring during Grooming & Handling, they will lose 15 points per occurrence.
- Discriminating use of bait (food, toy, etc.) will be allowed in Grooming and Handling classes but is not mandatory. Inappropriate baiting will be penalized.

\* Age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (S1 – S3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*\*Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. (No premium points)

#### **DIVISION 010 OBEDIENCE & HANDLING CLASSES**

- Dog leashes for Beginner on Lead exercises are to be 6 feet in length.
- If a dog defecates or eliminates in an obedience ring, they will lose 30 points.
- NO FOOD or BAIT is allowed in the ring during Obedience, whether in a pocket or exposed.
- The preference of the 4-H'ers and their dogs will be scored according to standard score sheets. In general, American Kennel Club (AKC) rules will be used for obedience class evaluation. However, mixed parentage dogs are welcome.
- Limping or injured dogs may be excused at the Judge's discretion.

#### **Regular Classes**

#### **Non-Regular Classes**

**CLASS 005** Beginner Novice A

**CLASS 006** Beginner Novice B      **CLASS 024** Brace

**CLASS 007** Beginner Novice C      **CLASS 025** Beginner Brace

**CLASS 008** Graduate Beginners Novice A      **CLASS 026** Four Person Team

**CLASS 009** Graduate Beginners Novice B      **CLASS 027** Beginner Four Person Team

**CLASS 010** Novice A      **CLASS 028** Drill Team

**CLASS 011** Novice B      **CLASS 029** Service Dog

**CLASS 012** Advanced Novice

**CLASS 013** Graduate Novice

**CLASS 014** Open A

**CLASS 015** Open B      **CLASS 016** Utility

#### **RALLY OBEDIENCE**

**CLASS 017** Rally Novice A

**CLASS 018** Rally Novice B

**CLASS 019** Rally Advanced

**CLASS 020** Rally Excellent

#### **AGILITY CLASSES - NOT OFFERED AT THIS TIME**

**CLASS 021** Agility (Pre-Novice)

**CLASS 022** Agility (Novice)

**CLASS 023** Agility (Open)

#### **DIVISION 011 DOG EDUCATION**

**CLASS 030 Educational Poster** - will be judged on appearance and neatness of the poster

- Poster of an educational nature relating to your activities with your dog over the past year.
- Poster that shows and gives information regarding the breed of your dog.
- General Dog Information and Body Structure.
- Poster of an educational nature relating to your activities with your dog over the past year.

Points: Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

## DAIRY GOATS, MEAT GOATS & WORKING GOATS

Point Value: Blue – 10 points; Red - 5 points, White – 1 point

Registration Papers are required for all breeding does. Non-Registered animals can be exhibited in showmanship and working goat classes. All animals must have appropriate scrapie identification that must match the health certificate. All animals are required to be clean and properly fitted for show. No horns are allowed on Dairy Goats. Horns on Working Goats and Boer Goats ONLY will be allowed if:

- a. They are less than 4" in length and/or
- b. They are tipped if over 4" in length.
- c. Any animal that is posing a risk to the public will be removed from the fairgrounds.

Please indicate the number of pens you will need in each goat department when you enter. Pens do not include tack stalls. Separate entries should be completed for each show goat department entered (meat/dairy/working).

### GOAT HERDSMAN AWARD

(Given in each goat department but only once per animal). \$3/fair will be paid for each properly fitted and shown animal. This award will be forfeited unless stalls are cleaned out and manure disposed of by each exhibitor daily and the exhibitor needs to be present to assist in tear down of pens following ceremonies. Animals must be judged worthy or better. Key leader will award this in the fair entry system.

### 4-H GOAT SHOWMANSHIP (All Departments)

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for goat Cloverbud showmanship online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, foods, crafts, etc.

All animals to be shown must be clean and properly fitted. Senior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals on their own. Junior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals with limited adult help. All members are required to show in showmanship to receive credit for the project year. If a showman class has more than 14 entries, that class will be split by age. Dairy, Meat goat and Working Goat showmanship will be run separately. ATTIRE: Dairy Goat Show - White Pants and white shirt. Meat Goat Show & Auction - Dark pants and western or program t-shirt. Working Goat- Long pants, collared shirt or program t-shirt, and hiking sneakers or boots. The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship). Wethers are not allowed to show in Dairy Goat Showmanship.

\*Age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year

**CLASS 001 Senior Showmanship** – 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 002 Junior Showmanship** – 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 – 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Beginner Showmanship** – First year showman under 14 years of age\*.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disabilities. Members may show in a class (S1 – S3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

**\*\*\*Grand Champion Showmanship** – First and second place winners from Senior, Junior, and Beginner Showmanship Classes. (No premium points)

## GOAT COMPETITIONS (DAIRY, WORKING, MEAT) DEPARTMENT

### *DIVISION 010 GOAT COMPETITIONS (meat, dairy, and working goat)*

Goat Knowledge Olympics will only be offered one day during fair. Plan accordingly for this competition. Once you enter the testing area, plan on finishing the testing. Once you leave the testing area, No re-entry will be allowed.

**005 Beginner Goat Knowledge Olympics**

**006 Junior Goat Knowledge Olympics**

**007 Senior Goat Knowledge Olympics**

**010 Goat Product Competition** – All goat members are encouraged to enter. Your entry is to arrive the day the competition is to take place. Delivery to training center. Goat products will be judged on presentation, difficulty for age, taste, originality, and amount of goat products used. Judging will be divided into Cloverbud, Jr. and Sr. divisions. Members may enter one product in each category. Members are to make new products each year and are encouraged to use their imagination when choosing recipes. Use the following categories for entry. Limit five entries per exhibitor. Points: Blue 6, Red 3, White 1. See next page for categories.

(A). Goat Milk Cheese (B). Beverage (C). Main Course/dessert (D). Goat Fiber (Angora) Product  
(E). Goat Meat (i.e. jerky) (f). Goat Milk Fudge (G). Appetizer/Soup/Salad (H). Goat Milk Soap

**Junior Costume class** - Sign up option will be available with on-line Showmanship registration

**Senior Costume class** - Sign up option will be available with on-line Showmanship registration

**Goat Calling** - The goat is brought into the show ring and is held at the far end of the show ring. The goat handler enters the opposite end of the show ring and when the signal is given, time starts. The handler calls their goat to get them to come to them. No treats or any visual or auditory clues can be used except the handler's voice. The object is to get your goat to come to you in the quickest time. If the goat isn't responding to the handler's calling after 2 minutes, the team is disqualified.

Sign up option available with online Showmanship registration: **Senior Goat Calling & Junior Goat Calling**

## DAIRY GOAT DEPARTMENT

### **DIVISION 011 BREEDING**

**\*\*SENIOR DOE SHOW:** – Any doe that has freshened or is in milk shall compete. Does must have freshened by 2 years of age. Include Dry Milkers

**CLASS 011Jr. Doe Milker** - Under 2 years of age

**CLASS 012Sr. Doe Milker** - 2 years and Under 4 years of age

**CLASS 013Aged Milker** – 4 years and older

**\*\*GROUP CLASSES** – All Breeds judged together. One entry per exhibitor. One Ribbon per winning entry. First place winners will compete for Sr. Doe and Reserve Sr. Doe Champion

**CLASS 014 Dam and Daughter** – Daughter can be any age. Please list Dam only on entry form.

**CLASS 015 Dairy Herd** – Three Does any age or breed. At least 2 must be in milk. Please list all on entry form.

**\*\*JUNIOR DOE SHOW** – Any doe that is under 2 years of age that has not freshened and is not in milk shall compete.

**CLASS 016 Junior Doe Kid** – 2 months to under 6 months

**CLASS 017 Senior Doe Kid** – 6 months to under 12 months

**CLASS 018 Dry Yearlings** – 12 months to under 24 months

**CLASS 019 Yearlings**

**\*\*First place winners compete for Junior Doe Reserve and Champion (no points)**

**\*\*Best Jr. Doe in Show – Jr. Champions from each Breed shall compete (no points)**

**\*\*Best Sr. Doe in Show - Sr. Champions from each Breed shall compete (no points)**

**CLASS 020 Bred By Exhibitor** - The Breeder is the Owner of the dam at the time of service, as indicated on the registration papers. A \$2 award will be given for animals of acceptable quality by receiving a blue or red ribbon in their age class.

**CLASS 021 Dairy Goat Milking Competition** –This is a 12-hour milking competition with samples being weighed and tested. Awards for Production, Butterfat, and Protein will be given. All does in milk shall be entered. Days and times to be announced. State # of does entered on voucher.

#### **DIVISION 012 DAIRY GOAT EDUCATIONAL**

**CLASS 022 Educational Poster** on dairy goat industry for public education. Points: Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

## **MEAT GOAT DEPARTMENT**

#### **DIVISION 013 BREEDING MEAT GOAT**

**\*\*PERCENTAGE DOE SHOW**

**CLASS 011 Percentage Doe Kids** 2-6 mos.

**CLASS 012 Percentage Doe Kids** 6-9 mos.

**CLASS 013 Percentage Doe Kids** 9-12 mos.

**\*\*\*Champion & Reserve Champion Percentage Jr. Doe (No premium points)**

**CLASS 014 Percentage Yearling Doe** 12-16 mos.

**CLASS 015 Percentage Yearling Doe** 16-20 mos.

**CLASS 016 Percentage Yearling Doe** 20-24 mos.

**\*\*\*Champion & Reserve Champion Percentage Yearling Doe (No premium points)**

**CLASS 017 Percentage Senior Doe** 24 to under 36 mos.

**CLASS 018 Percentage Senior Doe** 36 mo. and over

**\*\*\* Champion & Reserve Champion Percentage Sr. Doe (No premium points)**

**\*\*\*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion Percentage Doe (No premium pts.)**

**\*\*FULLBLOOD & PUREBRED DOE SHOW**

**CLASS 019 FB/PB Jr. Doe Kids** 2-6 mos.

**CLASS 020** FB/PB Jr. Doe Kids 6-9 mos.

**CLASS 021** FB/PB Jr. Doe Kids 9-12 mos.

\*\*\*Champion & Reserve Champion FB/PB Jr. Doe (No premium points)

**CLASS 022** FB/PB Yearling Doe 12-16 mos.

**CLASS 023** FB/PB Yearling Doe 16-20 mos.

**CLASS 024** FB/PB Yearling Doe 20-24 mos.

\*\*\* Champion & Reserve Champion FB/PB Yearling Doe. (No premium points)

**CLASS 025** FB/PB Doe 24 mo and-under 36 mos.

**CLASS 026** FB/PB Doe 36 mo. and over

\*\*\*Champion & Reserve Champion FB/PB Sr. Doe. (No premium points)

\*\*\*Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion FB/PB Doe (No premium points)

\*\*\* Best Meat Doe In Show – GCH & RGCh Percentage and FB/PB Does to compete  
(No additional premium points for champions)

**CLASS 027** Produce of Dam - 2 offspring from same doe

**CLASS 028** Get of Sire - 3 offspring by same buck

**CLASS 029** Bred By Exhibitor

#### **DIVISION 014 MARKET MEAT GOAT**

**CLASS 030** Auction Wethers

**CLASS 031** Market Wethers

\*\*\*Champion & Reserve Champion Auction Meat Goat Wether - No premium points

#### **DIVISION 015 MEAT GOAT EDUCATIONAL**

**CLASS 032** Educational Poster on meat goat industry for public education. Points: Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

## **WORKING GOAT DEPARTMENT**

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## DIVISION 017 WORKING GOAT CLASSES

All goats showing in Pack Class must have:

- A pack or saddle with The Essentials in it.
- All packs must be packed with even weight distribution and be the correct weight for the goats age and size.
- Prior to exhibiting in this class ~ all packs will be checked for proper weight, to see if weight is distributed evenly for the goat and the essentials are present (either in the pack or in a pack worn by the exhibitor)
- Exhibitors must pack up their goat.
- Goats must have a collar with lead or halter with lead to show.
- Three refusals of an obstacle and the goat will be required to move to the next obstacle.
- If goat and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes
- If the pack has to be removed due to it being ill fitting or refitted while in the showring, 10 points will be deducted from the overall final score.
- Packs cannot be shared between participants; you must have your own pack.
- Goats will not be pulled or dragged through the course. The judge will ask you to leave the ring if this occurs
- Treats are not allowed in the show ring
- Goats must be 6 months old or older to participate in this class
- If the exhibitor requires assistance in the show ring with their project animal, they will be placed in the Making the Best Better Class and will be scored in this class.

### **CLASS 011 Beginner Pack**

### **CLASS 012 Junior Pack**

### **CLASS 013 Senior Pack**

**Making the Best Better Class ~ determined at show**

\*\*\*Champion Pack, No premium points

### **Pack Line Class**

Consists of 2-4 goats with properly placed packs and contents going through a course.

- Goats must be properly tethered to each other and will be led by an exhibitor through an abbreviated obstacle course.
- Three refusals of an obstacle and the goat will be required to move to the next obstacle.
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- If pack/packs have to be removed due to it being ill fitting or refitted while in the showring, 10 points will be deducted from the overall final score.
- Goats will not be pulled or dragged through the course. The judge will ask you to leave the ring if this occurs
- Treats are not allowed in the show ring
- Goats must be 6 months old or older to participate in this class
- If the exhibitor requires assistance in the show ring with their project animal, they will be placed in the Making the Best Better Class and will be scored in this class.

Goal is to have the goats follow each other through the obstacles without the handler touching the tether line between the goats.

### **CLASS 014 Beginner Packline**

### **CLASS 015 Junior Packline**

### **CLASS 016 Senior Packline**

**Making the Best Better Class ~ determined at show**

\*\*\*Champion Packline, No premium points

### **Goat Driving Class**

Cart drivers must wear an approved helmet. Harness and cart need to be in good working order.

### **CLASS 017 Ground Harness Driving**

- Goat must be properly harnessed in a complete driving harness.
- Youth should know the parts of the harness and drive the goat from behind without being hitched to a carriage.
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- Goats need to be 1 year of age or older to participate in this class and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- Exhibitor must wear an ASTM/SEI helmet
- Proper show attire required.
- Harness and cart need to be in good working condition.
- The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring.
- Exhibitor must use verbal commands while driving the course. A lead person may be used if needed.
- The course pattern will be posted prior to the show
- Exhibitor may only do this Class for one year and then needs to advance to Class 18.
- Failure to do the correct pattern in any class where a pattern is required will mean being immediately excused from the ring.

### **CLASS 018 Second Year Carriage/Ground Harness Driving**

- Goat must be properly harnessed in a complete driving harness.
- Youth should know the parts of the harness and drive the goat from behind.
- Exhibitor must drive while standing behind the carriage.
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- Goats need to be 2 years of age or older to participate in this class and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- Exhibitor must wear an ASTM/SEI helmet
- Proper show attire required.
- Harness and cart need to be in good working condition.
- The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring. Hitching to the cart occurs in the ring.
- Exhibitor must use verbal commands while driving the course. The course pattern will be posted prior to the show
- This class can only be participated in if Class 17 has already been completed by the same exhibitor and goat the year prior.
- Exhibitor may only do this class for one year and then needs to advance to either Class 19 or 20 or both.
- Failure to do the correct pattern in any class where a pattern is required will mean being immediately excused from the ring.

### **CLASS 019 Goat Harness Driving**

- Goat must be properly harnessed in a complete driving harness.
- Youth should know the parts of the harness and drive the goat from the carriage box.
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- Goats need to be 2 years of age or older to participate in this class and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- Exhibitor must wear an ASTM/SEI helmet
- Proper show attire required.
- Harness and cart need to be in good working condition.
- The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring. Hitching to the cart occurs in the ring.
- Exhibitor must use verbal commands while driving the course. The course pattern will be posted prior to the show
- This class can only be participated in if Class 18 has already been completed by the same exhibitor and goat the year prior.
- Failure to do the correct pattern in any class where a pattern is required will mean being immediately excused from the ring.

## **CLASS 020 Goat Harness Obstacle Driving**

- Goat must be properly harnessed in a complete driving harness.
- Youth should know the parts of the harness and drive the goat from the carriage box.
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- Goats need to be 2 years of age or older to participate in this class and should be able to pull up to two (2) times their weight.
- Exhibitor must wear an ASTM/SEI helmet
- Proper show attire required.
- Harness and cart need to be in good working condition.
- The goat must be harnessed prior to entering the ring. Hitching to the cart occurs in the ring.
- Exhibitor must use verbal commands while driving the course. The course pattern will be posted prior to the show
- This class can only be participated in if Class 18 has already been completed by the same exhibitor and goat the year prior.
- Failure to do the correct pattern in any class where a pattern is required will mean being immediately excused from the ring.

### **OBSTACLE PENALTIES**

- Knocking over start or finish marker 5 seconds
- Knocking down or dislodging obstacle 5 seconds
- Starting before signal Elimination

## **Cart Goat Class**

The Goat will be led through an obstacle course with a lead.

- The goat will be harnessed and pulling a cart or implement behind it.
- The cart will be in good working order and have a purpose (hauling groceries, water, kindling, produce, etc.) The cart must have the purpose on it (e.g. hauling hay ~ cart must have hay on it in the show ring)
- The harness needs to be in good working order. Harness may be a working harness or driving harness.
- Treats are not allowed in the show ring
- Youth should know the parts of the harness.
- The harness can be either a working harness or driving harness.
- No person can ride or drive from the cart.
- Three refusals of an obstacle and the goat will be required to move to the next obstacle.
- Goats must be 6 months old or older to participate in this class
- If goats and handler will not do the course, they are disqualified after 2 minutes.
- If the exhibitor requires assistance in the show ring with their project animal, they will be placed in the Making the Best Better Class and will be scored in this class.

## **CLASS 021 Cart Beginner**

## **CLASS 022 Cart Junior**

## **CLASS 023 Cart Senior**

**Making the Best Better Class ~ determined at show**

## Goat Agility

Goat Agility is not a timed event. It is based on a judge scoring you and your goat. Goats do NOT wear packs. Control must be demonstrated over the animal while executing each task. Should the goat refuse an obstacle, the participant can restart that obstacle. The participant is allowed 3 refusals and the judge can signal them to move on.

- No does in milk allowed in agility
- NO MYOTONIC (FAINTING GOATS)
- Goats will not be pulled or dragged through the course. The judge will ask you to leave the ring if this occurs
- If goat and handler enter the ring and goat will not do the course, they are disqualified
- 5 points are deducted from the score for a refusal
- 5 points will be deducted from to the score for each tennis ball knocked down
- 5 points will be deducted if the bar of the jump is knocked off
- 3 points will be deducted if the bar is knocked down
- Goats can be trained using treats but treats are not allowed in the show ring
- Must weave through cones with your goat

**Class 024 Goat 22 inches or less from the withers**

**Class 025 Goat 23 inches to 28 inches from the withers**

**Class 026 Goat 29 inches or more from the withers**

**Making the Best Better Class ~ determined at show**

## EQUINE DEPARTMENT

Point value - Blue, 15 points; Red, 7 points; White, 1 point

### RULES & REGULATIONS

Before entering any class, you must obtain a copy of 4-H Rules and Classes for New York Horse Shows. These contain all class descriptions and the rules by which the show will be conducted. It is available online at [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu) , click Extension, click 4-H, and click Horses.

The following rules have been developed to facilitate achievement of the 4-H objective, to expedite the conduct of the show and to insure equal and fair treatment to all exhibitors. Interpretation and application of all rules and regulations shall be the responsibility of the chairman of the show, whose decisions in these matters will be final. All exhibitors and their parents must abide by them. Submission of an entry form will indicate your acceptance and intended compliance with all regulations.

ASTM/SEI approved protective helmets will be required for all riders, drivers, and in-hand exhibitors.

### ENTRIES

Entry forms are available online. NOTE: \* NEW\* Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for Cloverbud showmanship class online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, food, crafts, etc.

All animals exhibited must be owned by the exhibitor or his/her immediate family or, in the case of leased horses, used by no more than two (2) different exhibitors and they must be showing in two (2) separate categories (different age or experience levels); this includes Cloverbuds. If you decide not to show after you have made an entry, please contact the Show Chairman as soon as possible.

## **BEGINNER CLASSES**

These classes are for members who ride at a walk/trot level. Those riders capable of loping/cantering cannot show in beginner classes. Once an exhibitor moves out of beginner classes they may not go back. Beginners **will not** be allowed in any class other than beginner, driving or miniature.

## **CLASSES**

Any classes having fewer than three entries may be canceled or combined. Exhibitors involved will be notified and given an opportunity to enter another class. Post entries will not be accepted, but you may scratch classes the day of the show, so it is recommended that you pre-enter **all** possible classes.

## **DRESSAGE**

You may ride any three 4-H tests, you will be judged on a percentage basis and separate English and Western trophies will be awarded.

## **COSTUME & FUN CLASSES**

May be held at the end of each day, time permitting. Ribbons will be awarded, but no trophy. This class will not count towards championships. (No premium points)

\*\*\*Entrants in the costume classes are required to submit a 3" x 5" card with a narrative about the costume. This card is to be submitted to the show office by noon of the show day. The narrative will be read by the announcer during the class.

## **SHOWING MORE THAN ONE HORSE**

1. An individual will be allowed to show more than one horse under the following conditions:
  - a) Only one horse per person per show.
  - b) Only one stall will be assigned per person. If a change in horses is to be made, the above rule must be followed.
  - c) All horses must be declared, and the proper health papers filed with the Horse Show Chairperson by entry deadline. One horse and rider combination per entry form.
  - d) A different entry number will be assigned to each horse and rider combination.
  - e) No showing horses from trailers.
2. Exception: you will be allowed to have two equines on the grounds on one day if they are in two different divisions on that day. Stabling will not be guaranteed, and you must have approval of the Show Chairman.

## **REMOVING HORSES FROM THE GROUNDS DURING FAIR**

1. Horses can be removed from the grounds between 6:00am and 9:30pm. Horses and equipment must be loaded only in the designated area.
2. Exhibitors must notify the entry booth of intentions of removing horses, or the horse will not be allowed to re-enter or continue showing.
3. Trailers may be left on the fairgrounds at the owner's own risk.

## **RULES OF THE HORSE SHOW AREA**

These rules must be obeyed, or you may be asked to leave the fairgrounds resulting in the loss of all show privileges and premiums. These rules apply to all 4-H members, their relatives, and friends (including adults).

- \*All horses must be always under control. Uncontrollable horses will be removed from the grounds. Youth exhibitors are the only ones allowed to ride their horses, no parents, trainers, etc.
- \*No horses are to be left outside their stalls unattended. Stall doors are to be kept closed – no web stall guards, or lead lines used as stable closures.
- \*No riding doubles.
- \*No riding without a saddle and/or bridle.
- \*No racing.
- \*No horses are to be ridden inside of the stabling barn or within 20 feet of the stall barn.
- \*No riding south or west of the indoor arena.
- \*Any horse determined to be lame, sick, or undernourished will not be allowed to be shown.
- \*It is recommended that all equipment, especially buckets, be labeled with your name.

\*In the event an animal becomes ill, but remains on the show grounds, the owner is responsible for its care. If the owner is unable to remain with the animal, he must leave word with the horse show office as to his whereabouts or how to contact him.

\*If these rules are not obeyed, you will lose your stabling/showing privileges.

\*Anyone leaving a horse overnight is responsible for watching that horse or making sure that someone on the grounds is responsible for the horse overnight. The Horse Show Committee is not responsible for the safety of horses left unattended.

\*No cross-tying or lawn furniture in the aisles.

\*Approved helmets and boots with heels must be worn whenever you are mounted. Proper footwear (no sandals, flip flops, etc.) required while handling any equines.

#### DIVISION 018 MINIATURE HORSE

01. 4-H Miniature Horse Showmanship - Senior
02. 4-H Miniature Horse Showmanship - Junior
03. 4-H Miniature Horse Showmanship - Beginner
04. 4-H Miniature Horse Showmanship – C.O.O.L.
05. 4-H Miniature Horse Showmanship - Cloverbud
06. 4-H Miniature Horse Ground Poles - Cloverbud
07. 4-H Miniature Horse Ground Poles – C.O.O.L.
08. 4-H Miniature Horse Halter Obstacle – Cloverbud
09. 4-H Miniature Horse Halter Obstacle – C.O.O.L.
10. 4-H Miniature Horse Halter Obstacle -Senior
11. 4-H Miniature Horse Halter Obstacle - Junior
12. 4-H Miniature Horse Halter Obstacle - Beginner
13. 4-H Miniature Horse Gamblers Choice - Senior
14. 4-H Miniature Horse Gamblers Choice - Junior
15. 4-H Miniature Horse Gamblers Choice - Beginner
16. Miniature Horse Hunter - Senior
17. Miniature Horse Hunter - Junior
18. Miniature Horse Hunter - Beginner
19. Miniature Horse Jumping - Senior
20. Miniature Horse Jumping - Junior
21. Miniature Horse Jumping - Beginner
22. Miniature Horse Costume- no trophy (Senior, Junior, & Beginner) No premium points.

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#### DIVISION 019 DRIVING- OPEN TO ALL BREEDS OF HORSES

Each participant must go through a formal inspection of tack and vehicle prior to entering the ring for the first class of the day. This inspection will be done by the show judge. Inspection will begin at 8:30am.

23. 4-H Miniature Country Pleasure Driving - Senior
24. 4-H Miniature Country Pleasure Driving- - Junior
25. 4-H Miniature Country Pleasure Driving – Beginner
26. 4-H Pleasure Driving - Senior & Junior, Horse & Pony
27. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving - Senior
28. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving - Junior
29. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving - Beginner
30. 4-H Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship - Senior & Junior, Horse & Pony
31. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship - Senior
32. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship - Junior
33. 4-H Miniature Horse Pleasure Driving Reinsmanship - Beginner
34. 4-H Obstacle Driving (Senior & Junior, Horse & Pony)
35. 4-H Miniature Horse Obstacle Driving - Senior
36. 4-H Miniature Horse Obstacle Driving - Junior

37. 4-H Miniature Horse Obstacle Driving - Beginner
38. 4-H Gambler's Choice - Senior & Junior, Horse & Pony
39. 4-H Miniature Horse Gambler's Choice Driving - Senior
40. 4-H Miniature Horse Gambler's Choice Driving - Junior
41. 4-H Miniature Horse Gambler's Choice Driving- Beginner
42. 4-H Timed Cones Driving – Senior & Junior. Horses and Pony
43. 4-H Miniature Horse Timed cones driving - Senior
44. 4-H Miniature Horse Timed cone driving -Junior
45. 4-H Miniature Horse Timed cones driving – Beginner

#### DIVISION 020 GYMKHANA (Games)

46. Beginner Gymkhana Showmanship at Halter (Horses & Ponies – open only to Equines not shown in another Beginner Division)
47. Gymkhana Showmanship at Halter (Junior & Senior, Horses & Ponies) - open only to equines not shown in another division)
48. Beginner Cloverleaf Barrels (English & Western Horse & Pony)
49. Pony Cloverleaf Barrels (Junior & Senior)
50. Junior Cloverleaf Barrels for Horses
51. Senior Cloverleaf Barrels for Horses
52. Pony Quadrangle Barrels (Junior & Senior)
53. Junior Quadrangle Barrels for Horses
54. Senior Quadrangle Barrels for Horses
55. Pony Sweetheart Barrels
56. Junior Sweetheart Barrels Horse
57. Senior Sweetheart Barrels Horse
58. Pony Texas T Barrels (Junior & Senior)
59. Junior Texas T Barrels for Horses
60. Senior Texas T Barrels for Horses
61. Beginner Straight Barrels (English & Western Horse & Pony)
62. Pony Straight Barrels (Junior & Senior)
63. Junior Straight Barrels for Horses
64. Senior Straight Barrels for Horses
65. Beginner Pole Bending (English & Western Horse & Pony)
66. Pony Pole Bending (Junior & Senior)
67. Junior Pole Bending for Horses
68. Senior Pole Bending for Horses
69. Pony Figure 8 Barrel (Junior & Senior)
70. Junior Figure 8 Barrel for Horses
71. Senior Figure 8 Barrel for Horses
72. Beginner Keyhole (English & Western Horse & Pony)
73. Pony Barrel Keyhole (Junior & Senior)
74. Junior Barrel Keyhole for Horses
75. Senior Barrel Keyhole for Horses
76. Costume - no trophy (Senior & Junior, Horses & Ponies) No premium points.
77. Beginner Costume - No Trophy (Horse & Pony) No premium points

\*Entrants in the costume classes are required to submit a 3" x 5" card with a narrative about the costume. This card is to be submitted to the show office at the beginning of the show. The narrative will be read by the announcer during the class.

#### DIVISION 021 ENGLISH

78. Beginner English Showmanship (Horses & Ponies)
79. Junior English Showmanship (Horses & Ponies)
80. Senior English Showmanship (Horses & Ponies)
81. Beginner Hunter Hack
82. Beginner English Equitation (Horses & Ponies)
83. Beginner English Pleasure (Horses & Ponies)

84. Beginner English Command (Horses & Ponies)
85. Children's Hunter O/F: X-Rails-2'
86. Novice Equitation O/F: X-Rails-2'
87. Low Hunter O/F: 2'-2'3"
88. Intermediate Equitation O/F: 2- 2'-3"
89. Open Hunter OF: 2'3"-2'6"
90. Open Equitation O/F 2'3"-2'6"
91. Senior Hunter Hack
92. Junior Hunter Hack
93. Hunter Hack Pony
94. Senior English Horse Equitation
95. Junior English Horse Equitation
96. English Pony Equitation (Junior & Senior)
97. Senior English Pleasure Horse
98. Junior English Pleasure Horse
99. English Pleasure Pony (Junior & Senior)
100. Senior Hunter Under Saddle Horse
101. Junior Hunter Under Saddle Horse
102. Hunter Under Saddle Pony (Junior & Senior)
103. Senior Bridle Path Hack Horse
104. Junior Bridle Path Hack Horse
105. Bridle Path Hack Pony
106. Senior English Command (Horses & Ponies)
107. Junior English Command (Horses & Ponies)
108. Costume - no trophy (Horses & Ponies, Junior & Senior) No premium points.
109. Beginner Costume - no trophy (Horses & Ponies) No premium points
110. Senior English Dressage
111. Junior English Dressage
112. Beginner English Dressage

\*\*English Exhibitors may enter one Equitation Over Fences (O/F) class and two Working Hunter Classes (O/F)

#### DIVISION 022 WESTERN

113. Beginner Western Showmanship at Halter (Horses & Ponies)
114. Junior Western Showmanship at Halter (Horses & Ponies)
115. Senior Western Showmanship at Halter (Horses & Ponies)
116. Beginner Western Equitation (Horses & Ponies)
117. Beginner Western Pleasure (Horses & Ponies)
118. Beginner Western Command (Horses & Ponies)
119. Senior Western Hack Horse
120. Junior Western Hack Horse
121. Western Hack Pony (Senior & Junior)
122. Senior Western Horse Equitation
123. Junior Western Horse Equitation
124. Western Pony Equitation (Senior & Junior)
125. Senior Western Pleasure Horse
126. Junior Western Pleasure Horse
127. Western Pony Pleasure (Senior & Junior)
128. Senior Western Command (Horses & Ponies)
129. Junior Western Command (Horses & Ponies)
130. Senior Western Horsemanship (Horses & Ponies)
131. Junior Western Horsemanship (Horses & Ponies)
132. Senior Western Disciplined Rail (Horses & Ponies)
133. Junior Western Disciplined Rail (Horses & Ponies)
134. Senior Ranch Horse Pleasure (Horse & Pony)
135. Junior Ranch Horse Pleasure (Horse & Pony)
136. Senior Ranch Riding (Horse & Pony)
137. Junior Ranch Riding (Horse & Pony)

- 138. Costume - no trophy No premium points
- 139. Beginner Costume - no trophy No premium points
- 140. Western Dressage
- 141. Beginner Western Dressage
- 142. Senior Western Trail
- 143. Junior Western Trail
- 144. Beginner Western Trail
- 145. Senior Ranch Trail
- 146. Junior Ranch Trail

\*\*\*Western Trail classes will start immediately after the conclusion of class 118.

**HERDSMAN AWARD** \$1 per day providing the following requirements are met:

- a. Each exhibitor must enter and show in a fitting and showmanship class, plus a performance class. Exception - horse or pony showing only in the driving division may be awarded a Herdsman Award if it passes a formal inspection by the driving judge.
- b. Stalls must be cleaned out daily, as well as completely after release and manure placed in the designated area. Exhibitors are encouraged to use shavings for bedding to discourage insect reproduction.
- c. Proper care must be provided for each animal. This includes adequate food, water, and bedding. Stalls and aisles are to be kept clean.
- d. Exhibitors are to show proper conduct and wear appropriate attire.
- e. Each exhibitor must participate in pre-fair work bee and perform 2 hours of barn duty. Barn duty includes a minimum of 2 hours helping in the horse area during fair. Sign-up will be available before fair starts. Must be approved by the Horse Show chairperson.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Will be awarded in the following divisions: No premium points

Senior English	Senior Western	Senior Gymkhana	Senior Miniature Horse
Junior English	Junior Western	Junior Gymkhana	Junior Miniature Horse
Beginner English	Beginner Western	Beginner Gymkhana	Beginner Miniature Horse
English Pony	Western Pony	Gymkhana Pony	
Beginner Driving	Miniature Junior Driving Miniature	Senior Driving Miniature	Driving-Horse/Pony

**POINTS:** Will be kept on all performance classes except costume. Points will be kept on horse and rider combination. Points will be awarded in the following manner:

Class of five or more horses: 1st - 6 points 2nd - 4 points 3rd - 3 points 4th - 2 points 5th - 1 point

Class of four horses 1st - 5 points 2nd - 3 points 3rd - 2 points 4th - 1 point

Class of three horses 1st - 4 points 2nd - 2 points 3rd - 1 point

Class of two horses 1st - 3 points 2nd - 1 point

Class of one-horse 1st - 2 points

**Failure to do the correct pattern in any class where a pattern is required will mean being immediately excused from the ring.**

## RABBIT AND CAVY

Point value – Blue - 6 points; Red - 3 points; White - 1 point

Animals must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since June 15th of each year. No animals to be offered for sale during Fair except those entered in auction program. Each exhibitor may enter either six rabbits or six cavies. All exhibitors who enter an animal must participate in a showmanship class. Each breed will be judged separately using the Danish awards system: blue, red, and white. Exhibitors must have attended three (3) project meetings to enter at Fair. All exhibitors must clean and feed animals by 8:30am each day. If not done, no premium and awards will be given. Any exhibitor winning a blue ribbon is eligible for the State Fair.

### HERDSMAN AWARD

One dollar will be paid for each properly fitted and shown animal. This award will be forfeited unless pen/cage is cleaned out. Animals must be judged worthy or better. The leader will give this as an award in the fair entry system.

### RABBIT & CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for Cloverbud showmanship class online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, foods, crafts, etc.

Senior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals on their own. Junior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals with limited adult help. The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship).

**CLASS 001 Senior Showmanship** – 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 002 Junior Showmanship** – 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 – 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Beginner Showmanship** – First year showman under 14 years of age\*.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (1 – 3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*\*Grand Champion Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship – First and second place winners from Senior, Junior, and Beginner Showmanship Classes. No premium points.

\*\*\*Age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year.

## RABBIT DEPARTMENT

### DIVISION 021 RABBIT CLASSES

**CLASS Senior Buck** over six months      **005** Purebred      **006** Pet, mixed breed or utility

**CLASS Senior Doe** over six months      **007** Purebred      **008** Pet, mixed breed or utility

**CLASS Buck**, six to eight months      **009** Purebred      **010** Pet, mixed breed or utility

**CLASS Doe**, six to eight months      **011** Purebred      **012** Pet, mixed breed or utility

**CLASS Junior Buck**, three to six months      **013** Purebred      **014** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Junior Doe**, three to six months      **015** Purebred      **016** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS 017 Best Bred by Exhibitor** - Exhibitor must have doe to show baby, and bring a picture of the mother doe and father buck. \$1 extra will be given for the Best Bred by Exhibitor class. Only one entry per exhibitor.

**CLASS 018 Doe/Babies Class** – Class is removed as of 2026. No baby rabbits & no baby cavy at the Fair.

**CLASS 019 Auction Pair** – consists of two rabbits all the same breed, minimum 5lbs and max 9lbs each. Must be same breed but can be cross bred, variety will not be judged. All animals must be of commercial class to be shown. 4-H sellers must meet all requirements to be eligible to be in auction.

**CLASS 020 Market Class Rabbits**

**\*\*Single fryers** – not over 10weeks of age minimum of 3 lbs. Max 5lbs.

**\*\*Roasters** – All rabbits must be under 6 months of age, minimum weight over 5lbs. Max. weight is 8 lbs.

**\*\*Meat Pen** – must consist of three rabbits, all the same breed and variety, they may come from different litters but must be 10 weeks of age. Minimum 3lbs and max. 5lbs.

**DIVISION 022 RABBITS EDUCATIONAL**

**CLASS 021 Knowledge Contest** (use to be called Exhibitors Judging)

**CLASS 000 Costume Class** – no premium points. Sign up option will be available with on-line Showmanship registration

**CLASS 023 Educational Poster** nature relating to the Rabbit program, which was made in the current year by the exhibitor. Premium blue-8 red-4 white-1point

**CAVY DEPARTMENT**

**DIVISION 023 BREEDING CAVY**

**CLASS Senior Boar**, six months or over 30 ounces

**024** Purebred    **025** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Senior Sow**, six months or over 30 ounces

**026** Purebred    **027** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Intermediate Boar**, up to six months or 22-30 oz.

**028** Purebred    **029** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Intermediate Sow** up to six months or 22-30 oz.

**030** Purebred    **031** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Junior Boar** up to four months, 12-22 ounces

**032** Purebred    **033** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS Junior Sow** up to four months, 12-22 ounces

**034** Purebred    **035** Pet, mixed breed, or utility

**CLASS 036 Best Bred by Exhibitor** - Exhibitor must have mother doe to show baby, and bring a picture of the mother doe and father buck. \$1 extra will be given for the Best Bred by Exhibitor. Only one entry per exhibitor.

**CLASS 037 Doe/Babies Class** – CLASS REMOVED. No longer accepting babies at the fair.

**DIVISION 024- CAVY OTHER**

**CLASS 000 Costume Class** – no premium points. Sign up option will be available with on-line Showmanship registration

**CLASS 039 Educational Poster** - relating to the Cavy program, which was made in the current year by the exhibitor. Points Blue -8, Red-4, White-1

**CLASS 040 Knowledge contest** (formerly Exhibitor judging)

## **SHEEP DEPARTMENT**

Point value – Blue - 10 points; Red - 5 points; White - 1 point

All sheep entered in breeding classes must have been owned and cared for by the exhibitor since the date stated in the front of this Premium Book. All animals must be dehorned unless prior approval is obtained from the Sheep Leader and Animal Science Committee. All auction lambs must be shorn between July 15 and the day before Fair, with no more than 3/8" wool at show day; wool may be left on the legs ONLY below the knees and hocks. Breeding Ewes must be blocked (clipped) to the best of the owner's knowledge. Market lambs may be purebred, grade or crossbred wethers or ewes. All lambs will be weighed in on Tuesday night after 6:00pm.

### **HERDSMAN AWARD**

\$3 will be awarded for each properly fitted and shown animal. This award will be forfeited unless pen is cleaned out daily and the manure disposed of in trailer, and the exhibitor needs to be present to assist in tear down of pens following ceremonies. Animals must be judged worthy or better.

\*\* Leader will mark herdsman awards in fair entry system.

### **DIVISION 024 SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP**

NOTE: \* NEW\* Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for Cloverbud showmanship class online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, food, crafts, etc.

NOTE: 4-H member MUST show in a showmanship class to be eligible to participate in auction class.

NOTE; All animals to be shown must be clean and properly fitted. Showmen will fit and take care of their animals on their own with limited adult guidance. Sheep showmen are required to wear their 4-H sheep t-shirts provided, and jeans. The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship). *\* age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year*

NOTE: Due to space and pen availability, leader may set animal limits per youth.

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (1-3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. No premium points.

#### DIVISION 025 BREEDING SHEEP

- Ewe lambs exhibited in a breeding class will not be eligible to be shown in market classes.
- Lamb - born after September 1 last year
- Yearling Ewe - born after September 1 two years ago
- Mature Ewe - born before September 1 two years ago
- CLASSES – will be divided by the breeds as listed below:  
Grade Registered Suffolk\* Registered Hampshire\*  
Registered Corriedale\* Registered Rambouillet Registered Dorset\*  
Registered Columbia\* Registered Tunis\* Registered Shetland  
Registered Southdown Registered Baby Doll  
Miscellaneous Breeds: All other registered breeds not listed above.  
*\*Eligible breed to be shown at State Fair*

#### CLASS 005 Ewe Lamb

#### CLASS 006 Yearling Ewe

#### CLASS 007 Mature Ewe

\*\*\*Grand Champion Overall Ewe (grade or registered) – chosen from 1<sup>st</sup> place winners of class 001-003

CLASS 008 Ram Class, any breed - Different breeds judged separately.

CLASS 009 Breeders Flock - Ram and two Ewes, grade or registered

CLASS 010 Best pair of breeding Ewe Lambs

#### DIVISION 026 MARKET SHEEP

CLASS 011 Single Market Lamb \*cannot use your auction lamb in this class

Single Market Lamb weighing 90 pounds and under

Single Market Lamb weighing 91 pounds and over

CLASS 012 Best Pair of Market Lambs. New in 2023 – Will allow siblings to show together for this class to complete one full pair of market lambs (may include auction lambs). Sibling 4-H'ers bona fide include: sister, brother, step-sister, step-brother, half-sister, half-brother, adopted. Each sibling should individually list this class on their Fair Entry.

CLASS 013 Auction Lamb - one auction lamb per exhibitor may be entered, who attended the youth auction meeting, attended the May weigh-in, and met all weight auction requirements and fulfilled lamb auction rules.

#### DIVISION 027 OTHER SHEEP CLASSES

CLASS 014 Bred By Exhibitor: Breed is the owner of the ewe at time of service, and lamb (offspring) must be born under your possession. One entry per exhibitor. No flocks or pairs. If exhibitor has multiple animals that qualify, entrant should choose one. Special award \$2.00 per entry plus points.

CLASS 015 Pet class – any breed, crossbreed, purebred, or registered, ewe or whether, kept primarily as a pet or companion. Not being raised for meat, dairy, or breeding.

**CLASS 016 Dairy/Milking Sheep** – any breed of ewe, grade or registered, primarily being raised for milk and dairy production. Ewe that has freshened and is in milking, including dry milker

#### DIVISION 028 SHEEP EDUCATIONAL

**CLASS 017 Educational Poster** - Poster educates the public about the sheep industry or a sheep related topic. Premiums: Blue-8 red-4 white-; Poster must be displayed in barn or in 4-H Training center.

**CLASS 018 Educational Exhibit** – Exhibit educates the public about the sheep industry or a sheep related topic. Premiums: Blue-8 red-4 white-1; Exhibit can be displayed in the barn with leader's permission or in the Training Center.

**Costume Class (No Class #)** –. No points. Sign up option will be available with online Showmanship registration

## SWINE DEPARTMENT

Point value: Blue, -10 points; Red - 5 points; White - 1 point. (no points for Grand Champion Showman).

Swine may be purebred, grade or crossbred barrows or gilts. Gilts exhibited in breeding classes may not be entered in market classes.

#### HERDSMAN AWARD

Three dollars will be paid for each properly fitted and shown animal over three months of age, which is judged worthy or better. This award will be forfeited unless pens are cleaned out and manure disposed of by each exhibitor daily. Leader will give award in the fair entry system.

#### DIVISION 028 SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for Cloverbud showmanship class online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, foods, crafts, etc.

All animals to be shown must be clean and properly fitted. Senior Showmen will fit and take care of animals on their own. Junior Showmen will fit and take care of their animals with limited adult help. The judge will consider the following: appearance of the exhibitor, appearance of the animal (fitting job done) and presentation of the animal in the ring by the exhibitor (showmanship).

*\* age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year*

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (1-3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. No premium points

**DIVISION 029 BREEDING SWINE**

**CLASS 005 Senior Fall Gilt** born on or after July 1 last year

**CLASS 006 January Spring Gilt** born between January 1 and January 31 this year

**CLASS 007 February Spring Gilt** born between February 1 and February 28 this year

**CLASS 008 Senior Spring Gilt** born between March 1 and April 15 of this year

**CLASS 009 Young Spring Gilt** born on or after April 16 and Before July 1 of this year

**CLASS 010 Brood Sow**, having farrowed at least one litter

**CLASS 011 Brood Sow & Litter** - born on/or after June 25 of current year

\*\*\*Champion Breeding Hog – chosen from above class winners

**DIVISION 003 MARKET SWINE**

**CLASS 012 Market hog**

Lightweight Market Hog: barrow or gilt, any breed, between 180 and 225 pounds, will be weighed prior to judging

Heavyweight Market Hog: barrow or gilt, any breed, over 225 pounds, will be weighed prior to judging

State Fair Market Hog: barrow or gilt, any breed, to be weighed prior to judging. Hogs will be judged as to carcass readiness at the time of the New York State Fair Empire Market Hog Contest.

\*\*\*Champion Market Hog – chosen from above class winners

**CLASS 013 Pen of Market Hogs:** shall consist of three barrows and/or gilts owned by exhibitors, two of which may have been shown in individual classes.

**CLASS 014 Auction Market Hog:** must weigh between 215-295 pounds. Weigh in on Tuesday of Fair week. May only be entered in Showmanship, class 13 or class 16, along with auction class. If animal does not make weight, it may be dropped into Division 030 Class 001 or one breed class if gilt.

\*\*\* CHAMPION & RESERVE CHAMPION AUCTION HOGS SELECTED FROM CLASS 003

**DIVISION 031 ALL SWINE**

**CLASS 015 Bred By Exhibitor Awarded** \$2.00 for entering class and earning a blue or red ribbon

**DIVISION 032 EDUCATIONAL SWINE**

**CLASS 016 Educational Exhibit** - to encourage public viewing and education of the swine program, individually or as a family, 4-H members may enter an exhibit of any aspect of the swine program/industry. The exhibit may not promote specific brand-name products, services, or businesses. The exhibit should be freestanding and may be manned with a demonstration and/or handout materials. Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

**CLASS 017 Educational Poster** - to encourage public viewing and education of the swine industry.  
Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

## POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Point value for classes - Blue - 6 points; Red - 3 points; White - 1 point  
Exception on point values: Trio classes- Blue 6points, Red 3 points, White 1 point

All birds except meat and crossbred-for-production classes must be purebred standard variety and owned by the exhibitor. All birds must be positively identified on the entry tag to be placed on the cage. All birds that were on exhibit should be isolated from the home flock for three weeks or used for market purposes. Exhibits must have originated from the exhibitor's own project.

The Species leader reserves the right to refuse any exhibits that show evidence of disease such as lice and mites, parasites, or lack of maturity. Entries for which there is no specific class listed will not be accepted. Each breed will be judged separately, using the group award system of judging as outlined under Rules and Regulations.

Total entries (not including egg classes, posters or displays) – maximum of 10 per person. (Trio is one entry) In the egg classes a maximum of two entries per exhibitor per class is allowed. These may be extra-large, large, medium, or small sizes.

Showing Procedure - Showing will start promptly at 10:00am, Wednesday of Fair week, and finish upon completion of all classes. Each bird will be judged for its individual award and then blue-ribbon winners will compete for class champion. Trios will be judged in their cages. Grand Champions will be selected from the champion birds at the end of the show. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to: (1) plan for his/her bird to be shown; (2) have entry cards filled out, scored and turned over to the leader.

### HERDSMAN AWARD

One dollar will be paid for each properly fitted and shown bird. This award will be forfeited unless pen is cleaned out daily. Animals must be judged worthy or better. Your species leader will award this in the fair entry system.

### DIVISION 032 POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

NOTE: Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs) will register for Cloverbud showmanship class online using fair entry; Cloverbuds only need to make ONE entry total per child on Fair Entry website, which then will ask a series of questions to collect all the information the 4-H office & leaders need from them. The questions will cover all areas including animals, Cloverbud showmanship, food, crafts, etc.

Senior Showman must independently fit and care for their own animal. Junior Showman fit and care for their own animal with limited help. Additionally, the Judge will consider the following:

- 1) All animals must be clean and in proper condition
- 2) If an exhibitor borrows a bird for showmanship, he/she must prepare the bird himself/herself
- 3) The exhibitor must pose and handle the bird properly.
- 4) Exhibitors will be judged on knowledge of his/her bird (know the breed and class!) and anything from the APA Standard of Perfection.
- 5) The exhibitor must display clean and neat appearance.

*\* Age of 4-H members to be determined as his/her age on January 1st of the program year*

**CLASS 001 Beginner Showman** - first year showman under 14 years of age\*

**CLASS 002 Junior Showman** - 8 to 13 years of age\* or first year showman 14 to 18 years of age.

**CLASS 003 Senior Showman** - 14 to 18 years of age\* and not a first-year showman.

**CLASS 004 Special Showmanship:** for 4-H members who have a physical or developmental disability. Members may show in a class (1-3) based on age or choose to enter this class with the guidance of a parent or leader and may exhibit with a helper.

\*\*Grand Champion Showman - first and second place winners of the beginner, junior and senior classes for the present year. No premium points

### DIVISION 033 POULTRY CLASSES

All chickens in these classes judged according to the American Standard of Perfection (ASOP)

General Disqualifications - see 4-H Poultry bulletin L-8-1 4e, General Disqualifications & Defects of Poultry.

Standard Bred Poultry Classes - only chickens listed in ASOP accepted in these classes. This includes large fowl & bantams.

**CLASS 005** Standard Cock

**CLASS 006** Bantam Cock

**CLASS 007** Standard Cockerel

**CLASS 008** Bantam Cockerel

**CLASS 009** Standard Hen

**CLASS 010** Bantam Hen

**CLASS 011** Standard Pullet

**CLASS 012** Bantam Pullet

Trio Classes - standard bred poultry classes. Birds must be of purebred varieties.

**CLASS 013** Standard Cock and two Hens      **CLASS 014** Bantam Cock and two Hens

**CLASS 015** Standard Cockerel and two Pullets      **CLASS 016** Bantam Cockerel and two Pullets

Production Classes - birds for egg production may be either purebred varieties or crossbred stock. These birds will be judged on health, vigor, and egg production characteristics.

**CLASS 017** Production Hen

**CLASS 018** Production Pullet

#### Back Yard Bird

**CLASS 019** Backyard Bird - includes any mix breed poultry in good condition to show.

Meat Production Classes - live birds - birds for meat production may be either purebred varieties or crossbred stock. These birds will be judged on health and vigor.

**CLASS 020** Fryer, seven to nine weeks

**CLASS 021** Broiler, nine to twelve weeks

Ducks - all ducks are shown singly (duck or drake), any standard breed, no crossbreeds

**CLASS 022** Old Drake (over 1 year)

**CLASS 023** Young Drake (under 1 year)

**CLASS 024** Old Duck (over 1 year)

**CLASS 025** Young Duck (under 1 year)

Geese - all geese are shown singly (goose or gander), any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 026** Old Gander (over 1 year)

**CLASS 027** Young Gander (under 1 year)

**CLASS 028** Old Goose (over 1 year)

**CLASS 029** Young Goose (under 1 year)

Turkeys - all turkeys are shown singly (hen or tom), any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 030** Old Tom (over 1 year)

**CLASS 031** Young Tom (under 1 year)

**CLASS 032** Old Hen (over 1 year)

**CLASS 033** Young Hen (under 1 year)

Ornamental Poultry not suited to above classes. No birds covered by conservation laws should be exhibited.

**CLASS 034** Ornamental Poultry

Ornamental Pheasant - all pheasants are shown singly (cock or hen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 035** Old Cock (over one year)

**CLASS 036** Young Cock (under one year)

**CLASS 037** Old Hen (over one year)

**CLASS 038** Young Hen (under one year)

Fancy Pigeon all pigeons are shown singly (cock or hen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 039** Old Cock (over one year)

**CLASS 040** Young Cock (over one year)

**CLASS 041** Old Hen (over one year)

**CLASS 042** Young Hen (under one year)

Call Ducks - all call ducks are shown singly (drake or duck) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 043** Old Drake (over one year)

**CLASS 044** Young Drake (under one year)

**CLASS 045** Old Duck (over one year)

**CLASS 046** Young Duck (over one year)

Indian Peafowl (Peacock) - all Indian Peafowl are shown singly (peacock or peahen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 047** Old Peacock (over one year)

**CLASS 048** Young Peacock (under one year)

**CLASS 049** Old Peahen (over one year)

**CLASS 050** Young Peahen (under one year)

**Game Birds** (Old English or Modern) - all game birds must be shown singly (cock or hen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 051** Cock

**CLASS 052** Cockerel

**CLASS 053** Hen

**CLASS 054** Pullet

**Quail**- All quail are shown singly (cock or hen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 055** Cock

**CLASS 056** Cockerel

**CLASS 057** Hen

**CLASS 058** Young Hen

**Guinea fowl** – all Guinea fowl must be shown singly (cock or hen) any standard breed, no crossbreeds.

**CLASS 059** Cock

**CLASS 060** Cockerel

**CLASS 061** Hen

**CLASS 062** Young Hen

**Auction Market Birds** – MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST ONE AUCTION MEETING in the current 4-H year & ordered your meat bird chicks through the 4-H poultry leader to be eligible.

**CLASS 063 Auction Bird Pair**- judged on meat characteristics.

#### **DIVISION 034 POULTRY EDUCATION**

**Eggs** – All eggs will be candled and graded by current egg market standards.

**CLASS 064** Dozen white eggs

**CLASS 065** Dozen brown eggs

**CLASS 066 Educational Poster** - any poster of an educational nature relating to Poultry Science, which was made in the current year by the exhibitor. Posters judged on neatness and content allowing for age of exhibitor. Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

**CLASS 067 Educational Display** - materials and paraphernalia of an educational nature arranged in display fashion (i.e.: egg grades with eggs). Displays will be judged for neatness & content allowing for age of exhibitor. Blue 8, Red 4, White 1

**CLASS 068 Poultry Science Contest** - written and oral examination, time to be designated during the Fair week.

## **APPENDICIES**

**2026 Fair Animal Health Requirements:**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/01/fairhealthrequirements.pdf>

**Livestock & Poultry; NYS Resources and Information**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/livestock-poultry>

**Avian flu information**

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/avian/>

**2026 Fair Interstate Health Requirements:**

<https://agriculture.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2026/01/interstatehealthrequirementsforfairs.pdf>