

**TOMPKINS COUNTY
4-H YOUTH FAIR
July 21 – July 25, 2026**

ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT

Your Guide to Successful Involvement in the 4-H Youth Fair



Access the “4-H Acres Youth Fair Exhibit Class Listing” on our web site:
ccetompkins.org/4hfair

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Record Books and Creative Writing - Any 4-H member exhibiting a record book and/or creative writing at the Youth Fair must bring their completed projects to the 4-H Office on or **before July 1st**. Two copies of Creative Writing are required.

**All STATIONARY Exhibits, Pre-fair registration, Animal Entry forms and
Overnight Permission forms are due July 1st.**

Forms are available on the web (ccetompkins.org/4hfair),
or by contacting Venda, vmt5@cornell.edu.

For the full 2026 4-H Youth Fair schedule please visit: ccetompkins.org/4hfair

New This Year!

Check out these exciting and **NEW** opportunities at this year's 4-H Youth Fair!!

Evaluation of exhibits will be on Saturday, July 18, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required at [Tompkins County 4-H \(ultracamp.com\)](http://Tompkins County 4-H (ultracamp.com))

NEW THIS YEAR-Exhibit judging will take place on the lawn outside Kiwanis Hall

Creative Table Setting Contest: Your table setting must be in place and evaluated on Saturday July 18, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Pre-Registration is required.

Superintendent Orientations: Please plan to join us at 11 a.m. Monday, July 20 for pizza, followed by the Superintendent Orientation and Clean up/set up.

Fair-y Tales: Fair board has decided to have a Fairy Tale Theme at fair this year. Come prepared to support this theme, how can you get creative and incorporate this theme at fair? The Pole barn will have the theme of the 3 Little Pigs; PEST Tent will be Jack and the Beanstalk; Kiwanis Hall will be Hansel and Gretel-the Gingerbread house; and the Horse Ring will be Little Red Riding Hood.

Animal Check In Time will be from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 21 ONLY. Please plan to arrive during this time, and don't forget to bring your Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and proof of vaccinations. This includes the certifications for the Pullorum Test.

2026 Favorites Return!

Animal Costume Contest, Tuesday, 4:00 pm Get creative and dress you and your animal up in this informal fun contest. Any species of animal can participate, award will be given for the most popular vote.

Friday Evening County Pulled Pork Dinner 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a Texas Roadhouse Pulled Pork Sandwich served with chips at this popular food event.

Adult Round Robin Showmanship: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; roles will be switched, and the winners of last year's youth showmanship classes will be the judges as adults take the lead and rotate through dairy, sheep and goats.

Adult Iron Chef: Thursday, 6:30-8:00 pm Put your creative and culinary skills to the challenge in the Adult Iron Chef Contest! Your challenge is to create an "adult friendly recipe from kid friendly mystery ingredients". This will be just like the Jr. Iron Chef, but for adults. **Registration is required, limit to 4 teams, 3 – 4 individuals per team**

Special Lunch Deals: The Country Kitchen will be open for lunch from 11:30 – 3:00 daily! In addition to the fan favorites of burgers, hotdogs, milkshakes, smoothies and fries we will also be offering Carnival Food of the Day! This is your first chance to enjoy Fried Dough, Fried Pickles, and

Fried Bananas with Mago Sorbet, Each treat will be offered on a different day. You can also purchase a “Clover Meal” for kids and use “Jo’s To Go” for on-site food delivery!

State Fair- Everyone who exhibits or attends state fair must attend the State Fair meeting on **July 30, 7pm @ 4-H Acres**. New and important information that pertains to all will be covered. **CHANGETHIS YEAR- THERE WILL NOT BE A FAIR EVALUATION MEETING WITH DISH TO PASS ON THIS NIGHT.** A Survey will come out after fair to gather suggestions, likes and dislikes, so be on the lookout for this.

4-H Schedule of Activities –Make sure you check the schedule (ccetompkins.org/4hfair) carefully so you don’t miss anything!

Timely Reminders

Registration of all STATIONARY exhibits is due July 1st. Please register all stationary exhibits at [Tompkins County 4-H \(ultracamp.com\)](http://Tompkins County 4-H (ultracamp.com))

4-H Leaders Appreciation Meeting Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.: Enjoy the 4-H Dish To Pass, browse the exhibits in Kiwanis Hall, then join 4-H staff for a 4-H leader appreciation and update; and we promise this will be brief!

Electronic Animal Science entries are available and are due July 1st; please register all animals at [Tompkins County 4-H \(ultracamp.com\)](http://Tompkins County 4-H (ultracamp.com)); make sure you bring a copy of the Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI), and proof of vaccinations with you to the fair – you do not need to turn these in pre-fair.

Electronic and Downloadable Paper Overnight Request and Youth/Adult Youth and Adult Leadership forms are available electronically: ccetompkins.org/4hfair. Paper copies are available upon request by contacting Venda.

Creative Table Settings will be entered as a class under Home Environment (Section DC, Class 7), and must have a double entry card. All table settings must be on display and evaluated on Saturday July 18 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Yum, Yum: Special Food Events

4-H Family Dish To Pass and Exhibit Showcase – Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Let’s gather with friends, family and peers to “kick off” the 4-H Youth Fair. Bring a dish to pass; table service and beverage, will be provided. All exhibits will be on display for your browsing and youth can enjoy the bon-fire.

Encanto Walking Taco Dinner – Wednesday, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Come and enjoy an all-time favorite

Thursday, Hot Breakfast! 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the Country Kitchen

Friday, Pulled Pork; 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Country Kitchen

Chicken BBQ – Saturday, 11:30 a.m. ‘til gone: Don’t miss this “Best Seller”! A scrumptious

Chicken BBQ dinner complete with salt potatoes, baked beans, Texas Road House rolls, and desserts will be available.

Things to Remember

4-H Age Reminder: Participation is open to all youth 5-19 (Jan. 1) years of age who have been involved in a 4-H Program. Youth 5–7 years of age on or before January 1st are enrolled as “Cloverbuds.” Youth 8 – 19 as of January 1 of the current club year are enrolled as 4-H members. For all contests at the Youth Fair, Junior level is 8–13 years of age, and Senior level is 14–18 years of age (as of January 1).

Special Needs: 4-Hers with special needs are encouraged to indicate special needs on the back of the double entry cards for the evaluators’ information. Please contact the 4-H Office prior to the Fair for more information.

4-H Fair Exhibit Class Listing: How do I know what to enter, what the class numbers are? You will receive an email from Venda, letting you know what your class numbers are for the items that you registered to be exhibited. Or you can access the “**4-H Youth Fair Exhibit Class Listing**” on our web site: cctompkins.org/4hfair . Please read each section carefully as some exhibits require additional information. – **MAKE SURE YOU ARE USING THE 2025 EDITION WHEN FINDING CLASS NUMBERS-THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CLASS CHANGES**

Double Entry Cards: Every exhibit must have a double entry card securely attached to it; cards are available at the Education Center, at Fair Evaluation Night or printed from the website; Cloverbud cards are also available.

Conference Judging: Each exhibitor has the opportunity for an interview with the judge – this is a time to share more about your project and learn how to improve your skills. *If you are not available to be at fair on evaluation night, please let Venda know by July 1, so other arrangements can be made.*

Appropriate Dress and Behavior at Fair: Remember that you are representing yourself and 4-H to others and to the public during the 4-H Fair. Your dress, appearance and behavior should represent respect for yourself and others and reflect good decisions. Keep “4-H A” in mind (**4-H Appropriate**)! Contact the 4-H office if you have any questions. Shoes are required during Fair and closed toed shoes for livestock participants.

Youth Fair Contests

Participation Levels for All Contests Unless Otherwise Noted: (age as of January 1, of current year)

Cloverbuds (5 – 7 year olds)

Juniors (8 – 13 year olds)

Seniors (14 – 18 year olds)

SECTION B – CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCE

PiNY (PRODUCED IN NEW YORK) Contest - is designed to showcase the wide variety and use of agricultural products grown or produced New York. PiNY is a marvelous opportunity for youth, ages 8 – 19 years of age, to demonstrate their food preparation skills while promoting a tasty recipe

featuring New York State food products. During the PiNY program, individual 4-H members do a “silent demonstration”. Youth will be considered for an invitation to participate in the PiNY Contest at the NYS Fair. Don’t forget to sign up on the Pre-Fair Registration form! Contact Venda for additional information.

ADULT IRON CHEF – Adults can put their culinary skills to the test in this team challenge. Space is limited to 4 teams, 3-4 adults per team, registration is required. The contest will include three main parts – creating a recipe with health and nutrition in mind, with ingredients provided; preparation of the recipe, and plating one serving for each evaluator; clean-up of all utensils, tools and cooking area. Awards will be presented to the top team once clean-up is complete. All ingredients, food preparation utensils, equipment, tools and serving dishes will be provided. The contest will be Thursday 6:30-8pm. *Pre-registration is required.*

JR. IRON CHEF – Put your creative and culinary skills to the challenge in the Jr. Iron Chef Contest! Youth 8 – 18 register as an individual or team (teams are limited to 3-4 members this year). Each team is required to have an adult team supervisor (parent, family member, community member; must be 21 years of age). The contest will include three main parts – creating a recipe with health and nutrition in mind, with ingredients provided; preparation of the recipe, and plating one serving for each evaluator; clean-up of all utensils, tools and cooking area. Awards will be presented to the top team once clean-up is complete. All ingredients, food preparation utensils, equipment, tools and serving dishes will be provided. Two contest times are Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. OR Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Pre-registration is required.*

GENERAL LIVESTOCK CONTESTS (All contests are open to any 4-H’er in any project area)

There must be at least three animals of a specific species in order to hold a competitive show and present awards. If less than three in a specific species, we will offer an opportunity for Exhibition of these animals.

ADULT ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP: Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; roles will be switched and the winners of last year’s showmanship classes will be the judges as adults take the lead and rotate through dairy, sheep and goats.

YOUTH ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP: Friday, 1:30 p.m. Youth will be evaluated on their showmanship skills in dairy cattle, sheep, goats. Rabbit Showmanship will be used as a tie breaker! Fitting will not be part of the evaluation. Each participant will show each of these animals – rotating through each species until they have presented all three to the judges. Proper dress is to look neat and presentable. All 4-Hers can enter. Closed-toe shoes are required.

Animal Health Requirements

For Admission To New York State and County Fairs (Part 351 of NYS Agriculture and Markets Regulations)

Electronic entries are due in the 4-H Office by July 1st

Remember to bring the following with you to the fair:

- CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection/Health Certificate)
 - Copy of Vaccinations
 - BVD report (if required)
- Exhibitors must provide their own bedding, feed, and water buckets.

Tompkins County Guidelines

Early Release Policy: The Livestock Program Development Committee has approved the following guidelines for early release of animals:

- The dates of the 4-H Youth Fair are published at least 10 months in advance, and every effort must be made to adhere to the regular release time frame; consideration for early release will only be considered in extreme emergencies or situations.
- The exhibitor should first try and find another exhibitor, member of their club, or family member to care for their animals for the duration of the Fair, and in their absence.
- All requests must be made in writing and received in the 4-H Office at the time the animal entry forms are due. The request must indicate reason for early release.
- Should an emergency arise after the animal entry forms have been submitted, the exhibitor should contact 4-H staff immediately to discuss options.
- If request for early release has been granted, the exhibitor must arrange an appropriate time with 4-H staff.
- Decisions will be made at staff and/or committee discretion.

All animals staying overnight at 4-H Acres must be screened and approved during the regular vet check times. No animal will be allowed to stay overnight without going through this process. Check the schedule for vet check times. Lactating animals may arrive for the day of show only – they cannot stay overnight unless a veterinarian is scheduled. It is recommended that they arrive within 3 hours prior to the show and leave within 3 hours after the show.

- All cattle and swine must be identified by USDA approved official ear tag.
- As of November 5, 2024, all cattle (dairy, beef, steer, heifer, calves etc) must have a RFID tag, this is NYS mandated. You will not be permitted to show if you do not have this.
- Rabies vaccination lower age limit is 4 months.
- Category 2 veterinary accreditation is now required.
- All goats (over 4 months of age) must be off-labeled vaccinated for rabies.
- All poultry must show proof of negative Pullorum test

Exhibitor Pre-fair Guidelines for NY Youth, County and State Fairs

For questions call 518-457-3502

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

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

Poultry

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

MOST IMPORTANT When it comes time to load your livestock for the trip to the fair take the time to examine them. Make sure they are the same animals that are on the paperwork and if they are showing any signs of illness LEAVE THEM HOME.

EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS

Due to the ongoing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) outbreak in both cattle and poultry, there are emergency import regulations in effect. In addition, there are federal orders for dairy cattle in effect. Regardless of residency, there are HPAI test requirements for any lactating dairy cow also in effect for New York fairs and exhibitions. These emergency conditions must be met in addition to the Part 351 fair requirements to be admitted to the Great NY State and county fairs. These conditions

may change at any time. It is strongly recommended that you frequently review these regulations and federal orders for both poultry and cattle at our website: [Fairs | Agriculture and Markets](#)

General Prohibitions and Requirements

- No person shall bring or have present an animal on the fairgrounds for any reason (show, exhibit, raffle, demonstration, display) during a fair which is not qualified under NYS regulations.
- Any animal which is subject to inspection upon entry to the fairgrounds will be inspected without covering (wraps, coats, head gear, etc).
- No person shall present an interstate or intrastate certificate of veterinary inspection that has been altered by anyone other than the issuing veterinarian or an authorized agent.
- Animals demonstrating clinical signs or other evidence of infectious, contagious or communicable diseases shall not be allowed on the fairgrounds during a fair.
- Representatives of the Commissioner may deny admission to or require removal from the fair premises, or require the segregation of any animal showing signs of or exposed to any infectious, contagious or communicable disease.

Note: The fair board of directors has the authority to reject unworthy or unsightly exhibits for reasons other than infectious, contagious or communicable disease (Part 350.10). The state veterinarian or animal health inspector will bring questionable exhibits to the attention of the fair board.

- All animals presented that originate from a location other than New York shall meet all New York State importation regulations appropriate to the species in addition to the fair animal health requirements.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)

- Cattle, sheep, goats, swine, llamas, deer, alpaca and misc. ruminants, require a valid CVI to enter the fairgrounds.
- The CVI must be issued by a Category 2 accredited veterinarian. Wet ink signatures for paper CVIs or eCVIs are acceptable.
- A physical CVI must be available to inspection staff for date and approval time of inspection. This may be a printout of an eCVI or owner's copy of a paper CVI.
- All animals must be officially identified. **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED.** Refer to Animal Identification section below for more information.
- Only one species is allowed per certificate.
- The type and duration of certificate required depends on the origin of the livestock.

New York Origin Livestock:

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

Out of State Origin Livestock:

- All animals entering New York State must satisfy import health and test requirements for that species and be accompanied by a valid interstate CVI.
- An eCVI may be issued but a paper copy of the eCVI is required for the animal check on process.
- The interstate CVI is valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. During the fair season (July 1 through Labor Day) valid CVI's can be used multiple times for entrance into fairs. The initial

entrance into a fair must be within 30 days of issuance. In order for the CVI to be used for a later fair, it must be dated and initialed by a state official noting the location of the initial fair. A change in health status or eligibility of an animal necessitates the generation of a new CVI.

Questions regarding import requirements should be directed to the Division of Animal Industry at 518-457-3971, or at the division's import/export homepage: [Animal Import & Export | Agriculture and Markets](#)

Animal Identification

- **ALL MANMADE ID MUST BE RECORDED**
- Cattle must be identified by an official USDA radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag," or an equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country.
- Sheep and goats must be identified by official scrapie identification (see sheep and goat sections below).
- Swine must be identified by an official USDA approved ear tag. Radio frequency identification (RFID) eartag, commonly referred to as an "840 RFID tag" or an equivalent official RFID tag if the animal was tagged in another country. Nursing piglets originating within NYS do not have to be individually identified if the sow is correctly identified on the CVI and the number of piglets in the litter is noted on the CVI. Nursing piglets from out of state will need official ID.
- Llamas and alpacas must be identified by official eartag or microchip.
- Misc. ruminants must be identified by unique eartag or microchip.
- A complete written description is sufficient identification for horses entering New York accompanied by a CVI. The description must match the EIA test record. Horse sketches and descriptions should reference color pattern, hair whorls, chestnuts, scars and other markings as necessary to uniquely identify the horse. Tattoos and microchips if any should be included. "Bay, no markings" is not an acceptable description for a CVI or EIA test record.
- NOTE: If you are exhibiting animals identified by microchip, a working reader must be supplied by the exhibitor.
- For questions on animal identification please contact your veterinarian or our office at 518-457-3502.

Rabies Vaccination

- Current rabies vaccination is required for all species for which there is a USDA licensed vaccine available (cattle, horses, sheep, dog, cat, ferret) and that are 4 months of age or older on the date of admission to the fair.
 - For most rabies vaccines, the earliest age allowable for primary vaccination is 3 months (12 weeks). Animals that are vaccinated prior to 84 days of age will need to be re-vaccinated according to label before entering the fairgrounds.
- Vaccine must have been administered within the past 12 months. The exception is Imrab LA vaccine used in sheep which protects for 3 years after the second annual vaccination (consult your veterinarian).
- The rabies vaccination requirement must be met on the day of admission even if the animal was previously admitted to a fair when too young to vaccinate.
- Note: Individual fairs can require animals for which there is no approved rabies vaccine to be currently vaccinated for rabies. The requirements outlined above would apply. The fair is responsible for notifying exhibitors.

- The New York State Fair requires rabies vaccination for all livestock species entering the grounds.

Acceptable Proof of Rabies Vaccination

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

HPAI Testing for Lactating Dairy Cattle

- All lactating dairy cattle must test negative for HPAI within seven (7) days prior to entering the fair or exhibition, including the New York State Fair, county fairs or other exhibitions. The test must be conducted at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) lab.

BVD-PI Testing

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

Cleaning and Disinfection

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

Animal Deaths

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

Cattle Testing:

- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle less than 61 days old:
 - Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
 - whole blood virus isolation
 - whole blood PCR
- Currently acceptable BVD tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:

- Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
- Whole blood virus isolation
- Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

The Animal Health Diagnostic Center at Cornell University can conduct testing on pools of up to 10 cattle.

Calving, Kidding, and Lambing

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

Commingling of Sheep and Cattle

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

Commingling of Swine and Poultry

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

Isolation on Returning Home

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

Individual Species Requirements

Cattle

- See EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS SECTION AT THE TOP.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified.
- All lactating dairy cattle must have tested negative o HPAI test within 7 days prior to entry to a New York fair or exhibition (see lactating Dairy Cattle above).
- Rabies vaccination is required for all cattle 4 months of age or older (see above).
- All cattle must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). (See current acceptable tests above.) The date and results of the testing must be noted on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
- All cattle must be currently vaccinated against bovine respiratory disease complex including bovine respiratory syncytial virus, bovine virus diarrhea, infectious bovine rhinotracheitis and parainfluenza with a product administered in a manner and time frame adequate to confer protective immunity for these diseases for the duration of the fair. The date and vaccine product should be documented.

Sheep

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible USDA approved registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved flock tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the sheep is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and/or the

electronic implant ID is recorded on the sheep's registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-UDSDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).

- Rabies vaccination is required for all sheep 4 months of age or older (see above).
- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the flock of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any sheep, the entire exhibit including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Goats

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals individually identified with USDA approved individual scrapie program identification. Identification must be one of the following: 1) USDA approved tags or 2) a legible registration tattoo or 3) a legible USDA approved herd tattoo and individual animal ID number or 4) electronic implant device (microchip) if the goat is enrolled in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program and/or the electronic ID is recorded on the goats registration paper. For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 1-866-UDSDA-TAG (1-866-873-2824).

For information on scrapie ID, contact USDA at 518-218-7540.

- The CVI must contain a written statement from the issuing Category 2 accredited veterinarian that the herd of origin was inspected after May 1 of the current year and no evidence of contagious, infectious or communicable diseases was found.
- If evidence of soremouth (contagious ecthyma) is found on any goat, the entire exhibit including the affected animals (and any small ruminants from any other flock on the same conveyance to the fairgrounds) shall immediately be removed from the fair premises with the holding pens cleaned and disinfected immediately after removal.

Swine

- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection with animals properly identified. Out of state nursing piglets need official identification along with the sow. See Animal Identification section above.

Llamas and Alpacas

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

Poultry

- SEE EMERGENCY DISEASE REQUIREMENTS SECTION AT THE TOP
- Poultry (with the exception of doves, pigeons, and waterfowl) must be accompanied by 1) results of a negative pullorum test conducted within 90 days prior to exhibition OR 2) proof that the birds originated directly from a US pullorum-typhoid clean flock or equivalent flock.
- Poultry qualified by 90-day test must be identified by official leg band.
- Proof of NPPI certification information. If using a receipt, it must be dated within 1 year of the date of admission to the fair.

Forms available online at ccetompkins.org/4hfair

**Youth Leadership Application
Adult Coordinators/Volunteers Application
Overnight Permission Forms**

**Animal and Stationary Exhibits must register at [Tompkins County 4-H](http://TompkinsCounty4H.org/ultracamp.com)
(ultracamp.com)**

**Event Registration Form
Stationary Exhibit Registration
Animal Entry Forms**

All DUE to the 4-H Office July 1st

YOUTH LEADERSHIP POSITIONS



Assistant—This is a good position for youth of any age, but especially for 8 –12 year olds. Little or no 4-H Fair experience is necessary. Duties may include running errands for staff, judges, teen superintendents, or volunteers; serving customers in the Country Kitchen Express Lane; helping with set-up and tear-down of contest/exhibit areas; transporting judged exhibits to display area. Assistants must be cheerful, be able to communicate with adults, and be able to follow directions. Assistants will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony

Steward – The position of Steward is a great opportunity for youth who have some knowledge and experience in the project area they select. This is especially good for youth 11 years of age and older. In many cases, the Steward works closely with the judge and, therefore, should have good oral and written communication skills. Duties may include writing comments, attaching ribbons to entry tags, documenting statistics on entries, helping arrange exhibits for display. Stewards will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

Superintendent – This position is for youth 13 – 19 years of age who have knowledge and experience in their selected project area. They will have significant responsibility for the project area or contest; will work closely with staff, key volunteers and judges to complete assigned tasks. Superintendents are required to participate in the pre-fair clean-up / set-up day, attend an orientation meeting, and help with tear-down at the end of fair. Outstanding Superintendents will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony.

**Sign up on the “Youth Leadership Application” form
and return to the 4-H Office BEFORE July 1st.**

*****MANDATORY*****

Superintendent Orientation Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 11:00 a.m.

(4-H Acres)

**Join us for pizza at 11; clean up/set up
to follow.**

Youth Fair Awards

(May be presented in the following areas, based on number of exhibits)

HORTICULTURE

- Outstanding Plant Science Exhibitor
- Top Vegetable Exhibitor
- Top Ornamental Horticulture Exhibitor
- Outstanding Vegetable Exhibit
- Outstanding Ornamental Exhibit
- Outstanding Display Garden
- Outstanding Garden Record Book
- Outstanding Educational Display
- Outstanding Compost/Soil Science

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Exhibitor

ENTOMOLOGY

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Exhibitor

STEM

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Exhibitor

COMMUNICATION & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Written Communications
- Outstanding and Reserve Awards in Public Presentations for Junior and Senior categories and all Cloverbuds receive Recognition

CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCES

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Home Environment Exhibitor
- Outstanding Junior/Senior Heritage Arts and Crafts Exhibitor
- Outstanding Junior/Senior Fine Arts and Crafts Exhibitor
- Outstanding Junior/Senior Textiles and Clothing Exhibitor
- Outstanding Junior/Senior Food & Nutrition Exhibitor
- Elma Canfield Memorial Award

VISUAL ARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHY

- Outstanding Junior/Senior Photography Exhibitor

ANIMAL SCIENCE

- Top Junior/Senior Educational Animal Science Exhibitor
- Sportsmanship Award
- Top Herdsmanship Award (Dairy/Beef/Goat/Sheep)
- Youth Round Robin Showmanship
- Adult Round Robin Showmanship

DAIRY CATTLE

- Grand & Reserve Champion Showman
- Grand Champion Dairy Animal
- Outstanding Dairy Exhibitor

SHEEP

- Grand & Reserve Champion Showman
- Champion Ewe
- Champion Ram



GOAT Champion Wool
 Champion and Reserve Showman
 Champion Goat

DOG OBEDIENCE
 Closest to Perfect Score 160 (Beginner/Grad Beginner)
 Closest to Perfect Score 200 (Novice/Grad Novice/Open/Utility)
 Top Score Service Dog
 Special Knowledge A&B
 Top Grooming & Handling A,B,C
 Best Jr. Handler
 Agility

POULTRY
 Top Junior/Senior Showmanship
 Champion Bird

RABBITS & CAVIES
 RABBITS:
 Top Score Novice, Junior, and Senior Rabbit Showmanship
 Master Showman
 Best Pet Rabbit In Show
 Best In Show Rabbit
 CAVIES:
 Top Score Novice, Junior, and Senior Cavy Showmanship
 Best Pet Cavy of Show
 Best of Show Cavy