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OBJECTIVES OF THE 4-H PROGRAM AT THE MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

4-H uses a wide variety of educational experiences to focus on fourfold development of youth and adults. The Minnesota State Fair is the largest activity of the education program year, and serves as the culmination of the project and activity year for 4-H participants. The overall education objective of the State Fair 4-H Program is to provide youth and adults the opportunity to interrelate experiences and to enhance individual development in one or more of the following areas:

A. Learning how to learn - developing a spirit of inquire.
B. Relating to change - coping with a changing environment.
C. Using knowledge - developing and disseminating ideas and technology.
D. Developing and accepting self - discovering, pursuing personal potential.
E. Developing social responsibility - practicing leadership skills, providing service, and learning to live and work with others in a positive manner.

The multifaceted State Fair 4-H Program provides youth and adults a focal point for the following objectives:

A. To measure and recognize exemplary achievement.
B. To learn and appreciate contemporary standards of quality.
C. To advance individual knowledge, abilities, skills, and attitudes.
D. To provide a model and an incentive for growth in county programs.
E. To provide opportunities for career exploration.
F. To acquaint the public and a variety of sponsors with the 4-H program.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.
MINNESOTA STATE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Rules governing the management and control of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and the Minnesota State Fair.

CHAPTER ONE - GENERAL

1.01 Authority
These rules are promulgated pursuant to authority granted the Minnesota State Agricultural Society by Minn. Stat. § 37.16. The Minnesota State Agricultural Society is not an agency of statewide jurisdiction, therefore, rules adopted by the Minnesota State Agricultural Society have not been promulgated pursuant to Minn. Stat. Ch. 14 and will not be found in the bound volume of Minnesota rules.

1.02 Definitions
For purposes of these rules, the following definitions shall apply:
A. Board of managers: The board of managers is responsible for management and control of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society including the annual election of its secretary.
B. Commercial space: Those areas and locations on the State Fairgrounds designated by the Society to be used for commercial exhibits and concessions.
C. Commercial space committee: The committee of three or more members of the board of managers, designated by the president of the Society, empowered to examine Society commercial space policies and the actions of the commercial space division and make recommendations thereon to the board of managers.
D. Competitive exhibitor: Any person or firm which enters animals or articles for competitive exhibition at the State Fair.
E. Delegate: That employee of the Society given authority by the secretary to act on the secretary's behalf in the instance specified.
F. Department superintendent: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society department.
G. Director: That delegate of the secretary who is head of a specific Society division.
H. License: An agreement whereby the Society grants to an entity the privilege to exhibit, disseminate information, sell, make deliveries of or accept deposits for future deliveries of goods, services, or information on or from an assigned State Fairgrounds commercial space during the period of the State Fair. Licenses will be granted in accordance with the Society's commercial space policy and rules, upon timely and proper application and showing of qualification, and if commercial space is available.
I. Minnesota State Agricultural Society (Society): The public corporation and department of state charged with the responsibility for management and control of the State Fairgrounds and conducting the State Fair and other exhibitions on the State Fairgrounds.
J. Personal property: All privately owned buildings, tents, booths, structures, improvements, business equipment, fixtures or other enclosures, whether portable or permanently affixed to State Fairgrounds property are personal property. A private party is precluded from holding any interest in real property on the State Fairgrounds.
K. Secretary: The secretary of the Minnesota State Agricultural Society is also the executive vice president.
L. State Fair: An annual exhibition conducted by the Society on the State Fairgrounds.
M. State Fairgrounds: That certain area of land in Ramsey County, Minnesota defined and described in Minn. Stat. 37.01 and other real estate parcels as recorded with Ramsey County Register of Deeds, including the area outside as well as inside the fenced portion thereof.

1.03 All pay gates
Entry into the State Fair shall be solely contingent upon the presentation and surrender of a valid ticket of admission in accordance with the most current schedule of gate prices as established by the board of managers. Only properly identified emergency personnel, such as police, fire and ambulance, as well as properly identified Society service personnel, shall be exempted from this rule when engaged in legitimate emergency or service duty which requires passage through State Fairgrounds admission gates.

1.04 Gate controls
Admission gates and exhibit buildings of the State Fair will be open to visitors on days and during operating hours as set by the board of managers. Persons not involved in the preparation or teardown of exhibits for the State Fair may be prohibited from entering the State Fairgrounds during the preparation and teardown period. Gate admission fees will be charged during nighttime (non-operating) hours with the same fee schedule in effect as during day time (operating) hours. Persons entering the State Fairgrounds during non-operating hours, in addition to paying established gate fees, will be required to provide proof of their having business on the State Fairgrounds during said non-operating periods. License holders and their employees needing to enter or remain on the State Fairgrounds during the overnight period must first obtain an overnight badge from the appropriate Society department superintendent or division director. No badge will be issued without proper identification.
1.05 Pass-out gates
A pass-out system is operated during the State Fair at admission gates. Persons exiting through these gates may, upon request, obtain proper credentials for readmittance to the State Fairgrounds without additional charge. Readmittance will be honored the day of issuance only.

1.06 Admission prices
The board of managers shall annually review and establish gate admission prices for persons and vehicles including specific fee exemptions and discounts.

1.07 Vehicle restrictions
Maximum vehicle speed limits on the State Fairgrounds, as well as appropriate allowances and restrictions dealing with vehicle parking, delivery hours, restricted areas, tow-away zones and impound arrangements, shall be established by the secretary or delegate. The secretary or delegate shall provide for the placement of such traffic control signals, signs, and other traffic control devices on the State Fairgrounds as deemed necessary for the safety, protection and control of the State Fairgrounds and the people thereon. When any police officer or security person finds a vehicle illegally parked on the State Fairgrounds, they are authorized to issue a citation, or provide for the removal and impoundment of such vehicle, or both. Cost of removal and storage shall be borne by the vehicle’s owner.

1.08 Pedestrian right-of-way
When walking on or about any street, sidewalk or other area generally open to the public on the State Fairgrounds, pedestrians shall at all times have the right-of-way as against all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles. Drivers of all vehicles, other than identified emergency vehicles, shall yield the right-of-way to any and all pedestrians on the State Fairgrounds.

1.09 Two-wheeled and track-vehicles.
Two-wheeled vehicles, such as bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters, will not be allowed on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair unless such two-wheeled vehicles are on display in a commercial space licensed by the Society and, in such case, said two-wheeled vehicles must be kept in the assigned commercial space and may not, under any circumstances, be operated on the streets of the State Fairgrounds. Electric personal assistive mobility devices may be used on the State Fairgrounds by persons that are physically challenged. Track-type vehicles, including snowmobiles, may not be operated anywhere on the State Fairgrounds at any time of the year without the express authorization and approval of the secretary or delegate.

1.10 Banning, picketing, interfering
No person or group of persons shall banner, picket, march, protest, demonstrate or caucus on the State Fairgrounds before or during the State Fair in any manner that interferes with the convenience and safety of any State Fair patron, exhibitor or employee.

1.11 Handing out materials
The sale, posting or distribution of any merchandise, products, promotional items and printed or written material except from a fixed location on the State Fairgrounds approved by the secretary or delegate shall be prohibited.

1.12 Advertising vehicles
The operation or parking of any sound truck or vehicle upon which advertising signs, political or otherwise, have been affixed in any manner shall be prohibited anywhere on the State Fairgrounds. This rule is not applicable to a lettered service vehicle advertising a firm or its products while making deliveries or to the normal advertising on bumpers and windows of motor vehicles.

1.13 Conflict of interest
No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall:
A. Enter into a contract with the Society.
B. Have or acquire any financial interest, whether direct or indirect, in any contract between the Society and any license holder, performer, vendor or contractor.
C. Engage or participate in personal business or financial transactions that conflict with the interest of the Society or their obligations and interests as a member of the board of managers, officer or employee of the Society.
D. Be entitled to any special consideration involving the storage of vehicles and materials on the State Fairgrounds or the use of Society buildings, machinery, or equipment, except as may be specifically approved by the board of managers.
E. Be allowed to purchase any material for their personal use through the name, credit or account of the Society.
1.14 Use of vehicles by Society employees
All vehicles used by managers, officers or employees of the Society in connection with Society business shall:
A. Be the property of the manager, officer or employee, with the Society to have no interest or obligation except as authorized by the board of managers and stated in the Society bulletin covering expense reimbursement; or
B. Be used by the Society as part of a service contract, through rental or on a courtesy basis; or
C. Be the sole property of the Society to be used only on Society business.
No vehicle shall be rented by the Society from any Society manager, officer or employee.

1.15 Equal employment opportunities
The following policies concerning fair and equal employment shall be followed by the Society:
A. It shall be the policy of the Society to foster the employment of all individuals with the Society in accordance with their fullest capacity and ability, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, and to safeguard their right to hold employment with the Society without discrimination; and
B. Every contract for or on behalf of the Society for materials, supplies, construction or licenses may be cancelled or terminated by the Society when discrimination on account of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, national origin, marital or veteran status or status with regard to public assistance or disability, exists in the hiring or employment of common or skilled labor by the contractor pursuant to the contract for or on behalf of the Society.

1.16 Acceptance of gift
No manager, officer or employee of the Society shall accept from a person or company that does business with the Society, any gift, gratuity, cash, merchandise or thing of value. This prohibition shall extend to the acceptance of food or beverage or merchandise at less than full retail price from a license holder during the State Fair.

1.17 Hiring of relatives
No relative of a Society employee or a relative of a member of the board of managers shall be given preferential treatment in being hired or promoted. Relatives may be precluded from working in the same Society department.

1.18 Dogs.
During the period of the annual State Fair, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed on the State Fairgrounds. Exception: Dogs or other pets may be allowed when part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No other exceptions will be allowed during the period of the State Fair.
During the non-fair period, no dogs or other pets shall be allowed in State Fair buildings, unless part of an exhibition or demonstration authorized by the secretary or delegate. No dogs or other pets may be allowed on the State Fairgrounds at any time unless confined or restrained on a leash of less than six feet in length.
During fair and non-fair periods, society personnel are empowered to order the removal from the State Fair any dog or pet in violation of the above, or found to be disturbing or endangering the public.

1.19 Roller skates, in-line skates and skateboards
Use of roller skates or in-line skates shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds during the State Fair except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate. Use of skateboards shall not be permitted on the State Fairgrounds at any time except as authorized in an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

1.20 Practice driving
The State Fairgrounds may not be used by any person, organization or firm to conduct lessons for or to practice driving automobiles or other motor vehicles, unless such activity is covered under an agreement executed by the secretary or delegate.

1.21 Use of metal detectors
The use of metal detectors or similar devices shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. Any activity of discovery, whether undertaken with or without a detection device, which results in digging, probing or otherwise disturbing the ground, shall be prohibited on the State Fairgrounds. This rule shall neither limit nor prohibit activities or the use of detection devices as may be directed by the secretary or delegate in the legitimate conduct of Society work.

1.22 Electrical inspections and requirements.
Minn. Stat. 326.244, Sub. 4 authorizes the Society to provide for inspection of fixed and transient electrical installations within its jurisdiction and to that end the Society has elected to adopt by reference as if fully set forth herein the following sections of Minn. Stat., Chapter 326 dealing with electrical regulations and inspections: A. 326.01 Definitions; B. 326.242 Licenses; C. 326.2421 Alarm and Communication Systems;
D. 326.243 Safety Standards; E. 326.244 Inspection, except with respect to fees; F. 326.245 Manufacture of Electrical Apparatus; exempt; and G. 326.246 Crimes.

With respect to Minn. Stat. Sections 326.44 and 326.246, adopted above by reference. wherever the words “the Board”, referring to the State Board of Electricity, are used therein, the words “the Society”, should be substituted therefore.

The Society will undertake inspections within its jurisdiction in compliance with applicable requirements of the Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800, which are hereby adopted by reference, along with any future revisions, modifications or amendments thereto, except with respect to fees, which shall be established by the Society. With respect to said rules, wherever the words “the Board”, referring to the State Board of Electricity, are used therein, the words “the Society” should be substituted therefore.

Electrical inspections shall be accomplished by an electrical inspector(s) contracted by the Society to provide such service with qualifications and credentials as are required for the performance of such duties and who further meet the standards specified in Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800.3630.

Each individual, partnership, corporation or other business association doing electrical work within Society jurisdiction shall file with the Society a copy of their current license issued by the Minnesota Board of Electricity or such other evidence of such license as may be provided by said board. No electrical construction, remodeling, replacement or repair shall be undertaken within the jurisdictions of the Society, except minor repair work as defined in Minnesota Board of Electricity Rules, Chapter 3800.1100, without first having received an inspection from the Society.

1.23 Service animals.
A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals can accompany people with disabilities in all areas where members of the public are allowed to go.

Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

Service Animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal’s work or the individual’s disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

Inquiries, Exclusions, Charges, and Other Specific Rules Related to Service Animals
A. When it is not obvious what service an animal provides, only limited inquiries are allowed. Staff may ask two questions: (1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and (2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform. Staff cannot ask about the person’s disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task.

B. A person with a disability cannot be asked to remove his service animal from the premises unless: (1) the dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it or (2) the dog is not housebroken. When there is a legitimate reason to ask that a service animal be removed, staff must offer the person with the disability the opportunity to obtain goods or services without the animal’s presence.

In addition to service dogs, miniature horses that have been individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities may be allowed. (Miniature horses generally range in height from 24 inches to 34 inches measured to the shoulders and generally weigh between 70 and 100 pounds.) Assessment factors are (1) whether the miniature horse is housebroken; (2) under the owner’s control; (3) the facility can accommodate the miniature horse’s type, size, and weight; and (4) the miniature horse’s presence will not compromise legitimate safety requirements necessary for the safe operation of the fair.

CHAPTER THREE - COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

3.01 Competitive exhibition times
Times for the setup of State Fair competitive exhibits, the dismantling and removal of exhibits and the hours of public viewing will be set annually by the secretary or delegate and will be stated in individual department premium books.

3.02 Responsibility for competitive exhibits
The Society will use diligence to protect livestock and articles entered for exhibition, after their arrival and
placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or caused by any animal or article on exhibition. It is the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor to obtain appropriate insurance for any damages due to or caused by the exhibit and to indemnify and hold the Society harmless against any claim arising out of incidents involving the exhibit. Removal or pickup of exhibits at established times as stated in individual department premium books, entry blanks or entry receipts, shall be the responsibility of the competitive exhibitor. The Society shall not be responsible for any exhibit not removed or picked up at established time and the secretary or delegate will dispose of all exhibits not removed or picked up within one year of such established time.

3.03 Board of Animal Health
The exhibition of livestock on the State Fairgrounds shall be under the supervision of the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and its applicable rules and regulations will be complied with in full. Health requirements for individual departments will be set forth in their respective premium books.

3.04 General competitive entry requirements
Competitive exhibitors must file proper entry blanks with any applicable fees prior to the designated closing date for entries. The Society reserves the right to refuse entries or prohibit the exhibition of animals or articles entered if the showing of such animals or articles is contrary to law, or violative of the Society’s interest in providing for the health, safety and protection of its patrons. Exhibits entered in the wrong lot or category may be transferred prior to judging at the discretion of the department superintendent to the proper lot or category of competition. Deception of any type by an exhibitor, as determined by the department superintendent will ban the exhibitor from any further competition and result in the forfeiture of all premiums. Mechanical or artistic articles must be entered in the name of the artist, inventor, manufacturer or maker. No Society employee or department superintendent, or member of their family, shall be permitted, directly or indirectly, to make a competitive entry in any department over which that person has supervisory responsibility or in which that person is employed. No society officer or member of the Board of Managers, or member of their family, shall be permitted to make a competitive entry of any type in any department.

3.05 Animal competitive entry requirements
When animals are entered for State Fair competition by an entity other than an individual, that entity (whether a corporation, partnership, breeding establishment or other) must have been in existence as of the closing date of entries. Appropriate documentation showing the status of the entity must be available for inspection by the department superintendent. All animals entered under a breed classification must be recorded in a breeding association recognized as representative of the particular breed. The competitive exhibitor must produce a certificate of registry at the request of the department superintendent. All animals shown must be owned by the competitive exhibitor from the time of making entry, except as otherwise provided in special rules of the department.

3.06 Judges
Competent and qualified persons will be employed as judges by the Society to evaluate all competitive exhibits. Judges shall be responsible for reading and understanding the general rules and all special rules applicable to the department or class in which they are to serve. No person who is a competitive exhibitor may act as judge in a class in which they are competing.

3.07 Interference with judging
Judges shall report to the department superintendent any competitive exhibitor who in any way, whether in person or by agent or employee, interferes with them or shows any disrespect to them during the judging. The department superintendent may exclude any such competitive exhibitor from further competition. The secretary may withhold from such competitive exhibitor any or all premiums that have been awarded and may also exclude such competitive exhibitor from further competition at the State Fair.

3.08 Award books
Judges and persons acting as clerks to the judges must use special care to record the proper names in the award books after awards have been made. The judge, competitive department superintendent in charge and clerk recording the awards of the department must sign the award book at the close of each class immediately after all awards in such class have been made.

3.09 Qualification of entries
If there is any question as to the regularity of an entry or the right of any animal or article to compete in any lot or category, the judge or judges shall report same to the competitive department superintendent in charge for adjustment. Judges shall place a reserve award in each lot. Should any animal or article awarded a prize be disqualified, the animal or article awarded the next lower prize shall graduate into the next higher position, if in the opinion of the judge, it is worthy of such prize. Judges must not award a prize to an unworthy exhibit. No premium or distinction of any kind shall be given to any animal or article that is not deserving.
3.10 Finality of decisions
In judging livestock, the decision of the official State Fair veterinarian and judge as to soundness shall be final. The decision of the judge shall be final in all cases, except when mistake, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not known at the time of the award, is discovered. In such cases, the secretary shall take appropriate action or refer the matter to the board of managers.

3.11 Interpretation of rules
A faithful observance of all rules governing the exhibit will be required, and when in doubt as to the application or meaning of a rule, the competitive department superintendent in charge shall interpret such a rule. This interpretation when requested by either a competitive exhibitor or judge must be reduced to writing and returned to the secretary or delegate with the award books.

3.12 Protests
A protest from the decision of a judge will only be accepted from a competitive exhibitor named in the official judge's sheet for competition in the lot or class under protest, and must be filed with the secretary within five hours after the award has been made. An award is deemed to have been made when the notation of the decision of the judge is entered into the department award book. All protests must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a deposit of one hundred dollars ($100). The protest must state plainly and specifically the facts upon which the complaint or appeal is based. The right to appeal will lie only when it is charged that the award has been made in violation of the rules governing the exhibit, or when it is charged that the decision of the judge has been influenced or interfered with by another person. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have over-looked an animal or article will be considered. The one hundred dollar deposit will be returned only if the protest or appeal is upheld. In protest and appeal instances where rules established by a breed association or other competitive organization with which the Society has an agreement differ from this rule, rules of the association or organization shall govern.

3.13 Late showing of exhibit
No animal or exhibit will be judged or awarded a prize if it is not ready for judging and promptly brought into the show ring when the lot is called.

3.14 Premium money
Cash premiums awarded will be paid by check made out to the competitive exhibitor and mailed to the post office address as stated on the entry blank; premiums won in 4-H will be paid directly to the county. Competitive exhibitors may forfeit all premium money if exhibits are removed from the grounds prior to the official time of release. The board of managers reserves the right to make reductions in premiums if the financial conditions of the Society make such reductions necessary.
The rules and regulations in this section pertain to all 4-Hers participating in the Minnesota State Fair 4-H Program. Special rules applying to the various divisions of the program appear with their particular divisions. Participants are urged to read both the general rules and the special rules for the division in which they will be competing.

The Minnesota State Fair 4-H management will exercise the utmost caution in looking after the welfare of the 4-H participants.

- Nutritious meals will be available in the 4-H cafeteria.
- Lodging will be available in dormitories on the fairgrounds or on the University of Minnesota Campus.

Insurance
All Minnesota 4-H members and Minnesota 4-H volunteers registered for the event are covered by the yearly accident insurance policy purchased by the county 4-H federation/council. This policy pays first and covers dental, medical and hospital expenses (up to the maximum amount) for accidents and illnesses that occur during a 4-H program. Coverage does not include pre-existing conditions, suicide, claims arising from the use of intoxicants/non-prescribed drugs or any loss covered under Medicare. Items not covered include crutches, eyeglass replacement, etc.

For an insurance claim to be processed the injured/ill person must report and seek treatment from the nurse on duty at the time of the incident. Therefore, even the smallest of injuries or illnesses should be reported to the nurse.

To help assure appropriate treatment, participants must have a completed up-to-date health information sheet; for youth, this information sheet must be signed by the parent. If additional treatment is necessary, this will be given at a local hospital or emergency health center.

NOTE: University of Minnesota Extension employees and Minnesota State Fair employees are not covered by this policy. Staff may utilize the onsite nurse for illnesses/accidents but will seek coverage for treatment under their personal health insurance plan or the employers workman’s compensation, as appropriate.

Eligibility of Participants
1. The University of Minnesota shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
2. A 4-Her must have been designated as a state fair participant under the supervision of a 4-H Staff member at a county contest or program in order to participate in programs of the state fair.
3. A 4-Her selected for a trip to the state fair must have completed 6th grade.
   A. Cloverbuds and 4-Hers (K - grade 5) may participate in the Share-the-Fun program if he or she is a member of a group Share-the-Fun act where the majority of the group members meet the age requirement. A parent or other responsible adult must be with the group for adequate chaperoning. Participation of youth grade 5 or under must be approved in advance by the 4-H State Fair Superintendent.
   B. Rube Goldberg Machine team members grade 3 to 8 who meet team criteria may participate. A parent or other responsible adult must be with the group for adequate chaperoning. Refer to the Rube Goldberg Rule Book at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/ for complete details.
4. EACH YEAR a State Fair aged 4-Her can exhibit a livestock project, lama project AND a general project at the Minnesota State Fair. Additionally, 4-Hers can utilize non-premium group activities such as judging contests and Share the Fun. 4-Hers pay only one program fee and receive only one $6 premium. Livestock quotas will continue to be unaffected by the Dual Trip Policy.
5. All exhibitors must attend the state fair during their county's regular encampment with their exhibit and be present during the judging. Exhibits will not be judged when a 4-Her is absent, or outside of their county’s regular encampment. The only exceptions are pre-approved under "A" below.
   A. 4-Hers participating in a premium-based non-livestock area (exhibit or demonstration) may switch to an encampment different from the county's assigned encampment IF AND ONLY IF they can provide documentation to their Program Coordinator/Educator that they will be involved with school orientation or classes. This will apply to anyone who has completed 6th grade thru college. The Program Coordinator/Educator will complete the Encampment Transfer Form and submit it during the county's Final Registration or before. 4-Hers transferring to another encampment are not eligible for lodging in the 4-H Building. They may, however, order meal tickets and utilize the 4-H Cafeteria. 4-Hers transferring encampments are eligible for all awards.
6. **4-H Competitive Events: Judging Experiences for Youth with Disabilities or Injuries.** Minnesota 4-H Youth Development believes that participation in competitive events enhances the depth and breadth of the learning and leading experience. Minnesota 4-H works to provide an equitable and uniform opportunity for participation in competitive events for its members across the state.

   **A. General Project Judging:** If a 4-H member is unable to participate in the conference judging process by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member’s immediate family must request permission for a conference judging assistant to be with the 4-H member during the conference judging of the member’s general project(s). Arrangements and approval for a conference judging assistant must be made with 4-H staff prior to the beginning of the judging process. First preference for the judging assistant will be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member’s immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership. In some cases a parent or personal aid may be appropriate; this option must be approved by the staff member.

   **B. Livestock Project Judging**
   1. **Show Ring:** If a 4-H member is unable to exhibit an animal by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member’s immediate family must request permission for a substitute showperson to help with the exhibition of the 4-H member’s livestock project(s). Arrangements and approval for a substitute showperson must be made with 4-H staff prior to the day of the show. The substitute showperson must be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member’s immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership.
   2. **Interviews:** If a 4-H member is unable to participate in livestock interviews by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member’s immediate family may request accommodations that will fit the needs of the individual (e.g. someone to read the questions). Arrangements and approval for accommodations must be made of the 4-H staff in advance of the interview.

7. Qualified 4-Hers may participate in state fair activities in the following ways:
   **A.** There is a limit of 6 activities per participant. They can be group or individual activities.
   **B.** Only one premium-based project area exhibit is allowed; except for the dual trip options described in general 4-H rules and regulations, and public presentations.
   **C.** Examples of activities include: County Arts-In, team public presentation, individual public presentation, Share-the-Fun, judging team, project exhibit, etc. A public presentation may be a project demonstration, livestock demonstration, illustrated presentation or a youth in action.
   **D.** Participation in multiple activities may not always be possible because of schedule conflicts.

8. Parents are strongly encouraged to have their 4-Her participate in the entire encampment.

**Basis of Representation (Quotas)**

1. **General project** quotas are based on county final enrollment on May 15 unless otherwise noted.
2. County and Regional 4-H staff must use the quotas for general encampment projects (found online at [www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/docs/general-quota.pdf](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/docs/general-quota.pdf)) to determine county participation and representation. County livestock quotas will be calculated and posted for staff only online.

**Exhibits**

1. Poster exhibits may not exceed 22” wide x 28” high.
2. Three dimensional displays may not exceed 12” deep x 24” wide x 36” high.
3. All exhibits should be labeled with the name of the county and the name of the 4-Her.
   **A.** If the exhibit has multiple pieces, each piece should be labeled with the name of the county and the name of the 4-Her.
4. If an exhibit has multiple pieces, please label them 1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4, 4 of 4, etc.
5. 4-H exhibits at the Minnesota State Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Extension’s Center for Youth Development of the University of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Board of Managers, Minnesota State Fair, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them.
   **A.** However, the 4-H department and Board of Managers cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed, and the great number of exhibits.
   **B.** 4-Hers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.
6. All non-livestock exhibits (except vegetables, fruits, plants, and perishable foods) are on display for the duration of the entire fair.
7. Exhibits/entries that do not meet the requirements (including age of exhibitor) specified in this premium book may receive no higher than a red ribbon.
8. No firearms are allowed on the State Fairgrounds for any reason, including 4-H projects and demonstrations.

**How the Exhibits are Judged**

Minnesota 4-H uses the conference style of judging in which the 4-Her and evaluator (judge) discuss the project, creating a more complete learning experience. Based on both the discussion and the project itself,
the exhibit receives a white, red, blue, or purple ribbon (purple indicates excellence). Participation ribbons are also awarded. Exhibits in the 4-H Building are judged while young people from Minnesota's 87 counties participate in four separate two night/three day encampments. During the fair, over 6,000 4-Hers display their exhibits. Exhibits without ribbons have not yet been judged.

What the Ribbon Colors Mean
Remember that all exhibits have been judged “excellent” at their county fair, but are judged on more stringent standards at the state fair.

- **Purple.** The exhibit meets all standards. The exhibitor has shown complete understanding of what, how, and why the exhibit was done, and has a thorough knowledge of the subject. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary and need no improvement.
- **Blue.** The exhibit meets most standards. The exhibitor can explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a good knowledge of the subject. The exhibit is well organized and well done.
- **Red.** The exhibit meets some standards. The exhibitor can somewhat explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a fair knowledge of the subject. Some improvements may be needed on the exhibit.
- **White.** The exhibit meets few standards and lacks the quality of other exhibits. The exhibitor cannot adequately explain the what, how, and why of the exhibit. Possibly they have overlooked a safety flaw. Improvement is needed in either the exhibit, the knowledge of the subject, or both.
- **Participation.** A red/white/blue-striped ribbon is awarded for participation. Project areas that are awarded participation ribbons are not considered for blue, red, or white ribbons. They may or may not be considered for a purple ribbon.

Exhibit Entry and Release
1. Instructions for county/regional 4-H staff on entering 4-H exhibits can be found on the web.
2. All non-livestock exhibits (except vegetables, fruits, plants, and perishable foods) are due from counties at their assigned final registration time. Exhibits must be checked in with the exhibit staff.
3. All non-livestock exhibits will be released on Labor Day from 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Exhibits must be checked out with the exhibit staff.
   - A. The 4-H Building will be open (after Labor Day) on Tuesday (8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) for exhibit pick-up.
   - B. All exhibits remaining at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday (after Labor Day) will be disposed of at the discretion of the 4-H Superintendent.

Forfeiture of Premiums and Awards
Premiums and awards may be removed for the reasons outlined throughout this document. Premiums and awards shall include: prize money awarded on the 4-Hers exhibit or activity participation, transportation money, premium money awarded for carcass contests, premium money over and above the base price for livestock awarded at the auction, plaques, trophies, ribbons, and any state or national awards earned at the state fair

A policy committee will convene and review all incidents where a participant is subject to dismissal, make a decision, and suggest the course of action. This judicial group will include:
1. the state fair 4-H superintendent;
2. the extension educator or adult in charge of the county involved;
3. the housing supervisor involved;
4. the assistant 4-H superintendent, department heads, or supervisors as appropriate;
5. the affected youth.
LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

Awards and Recognition

Minnesota State Fair. Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons in the market and breeding shows. Class champion and reserve champion ribbons. Purple ribbons to the top market animals. Auction ribbons to auction participants.

GENERAL 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES

These rules apply to all animal science exhibitors. Additional rules apply to each species and can be found in that specific section.

Member Quotas

4-H members may bring only one animal exhibit to the state fair. The only exceptions is the Lama project. A 4-Her may exhibit a lama, another livestock project and have a full general encampment experience.

4-H Participation Policy

In order to divide participants by age categories for showmanship (except beef, dairy, and goat showmanship), interviews, and lamb lead etc., the following will apply:

- Advanced. Has completed grades 11 and up.
- Senior. Has completed grades 9 - 10.

Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Training

All 4-H Livestock exhibitors including lama must have completed either the Minnesota 4-H Quality Assurance and Ethics Training or be certified in the Pork Quality Assurance program or the Beef Quality Assurance program. Extension educators/program coordinators will need to verify certification of all 4-H State Fair beef, dairy, goat, lama, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine exhibitors by entering the certification into 4HOnline as part of the exhibitors enrollment record. Those not meeting one of the above qualifications are not eligible to participate in the State Fair 4-H Livestock Weekend.

Livestock Interviews

1. Rationale. Animal Science Interviews at the State Fair are designed to further enhance educational opportunities for young people exhibiting livestock. They offer a visual philosophy of recognizing 4-Hers who have utilized their livestock project to grow and develop as a young person. Interviews will emphasize many life skills such as communications skills, responsibility, decision making, and problem-solving. Interviews are NOT an attempt to minimize the importance and significance of livestock shows for young people. In fact, this process is a step to help insure the stability of youth livestock shows as a positive form of youth development.

2. Process. It should be noted that the interview process may be somewhat different from one species to the next. But in general, interviews will serve as a "qualifier" for recognition beyond a blue, red, or white ribbon. 4-Hers wishing to be eligible for recognition beyond blue, red, or white ribbons must first complete the interview process. Interviews qualify 4-Hers for such recognition as purple ribbons, championships, showmanship, showcase and Auction. The interviews have been scheduled at a time deemed to be convenient for most 4-Hers. It is recognized, however, that occasional situations occur whereby a 4-Her may have a scheduling conflict. Therefore, each species has designated a time on show day (if possible) to interview those with conflicts. 4-Hers need to interview during one of these time periods to be eligible for additional recognition. The times and locations of the interviews are listed in each species section. Interviewers will select approximately 20% of their exhibitors to participate in a call-back interview for finalists. These finalists will receive recognition and will be properly recognized at their species show. Most species are adding hands-on activities to the interview process.

3. Categories. Advanced - has completed grades 11 to one year post high school; Senior - has completed grades 9 to 10; Intermediate - has completed grades 6-8.

4. Questions. The interview and questions are designed to simulate a brief interview for a job. The following themes have been developed as the focus for questions: 1-introduction, 2-goal, 3-marketing/breeding, 4-animal health, 5-your animal, 6-career opportunities, 7-education, 8-quality assurance/ethics.

5. Awards per Species. Interviewers will choose winners from the call-back interviews. At a ratio of one winner per every 50 exhibitors, each species will ultimately recognize interview winners.

Animal Ownership - All Species

1. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, or member’s family. The family includes the 4-Hers parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-Hers parents actively involved with and working on the farm.
2. All registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor’s name and/or the exhibitor’s family name.
3. Some species allow for leasing of breeding animals. Please refer to each species section for those rules.
4. Beef, sheep, goat, rabbit, swine, dairy and lama exhibits shown at the state fair must be the same animal that won the trip at the county fair. The only exceptions are market swine whose county fair swine show date is more than three weeks (21 days) prior to the date of the 4-H market hog show or counties with terminal hog shows. Note: 4-Hers with swine herds that can document they are closed and monitored herds, may request eligibility to meet requirements from 4-H Extension Educators. Poultry and rabbit fryers (from properly identified does) must be from the same flock or herd as those shown at county fair and identified by the animal identification deadline.

5. Families may choose to identify projects as a family unit (John Doe Family) at the time of the animal identification deadlines (February 15 or May 15). Specific assignment of the projects to siblings (Susie Doe or Billy Doe) must be made at the identification or weigh-in point at the county fair. Switches to other siblings after that point are not allowed.

6. At the time of animal identification deadlines (February 15 or May 15), animals may not be identified or listed across multiple families (except lama).

ALL SPECIES. All animals will be inspected by the official veterinarian the opening day of the exhibition and daily during the exhibition. The official veterinarian will order the immediate removal to a quarantine facility or removal from the exhibition premises of any animal showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

Any animal showing evidence of any disease, abscesses, or any open contagious lesions will not be allowed to exhibit or show and will be subject to isolation or expulsion depending on the nature and seriousness of the disease, abscess or lesion in question. If illness of any nature is suspected in any animal, said animal is subject to examination by the State Veterinarian and owner or exhibitor of said animal must abide by the decision of this veterinarian. Animals with warts or ringworm may not be shown. A statement from a veterinarian that an animal is being treated for these diseases is not acceptable. Animals known by the exhibitor to have an infectious, communicable disease or to have been exposed to an infectious, communicable disease, or to be from a quarantined flock may not be entered in an exhibition.

IDENTIFICATION. Individuals must be officially identified (see mn.gov/bah/official-id.html for list of official identification). The USDA instituted its Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule which improves its ability to trace livestock in the event of a disease outbreak. According to the ADT rule, livestock moving interstate must be officially identified and accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection (ICVI). The USDA Animal Disease Traceability rule went into effect March 11, 2013. For more information regarding the USDA ADT rule please visit: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/traceability.

CATTLE. Individuals must be officially identified (see mn.gov/bah/official-id.html for list of official identification).

1. Cattle from Minnesota.
   A. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
   B. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).

2. Cattle from outside Minnesota.
   A. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
   B. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
   C. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
   D. Cattle from outside Minnesota must meet the importation requirements of their state of origin if they are returning.

3. Forms of acceptable animal identification.
   A. USDA National Uniform Ear Tagging System (NUES) tags, must display U.S. shield.
      1) Brucellosis (Bang’s) orange vaccination tags (only by accredited veterinarians);
      2) Metal or plastic NUES tags. Metal tags may be ordered at no cost from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6836 or using their online order form.
   B. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.
   C. Canadian Cattle identification Agency (CCIA) Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) tag [15 digit number starting with 124].

4. Alternate identification accepted if applied to animal prior to March 11, 2015.
   A. American ID tags [8 or 9 digit number beginning with the prefix "USA" ]; includes the National Farm Animal Identification and Records (FAIR) by Holstein Association USA, Inc.

SWINE. Individuals must be officially identified (see mn.gov/bah/official-id.html for list of official identification). In order to minimize risk to swine and humans for influenza virus transmission, no hogs will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds, where swine are penned for competition (Swine Barn and adjacent Holdover Barn) beyond the scheduled time in which the hogs are to be shown. This eliminates all holdover swine. Display animals
penned in adjacent barns and not co-mingled with exhibition swine (including Miracle of Birth, 4-H champions, largest boar and display sow and litter) are exempt.

1. Swine from Minnesota.
   A. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required.
   B. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).

2. Swine from outside Minnesota.
   A. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See http://mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
   B. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).
   C. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.

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      2) Metal or plastic NUES tags. Metal tags may be ordered at no cost from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 201-6836 or using their online order form.
   B. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.
   C. Premises ID Number (PIN) Tags must indicate farm of origin for hogs going to market.

SHEEP. Must be officially identified and have an official Scrapie ID or have a registered tattoo along with a breed registry number (information available at mn.gov/bah/official-id.html). Sheep with warts, ringworm, sore mouth, foot rot, club lamb fungus or caseous lymphadenitis MAY NOT be shown. Sheep within 30 days of giving birth (before or after) cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

1. Sheep from Minnesota. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).

2. Sheep from outside Minnesota.
   A. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
   B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
   C. All sheep coming from other states into Minnesota for the fair must have official Scrapie identification and a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate).

3. Forms of acceptable animal identification. Available by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG.
   A. Flock ID tags. Includes flock ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six character maximum). Metal or plastic.
   B. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.

GOATS. Must be officially identified and have an official Scrapie ID or have a registered tattoo along with a breed registry number (information available at mn.gov/bah/official-id.html). Goats with warts, ringworm, sore mouth or caseous lymphadenitis MAY NOT be shown. Goats within 30 days of giving birth (before or after) cannot be exhibited without prior approval from the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

1. Goats from Minnesota. No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) required. Must have proper identification as outlined in the USDA ADT rule noted above (as of Mar. 11, 2013).

2. Goats from outside Minnesota.
   A. Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
   B. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must list the Minnesota State Fair as consignee and will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90 days prior to the exhibition.
   C. All goats coming from other states into Minnesota for the fair must have official Scrapie identification and a certificate of veterinary inspection (health certificate).

3. Forms of acceptable animal identification. Available by calling 1-866-USDA-TAG.
   A. Flock ID tags. Includes flock ID number beginning with state abbreviation (maximum nine characters, including state abbreviation, in addition to a unique herd management number (six character maximum). Metal or plastic.
   B. USDA AIN visual or RFID tag [15 digit number starting with 840]. Must display U.S. shield.

CAMELIDS. In addition to the specifications listed under ALL SPECIES.

1. Camelids from Minnesota: No certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) required.

2. Camelids from outside Minnesota: Must meet the Minnesota Importation requirements. See mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at (651) 296-2942.
POULTRY. All poultry, except pigeons and waterfowl, must be identified by leg or wing band.

1. Poultry from Minnesota. Following tests are required:
   A. Poultry. Must be accompanied by an official form showing a negative Salmonella pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the exhibition OR by an official form showing they originate directly from parent stock tested and found negative within 12 months.
   B. Turkeys. Must be accompanied by an official form showing a negative Salmonella pullorum-typhoid, Salmonella typhimurium, Mycoplasma gallisepticum and Mycoplasma synoviae test within 90 days of the exhibition OR by an official form showing they originate directly from parent stock tested and found negative within 12 months. Testing available at the Minnesota Poultry Testing Laboratory, Willmar, Minnesota (320-231-5170).
   C. Waterfowl and Pigeons. Exempt from Salmonella pullorum-typhoid testing for exhibition, unless in conjunction with a sale, in which case waterfowl over five (5) months of age must be tested for Salmonella pullorum-typhoid within 30 days of the sale.

2. Poultry from outside Minnesota.
   A. Interstate health certificate required.
   B. Must meet the requirements above listed under Poultry from Minnesota plus the Minnesota Importation requirements. See http://mn.gov/bah/imports.html, or call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-296-2942.
   C. Poultry as defined above, greater than five months must be tested and found negative within 30 days of import and have a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI).
   D. Poultry as defined above, less than five months must have an import permit and a disease classification for the poultry as listed above, supported by a CVI, NPIP Form VS 9-3 or equivalent. Contact your local official state agency for the forms listed above.

3. Worthiness of Entries:
   A. Diseased birds or rabbits unfit to be shown may be barred from competition by the department superintendent.
   B. Rabbits showing symptoms of diseases at time of arrival or during period of exhibitions will be disqualified and returned to owner immediately.

Processing of Livestock Entries/Registration
1. Animals going to State Fair must be properly ID'd and entered into 4HOnline, including all applicable photos, lease agreements, registration papers, etc.
2. Animals going to State Fair will be "flagged" in 4HOnline by county 4-H staff as going to State Fair.
3. If an animal was shown by a family member other than the family member who originally ID'd the animal, the animals must be moved (by staff) to the family member that showed the animal.
4. The animal must be entered in the same State Fair class "type" as it was in the county fair. For example, if a female sheep was shown as a market lamb at the county fair, it must be entered as a market lamb at the state fair (it cannot be shown in a breeding class).
5. Livestock substitutions will be accepted until 12 noon, the Tuesday before the fair opens. No additional substitutions will be allowed after this deadline.

Stalling
1. NEW EARLY TIME: The stalls and pens for 4-H livestock will be ready by 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday. No animals will be permitted in the livestock barns until that time.
2. 4-H Animals will NOT be allowed on the grounds (this includes barns, in the tie outs or kept in trailers parked on the grounds) until 4:00 a.m. Wednesday. Violators will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home.
3. ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE BY 8:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY.
4. No animals will be housed in trailers during 4-H livestock weekend. Animals will not be allowed to move beyond (south or west) of Canfield during the day or in the evening. Violators will not be allowed to exhibit and will be sent home.

Delivery and Removal of Livestock, Parking of Trucks, and Overnight Parking

Delivery
1. When delivering animals, truckers should enter Gate 14 (Canfield St., west of the Swine Barn).
2. After unloading, truckers should exit Gate 10 (Clough St., directly east of the Warner Coliseum).
3. Drivers staying over will then proceed to Stella Lot, parking their vehicle in Stella (Block 55 is for overflow and oversized trailers).
4. Gate admission for trucking - When vehicles arrive with livestock in them, the driver is permitted in Gate 14 at no charge. If there are additional people in the vehicle, they will be charged regular admission fees. After unloading the animals, they go to park their vehicle and return to the fair you'll be charged for admission at that time. NO EXCEPTIONS.
LIVESTOCK OVERNIGHT VEHICLE ADMISSION AND AUTO PARKING
INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

Please read carefully information posted at www.mnstatefair.org/competition/overnight_parking
If further clarification is needed, contact Minnesota State Fair Competition Office, 651-288-4417.

Removal/Release of Livestock
1. Animals released at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. All animals must remain in their respective barns until 3:00 p.m.
2. On Sunday the load-out procedure will be announced at 10:00 a.m. Trucks arriving from out of town MUST
go to the Stella lot and get in line with trucks in that lot. From 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. drivers will be permitted to
leave the lot with their vehicle and pick up their animals, based upon the schedule announced at 10:00
a.m. After loading animals, trucks may exit at Liggett, Stevens, or Canfield gates.
3. Each poultry and rabbit exhibit must be checked out by the person in charge of the department before
removal from the building.
4. Any 4-Her who removes an animal or whose animal is removed from the state 4-H livestock weekend
before the designated removal time without written permission from the state fair competitive exhibits
supervisor will be denied all show-related premiums (including 4-H livestock auction and showcase) and
also barred from exhibiting in all future state and national 4-H livestock shows.
5. Exhibits and equipment left after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday are left at the risk of the individual exhibitor.

Exhibiting
1. 4-H members are responsible for feeding/caring for their animals during the time the animals are at State Fair.
2. Approval by the species show coordinator for substituting another member to show an animal, in case of
sickness, mental or physical handicap or an emergency, must be obtained before entering the show.
Assistance will be provided by assigned personnel to show problem animals. No one other than exhibitors
will be allowed in the ring to assist with showing of animals.
3. No exhibitors, parents, or other individuals will be allowed in the show ring during the show to discuss
placings with the show judge, ring personnel, etc.
4. There should be NO terminal market animals exhibited at the Minnesota State Fair that are on medication
or medicated feed where the withdrawal period has not expired by fair entry day.

Grooming and Fitting
1. All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming and blocking (all species) must be clearly done by
the exhibitor, members of the immediate family or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member.
Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step parents, legal guardians, grandparents,
brothers or sisters. The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process
at the State Fair.
2. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will not be eligible for any livestock awards or premiums
including championships, the auction, the showcase and showmanship.
3. Enforcement of this rule will be the responsibility of the state fair show committees, state 4-H staff, and
county & regional 4-H staff.
4. The National Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) showing code of ethics will be enforced at this
show.

Fluid Administration
1. The use of drenching, mechanical pumping devices, or other abnormal methods to administer water or
fluids into animals will not be permitted.
2. Administration of fluids for dehydration or other animal health reasons may be done only after receiving
approval from a veterinarian and show management.
3. Any exhibitor found in violation of this rule will be eliminated from further competition in the show and will
not be eligible for any livestock awards, including (but not limited to) championships, the 4-H auction,
showmanship, showcase, or interview awards.
IMPORTANT NOTICE:
For security & for safety, vehicles entering the Minnesota State Fairgrounds after August 10 and through the run of the fair, will be subject to inspection. In addition, all vehicles will be required to enter the grounds at Gate 1 (north Underwood St.) or Gate 14 (Canfield St.) during that time.
We appreciate your cooperation and adherence to the new requirements as we work to maintain a safe and secure environment for all our guests.
Forage, Bedding, and Equipment County Allotments

AGAIN IN 2015. 4-H Beef exhibitors will be charged $10 per exhibitor to assist with the added cost of wood chips in the barn and tie out areas. This fee will be assessed each exhibitor as part of the completing Form 41 at State Fair registration time. Beef exhibitors should plan to bring all feed. All 4-H Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors will be provided with shavings, but should bring their own feed. All other species – Dairy ($8), Sheep ($5), Swine ($5), Goats – both dairy and meat ($5) and Lama ($5) will not receive hay or bedding allotments. Instead, they will receive a county dollar allotment to be paid to the County 4-H program by the Minnesota State Fair. Allotment is per animal in the county livestock delegation and will be equal to the amount indicated above. Each county livestock delegation should plan to store daily needs in the barn and can store additional quantities in livestock trailers supplied by the county and parked in the livestock trailer area, which is across the street from the fairgrounds. A convenient shuttle system is supplied by the Minnesota State Fair to bring feed, bedding and supplies onto the grounds during the day. Additionally, counties may set up a charge account with the forage department. Up to three people may be listed as approved by local 4-H staff to charge feed and bedding against the county account. They will be required to provide a drivers license ID when placing the order. Counties wishing to set up an account will need to complete a new form – Forage/Bedding Authorization Form 50 and turn it in at final registration to the 4-H Livestock station. As usual, 4-H families can buy feed and bedding individually from the State Fair Forage Department who will require on the spot cash payment for all ordered. Feeding, watering and cleaning equipment will not be provided. 4-Hers should provide their own equipment and counties should bring cleaning equipment such as brooms, forks, etc.

Judging and Awards
1. The Danish system of judging will be used. Judges will rank the exhibits in 1, 2, 3 order; then divide them into purple, blue, red and white award groups according to the quality.
2. All champions and reserve champions must have won a purple or blue award and be of championship quality as determined by the judge.
3. Animals may be registered, grade, or crossbred. Registered animals with proper registration papers must show in their respective breed class. Grade and crossbred beef heifers, ewes, and swine gilts must show in the commercial class. See specific class requirements.
4. Premiums won in 4-H will be paid directly to the county.

Rules Governing Marketing of Animals
1. Auction animals will be marketed at the discretion of the auction committee.
2. Non-auction animals will be sold on either a live or grade and yield basis, depending on the species.
3. Market Beef and Dairy Steers:
   A. Exhibitors of white, red, blue, or non-auction purple ribbon animals may choose to (1) consign their cattle to market OR (2) take them home.
      1) If 4-Hers choose to market their animal, they must sign a consignment form in the 4-H Beef Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday.
      2) All market beef and dairy steers not consigned must be taken home!
   B. Purple ribbon animals that participate in the auction cannot be taken home. They will be consigned to market.
4. Market Goats: May be marketed or taken home. As 4-Hers exit the show ring they will be asked if they want to market the animal.
5. Market Lambs: NEW IN 2015: Market Lamb show is a non-terminal show. All auction lambs will be consigned to market.
6. Swine: All market barrows and market gilts exhibited must be marketed - no exceptions. Breeding gilt exhibitors are given the choice of marketing them or taking them home.

Reminder for 2015: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.

4-H Purple Ribbon Auction
The 4-H livestock auction is organized, promoted and conducted by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association. John Grass Jr. of LeRoy, serves as chairman of the auction committee and Kent Thiesse as chairman of the auction finance committee.
1. Approximately 10% of all market animals will be selected for the auction.
2. All animals must receive a purple ribbon in their class to be eligible for auction selection in their respective species.
3. Auction premiums will be allocated as follows:
   - 78% to the 4-H member and
   - 20% to the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association for Auction administration expenses and for support of youth programs.
   - 2% to support the construction of the AgStar Judging Arena
   - All 4-H Livestock Auction exhibits must be consigned to market, and cannot be taken home.
4-H Dairy Showcase
State fair 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors who receive a purple or blue ribbon in their class will qualify for the Showcase. Points will be earned for their involvement and success with the state fair interview process, dairy project bowl, dairy judging contest and showmanship. Youth will also complete an online leadership portfolio that awards points in the areas of 4-H and dairy industry involvement and leadership, along with community, school or church involvement. The portfolios will be judged by a panel of anonymous judges. All of these things will be compiled in a scorecard format and the top 25 applicants will be announced Saturday evening following the dairy show. For more information, www.4-H.umn.edu/events/dairy-showcase.html

4-H Poultry Prince & Princess Contest
State fair 4-H poultry exhibitors have the opportunity to participate in a $1000 Minnesota 4-H and Gold n Plump scholarship contest. The Minnesota 4-H Poultry Prince and Princess Contest at the Minnesota State Fair is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth to be recognized for their poultry knowledge, experience, leadership and confidence. To enter you must be: participating in 4-H Poultry Interview/Quiz/Showmanship at 2015 Minnesota State Fair, participating in the 4-H Chicken BBQ Contest at 2015 Minnesota State Fair and have completed grade 9 and up as of 2015. For more information, www.4-H.umn.edu/events/poultry-prince-princess.html

Animal Sales and Advertising
No animals may be advertised for sale and no farm, ranch, or sale signs may be displayed or worn. The only signs other than 4-H State Fair stall cards and champion/reserve champion signs that may be displayed are educationally-based signs with performance or pedigree information, but no owner/exhibitor information.

CLARIFICATION FOR 2015 ~ Livestock Equipment Removal
All 4-H families must consider the safety of fairgoers when they remove any equipment such as show boxes, chutes and feeding equipment. Due to heavy fair visitor traffic flow prior to the 3:00 p.m. Sunday release, livestock equipment being taken home from the cattle barn and sheep/swine/goat barn must be transported out the side exits on the south sides of these barns. Equipment cannot be taken down the center aisle of these two barns. The center aisles may be used, however, at 3:00 p.m. when the 4-H livestock are released and the buildings are closed to the public.

NOTE ~No refrigerators or microwaves are allowed during Livestock encampment. Special needs are to be addressed by the Herdsmanship coordinators and the Extension Center for Youth Development.

Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below:

IAFE (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS)
NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition to the “IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics”, fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine examples. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

1. All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership, and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.

2. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.

3. Junior exhibitors are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.

4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter the food chain free of violative drug
PDCA Show Ring Code of Ethics

Submission of entry indicates an agreement to abide by all conditions and rules listed below:

Adopted May 5, 2015

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The showing of registered dairy cattle stimulates and sustains interest in the breeding of registered dairy cattle. For these reasons, the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) believes that it is in the best interest of all
breeders of registered dairy cattle to maintain a reputation of integrity in dairy cattle shows and to present a wholesome and progressive image of dairy cattle in the show ring.

PDCA endorses this Show Ring Code of Ethics for all dairy breed shows and pledges its full cooperative support for its enforcement to show management, show judges, and the national breed associations.

The application of this Code of Ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal’s condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this Code of Ethics. Dairy cattle exhibitors shall, at all times, deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.

It is recognized that there are certain practices in the proper care and management of dairy cattle that are necessary in the course of moving dairy cattle to and between shows that are advisable to keep them in a sound, healthy state so they might be presented in the show ring in a natural, normal condition. At all times, exhibition livestock shall be treated in a humane manner and in accordance with dairy quality assurance practices so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the livestock and the consuming public. No person shall present for exhibition or exhibit an animal which he or she knows, or has reason to suspect, is affected with or has been exposed to a dangerously contagious or infectious disease, or illegal or nonapproved use of drugs, medication and/or prohibited substance, or residue.

The position of the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association is that all animals presented for exhibition shall be in their natural conformation and structure, free of any alteration or modification by injection or internal or external administration of any substance or by any involvement in unethical fitting.

**Grooming and Preparation**

Dairy cattle exhibitions are conducted under standards for evaluating conformation established by the PDCA Unified Score Card (2009), with specific breed characteristics taken into consideration by the show judge. In this connection, animals will be groomed and prepared for the judge’s evaluation in order to display the animal’s natural contour, conformation, performance and mobility. Specifically:

1. Changing the natural color of the animal is prohibited (effective 6/1/2015). However, external applications of cosmetics that affect only appearance may be used, including by way of example hoof polishes and false switches.

2. The maximum allowable length of naturally growing hair anywhere on the topline is not to exceed 1”. Exhibitors will be required to comply with this rule before the animal is allowed to enter the ring.

3. Addition of foreign objects, including but not limited to hair or hair substitutes, cloth or fiber, to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body is prohibited.

4. Externally sealing the teat end with a preparation that does not harm the animal’s skin is permissible. Natural teat placement will be given preference over artificially positioned teats.

**Violations: False, Deceptive or Unacceptable Practices**

These practices are violations of the Code of Ethics and will be reported to show management and may be reported to the respective national breed associations:

1. Misrepresenting the age and/or milking status of the animal for the class in which it is shown.

2. Treating the animal, particularly the udder, internally or externally:
   - with an irritant or counter-irritant,
   - using a device to artificially create or enhance the udder crease,
   - using other substance as detected by testing that causes changes in the udder to artificially improve the conformation,
   - plugging of teat canal with foreign substances.

3. Surgical or unethical insertion of any matter under the skin or into body cavities, performed to change the natural contour or appearance of the animal’s body (e.g., administration of fluid via a stomach tube or other similar apparatus to fill the rumen), though not to preclude practices required or involved in normal management.

4. Criticizing or interfering with the judge, show management or other exhibitors while in the show ring or other conduct detrimental to the breed or the show.

5. Challenging, threatening or interfering with an ethics committee appointed by show management to monitor the animals on exhibit on the show grounds.

**Exhibitor Responsibility**

The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (hereinafter referred to as “Exhibitor”) for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, milk, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Materials may also be collected by ultrasound and photographic methods and by direct examination of animal.

The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the “Exhibitor”) to have disciplinary action for violation of this Show Ring Code of Ethics taken by show management, the state in which the show occurs, and/or the national dairy breed association without recourse.

**Show Ethics Committee**

Each show should have an Ethics Committee. The make-up of this committee should include official breed representatives, representative(s) of show management (e.g., dairy cattle show superintendent, General
Manager), the official show veterinarian, and Extension representative. The Ethics Committee will be responsible for monitoring violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. The Ethics Committee will investigate the report of any violation and determine the accuracy of the allegation. The Ethics Committee will have the authority to inspect animals and related material to determine if violations have occurred.

Violations: Reporting and Investigation
Complaints of alleged violations can be reported to the breed superintendent, the show superintendent, show management, and/or the Ethics Committee.

Before An Animal is Shown
If the Ethics Committee suspects that a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics will occur if the animal is shown, and that violation is reasonably well established before the animal is shown, the Ethics Committee will submit a report to show management.

Show management will discuss the violation with the Exhibitor:
1. If, at the Exhibitor’s discretion, the animal in question is not shown, no violation will have occurred.
2. If the Exhibitor wishes to challenge that a violation occurred, he/she/they will have opportunity to appeal to the Ethics Committee. If its decision is not changed, the Exhibitor will be denied opportunity to exhibit the animal in question.

During and After An Animal is Shown
All animals are subject to examination during judging. The judge and Ethics Committee are instructed to examine the top five (5) animals in each class closely for violations of the Show Ring Code of Ethics. When a violation may have occurred, a milkout may be called for. This call may be by breed association rule, or by request of an authorized representative of the national breed association, the judge, the Ethics Committee, or show management.

If an animal is exhibited and a violation of the Show Ring Code of Ethics is subsequently suspected, investigated, and determined to have occurred, the violation will be reported to the Ethics Committee and show management for action. The Exhibitor will be notified of the violation and the supporting evidence and invited to defend or explain the allegations.

Violations are subject to the disciplinary provisions of show management, the state in which the show occurs, and the national dairy breed association. Sanctions may include any one, or combination of the following:
1. forfeiture or return of awards, prizes, premiums or proceeds;
2. written letter of reprimand to the owner, exhibitor, fitter and/or absolutely responsible person (the "Exhibitor");
3. disqualification of the exhibition livestock from an exhibition;
4. disqualification of the Exhibitor from the show;
5. publication of offense.

Disqualification may include any or all shows and classes and may be for any number of years.

NALSrama Rule Infraction Database
Barred or Disqualified Exhibitors: The Minnesota State Fair, in cooperation with the North American Livestock Show and Rodeo Managers Association (NALSrama), Rule Infraction Database (Rid), reserves the right to refuse entry of any exhibitor who has been barred or disqualified from any other show on the basis of unethical practices referred to in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE), National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
COUNTY HERDSMAN

1. Each county is asked to designate one or two county herdsmen.
   A. The number of county herdsmen is based on the total number of county livestock exhibits.
      1) Counties with 1 to 35 exhibits may name one (1) herdsman.
      2) Counties with over 35 exhibits may name two (2) herdsmen.

2. Housing is in the Cattle Barn dormitory.

3. He/she should be a mature and responsible representative of the county.

4. The herdsman must be one of the listed livestock exhibitors, appear on the participant validation report
   and the housing report, and be listed on the corresponding state fair form.

5. The county herdsman must follow all dormitory rules including the curfew hour of 11:00 p.m. and is subject
   to the violation policy as stated in the housing rules.

HERDSMANSHP

Overall Coordinators .............................................................. Delvin & Debra Durheim

Purpose
The purpose of herdsmanship is to help 4-Hers learn skills in making a presentable exhibit for the public as
well as learn skills in courtesy, cooperation, neatness, and proper care of animals.

Procedure
1. Livestock exhibits will be evaluated throughout the four days beginning on Thursday morning and ending
   on Sunday afternoon.
2. Evaluation will take place during normal public viewing (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.).
3. Counties will be awarded a purple, blue, red, or white award for each evaluation in each species area.
   A. County awards will be given for each species and not for the combined score of all species.
4. Counties will be divided into two (2) divisions based on the number of animals exhibited in each species
   by that county, with the exception of goats. Divisions are as follows:

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5. Awards will be given to the top five (5) counties in each division in each species area.

Rules
The State Fire Electrical Inspectors will be STRICTLY enforcing the following requirements regarding
extension cords used in all livestock barns during the State Fair, including 4-H livestock weekend.
All extension cords must be at least 12 gauge or larger Type G, PPE, S, SE, SEO, SEOO, SC, SCE, SCT,
SO, SOO, ST, STO, STOO, W or other types identified for extra-hard usage and must be of the
grounding type. Extension cords must also be three-wire flexible.
No lightweight (2 wire) extension cords or "zip" cords (18 gauge or smaller) may be used anywhere
on the State Fairgrounds. Octopus plugs and two-wire extension cords often create a fire hazard and
will be removed if found in use during an event. Cables with a "J" in the type designation (Such as
Type SJT) are not permitted.

1. Refrigerators or microwaves are NOT allowed during Livestock encampment. Special needs are
to be addressed by the Herdsmanship Coordinators and the Extension Center for Youth
Development.
2. 4-H members are responsible for feeding and caring for their animals during the time the animals are at
   state fair. Parents may assist the 4-Hers in the initial set-up, but after that the 4-Hers must maintain and
care for their animals.
3. Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.
   A. Beef animals may be taken to tie-outs at 8:00 p.m.
4. All animals must be cared for using proper and ethical means.
5. 4-Hers who use any kind of hair preparation products (examples: glue, saddle soap, hair spray, etc.) on their
   animals for showing must wash their animal and remove all preparation products immediately after the show.
6. Counties may bring one show box plus additional show boxes at the ratio of one per every five exhibitors
   (example: 12 exhibitors = 3 show boxes).
7. Grooming Chutes:
   A. Beef - Counties may bring one grooming chute plus additional grooming chutes at the ratio of one per every five exhibitors (example: 12 exhibitors = 3 grooming chutes).
   B. Dairy - Counties may bring one grooming chute per county. All chutes must be identified and special tag issued by 4-H Dairy office. Chutes are to be setup in tack or designated area, to be used by dairy exhibitors only.

8. All fans must be mounted on brackets off the floor on the side of cattle, 6 feet or less from the cattle tie wall.
   A. No floor-stand fans WILL BE ALLOWED.
   B. No water-type fan coolers of any kind are allowed.
   C. Fan direction to blow West to East in Annex.
   D. Fan direction to blow from outside walls toward Center Aisle in Cattle Barn. The building is designed to carry hot air up the center aisle ridge, and exhaust out through the roof fans.
   E. Swine and Sheep: Fans mounted to public (front) side of gates must be secured and screened with 1/4" or less openings.

9. Use of fire hoses to wet stalls is PROHIBITED.
10. No gasoline or gasoline motors may be in the barn. Fuel powered generators are prohibited in the barn.
11. All tack, buckets, show boxes, etc. must be kept in the tack area. No tack of any kind is allowed to be kept behind animals.
12. Tack stalls in the cattle barn must be in the middle of the row. No tack stalls at the end of the aisles.
13. Decorating stalls is not allowed.
14. Any fans or equipment not meeting the above criteria will be confiscated.
15. Final decision on safety and/or location of fans and/or equipment rests with the Herdsmanship Coordinators, the Extension Center for Youth Development, and the State Fair Management.

Scoring for All Species

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Basis for Scoring Livestock
(More specific criteria for each livestock species may be posted for exhibitor information and education.)

1. **Cleanliness of aisle and stall** ........................................................................................................... .45 points
   - Bedding is dry, in place, adequate, but not excessive.
   - Animals tied and/or pens fastened securely.
   - Feed pans and water pans, when present, should be clean.
   - Manure hauled out and deposited in proper place. (Manure carts can be stored in the empty stalls facing the barn wall. Herdsmanship points will be lost to counties not emptying manure carts.)
   - Alleys kept clean, including side and center.
   - Allotted number of grooming chutes are orderly, labeled, kept within allotted county space and cleaned.

2. **Arrangement of exhibits** ........................................................................................................... .15 points
   - Animals neatly arranged.
   - Hay and straw neatly piled.
   - Show boxes in proper place (out of public walkways).
   - Feed and equipment neatly kept.
   - Stall cards properly arranged.
   - Clean and complete exhibit.

3. **Appearance of animals** ........................................................................................................... .15 points
   - Animals groomed.
   - Animals in place 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except when in show ring.
   - Grooming rule observed.

4. **Exhibitors** ................................................................................................................................. .25 points
   - Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.
   - Note: Automatic white placing will be given if exhibitors are interfering with the public in the building (running, throwing water, etc.).
   - Do own clipping, blocking, and grooming.

**TOTAL** ........................................................................................................................................... .100 points

Basis for Scoring Poultry

1. **Appearance of pens** ..................................................................................................................... .40 points
   - Shavings are dry, in place, adequate but not excessive.
   - Animals adequately, but not excessively, fed and watered.
   - Crates properly stored out of aisles.
   - Pen cards arranged properly and replaced if necessary.
   - Waterers kept clean.
   - Space under cage (including table and under table) kept neat and clean.
2. Appearance of animals ................................................................. 35 points
   • Animals clean in appearance.
   • Animals separated if injured due to fighting.

3. Exhibitors .................................................................................. 25 points
   •Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.
   • Promptness for conference judging of exhibit.

TOTAL ................................................................................................. 100 points

Basis for Scoring Rabbits

1. Appearance of pens........................................................................ 40 points
   • Shavings are dry, in place, adequate but not excessive.
   • Cage should be clean and the area kept neat. (This rarely requires cleaning more than once daily.)
   • Dishes adequate for size of breed.
   • Pen cards in holder with all sticker awards displayed on it (and no extra notes), display award sticker only on the pen card and replace soiled or torn stall cards immediately.
   • Animals should have adequate feed and water. They need to have water at all times and should have evidence of adequate care.
   • No locks allowed on cages. Non-locking clips are permissible as long as they are no larger than 2 1/2”.
   • Carrying cages, boxes, or crates are to be stored under their cages (maximum height of 20”). Show committee approval is needed if not under table.

2. Appearance of animals ................................................................. 40 points
   • Animals clean in appearance.
   • Animals separated if injured due to fighting.

3. Exhibitors .................................................................................. 20 points
   • Courtesy and conduct of exhibitors.
   • Note: Automatic white placing will be given if exhibitors are interfering with the public in the building (running, throwing water, etc.).

TOTAL ................................................................................................. 100 points

Promotion Booth Participation (for a possible total of 110) ................................. +10 points
HERDSMANSHP
SPEAKING UP FOR ANIMAL AGRICULTURE - A 4-H PROGRAM
TO INCREASE CONSUMER AWARENESS

A critical component of herdsmanship is the way exhibitors positively interact with fair visitors.
Speaking Up For Animal Agriculture, sponsored by Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and Minnesota
4-H, is an activity designed to help 4-H exhibitors showcase a positive image of animal agriculture at the
fair.
The program will consist of three components; (1) specialized training for 4-H livestock delegations 2) coaching for exhibitors as they interact one on one with fair visitors during the fair and 3) evaluation and competition for 25 bonus points to be added to the county's total herdsmanship score. Cash awards will be given to top ranking counties in each species and the three top ranking counties overall. These details of
the program can be found at www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/docs/herdsmanship-cons-ed-promo-activities.pdf

Staffing and Training
A staff of college age youth (peer mentors) will conduct two workshops addressing positive communication
with consumers in the fair setting. All counties should be represented at the workshops. Counties may select at least representatives from each species to attend their assigned workshop. First year exhibitors are encouraged to attend. Exhibitors attending the workshops should share the information with others in the county delegation. Parents/chaperones/extension staff are welcome.

Wednesday, August 26
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Large Animal Exhibitor Workshop (beef, dairy, sheep and swine)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Small Animal Exhibitor Workshop (rabbit, poultry, dairy goat, meat goat)
Details of the workshops, times and agendas will be posted at
www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/docs/herdsmanship-speaking-up-animal-agriculture.pdf

County Exhibitor Expectations ~ One on one communication
All exhibitors will be expected to conduct one-on-one interactions with fairgoers throughout 4-H livestock
weekend. Peer mentors will be available in the livestock areas to model, coach and encourage exhibitors
with this task. (This supports the concepts in the LQA&E lesson on "Speaking Out for Animal Agriculture")

Educational/Promotion Activities
Counties participating are asked to register at the herdsmanship office; this will assure that no county is
overlooked during the judging. Specific times will be designated for education/promotion activities.

Specific times for each species are as follows:
Beef ~ 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, August 29
Dairy ~ 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 27
Goat ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Saturday, August 29
Poultry ~ 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friday, August 28
Rabbit ~ 9:00 a.m. - noon, Friday, August 28
Sheep ~ 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Friday, August 28
Swine ~ 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday, August 29
NOTE: Poultry and Rabbits will be divided into 3 one-hour groups. Schedule will be posted at
respective offices.

During these times the animal exhibitors are encouraged to have hands-on promotion/educational activities
in their stalling/tack area.
County exhibitors are expected to work as a team to create an activity related to their species that addressed
one or more of the key messages stated below. In keeping with 4-H State Fair policy all signs should be
computer generated (no hand printed signs).

Key Messages
Both the one-on-one communications and the promotion/educational activities should focus on one or more
of these messages.
A. Personal information about the exhibitor, family farm, exhibit and showing experience.
B. Their animal(s) are raised for food and fiber.
C. The food produced by these animals is nutritious and safe.
D. These animals have been cared for using best management practices and current technology.
E. Animals are raised using different approved production methods, but the final products are
wholesome, safe and nutritional.
Evaluation
A team of evaluators will be evaluating these activities and the public's interaction based on the following criteria:

A. Participation -10% of score - County participates in activities as assigned.
B. Teamwork -15% of score - County exhibitors work as a team and establish an inviting environment.
C. Public Interaction - 25% of score - Demonstrates skills in engaging the public.
D. Props - 25% of score - Shows good use of props such as eggs, rabbits, lambs, tools, charts, etc. to help enhance consumer understanding and education.
E. Subject Matter - 25% of score - Uses accurate and current subject matter relevant to the species.

Scoring - Up to 25 bonus points per county per species may be added to the final herdsmanship score.

Awards-
Awards will be presented as part of the Herdsmanship Awards Program on Sunday, August 30. Counties must participate in four of the seven species areas to be considered for the overall awards.

Awards and Recognition

Minnesota State Fair. Purple ribbons to the all 4-Hers of the top five Division One and top five Division Two counties in each species.

Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association - certificate and $50 cash award top three counties in each species.

Juanita Reed-Boniface/Dick Boniface 4-H Endowment - certificate and cash awards top three counties overall. 1st place-$250, 2nd place-$150, 3rd place-$100.

KIK Custom Products, Eagan, Minnesota. Six $50 scholarships to the counties with the best overall dairy herdsmanship scores.
BEEF CATTLE
Housed in the Cattle Barn and the Cattle Annex

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Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Weigh In and ID Times:
1. All Breeding Heifers and Cow/Calf Pairs must be verified on Wednesday, from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
2. All Market Beef, Dairy Steers and Prospect Calves must be weighed and verified on Wednesday, from 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Market beef must be owned by February 15.
3. Breeding beef must be owned by May 15.

Leasing Program
1. 4-H Breeding Heifers, Cow/Calf pairs, and Prospect Market calves may be leased.
2. Market Beef and Dairy Steers cannot be leased.
3. If a breeding animal or prospect calf is leased, the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted as part of their ID process (lease agreements are also due on May 15).

Identification Details and Deadlines
1. Market Beef & Dairy Steers ~ NO BEGINNING WEIGHTS REQUIRED ~ Must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H eartag by February 15 AND the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by February 15.
2. Breeding Heifers ~ Commercial (See registered note below) must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H eartag by May 15 AND the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15. (Calves must be tagged by county fair.)
3. Cow/Calf Pairs ~ Commercial (See registered note below) must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H eartag by May 15. (Calves must be tagged by County Fair) AND the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15. If calf is not born by May 15, that should be noted on the form and then the calf should be identified before your county fair. Both the cow and calf must be ID’d.
4. Prospect Market Calves: Must be identified with a MN 4-H eartag by May 15 AND the ID data entered online or the beef worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
5. Registered heifers and cow/calf projects must be identified by with an ear tattoo that is recorded and matches the tattoo number on the registration paper. (Calves must be tattooed by County Fair.)
6. Animals that do not meet identification requirements can place no higher than a blue ribbon.
7. If a breeding animal or prospect calf is leased, the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted as part of their ID process (lease agreements are also due on May 15).

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND PAPERS
1. All registration papers must be originals. Photocopies or faxes will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. All required registration papers must be presented at the time of verification or weigh-in on entry day and the ear tattoo in the animal must match the tattoo number on the registration papers.
3. Any Beef exhibit entered in a registered class without the original registration paper (when required) can place no higher than a blue ribbon, cannot win Champion honors, and cannot be in the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction.

4. Registered Beef animals without registration papers (when required) WILL be moved to commercial or crossbred division, but can place no higher than a blue ribbon.

COLOR RULE - NEW IN 2015 - No artificial color will be allowed on 4-H Market Beef, Breeding Heifer, Cow and Calf, or Prospect Market Calf exhibits that is applied above the flank of the animal. Coloring materials are acceptable to be applied to the legs and hooves of the animal. ALL 4-H beef exhibits will be checked for artificial color and may be checked anytime during the Beef Show. Any animal that displays artificial color cannot receive a purple ribbon, or be named division Champion, Reserve Champion or be selected for the 4-H Auction.

**BIRTH DATES**

- **Spring Calf**: January 1 - April 30, 2015
- **Fall Calf**: September 1 - December 31, 2014
- **Summer Yearling**: May 1 - August 31, 2014
- **Junior Yearling**: January 1 - April 30, 2014
- **Senior Yearling**: September 1 - December 31, 2013
- **Cow/Calf**: Calf born after January 1 of current year
- **Prospect Market Calf**: January 1 - April 30, 2015
- **Market Beef**: Born on or after January 1 to August 31, 2015
- **Market Heifer**: Born on or after January 1 to August 31, 2014
- **Dairy Steer**: Born on or after January 1 to August 31, 2014

**BREEDING HEIFER**

**SOUTH DEVON, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 3: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 6: Fall Calf
- A - 41 - 9: Summer Yearling
- A - 41 - 12: Junior Yearling
- A - 41 - 15: Senior Yearling

**RED ANGUS, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 18: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 21: Fall Calf
- A - 41 - 24: Summer Yearling
- A - 41 - 27: Junior Yearling
- A - 41 - 30: Senior Yearling

**HEREFORD, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 33: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 36: Fall Calf
- A - 41 - 39: Summer Yearling
- A - 41 - 42: Junior Yearling
- A - 41 - 45: Senior Yearling

**BLACK ANGUS, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 48: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 51: Fall Calf
- A - 41 - 54: Summer Yearling
- A - 41 - 57: Junior Yearling
- A - 41 - 60: Senior Yearling

**CHAROLAIS, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 63: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 66: Fall Calf
- A - 41 - 69: Summer Yearling
- A - 41 - 72: Junior Yearling
- A - 41 - 75: Senior Yearling

**COMPOSITE CHAROLAIS, REGISTERED**

- A - 41 - 78: Spring Calf
- A - 41 - 81: Fall Calf
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Additional Breeding Heifer Rules
1. Original registration papers must be presented at verification time, for all breed divisions other than commercial. All registered heifers must have an ear tattoo that matches the tattoo number on the registration paper.
2. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
3. Heifer breed assignments are final after verification. No switching of classes after that time.
4. All heifers will be verified. Heifers should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
5. Limousin heifers must be 50% or greater according to the NALF percentage.
6. Maine Anjou heifers must be minimum of 25% and have an original registration paper, or a certificate from the Minnesota Maine Anjou Assn.
7. Red Angus heifers must be 1-A registered (100%) to show in the registered class. 1-B registered heifers will show in the commercial class.
8. NEW IN 2015: Charolais Composite heifers must be a minimum of 50% and have an original registration paper.
9. Chianina Heifers must be a minimum of 6.25%.
10. Gelbvieh heifers must be a minimum 50% and must have an original registration paper.
11. Foundation Simmental Heifers must be 1/2, 5/8, or 3/4 blood and have an original registration paper.
12. A breeding heifer not meeting the qualifications for a respective Breed Division must show in the Commercial Division and can not be moved to the AOB Division.
13. Commercial heifers must be identified with a 4-H ear tag.
14. No nurse cows are allowed for heifers in the spring calf classes.
15. No calves at side for heifers in the senior yearling classes.
16. The Color Rule is in effect for Breeding Heifer exhibits (see Color Rule details).

COW AND CALF
A - 61 - 1 Hereford, Registered
A - 61 - 2 Shorthorn and Shorthorn Plus, Registered
A - 61 - 3 Simmental (Purebred and Foundation), Registered
A - 61 - 4 All Other Breeds, Registered
A - 61 - 5 Commercial
A - 61 - 6 Black Angus, Registered
A - 61 - 7 Red Angus, Registered

Additional Cow/Calf Rules
1. Original registration papers for the cow and the calf must be presented at verification time for all breed divisions other than commercial. All registered cows and calves must have an ear tattoo matching the tattoo on their registration paper.
2. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
3. Breed assignments are final after verification. No switching of classes after that time.
4. All cow/calf pairs will be verified. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
5. Commercial cows and calves must be identified with a 4-H ear tag.
6. Cow/calf pairs may include heifer, steer and bull calves.
7. The Cow and the calf must be led into the Show Ring by the exhibitor and another 4-H member (no adults).
8. The Color Rule is in effect for Cow and Calf exhibits (see Color Rule details).

PROSPECT MARKET CALF
A - 71 - 1 Heifer Calf
A - 71 - 2 Steer Calf

Additional Prospect Market Calf Rules
1. All prospect market calves must be weaned. (no nurse cows)
2. Calves will be judged as market beef prospects. (No bull calves allowed)
3. All prospect calves must be identified with a Minnesota State 4-H ear tag.
4. Leased projects are permissible as Prospect Market Calves.
5. All Prospect Market calves will be weighed and shown in weight classes with no breed divisions.
6. The Color Rule is in effect for Prospect Market Calf exhibits (see Color Rule details).

MARKET BEEF
A - 81 - 1 Steer - Angus, Registered
A - 81 - 2 Steer - Hereford, Registered
A - 81 - 3 Steer - Maine Anjou, Registered
A - 81 - 4 Steer - Shorthorn Plus, Registered
A - 81 - 5 Steer - Shorthorn, Registered
A - 81 - 6 Steer - Charolais, Registered
Market Beef Breed Classification Information
1. Original registration papers must be presented at verification time for all Breed Division Steers. All Registered steers must have an ear tattoo that matches the tattoo number on the registration paper.
2. Registered Black Angus. Registration paper required. Must be out of a purebred sire and purebred dam. Champion and Reserve Champion subject to a blood test to verify the authenticity. If the blood test is positive for the listed Angus genetics, the cost will be paid by the Angus Association. If the blood test is negative, the cost will be paid by the 4-Her.
3. Hereford. Must be out of a purebred registered bull and a purebred registered Hereford or Polled Hereford cow. A steer certificate from American Hereford Assn. (AHA) is REQUIRED and entries are subject to review by a breed representative.
4. Registered Shorthorn. Registration paper required. Must be out of a registered sire and registered dam.
5. Shorthorn Plus. Registration paper required. Must meet registration requirements of the breed association.
6. Charolais. Must be a minimum of 50% Charolais and must have a registration paper from the Charolais Association.
7. Limousin. Must be 50% or greater according to the NALF percentage and must have a registration paper from NALF.
8. Registered Maine Anjou. Must be 1/4 blood concentration or more, and must have a registration paper.
9. Registered Simmental. Must be half blood or more, and must have a registration paper from the Simmental Association.
10. All other beef steers will be placed in the “Crossbreds and Other Breeds” division. (3 Divisions)
11. All breed division steers must show visual characteristics of that breed.
12. Breed assignments are final after verification and weighing. No switching of classes after that time. All decisions by the show committee are final and are not subject to change.
13. Any breed with less than five entries may not be offered. Entries will be placed in another appropriate class.
14. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each division, if quality is deemed acceptable by the show judge.

Additional Market Beef Rules
1. All market beef will be weighed and verified at the scale in the Beef Tent. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her.
2. "Crossbreds and Other Breeds" will have three weight divisions. A champion and reserve champion steer will be named in each weight division.
3. The show committee will determine if the breed divisions have sufficient numbers to justify subdivision into weight classes.
4. Market heifers will be divided into weight classes, with no breed divisions. Champion and reserve champion market heifers will compete against steer division champions for Overall Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef.
5. All market beef receiving a purple ribbon will be mouthed as they exit the show ring. Any market beef with two or more visible eruptions of permanent teeth will be lowered one ribbon placing. They are not eligible for champion honors nor the auction. Counties are encouraged to mouth market beef at the county fair and before bringing them to state fair. An informational sheet on mouthing steers is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/beef/
6. Only one person (immediate family or other 4-H member) may accompany the exhibitor in the Staging Area before entering the Show Ring.
7. The Color Rule is in effect for Market Beef exhibits (see Color Rule details).

Weight Guidelines
1. No Check-Weights prior to Weigh-In on Wednesday.
2. No minimum Rate of Gain required for Market Beef.
3. All Market Beef and Dairy Steers receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market beef must be within 5% of their entry day (Wednesday) weight. Any market beef not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.
4. No feed or water may be given to animals following weigh-back until after the Division Championship, unless authorized by Show Management. Violations will result in a drop of one ribbon placing and no consideration for Division championship.
5. The REQUIRED State Fair Maximum weight (animals cannot exceed this weight) for Market Beef is 1500 pounds. Any market beef exceeding this weight can place no higher than a blue ribbon.
6. RECOMMENDED minimum weight for Market Beef is 1000 pounds on entry at the State Fair. There are no penalties for animals below that criteria.
DAIRY STEER
A - 91 - 1 Dairy Steer - Pure breed
A - 91 - 2 Crossbred Dairy Steer

Additional Dairy Steer Rules
1. Pure breed Dairy steers must be 100% of only one dairy breed. No crossbred dairy steers may be entered in the pure breed dairy steer show. 4-Hers must identify what breed their dairy steer is when they pre-register with the extension office at the time of State Fair registration. The breed must be entered into the 4-H state fair computer registration program and appear on the county livestock computer printouts.
2. The following five dairy breeds will be accepted without registration papers: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey.
3. Milking Shorthorn dairy steers must be registered with the American Milking Shorthorn Society. If you are exhibiting a Milking Shorthorn dairy steer, you must present the original registration paper at verification. Any animal carrying the "S" suffix will not be eligible for the dairy steer show, but will be eligible for the beef steer show.
4. Crossbred Dairy steers will in a separate Division and must be from the following breeds in any combinations: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, Montbeliarde, Normande (Dairy), Red & White, Norwegian Red and Viking Red (Swedish, Danish, Finnish Red). 4-Hers must identify what breeds their dairy steer (pure breed and crossbred) are when they pre-register with the extension office at the time of State Fair registration. The breeds must be entered into the 4-H state fair computer registration program and appear on the county livestock computer printouts.
5. Pure breed and Crossbred Dairy Steers must weigh between 1,000 - 1,600 pounds for purple ribbon eligibility.
6. A screening committee will examine all dairy steers as they cross the scales at verification. This committee may request a blood type test on pure breed dairy steers that they feel do not represent the genetics of the dairy breed that it is entered under. The exhibitor and the exhibitor’s family will incur the total expense of the blood type test (approximately $50). The screening committee will also examine all Crossbred Dairy Steers. Any steer not showing visual “Dairy” characteristics will be “screened-out” by the committee and can place no higher than a blue ribbon and cannot earn Championship honors. The decision of the screening committee is final. If a dairy steer is questioned by the committee, the 4-Her has the option to withdraw the steer from the dairy steer show and enter it in the appropriate beef steer class or take it home.
7. No minimum rate of gain is required for dairy steers.
8. All dairy steers will be weighed and verified at the scale in the Beef Tent. Animals should be brought to the verification area by the 4-Her. A beef scale will be available for 4-Hers to use to check weights.
9. All dairy steers receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All dairy steers must be within 5% of their entry day (Wednesday) weight. Any dairy steers not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.
10. All dairy steers receiving a purple ribbon will be mouthed as they exit the show ring. Any dairy steer with two or more visible eruptions of permanent teeth will be lowered one ribbon placing. They are not eligible for champion honors or the auction. Counties are encouraged to mouth dairy steers at the county fair and before bringing them to state fair. An informational sheet on mouthing steers is available at www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/animal-science/beef.
11. A dairy steer showmanship contest will be held following the dairy steak show. 4-Hers will be selected for showmanship competition during the dairy steer show. Crossbred and Pure breed dairy steer exhibitors will show together.

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP
1. Any 4-Her exhibiting a cow/calf pair, prospect market calf, breeding heifer, or market beef, who wants to participate in showmanship must pre-register at the time of weigh-in and identification on Wednesday. No additions will be accepted after that time.
2. Beef Showmanship will be a “NO FIT” Show ...meaning no use of adhesives or color products. The judge will be advised and any violations will result in disqualification from showmanship.
3. Show order will be Market Beef, Cow/Calf and Prospect Calf, Breeding Heifers. Intermediate will be first, then senior.
4. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
5. 4-Hers exhibiting pure breed and cross bred dairy steers will be selected to participate in dairy steer showmanship during the dairy steer show.
6. Exhibitors in the Cow/Calf division may show either the cow or the calf, but not both (one animal is brought to the show ring).
7. 4-Hers may not wear hats or caps during showmanship.
8. The top 5 exhibitors in each Division will receive awards.
BEEF INTERVIEWS
1. See "Livestock Interviews" section of general animal science rules.
2. See "Beef Schedule" for times of scheduled interviews and make-up interviews.
3. Cow/Calf and Prospect Market Calf exhibitors must attend the interviews scheduled on Thursday morning. Because these shows are later the same day, there are no make-up interviews for these exhibitors.
4. There is no opportunity to make up the Interview Finalist Activity. 4-Hers selected to participate in the Interview Finalist Activity will be notified at the beef exhibitor meeting on Thursday morning and names will also be posted outside the 4-H Beef Office.
5. The Interview competition will include a seminar, computer test and an oral interview.

BEEF HERDSMANSHIP
1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. All fans must be mounted on brackets off the floor on the side of cattle, 6 feet or less from the cattle tie wall.
   A. No floor-stand fans WILL BE ALLOWED.
   B. No water-type fan coolers of any kind are allowed.
   C. Fan direction to blow West to East in Annex.
   D. Fan direction to blow Center Aisle toward wall in Cattle Barn.
3. Cage stalls are not allowed at the State Fair (side dividers and front tie panels are allowed).
4. No gasoline or gasoline motors may be in the barn. Fuel powered generators are prohibited in the barn.
5. Any fans or equipment not meeting the above criteria will be confiscated.
6. No farm, ranch, or breed signs are allowed in the exhibit area. Show boxes with farm names are acceptable.
7. Canopies or pop up tents, WITHOUT SIDES, will only be allowed in designated grooming and fitting areas, upon approval by show management.
8. AGAIN IN 2015: A stalling fee of $10 per beef exhibit will be charged to help cover the expense of the uniform bedding in the Beef Barns.

TIE-OUTS
1. Tie Outs - All beef exhibitors may request and reserve tie out stalls. A fee of $20.00 per tie out and space will be charged. A cow/calf project will receive 1 tie out unless 2 spaces are paid for, please indicate the need for two spaces on the State Fair Registration Form. The fee is payable as a part of your state fair registration. The tie out box must be checked on your registration form in order to guarantee a space. Tie outs will be pre-assigned. Extra tie outs may be available starting at noon on Wednesday, if 4-Hers did not register for any. If they pre-register for tie outs and do not use them, the money will not be refunded.
   A. Animals must be in their barn stalls from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. each day. No animal may be taken to the tie-outs until after 8:00 p.m. Animals must go to tie-outs and are NOT ALLOWED to go to Trailer Lot.

BEEF GROOMING CHUTE
Grooming Chute- Grooming chutes space is available in a tented area with electricity and other limited locations. A fee of $20.00 per chute will be charged for all chutes. The fee is payable as a part of your state fair registration and listed as a check box on the State Fair Registration Form. The quota for county grooming chutes is 1 per 5 exhibits. It is the responsibility for state fair participants/families to coordinate grooming chutes registrations with other participants/families. If a county over registers grooming chutes, they will forfeit the money if the space is not available. Chute sign-up will begin at 12 noon on Wednesday in the 4-H Beef Office. Sign-up order will be determined by a pre-assigned lottery drawing from counties that properly submitted their state fair registrations.

Grooming Chute Quota:

- 1 - 5 beef exhibits = 1 grooming chute
- 6 - 10 beef exhibits = 2 grooming chutes
- 11 - 15 beef exhibits = 3 grooming chutes
- 16 - 20 beef exhibits = 4 grooming chutes
- 21 - 25 beef exhibits = 5 grooming chutes
- 26+ beef exhibits = 6 grooming chutes

1. All grooming chutes that are not properly identified or that are not in designated areas will be removed and will not be released until livestock are released at the conclusion of 4-H Livestock Weekend.
   A. Failure to comply with this rule will result in forfeiture of additional grooming chute space for that county the following year.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT
A championship event for the 4-H Beef Show will be held in the Warner Coliseum. See the schedule for day and time. This event will include the selection/recognition of:
- Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Market Calf
• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf and Top 3 Overall
• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer and Top 5 Overall
• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Steer
• Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Market Beef and Top 5 Overall
• Announcement of Beef Interview and State Fair Scholarship Winners

Championship Event Rules
1. All exhibitors of breed division champion and reserve champion animals that are purple ribbon exhibits must bring their animal to the Warner Coliseum for the selection of the Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions.
2. All animals must remain in the Warner Coliseum until both the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of that division have been selected.
3. Any exhibitor in violation of these rules will forfeit all premiums and awards including breed awards and premiums, showmanship awards, etc.
4. Any exhibitor in violation of these rules will not be permitted to compete in the 4-H Beef Show at the Minnesota State Fair during the following calendar year. (Example: violation in 2014; exhibitor cannot compete in 2015 4-H Beef Show.)
5. Again in 2015: Top 5 Overall Breeding Heifers will be selected.
   Top 5 Overall Market Beef will be selected.
   Top 3 Overall Cow/Calf Pairs will be selected.

AUCTION
1. See "4-H Purple Ribbon Auction" section of general animal science rules.
2. The Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association (MLBA) Auction Committee will determine the number of market beef and dairy steers that are eligible for the auction.
3. All breed and crossbred Division champion beef steers and the champion market heifer are eligible for the auction, providing there is a minimum of five head, and the exhibit received a purple ribbon. All breed and crossbred Division Reserve champion beef steers and market heifers are eligible for 4-H auction, provided there is a minimum of 8 head, and the exhibit received a purple ribbon. No additional auction steers if breed champion is the Grand or Reserve Champion overall.
4. The division champion and reserve champion pure breed dairy steers and champion and reserve champion crossbred dairy steers are eligible for the auction.
5. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion market beef and dairy steers must sell in the auction.
6. Other 4-H market beef and dairy steer exhibitors selected for 4-H Auction must notify the 4-H Beef Committee by 1:00 PM, on Friday, if they want to withdraw from the auction.
7. All Market Beef and Dairy Steers in the 4-H Auction must be consigned to market.
8. 4-H Auction animals become the property of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders’ Association following the Auction and may be sold to the University of Minnesota for educational purposes.

BEEF SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
4:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock
            (NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4:00 A.M.)
12:00 noon Registration for Chutes and Tie-outs begin - Beef Office (order determined by pre-assigned lottery)
1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-In - Tent - (ALL Market Beef, Dairy Steers, and Prospect Calves must be weighed at this time)
1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Breeding Beef Verification - Tent (All Breeding Heifers, and Cow/Calf exhibits must be verified at this time)
5:00 p.m. Note: There will be a short dinner break at weigh in and verification.
8:00 p.m. All Livestock in place and the end of Weigh-In and Verification.

THURSDAY
7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Beef Interviews - Swine Barn
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration for Chutes and Tie-Outs continue - Beef Office
10:30 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting - AgStar Arena
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Interview Finalist Activity - AgStar Arena
1:00 p.m. Cow/Calf Show followed by Prospect Market Calf Show - AgStar Arena
2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Breeding Heifer make-up interviews - Beef Office
3:30 p.m. Breeding Heifer Show - AgStar Arena

FRIDAY
6:45 - 7:15 a.m. Market Beef and Dairy Steer make-up interviews - Beef Office
7:30 a.m. Market Beef Show - Warner Coliseum
7:30 a.m. Dairy Steer Show and Showmanship (followed by showmanship) - Warner Coliseum
1:30 p.m. (NOTE TIME) Beef Show Championship Event - Warner Coliseum
   Selection of:
   • Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Prospect Market Calf
   • Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Cow/Calf & Top 3 Overall
   • Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer & Top 5 Overall
   • Grand and Reserve Champion Dairy Steer
   • Grand and Reserve Champion Market Beef & Top 5 Overall
   • Announcement of Beef Interview and State Fair Scholarship Winners
5:00 p.m. Deadline to sign-up beef and dairy steers for market - Beef Office

SATURDAY
8:00 a.m. Beef Showmanship - White Coverall (southwest side of Warner Coliseum)
1:00 - 3:30 p.m. Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture - Beef
4:00 p.m. 4-H Auction Supper - AgStar Arena
5:00 p.m. 4-H Auction Scholarship Program - AgStar Arena
5:45 p.m. State Fair 4-H Auction - AgStar Arena

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Load-out of market beef and dairy steers consigned to market
2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

DAIRY CATTLE
Housed in the Cattle Barn

Overall Coordinators ..........................................................Marcia Woeste & Eric Sonnek
Specialist Advisors ........................................................Drs. Les Hansen & Tony Seykora
Interview Coordinators.........................................................Jim Salfer & Tony Seykora
Awards Advisor ..............................................................................................Judy Sonnek

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. The family includes the 4-Hers parent/guardian and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the dairy may be owned by grandparents or other family members as long as the 4-Hers parents are actively involved with and working on the dairy.
3. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement.
4. An animal can only be exhibited by one member of the family at 4-H shows during a calendar year. No family member or other 4-H member will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-H member after the animal’s first freshening.
5. Two current 4-H Dairy project members from non-immediate families may own an animal together. However, said animals are the exclusive project rights of only one member in a given 4-H year. When the jointly owned project animal freshens, only one member, identified as the owner when she freshens has exclusive project rights the remaining life of the animal.
6. Cattle must be identified by May 15.

Leasing Program
1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own Dairy animal, they may be leased.
2. An animal may be leased and exhibited in a cow class only if the 4-Her leased the same animal prior to first freshening.
3. Dairy lease agreements MUST be renewed each year. This involves downloading the current lease found on 4HOnline, renewing in the appropriate box on the lease form and reloading to 4HOnline.
4. The leased animal may only be exhibited by the lessee at any show while the lease is in effect.

Identification Details and Deadlines
1. All dairy animals must be identified with an official form of identification: Official Breed Assn. Ear Tag, Official Breed Assn. tattoo, State 4-H ear tag, USDA tag (7 or 9 digit), Copy of the Breed Assn. ID paper and/or photo (if exhibits distinct markings) by May 15th.
2. A 4-Her cannot exhibit an animal in the two year old class or cow class that was not identified in advance of the first freshening. Cows do not need to be shown prior to first freshening.
3. No family member or another 4-H member will be allowed to show an animal that has been shown by another 4-H member after the animal's first freshening.
4. All dairy ID data must be entered online or the dairy ID data submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
5. If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Animal Lease Agreement must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th.

Registered and Grade Animals, Breed Verification
1. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered Holsteins & Colored Breeds must present a photocopy of the registration certificate at the time of verification. If the registration certificate is not presented by the time of the show, the animal is ineligible for any awards beyond a blue ribbon.
2. Classes for Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and crossbred will not be separated by registered and grade.
3. Registered Holsteins are classified as animals that have 87% or more Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA-NA) as recorded with the Holstein Association.

4. Red & White breed Show. The following rules determine eligibility to show as a Red & White:
   A. Must be registered. We will accept registration papers and/or a certificate of identification (CID) from Holstein Association USA, Red & White Dairy Cattle Association, Holstein Association USA showing the suffix “Red” and Holstein Canada showing the suffix “Red”.
   B. Must be true red with no black or brindle. Show management reserves the right to deny any animal with a questionable hair coat.
   C. Dairy ID data must show animal’s breed as Red & White on the May 15th deadline.
5. If an animal is less than 87% (7/8) of any one breed, it must be shown in the “Crossbred and Other Breeds” class.
6. At verification show committee members will also evaluate breed characteristics of grade animals. Any grade animal not showing the predominant characteristics of one breed will show in the “Crossbred & Other Breeds” class.

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### Additional Dairy Rules
1. The following classes will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 animals and the combined class does not result in more than 10 animals:
   - A. Winter and Fall Calf
   - B. Summer and Spring Junior Yearling
   - C. Winter and Fall Senior Yearling
   - D. Junior and Senior Two Year Old
   - E. Three and Four Year Old
   - F. Aged Cows and Dry Cows will be shown separately.
2. Breeds with less than 10 exhibitors will be shown in 2 classes—heifers and cows.
3. Senior Yearlings that have calved show as Two Year Olds.
4. Three year old cow classes with 20 or more in the class will be split in Jr & Sr 3 year olds at the discretion of show management.
5. The show order for all breeds will start with 2 year olds and proceed through dry cow. All breeds of cows will be judged before starting the heifer classes. After all cow classes are judged we will start with Winter calves and proceed through Fall Senior Yearlings in the same order cows were judged. Exact Show order will be posted outside 4-H Dairy office by Thursday 7:00 pm. All animals within a breed will be shown before starting the next colored breed.
6. A fourth ring will be started at the beginning of the show. Show schedule for this ring will be decided by show committee and posted at 4-H Dairy Office.
7. If requested, exhibitors are expected to allow their animal to be used in the FFA dairy Judging Contest Thursday morning.
8. Any cow that has been fresh for 280 days or more, prior to the day of the show, may be shown (at the option of the exhibitor) in either the Dry or Milking Cow Class, if the show offers a Dry Cow Class. A Cow
milked less than 280 days must show in the Milking Class, unless she is recorded dry in the official DHI (or comparable computer) report. This report must accompany animals to be shown in a Dry Cow Class at ID Verification. To show as a dry cow, she must be milked out for the show. Class designation must be made no later than the time of county final registration prior to State Fair, with exception for animals that freshen after check-in, and must be transferred to their respective milking class.

**Dairy Production**

Dairy Production - Two Year Old and Older

1. 4-Hers must complete the 4-H State Fair form titled "Dairy Production and Genetic Information for Cows".
2. Animal must have completed a 305-day lactation record.
3. Ribbon awards will be based on the value of product of the last completed lactation 305 day M.E.
4. Only supervised DHI test records are eligible for first place recognition.

**Total Merit Class**

1. 4-Hers should complete 4-H State Fair form titled "Dairy Production and Genetic Information for Cows" OR "Dairy Genetic Information for Calves and Yearlings". Animals may be automatically entered if genetic information is available. Genomic values for Net Merit will be used if available.
2. Net Merit values/Genomic Predictions will be verified or computed by university personnel using the August 2015 USDA genetic evaluations. For animals without a published Net Merit value, Net Merit will be computed as the average Net Merit of the animal's sire and dam. If Net Merit of dam is missing, Net Merit will be computed as 50% of Net Merit of sire plus 25% of Net Merit of maternal grandsire. If Net Merit of both dam and maternal grandsire are missing, Net Merit for the animal will not be computed.
3. Within each class, the top two animals for Net Merit among those animals that received a blue or purple ribbon for type only will be recognized and asked to pull forward in the ring. This will be done before oral reasons are presented on the microphone for the type-only competition.
4. Following the type-only competition in all rings for the Junior Champions and Senior Champions, respectively, the "Total Merit" Junior Champions and Senior Champions will be selected from among the two blue or purple animals within each class that were recognized for highest Net Merit. The Champions for Total Merit will be selected based on a combination of Net Merit and type.
5. One judge will select the Junior and Reserve Junior Champion and Senior and Reserve Senior Champion for Total Merit within breed and for both grade and registered Holsteins. Oral reasons will be provided by the Total Merit judge for each of these Championships.

**Dairy Showmanship**

Showmanship is held immediately after the type and Total Merit shows are completed. The order of the shows are:

- **Junior.** Have completed grades 6 - 7
- **Intermediate.** Have completed grades 8 - 9
- **Senior.** Have completed grades 10 - 11
- **Advanced.** Have completed grades 12 - 13

**Additional Showmanship Rules**

1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Any 4-Her exhibiting a dairy animal who wants to participate in showmanship needs to report to the staging area prior to the beginning of the showmanship class for their age group. **No pre-sign-up is required.**
3. It is expected that cows will be milked out prior to the showmanship classes.

**Dairy Interview/Workshops**

1. 4-Hers will sign up to participate in a workshop that explore a dairy science topic Thursday afternoon. Workshops will take place on the St. Paul Campus on Friday. Each age division (same as dairy showmanship above) will meet at a specified time and location to walk together to the workshop sites. See dairy schedule for specific times.
2. At the completion of the grades 6-11 workshops, participants will take a computer test. Questions will be 75% general dairy knowledge and 25% workshop related. Computer scores will be used to select award winners and interview call-back participants.
3. Grades 12 & 13 dairy exhibitors will also travel to the St Paul Campus as a group. They will be assigned to teams to work on a dairy related case study. Each team will strategize the case study, prepare a PowerPoint presentation and present their findings/suggestions regarding the case study. Award winners and call-back interview participants will be selected from the presentation team members.
4. 4-Hers in all divisions are responsible to listen to announcements in the barn following their workshops regarding the posting of award winners and interview call-backs.
5. These workshops/case studies serve as the "qualifier" for recognition beyond a blue, red or white ribbon. 4-Hers wishing to be eligible for recognition such as purple ribbons, championships, showmanship, and showcase must participate. If there is a conflict, the youth or county representative must talk to the 4-H dairy show co-chairs.
DAIRY HERDSMANSHP

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. The stall length is 9 feet from the tie-wall and is marked on the floor.
3. The National Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) showing code of ethics will be enforced at this show.
4. Straw depth: Guidelines for an attractive herdsmanship exhibit range from 9 - 15 inches.
5. Milker pumps must be kept out of main aisles and all shields must be in place. The Dairy Committee along with the Herdsmanship Committee may request a milker pump be removed if it is a safety hazard. All milk must be brought to the parlor to be dumped. NO DUMPING OF MILK DOWN SINKS.
6. Drinking cups will be allowed for Lactating Cows ONLY. Drinking cups must be installed in accordance with fire and safety regulations (ie. no water lines across electrical boxes). If a drinking cup leaks, it will be fixed or shut off and removed. If the leak damages property (straw pack, boxes, feed, etc.), you will be responsible for replacing it financially and physically.
7. Grooming Chutes - only 1 per county allowed. All chutes must be identified with a special tag. Tags will be distributed at the 4-H dairy office. Chutes may only be set up in the tack area when being used by dairy exhibitors only.

Milking Parlor Rules

Dairy cattle will be milked in a modern milking parlor. Each county will receive a schedule (which will be strictly adhered to) for milking in their county exhibitor packets. Please remember you are at the Minnesota State Fair not only to exhibit cattle, but also to promote the dairy industry. We request that everyone with milking cows use the parlor, unless the cows are presently being treated with antibiotics. Those milking by hand must dispose of the milk under the supervision of the milking parlor staff - **it may not be dumped in the wash racks, sinks, or outside storm sewers.**

While in the Milking Parlor, please observe the following rules:
1. Strip all cows prior to attaching milker and show strip cup to parlor staff.
2. * All treated animals and cows showing abnormal milk must be milked into a bucket.
3. * No foreign material is allowed in the cow’s udder.
4. Walk animals slowly in and around the parlor area.
5. Do not touch the milk computer.
6. Do not tie animals on the outside of the holding area (they may be tied on the inside of the holding area if you have several cows to move).
7. Do not take cattle into the Moo Booth, unless for scheduled demonstration purposes on the Barn Stage. Cattle may only exit the Milking Parlor through the Cattle Crossing.
8. Observe all posted milking times.
9. Injection of substances into cows will not be allowed in the parlor area. This includes oxytocin.
10. No alcoholic substances will be allowed in parlor, nor will intoxicated behavior be tolerated.
11. Do not bring cows in through the exit.

* Infractions of rules #2 and #3 may make you liable for the entire tank of milk if it is not salable.

4-H Dairy Showcase - Sunday, August 30, 2015

Note: Showcase Brunch 10 AM, Showcase-11 AM! -- State fair 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors who receive a purple or blue ribbon in their class will qualify for the Showcase. Points will be earned for their involvement and success with the state fair interview process, dairy project bowl, dairy judging contest and showmanship. Youth will also complete an online leadership portfolio that awards points in the areas of 4-H and dairy industry involvement and leadership, along with community, school or church involvement. The portfolios will be judged by a panel of anonymous judges. All of these things will be compiled in a scorecard format and the top 25 applicants will be announced Saturday evening following the dairy show. For more information, [www.4-H.umn.edu/events/dairy-showcase.html](http://www.4-H.umn.edu/events/dairy-showcase.html)

### DAIRY SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY**

4:00 a.m.  
Barns ready for livestock  
(NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4:00 A.M.)
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Dairy verification - TBA
8:00 p.m.  
All Livestock in Place

**THURSDAY**

12:00 p.m.  
Dairy Showcase Leadership profile submission deadline - Publicity Trailer
12:30 p.m.  
Sign-up begins for Dairy Interviews/Workshop
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture - Dairy

**FRIDAY**

9:00 a.m.  
Grades 6 & 7 AND Grades 12 & 13 (group 1) Dairy Interviews/Workshops  
- meet outside the west end of barn
10:00 a.m.  Grades 8 & 9 Dairy Interviews/Workshops - meet outside the west end of barn  
10:15 a.m.  Grades 12 & 13 (group 2) Dairy Interviews/Workshops  
- meet outside the west end of barn  
11:00 p.m.  Grades 10 - 11 Dairy Interviews/Workshops - meet outside the west end of barn  
12:30 p.m.  Grades 12 - 13 (group 3) Dairy Interviews/Workshops  
- meet outside the west end of barn  
2:00 p.m.  Finals begin - order: grades 6 & 7, grades 8 & 9, grades 10 & 11, grades 12 & 13  

SATURDAY  
7:00 a.m.  Make up interviews - Dairy Office  
8:45 a.m.  Staging begins - Warner Coliseum  
9:00 a.m.  Dairy Show - Warner Coliseum  

SUNDAY  
10:00 a.m.  Brunch for Dairy Showcase -- AgStar Arena  
11:00 a.m.  Dairy Showcase -- AgStar Arena  
2:00 p.m.  Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena  
3:00 p.m.  All livestock released  

GOATS -- DAIRY  
Housed in the Swine Barn  
Dairy Goat Coordinators..........................................................Mark Jaeger & Diana Miels  
Dairy Goat Advisor......................................................................................Marcia Woeste  
Dairy Goat Interview Coordinators ....Mary Bussert, Cindy Barta & Michelle Scheglovski  

Health Requirements  
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.  
2. Abscesses, ringworm & warts will not be allowed.  

Ownership Requirements  
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.  
2. Goats must be owned by May 15. (For Junior Kid Does, "Identification Details and Deadlines").  

Leasing Program  
If a 4-Her cannot own their Dairy Goat, they may be leased. If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Animal Lease Agreement must be completed and uploaded to your county extension office by May 15th.  

Identification Details and Deadlines  
1. All Dairy Goats must have an approved scrapie program tattoo on the ear or tail or have a scrapie tag, however tattoos are preferred. Note: While tattoos or tags are acceptable, 4-H State Fair Show Committee prefer tattoos because tags are more susceptible to chewing and eventual loss.  
2. A Unique animal ID number is required to be tattooed into animals ear or tail web. A scrapie tag or tattoo is required but is not acceptable for individual animal ID. The 2015 accepted ADGA letter is “F”  
3. MN 4-H Dairy Goat ID data must be entered online by May 15 or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office by May 15.  
4. If an animal is leased, the MN 4-H Animal Lease Agreement must be completed then uploaded and/or submitted to your county extension office by May 15th  
5. JUNIOR DOE KIDS BORN APRIL 1 OR AFTER MAY BE ADDED TO THE ID WORKSHEET BY SUBMISSION TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE AND MUST BE ADDED BY JULY 1.  

Registration Requirements and Papers  
1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.  
2. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present a photocopy of the registration certificate or stamped duplicate of registration application at verification.  
3. Entries that do not meet registration requirements or are not accompanied by a photocopy of the registration paper must show in the unrecorded grades class.  

National Scrapie Eradication Program  
1. All goats must be officially identified before coming to the fair. In addition, all animals coming from other states into Minnesota for the fair must have official identification and certificate of health inspection (health certificate). Goat exhibitors should be advised to request official scrapie premise tags or tattoo.
(tattoo preferred) with unique serial numbers for all goats they purchase. Official tags may be ordered from (and official tattoos registered with) the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6809 to receive a herd identification number, and to order the official USDA ear tags (at no charge).

**BIRTH DATES**

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**DAIRY GOAT**

**ALPINE, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 1 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 2 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 3 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 4 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 5 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 6 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 7 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |

**LAMANCHA, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 8 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 9 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 10 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 11 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 12 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 13 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 14 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |

**NIGERIAN DWARF, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 15 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 16 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 17 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 18 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 19 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 20 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 21 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |

**NUBIAN, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 22 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 23 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 24 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 25 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 26 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 27 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 28 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |

**OBERHASLI, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 29 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 30 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 31 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 32 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 33 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 34 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 35 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |

**SAANEN PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)**

| C - 41 - 36 | Junior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 37 | Senior Doe Kid |
| C - 41 - 38 | Dry Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 39 | Milking Yearling Doe |
| C - 41 - 40 | Milking Two Year Old Doe |
| C - 41 - 41 | Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old |
| C - 41 - 42 | Milking Doe - Five Years and Older |
SABLE, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)
C - 41 - 43 Junior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 44 Senior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 45 Dry Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 46 Milking Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 47 Milking Two Year Old Doe
C - 41 - 48 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old
C - 41 - 49 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

TOGGENBURG, PUREBRED OR AMERICAN (7/8)
C - 41 - 50 Junior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 51 Senior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 52 Dry Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 53 Milking Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 54 Milking Two Year Old Doe
C - 41 - 55 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old
C - 41 - 56 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

RECORDED GRADE
C - 41 - 57 Junior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 58 Senior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 59 Dry Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 60 Milking Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 61 Milking Two Year Old Doe
C - 41 - 62 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old
C - 41 - 63 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

UNRECORDED GRADE
C - 41 - 64 Junior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 65 Senior Doe Kid
C - 41 - 66 Dry Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 67 Milking Yearling Doe
C - 41 - 68 Milking Two Year Old Doe
C - 41 - 69 Milking Doe - Three or Four Years Old
C - 41 - 70 Milking Doe - Five Years and Older

Additional Dairy Goat Rules
1. For safety reasons, All dairy goat animals must be dehorned/disbudded. Re-growth of less than 1 inch allowed.
2. All animals must be trimmed and fitted for show.
3. Classes may be adjusted based on the number of entries.
4. In order to qualify for breed show awards, exhibitors must participate in BOTH showmanship and interviews.
5. Does must be milked every day.

GOAT SHOWMANSHIP
Senior. Have completed grades 11 and up
Intermediate. Have completed grades 8, 9 & 10
Junior - Have completed grades 6-7
Novice. For 4-Hers who have never shown at the Minnesota State Fair. If the show committee determines that the class is too large, it may be divided

Additional Goat Showmanship Rules
1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
3. REQUIRED showmanship attire for dairy goats is a white shirt with black or white pants.
4. No caps, hats or jewelry are to be worn in the ring.
5. Interview finalist shirts must not be worn during showmanship.
6. No print is allowed on white tops.

GOAT HERDSMANSHP
1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. Hay feeder, water pail, and feed pan must be provided by the 4-Her.
3. If medicine is needed in the drinking water or by any other method, tell the Herdsmanship coordinators.
DAIRY GOAT SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
4:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock
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5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting - Swine Barn, East Arena
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2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

GOATS -- MEAT
Housed in the Swine Barn
Meat Goat Coordinators..................................................Larry Bartness & Corky Modene
Meat Goat Interview Coordinator........................................Mary DeRaad
Advisor ........................................................................Sharon Davis
Awards Coordinator ..........................................................Cary Larson

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.
2. Abscesses, ringworm & warts will not be allowed.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Meat Goats must be owned by May 15. (For Junior Kid Does, see "Identification Details and Deadlines").

Leasing Program
1. Breeding Meat Does may be leased.
2. Market Goats cannot be leased.
3. If a breeding animal is leased, the Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form must also be uploaded and/or submitted by May 15 as part of ID process.

Identification Details and Deadlines
1. Market goats must be tagged with an official 4-H eartag by May 15th. Exception: animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with a unique animal ID number in the tail web.
2. Meat breeding does must be tattooed with the unique animal ID number and must also have a scrapie ID - either a tag or a tattoo - containing an individual animal scrapie number by May 15th. An official 4-H eartag is an acceptable form of scrapie ID. If you choose to use a tattoo for the scrapie ID, a copy of the letter from the state of origin Board of Animal Health with tattoo used must be on file in the local extension office. If the meat breeding goat was purchased from a breeder and already has a scrapie tag, you must get a copy of the breeder’s letter from the Board of Animal Health to put on file.
3. A Scapie Program approved tattoo or a Scapie tag is required for the Scapie Program by all meat goats (market and meat breeding does). AS of 2014 this could be the official 4-H ear tag. For information or questions about the USDA Scapie Identification Program, contact the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (651-201-6809).
4. All meat goat ID data must be entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
5. Junior Doe Kids born April 1 (through May 31) may be added to the Meat Goat ID data and the Animal Lease Agreement but must be added by June 1st and submitted to your county extension office.
6. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased breeding meat doe must complete a “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” then upload and/or turn it in by May 15 to their county extension office.
Registration Requirements and Papers

1. Meat goats may be any breed or cross. Eligible breeds include breeds in the National 4-H curriculum Meat Goat Activity Guide Level I book, dairy breeds & crosses.

**BIRTH DATES**

**Market Goat (Dairy and Meat)**
- Born January 1 - April 30, 2015

**Junior Meat Breeding Doe**
- April 1 - May 31, 2015

**Senior Meat Breeding Doe**
- January 1 - March 31, 2015

**Yearling Meat Breeding**
- Born in 2014 (never kidded)

**MEAT GOAT**

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<td>Meat Dry Breeding Yearling, registered or grade, born in 2014 (never kidded)</td>
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**Additional Meat Goat Rules**

1. Animals must weigh a minimum of 40 pounds at state fair. Maximum weight is 110 pounds at state fair.
2. The Market Goat show will be divided into two divisions - dairy-type breeds and market-type breeds. Dairy market goats must be 100% dairy breed. **Dairy market goats must be from the following breeds in any combination:** Alpine, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, Oberhasli, Saanen, LaMancha, Sable, Toggenburg. All other crosses shown Meat Market class.
3. Female Meat Market will be separated from the males and will have their own class (this will be offered for meat breed goats only). Female meat goats participating in the market class (at county or state fair) cannot come back in future years in a breeding class (meat breeding doe).
4. The show committee will determine if there are sufficient numbers to justify subdivision into weight classes.
5. **All market goats must be disbudded. RE-growth must not exceed 1 inch. Does shown in market classes must be disbudded in accordance with market animal rules. No cut (sawed)-off horns acceptable. Animals in violations of this rule will place no higher than a red ribbon.**
6. Meat Breeding Does may have horns. Blunting or capping is not required. If an animal is deemed a safety concern at the discretion of the meat goat committee, additional safety measures may be required.
7. **A screening committee will examine all dairy wethers and any wether not showing 100% visual dairy characteristics that is screened out by the committee can place no higher than a blue ribbon and cannot earn Championship honors. The decision of the screening committee is final.**
8. All animals must be fitted for show. All Meat and Dairy Market Goats must be completely clipped. It is optional to clip the legs from the knee in the front and the hock in the back, down to the hoofline. **Meat Breeding Does must be clipped and fitted for show.**
9. Mouthing of Market Goats - market goats may have lost one or more milk teeth, but there may be no evidence of breaking of skin or eruption of two permanent front teeth. **Goats may be mouthed at Committees discretion.**
10. All Market Goats receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market goats must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. **Any market goats not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.**
11. Meat goats may sell at a market to be determined. As exhibitors market goats are weighed in, they will be asked if they want to market their animal. Animals being sent to market will be tagged. Auction animals will be marketed.
12. **Auction animals MUST be drug-free with respect to withdrawal dates and times. Additionally, all non-auction animals exhibitors chose to market, MUST also be drug-free with respect to withdrawal dates and times.**
13. All 4-H market goats selected for the 4-H auction at the Minnesota State Fair are terminal.
14. Bracing is allowed in class and showmanship. Goats’ feet may be lifted and immediately set back down in order to set up the goat. However, the front feet must be on the ground at all times.
15. **Exhibitors are allowed to use collars** in the show ring. Collars may be leather or smooth chain. Rough or goat training chains or collars are not allowed. An optional 12 inch lead strap may be used for breeding doe classes.

**REMINIDER FOR 2015:** Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.
GOAT SHOWMANSHIP AGE DIVISIONS IN 2015:
Senior. Have completed grades 11 and up
Intermediate. Have completed grades 8, 9 & 10
Junior - Have completed grades 6-7

Additional Goat Showmanship Rules
1. ALL exhibitors must compete in showmanship
2. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
3. Required showmanship attire for meat goats is a white top with jeans. Interview Shirts are allowed.
4. No caps, hats or jewelry are to be worn in the ring.
5. Interview shirts may be worn during all meat classes.
6. No print is allowed on white tops.

GOAT HERDSMANSHP
1. See “Herdsmanship” section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. Hay feeder, water pail, and feed pan must be provided by the 4-Her.
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SATURDAY
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture - Meat Goat

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Market Goat Load Out
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2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

LAMA

Note: Dates of State Fair 4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT & SHOW DETAILS
4-H LAMA ENCAMPMENT ~ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 3 AND 4

Show Ring Coordinator/Chair ................................................................. Dan Whittaker
4-H Staff Advisor ................................................................................... Carolyn Dingfelder
Assistant Chairs .................................................................................. Rick Carlson & Eric Olson
Interview Coordinator ........................................................................... Julie Hendrickson
Awards Coordinator ................................................................................ Kim Schechinger
Media & Herdsmanship Coordinator ..................................................... Lyn Meany

State Fair Lama Experience
The 4-H llama exhibit at the State Fair will coincide with the open class llama show. It WILL NOT be a part of 4-H livestock weekend. This is necessary due to availability of housing for llamas and 4-Hers, show ring availability and a desire to use open class llama resources. The “lama encampment” will not coincide with a General Encampment or the Livestock Encampment. The dates of the State Fair 4-H Lama Encampment will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 2, 3 and 4, 2015.

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.
2. No official health paper or testing is required. All 4-H llamas are recommended to be wormed 10 days before traveling to the State Fair.
Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. All lamas ID data must be submitted by May 15.
3. A lama may be owned or leased by more than one 4-Her at the county fair show (i.e. more than one 4-Her can show the same lama at the county fair). At the State Fair 4-H Lama Show, however, the lama may only be exhibited in the 4-H show by one 4-Her.

Leasing Program
1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own lama, lamas may be leased by May 15. Leased lama must also be identified by May 15. If an animal is leased, the “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” must be submitted along with the ID data entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
2. In other 4-H species lease agreements, the animal can only be exhibited (lead through the show ring of any show - youth or open class - by the 4-Her leasing the animal. This rule does not apply to lama. Leased 4-H lamas may be shown by others at any show except at State Fair.

Housing and Bedding
1. All 4-H lamas must be housed in their assigned area with all 4-H lamas. They cannot be housed with Open Class.

Definitions
1. Llama or Alpaca are eligible as a 4-H lama project.
2. Animals may be registered or grade.

Birthdates
1. 4-H lama projects must be born prior to January 1, 2015.

Gender
1. No sexually intact male above 18 months of age is eligible for exhibition.
2. All castrated males born prior to January 1, 2015 are eligible for exhibition.
3. All females born prior to January 1, 2015 are eligible for exhibition.

LAMAS
E - 41 - 1 Costume - Grade 6-8 (Optional)
E - 41 - 2 Costume - Grade 9-10 (Optional)
E - 41 - 3 Costume - Grade 11-13 (Optional)
E - 41 - 4 Obstacle Course Intermediate - Grade 6-8 (Required)
E - 41 - 5 Obstacle Course Senior - Grade 9-10 (Required)
E - 41 - 6 Obstacle Course Advanced - Grade 11-13 (Required)
E - 41 - 7 Public Relations Intermediate - Grade 6-8 (Required)
E - 41 - 8 Public Relations Senior Grade 9-10 (Required)
E - 41 - 9 Public Relations Advanced Grade 11-13 (Required)
E - 41 - 10 Showmanship Intermediate Grade 6-8 (Required)
E - 41 - 11 Showmanship Senior Grade 9-10 (Required)
E - 41 - 12 Showmanship Advanced Grade 11-13 (Required)

Additional Lama Rules
1. All 4-H lama exhibitors must be certified in LQA&E.
2. Participation in Costume and Poster is optional. Participation in Public Relations, Obstacle Course AND Showmanship is required.
3. 4-Hers with a lama trip may also participate in all other 4-H State Fair experiences including another livestock trip, general encampment, Share the Fun, Arts-In and demonstrations. They may also participate at the State 4-H Horse Show and the State 4-H Dog Show.
4. 4-Hers doing a lama demonstration will be scheduled for the lama encampment and will be qualify for the $30 MLBA Livestock Demonstration Award.

State Fair Interview Quiz~ Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6-8, Senior = grades 9-10, Advanced = grades 11 & up+
1. All 4-H lama exhibitors are required to complete the interview quiz process or they will only be eligible for blue, red or white placings - no champions, trophies or special awards.
2. Finalists will be called back for an interview and will receive recognition.
3. Award Winners will be selected from the Finalists.
4. Interviews will be modeled after similar interviews in all other species.

State Fair Showmanship, Public Relations, Obstacle: Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6 - 8, Senior = grades 9 - 10, Advanced = grades 11 - 13
1. All 4-Hers must participate in showmanship, public relations, obstacle.
2. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given.
3. Members may not wear advertising of any kind (except the 4-H emblem).
4. Showmanship class clothing required: dark dress pants/skort, dark closed toe shoes, white shirt/blouse.
5. Performance classes clothing: white shirts and jeans no advertising except 4-H.

LAMAS POSTER CONTEST

E - 81 - 1 Poster- K - 2 Grade - Promoting Lamas (Optional)
E - 81 - 2 Poster- 3 - 5 Grade -- Promoting Lamas(Optional)
E - 81 - 3 Poster- 6 - 8 Grade - Promoting Lamas (Optional)
E - 81 - 4 Poster- 9+ Grade - Promoting Lamas(Optional)
E - 81 - 5 Poster- K - 2 Grade - Education 4-H Lamas-(Optional)
E - 81 - 6 Poster-3 - 5 Grade -Education 4-H Lamas-(Optional)
E - 81 - 7 Poster- 6 - 8 Grade - Education 4-H Lamas-(Optional)
E - 81 - 8 Poster- 9+ Grade -Education 4-H Lamas-(Optional)

State Fair Lama Poster Contest:
1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the Lama Project may enter a poster. You need not be exhibiting at state fair to enter.
2. There are two categories: 1) Promotion and 2 ) Education.
4. Posters may not exceed 14” x 22” and must be ready for hanging. Larger sized posters will not be judged.
5. The poster must be labeled on the back with name, grade completed and county.
6. Entries must be turned in and picked up where the lama’s are housed.
7. T-shirt design will be selected from entries.
8. Cannot use copy-righted materials, i.e. slogans, designs, etc.

State Fair Costume Class: Age Divisions: Intermediate = grades 6 - 8, Senior = grades 9 - 10, Advanced = grades 11 - 13
This class is very entertaining for the public and exhibitors. Different themes could be adopted such as sports, story book characters, South American themes, etc. Judging criteria includes originality, training, degree of lama coverage, time and energy involved, etc. The handler is also in costume.
1. Handler must wear closed toe shoes.
2. Safety for exhibitor and lama is key. The costume should be safe for the handler and lama, the lama’s vision cannot be blocked by the costume.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be given.
4. Costume Class age division will be combined if one of the classes has less than 4 exhibitors.
5. A typed description of your costume along with your name, lama’s name, county, fun antidote, etc., will be handed in at time of Lama ID.

State Fair Grooming Rules and Herdsmanship
1. Good Herdsmanship is a must. Scores will be given daily.
2. 4-Hers are expected to care for and groom their own lama, except for special needs.
3. Animals must be maintained and look presentable to the public from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. daily.
4. Signs, including "For Sale" signs, are not permitted on pens. Decorations or nameplates are not allowed.
5. Display all of your awards (sticker only) on the stall card and replace soiled and torn cards immediately.
6. Animals should have adequate feed and water.
7. You should bring your own feed and water containers.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Noon - 3 p.m. Arrival & Barns Ready for Livestock
(No Lamas or Equipment allowed on grounds prior to Noon)
3 p.m. All livestock in place
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. ID Verification and Interview Quiz (required)
Posters Due
4:30 p.m. Exhibitor Orientation - AgStar Arena
6:00 p.m. Costume competition (optional)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. Call Back Interviews
4:00 p.m. Performance Exhibitor Meeting
4:30 p.m. Obstacle Course Classes (required) - AgStar Arena
Public Relations Classes (required) - AgStar Arena
The Minnesota Board of Animal Health eliminated Poultry exhibitions and activities until further notice effective 5/15/15. Minnesota 4-H and the State Fair Poultry Committee is committed to offering educational opportunities at the Minnesota State Fair for 4-H Poultry members in 2015. Please review www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html for details. Due to the timing of this decision and the printing of this premium book, details will be posted on the webpage by July 1st. - www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Ownership Requirements, Identification and Deadlines
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Poultry must be owned by May 15. If you own your poultry, there is no identification form that needs to be submitted to the extension office. If a 4-Her cannot own their own Poultry, they may be leased.
3. If an animal is leased, the "Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Form" must be submitted to the extension office by May 15.
4. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased animal must present a photocopy of the "Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Form" at leg banding.
5. Upon arrival at state fair, all birds (except pigeons and doves) will be identified with a numbered leg band provided by the state fair poultry show committee.
6. Exhibitors must check in at the Poultry Office at arrival to pick up leg bands.

Hatch Dates
1. All exhibited birds, except pigeons and doves, must be of this year’s hatch.
2. SUGGESTED hatch dates are:
   A. Breeding poultry and waterfowl (includes chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese & guineas) - January 1 or after.
   B. Egg production chickens (white or brown egg layers) - March 1 or after.
   C. Market chickens - March 1 or after (should be 8 -10 weeks old at fair).
      1) You may need two hatches of market chickens to accommodate an early county fair and (a late August) State Fair.
   D. Market waterfowl and domestic turkey - March 1 or after.
   E. Pigeons - Breeding Pairs must have previous year’s seamless band or older on. Young birds must have current year’s seamless band on.
   F. Doves - Breeding Pairs must have previous year’s seamless band or older on.

Weight Guidelines
1. To avoid over-finished market chickens, it is recommended they be near 8 - 10 weeks old at show time.
2. Market ducks, geese, guineas and turkeys should be well filled out in the breast and leg.

Purebred Animals
1. All birds in breeding classes MUST be purebred.
2. For all breeding pens and bantam breeding pens, judges will use the American Poultry Association (APA) Standard of Perfection as a guide.
CHICKENS
F - 41 - 1 Market pen of two males or two females - must be hybrid
F - 41 - 2 Breeding pen of one male & two females - must be purebred
F - 41 - 3 Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females - must be purebred
F - 41 - 4 Egg production pen of two pullets - White egg layers
F - 41 - 5 Egg production pen of two pullets - Brown egg layers

DUCKS
F - 42 - 1 Market pen of two males or two females
F - 42 - 2 Breeding pen of one male & two females
F - 42 - 3 Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females

GEESE
F - 43 - 1 Market pen of two males or two females
F - 43 - 2 Breeding pen of one male & two females

GUINEAS
F - 44 - 1 Market pen of two males or two females, same breed
F - 44 - 2 Breeding pen of one male & two females, same breed

Additional Guineas Rules Only Pearls, Whites and Lavender Breeds can be shown.

PIGEONS
F - 51 - 1 Utility - 1 Breeding Pair
F - 51 - 2 Utility - 1 Young Bird Male or Female (1 young bird, this year's band)
F - 51 - 3 Fancy - 1 Breeding Pair
F - 51 - 4 Fancy - 1 Young Bird (1 young bird, this year's band)
F - 51 - 5 Flying - 1 Breeding Pair
F - 51 - 6 Flying - 1 Young Bird (1 young bird, this year's band)

DOVE
F - 54 - 1 Dove - 1 Breeding Pair

Additional Pigeon & Dove Rules
1. One pair of breeding pigeons. A pair consists of one (1) male and one (1) female of the same breed.
   A. A young bird is one purebred bird male or female, this year band.
2. One pair of breeding dove. A pair consists of one (1) male and one (1) female of the same breed.
3. All breeding pairs must have been bred the previous year or earlier. This means the birds must be at least one year old to be part of a breeding pair.
4. You must exhibit the same birds at state fair that you won a trip with at the county fair.
5. The same birds cannot be exhibited two years in a row, even by another exhibitor, except a young bird may come as a young bird first year and comeback the following year as part of a breeding pair.
6. All birds must be banded. Must have previous year's band or older on breeding pair. Bands must be seamless and the correct size for the breed. Seamless bands within one size will be accepted.
7. No health certificate is required. Any bird that looks ill or diseased will not be allowed to be shown. It is recommended that you practice a vaccinating program.
8. All pigeons & doves will be judged according to the Pigeon Standard book.
   • 50% = Breed Characteristics (true to breed; refer to pigeon standard)
   • 25% = Conditioning (clean feathers and feet, evidence of extra work in preparing bird for show)
   • 25% = Presentation (showmanship)

TURKEYS - DOMESTIC ONLY
F - 61 - 1 Market pen of two males or two females
F - 61 - 2 Breeding pen of one male & two females

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP
Advanced. Have completed grades 11 and up
Senior. Have completed grades 9 - 10
Intermediate. Have completed grades 6 - 8

Additional Showmanship Rules
1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. Exhibitors are judged on personal appearance, appearance of the bird, handling of the bird and knowledge of poultry facts and poultry industry
BBQ CONTEST
F - 71 - 1 BBQ Contest - Age 14-19 on Jan 1, 2015
F - 71 - 2 BBQ Contest - Under Age 14 on Jan 1, 2015

Chicken Barbecue Contest - Saturday outside northeast corner of the Warner Coliseum,
1. **AGAIN IN 2015 - PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION:** using the code above. Any 4-Her may enter.
   You do not need to be exhibiting a bird at the State Fair to enter. If showing another livestock species,
   make sure that their activities do not conflict with the barbecuing time. Seniors barbecue from 8:30-11:00
   a.m. Non-senior (less than 14 years of age as of January 1 of current year) will start around 11:00 a.m.
2. **Pre-entry is required.** 4-Hers need to complete the State Fair Form titled "Chicken BBQ Contest" and
   county extension staff will submit it at Final Registration.
3. The highest placing contestant eligible for national competition will have the option to represent Minnesota
   at the National 4-H Poultry and Egg Conference in either the chicken or turkey barbecue contest or Egg
   Preparation Demonstration.
   A. The second highest placing contestant eligible for national competition may represent Minnesota in a
      national contest not selected by the first place finisher.
   B. The third highest placing contestant eligible for national competition may represent Minnesota in a
      national contest not selected by first two participants.

Chicken Barbecue Contest Rules:
1. Contestants will be scored for barbecue skills and sensory evaluation by two sets of judges according to
   the barbecue score sheets.
2. Each contestant will prepare four 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pound chicken halves provided by the contest organizers.
3. There will be a 2 1/2 hour time limit on the preparation of the chicken. Each contestant is to turn in 2 halves
   at the end of stated cooking time.
4. Meat should be served at a safe temperature - (165°F or above). Meat that is not at a safe temperature
   will not be judged.
5. Barbecue grills will be provided for all contestants, which they will be required to use. Charcoal and lighter
   fuel will also be provided. Contestants may bring their own charcoal and lighter fuel. Self-starting charcoal
   or automatic fire starter blocks will not be permitted.
6. All other equipment and supplies, including sauce, must be furnished by the contestant. Sauce may be
   commercial or private recipe (recipe must be provided to judges—typed on full sheet of paper). Contestants
   may use a meat thermometer. Commercial devices for covering meat during cooking will not be permitted.
   Only aluminum foil wrap may be used; remember browning is a part of the sensory score sheet.
7. The chicken will not be available to the contestant prior to the contest starting time.
8. Chicken shall not be marinated prior to start of the contest.
9. A contestant may not inject any fluid or sauce into the chicken.
10. Chicken halves may not be placed in baskets to aid in turning.
11. Each contestant will present two barbecued chicken halves to the panel of judges, at the conclusion of their
    cooking, on plates provided. No garnishes will be permitted on the plates when submitted to the judges.
12. Contestants will work alone.

JUDGING CONTEST
F - 72 - 1 Judging Contest-Intermediate
F - 72 - 2 Judging Contest-Senior-(Must be 14 by January 1 of current year)

Poultry Judging Contest -- Friday, 7:00 p.m. Sheep Arena
1. Judging contest classes will include ready-to-cook chicken carcasses, laying hens, eggs, and oral
   reasons.
2. **AGAIN IN 2015 - PRE-ENTER ON FAIR REGISTRATION!** Any 4-Her, whether an exhibitor at state fair or
   not, is eligible to enter.
3. The top five contestants eligible for national competition (14 years of age as of January 1, 2014) may
   represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Poultry Judging Contest in Kentucky in November
4. Canfield Scholarships are available to students who have just completed their sophomore and junior years
   of high school and place among the top 10 in the Minnesota 4-H state poultry judging contest. Each
   scholarship is a $3000 multi-year scholarship to be awarded in yearly in increments of: 1st year, $1000;
   2nd year, $1000; and 3rd year, $1000. These prospective students must apply, be accepted, and enroll
   in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota and be majoring
   or minoring in Animal Science to receive the scholarship.

POULTRY POSTER CONTEST
F - 73 - 1 Poultry Poster - Grades K - 2
F - 73 - 2 Poultry Poster - Grades 3 - 5
F - 73 - 3 Poultry Poster - Grades 6 - 8
F - 73 - 4 Poultry Poster - Grades 9 +
Poultry Poster Contest Rules
1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the Poultry Project may enter a poster. You do not need to be exhibiting a bird at State Fair to enter.
2. Age Divisions based on grade completed; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9+.
3. Entries must be turned in and picked up at the 4-H Poultry Office.
4. Posters may not exceed 14” wide x 22” high. Vertical layout is best for promotional poster.
5. **No Foam Board. Horizontal and/or oversized posters will NOT be considered for awards.**
6. Posters must be labeled on the back with the 4-Her’s name, grade completed, and county.

Categories:
- A. Promoting 4-H Poultry Project poster (ideas to promote and encourage youth to join 4-H and the Poultry Project).
- B. Educational 4-H Poultry poster (ways to encourage learning of more poultry areas such as breeds, eggs, marketing, production, nutrition).

7. One poster will be chosen as next year’s cover for the 4-H State Fair Poultry Show Catalog. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced on a copy machine. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered). Simple designs works best.
8. One poster will be chosen as next year's 4-H Poultry t-shirt design. (Must be a flat design that can be reproduced. Trade-marked characters or themes cannot be considered.) Simple design works best.
9. Because of techniques and mechanics of transferring designs to shirts and/or programs, Champion Posters are not always considered for these promotional items.

Poultry Herdsmanship/Promotion
1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. All 4-H exhibitors are required to do herdsmanship in the poultry exhibit area.
3. A schedule will be displayed to let each county know when they are responsible for herdsmanship.
4. Herdsmanship includes: sweeping the aisles in the exhibit areas and keeping the poultry area clean.
5. Exhibitors are expected to sign in and sign out at the Poultry Promotion Booth and to remain there during your county’s scheduled work period. Answering questions and handing out poultry information will also be part of your responsibilities.
6. Exhibitors who fail to report for duty receive a white ribbon in herdsmanship for that day.

4-H Poultry Prince & Princess Contest
State Fair 4-H poultry exhibitors have the opportunity to participate in a $1000 Minnesota 4-H and Gold n Plump scholarship contest. The Minnesota 4-H Poultry Prince and Princess Contest at the Minnesota State Fair is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth to be recognized for their poultry knowledge, experience, leadership and confidence. To enter you must be: participating in 4-H Poultry Interview/Quiz/Showmanship at 2015 Minnesota State Fair, participating in the 4-H Chicken BBQ Contest at 2015 Minnesota State Fair and have completed grade 9 and up as of 2015. For more information, www.4-H.umn.edu/events/poultry-prince-princess.html

POULTRY SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY**
4:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock
(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4 A.M.)
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Poultry Check-In
8:00 p.m. All Livestock in place

**THURSDAY**
7:30 - 11:00 a.m. Poultry Interviews/workshops
9:00 a.m. Poultry Posters due - 4-H Poultry Office
12:30 p.m. Exhibitor and Consumer Education Meeting- Sheep Arena
1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Poultry Show
Following Show Poultry Showmanship -- call back only

**FRIDAY**
1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture
**Counties will be divided into 3-one hour groups**
Schedule will be posted at office
7:00 p.m. Poultry Judging Contest - Sheep Arena

**SATURDAY**
8:30 a.m. Chicken BBQ Contest - outside northeast corner of Warner Coliseum

**SUNDAY**
12:00 noon Poultry Prince & Princess Contest Final Round &
Poultry Awards Program - Sheep Arena
RABBIT
Housed in the Poultry Barn

Overall Coordinator ................................................................. Deb Lokke
Interview Coordinators ...................................................... Jennifer Robinette & Tammy Pickar
Awards Coordinator ................................................................. Jim Daluge
Herdsmanship ................................................................. Mark Engstrom & Carmen Deling
Poster Contest ............................................................. Linda Neubauer & Carla Moe
Rabbit Judging Contest Coordinator ........................................ Rich Steinberg
Barn Superintendent ................................................................. Rick Stanoch
Committee Members: ........................................ Donna Abel, Madelyn Beckstrom, Alissa Kruger
............................................................... Ron Lewis, Chris Lokke, Lynn Mollenhauer
.............. Al Pickar, Diane Stundahl, Terry Sweno, Dale Zenk, Randy Deling, Kelsey Deling

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Rabbits must be owned and identified by May 15. (Juniors born after May 15 are not eligible for State Fair.)
3. For a fryer or meat pen, the 4-Her must own the doe producing the fryers by May 15.
4. Does, Bucks, and fryer or meat pen rabbits MUST be purebred.

Leasing Program
1. If a 4-Her cannot own their own rabbit, breeding rabbits may be leased.
2. Fryers and meat pens may not be leased.

Identification Details and Deadlines
1. Each rabbit must be permanently and legibly tattooed in the animal's left ear by May 15th.
2. A legible tattoo is "a tattoo that shows ink below the skin and must be readable".
3. Permanent marker or ink is not acceptable.
4. Animals that do not meet the identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
5. For a fryer or meat pen, the 4-Her must own the doe producing the fryers by May 15.
6. Rabbits ID data must be entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office by May 15.
7. 4-Hers exhibiting a leased rabbit must complete & turn in a "Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement" by May 15

CALIFORNIAN
G - 41 - 1 Senior Buck over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 2 Senior Doe over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 3 Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
G - 41 - 4 Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
G - 41 - 5 Junior Buck under 6 months of age
G - 41 - 6 Junior Doe under 6 months of age

DUTCH
G - 41 - 7 Senior Buck over 6 months of age
G - 41 - 8 Senior Doe over 6 months of age
G - 41 - 9 Junior Buck under 6 months of age
G - 41 - 10 Junior Doe under 6 months of age

FLEMISH GIANT
G - 41 - 11 Senior Buck over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 12 Senior Doe over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 13 Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
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OTHER SMALL BREED PUREBREDS
G - 41 - 65  Senior Buck over 6 months of age
G - 41 - 66  Senior Doe over 6 months of age
G - 41 - 67  Junior Buck under 6 months of age
G - 41 - 68  Junior Doe under 6 months of age

Other small breed purebred rabbit breeds include American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, English Spot, Florida White, Harlequin, Himalayan, Lilac, Lion Head, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Tan and Thrianta.

OTHER LARGE BREED PUREBREDS
G - 41 - 69  Senior Buck over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 70  Senior Doe over 8 months of age
G - 41 - 71  Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
G - 41 - 72  Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
G - 41 - 73  Junior Buck under 6 months of age
G - 41 - 74  Junior Doe under 6 months of age

Other large breed purebred rabbit breeds include American, Giant Angora, Bevern, Champagne D’Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, French Lop, Hotot, English Lop, Palomino and Silver Fox.

Additional Breeding Rabbit Rules
1. All breeding rabbits must be purebred. No crossbred breeding classes will be conducted.
2. Rabbits must be entered in proper class according to its age on show date. No animal may be shown in a lower age classification than its true age.
3. Only currently approved breeds or varieties as published in the ARBA book of standards or on the ARBA website as of February 1, 2015 can compete for class and division awards in breed judging.
4. Breeds with ten (10) or more entries will be shown in their own class. Breeds with nine (9) or less entries will show in the "Other Purebreds" class.
5. Number of entries in current year will determine the following year's classes.
6. Each member must carry his/her rabbit to the judging table and show it while it is being judged. A single-hole carrier works best to transport your rabbit to and from the show table.

MARKET RABBIT
G - 71 - 1  Single fryer, 3 to 5 pounds, not over 70 days old
G - 71 - 2  Pen of three fryers, 3 to 5 pounds, not over 70 days old

Additional Market Rabbit Rules
1. 4-Hers cannot lease fryers or meat pens.
2. Purebred.
3. Not over 70 days of age.
4. Weighing 3 - 5 pounds.
5. No duplicate tattoos in a meat pen.
6. Fryers will be judged on conformity and condition only.
7. Fryers will be judged live then dressed out for carcass placing.
8. Exhibitor will receive ribbons for both live and carcass placings.
9. Fryers will be processed Sunday morning in the University meat lab.
10. Pen of three must be all the same breed and variety.
11. Pen of three exhibitors will select one rabbit of the pen to enter in the carcass contest prior to live judging. This rabbit will be eligible for all carcass awards.
12. Each member must carry his/her rabbit to the judging table and show it while it is being judged.
13. Your market back-up can be a different breed from your county fair exhibit providing the dam is owned and identified by May 15th.

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP
Advanced. Have competed grades 11 and up
Senior. Have completed grades 9 - 10
Intermediate. Have completed grades 6 - 8
* Any previous State Fair Showmanship Champions must advance to the next level.

Additional Rabbit Showmanship Rules
1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. All exhibitors must participate in showmanship.
3. Ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Grand champion and reserve grand champion awards will be given for intermediates, seniors and advanced.
4. 4-Hers should not wear advertising of any kind (except 4-H emblem).

**RABBIT POSTER CONTEST**

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**Rabbit Poster Contest Rules**
1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the Rabbit Project may enter a poster. You need not be exhibiting at State Fair to enter.
2. There are 2 categories: 1) Promotion and 2) Education.
3. Class divisions based on grade completed; Grades K-2, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-11+.
4. Posters may not exceed 14” x 22” and must be ready for hanging. Larger sized posters will not be judged.
5. The poster must be labeled on the back with name, grade completed, and county.
6. Entries must be turned in and picked up at the 4-H Rabbit Office (in the Poultry Barn).
7. T-shirt design and show catalog cover will be selected from entries.
8. Cannot use “copywritten” materials, i.e. slogans, designs.

**Rabbit Quiz Bowl**
1. An educational and fun activity in which 4-Hers strive to answer questions regarding the rabbit project.
2. All 4-Hers may participate. No pre-entry is required.
3. Ribbons will be awarded.

**RABBIT HERDSMANSHIP**
1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. You** MUST** bring your own feed and water dishes. Ice bottles are permissible.
3. You will also need a dustpan, whisk broom and container for disposal of soiled shavings.
4. Shavings are available daily (*7:00-9:00 a.m. and 3:00-5:00 p.m. only*). You will need a container for transporting shavings to cages.
5. Rabbit platforms - these are suggest for all rabbits. The advantages to using these platforms are: cleaner cages and animals stay cooler and cleaner.
6. Any county may use the platform for any rabbit if they make and bring their own. Platforms measure 2 1/2” high x 23 1/2” wide and 23” long. These can be entirely made of wire mesh or wire mesh on a wooden frame. Wire bottom must be 1/2” x 1/2” (minimum) or 1/2” x 1” (maximum).
7. You may bring plexiglass (24” x 18”) to put between cages to prevent interaction between rabbits.
8. No toys, carpet, decorations or boards are allowed in the cages.
9. No locks allowed on cages. Nonlocking clips are permissible as long as they are no larger than 2.5 inches. Example: carabiner.
10. Commercial Resting boards are permitted.
11. You can also rent these at the Rabbit Office for a $3.00 charge - when you return the board, you will receive your $3.00 refund.
12. **Water Bottles must be inside of cages.**
13. Battery operated fans are permitted. They must be secured to the top exterior of the cage.

**RABBIT PROMOTION BOOTH**
1. All rabbit exhibitors are expected to help in the Rabbit Promotion Booth.
2. Counties may sign up for their shift at the rabbit office. The schedule will stay posted to let each county know when they are scheduled.
3. Counties are expected to sign in and out of the Promotion Booth and to have 4-Hers present for their county’s **entire** scheduled time period.
4. Counties that complete their shift will have 10 points added to their county’s Herdsmanship score for that day.

**RABBIT DEMONSTRATIONS**
1. Open to any 4-Her. (You do not have to be exhibiting at State Fair.)
2. There is no entry required.
3. Sign up at the 4-H Rabbit Promotional booth.

**RABBIT JUDGING**
SEE JUDGING TEAMS SECTION OF PREMIUM BOOK

**RABBIT SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY**

- 4:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock
  
  **(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4 A.M.)**
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  Rabbit verification and health check, Market Rabbit Weigh-In
8:00 p.m. All livestock in place
8:00 p.m.  Deadline for signing up for judging contest
8:30 p.m.  Rabbit Orientation & New Exhibitor meeting - Open Class Sheep Arena

THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.  Rabbit Judging Contest - Open Class Sheep Arena
9:00 a.m.  Rabbit Poster Due at Rabbit Office
4:00 p.m.  Judging Contest Awards Presentation
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Rabbits Interview Test (required) - Swine Barn (both arenas)
8:30 p.m.  Interview Test Call Backs Posted

FRIDAY
9:00 a.m.  Interview Test Call Backs
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture
2:00 p.m.  Quiz Bowl Contest - 4-H Building
5:00 p.m.  4-H Market Rabbit Show - Open Class Sheep Arena

SATURDAY
7:00 a.m.  Make Up Interview Test
7:15 a.m.  Rabbit exhibitor staging
8:00 a.m.  Breeding Rabbit Judging - Open Class Sheep Arena
8:00 a.m.  Rabbit Showmanship-Market and Breeding (required) - Open Class Sheep Arena
8:00 a.m.  Photos of Champion and Reserve Champion During the Show In Arena

SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.  Market Rabbits check in for Carcass Show - 4-H Rabbit Office
8:00 a.m.  Market Rabbits depart for Carcass Show - 4-H Rabbit Office
8:15 a.m.  Depart for Rabbit Carcass Show - meet at 4-H Rabbit Office
Return approximately noon
2:00 p.m.  Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rabbit posters released - 4-H Rabbit Office
3:00 p.m. All livestock released

SHEEP
Housed in the Swine Barn

Overall Coordinators ............................................................Larry Miller & Trish Sheehan
Advisor ..........................................................................................Sharon Davis
Breeding Ewe Coordinator ..................................................Jo Bernard & LeeAnn Howard
Market Lamb Coordinators ................................................Larry Nesseth & Mark Sample
Lamb Lead Coordinators .........................................................LeeAnn Howard & Mamie Luhmann
Fleece Show Coordinator .............................................................Bret Oelke
Showmanship Coordinators ..................................................Kathy Herberg & Mamie Luhmann
Interview Coordinator .................................................................Kathy Herberg
Publicity & Photo Coordinators ...............................................Jodee Oelke & Sheryl Meshke
Awards Coordinator .................................................................Dave Resch
Auction Coordinators .............................................................Jodee Oelke & Dave Resch

Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Sheep must be owned by May 15.

Leasing Program
1. Breeding sheep (ewe lambs and yearling ewes) may be leased.
2. Market lambs cannot be leased.
3. If a breeding animal is leased, the appropriate “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” must also be uploaded and/or submitted by May 15 as part of the ID process.
Identification Details and Deadlines
1. All 4-H sheep must be identified by May 15.
2. All Market lambs (wethers & ewes) must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by May 15.
3. **All Breeding ewes must be identified appropriately (see below) by May 15.**
4. All breeding ewes and market lambs must have a USDA official (scrapie) tag. Official (scrapie) tag must show the official flock number and the individual animal numbers. Commercial/crossbred breeding ewes must be identified by USDA official (scrapie) tag (with a unique flock number and individual animal number) and 4-H eartag. Legible tattoo is additional and optional. Registered ewes must have two permanent forms of identification. Permanent ID must match the registration papers. Scrapies and option(s) of 4-H tag, tattoo or individual ID tag that matches registration paper.
5. All sheep ID data must be entered online or the ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
6. Registered breeding sheep must have a copy of registration paper on file at county office prior to the opening of county fair.
7. If a breeding animal is leased, the appropriate “Minnesota 4-H Animal Lease Agreement” must also be uploaded and/or submitted by May 15 as part of the ID process.

Registration Requirements and Papers
1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.
2. **All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present the original registration papers at verification.** (A copy of registration papers must be on file at the county office prior to county fair.)
3. Animal identification must correspond to the registration number of the breed association.
4. Entries that do not meet registration requirements or are not accompanied by a registration paper will show in the commercial class.
5. **All breeding ewes will be screened at verification by classifiers for proper division placement.**

National Scrapie Eradication Program
1. **All sheep must be officially identified,** with an individual scrapie (which includes the individual animal & flock number) tag by May 15.
2. 4-H sheep exhibitors should be advised to request official premise tags with unique serial numbers for all sheep they purchase.
3. Sheep producers must call the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6809 to receive a flock identification number and to order official USDA ear tags (at no charge).
4. These official tags are in addition to the required eartag/tattoo.

Grooming and Showing
1. All lambs must be dry upon entering the staging area or the 4-Her will be required to take the lamb out and dry it.
2. No alteration of natural coloring on lambs.
3. Lifting and holding a lamb’s feet off the ground, placing feet on support or altering ring surface to change support and other aggressive physical contact is not acceptable.
4. If a 4-Her with special needs is not able to show his/her own animal, a bona fide Minnesota 4-Her may assist special needs exhibitor in the show ring. Refer to general Animal Science Rule #6 under Eligibility of Participants.
5. Breeding Yearling Ewes Only - A second 4-H member may be allowed to set legs only during the breeding show. May not use second exhibitor during showmanship. Please see General Grooming & Showing Rules.

**BIRTH DATES**
- January Ewe Lamb Born in January of current Year
- February Ewe Lamb Born in February of current Year
- March Ewe Lamb Born in March of current Year
- Yearling Ewe Any ewe that is over 1 year of age and not more than 2 years old and must not show evidence of four permanent incisors.
- Market Lamb Born on or after January 1 of current year

**BREEDING EWE**

**COLUMBIA, REGISTERED**
- H - 41 - 1 January Ewe Lamb
- H - 41 - 2 February Ewe Lamb
- H - 41 - 3 March Ewe Lamb
- H - 41 - 4 Yearling Ewe

**DORSET, REGISTERED (FITTED & SLICK SHORN)**
- H - 41 - 5 January Ewe Lamb
- H - 41 - 6 February Ewe Lamb
### H - 41 - 7 March Ewe Lamb
### H - 41 - 8 Yearling Ewe

**Hampshire, Registered (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 9 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 10 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 11 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 12 | Yearling Ewe |

**Suffolk, Registered (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 13 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 14 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 15 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 16 | Yearling Ewe |

**Southdown, Registered (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 17 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 18 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 19 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 20 | Yearling Ewe |

**Other Breeds, Registered (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 21 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 22 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 23 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 24 | Yearling Ewe |

**Commercial Black Face (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 25 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 26 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 27 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 28 | Yearling Ewe |

**Commercial White & Speckle Face (Fitted & Slick Shorn)**

| H - 41 - 29 | January Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 30 | February Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 31 | March Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 32 | Yearling Ewe |

**Wether Dams - Black Face (Must Be Slick Shorn) (These Are Not Terminal)**

| H - 41 - 33 | Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 34 | Yearling Ewe |

**Wether Dams - White & Speckle Face (Must Be Slick Shorn) (These Are Not Terminal)**

| H - 41 - 35 | Ewe Lamb |
| H - 41 - 36 | Yearling Ewe |

Wether Dams will be shown and judged in the market lamb arena. They are ineligible for Supreme Champion Ewe and the auction.

**Additional Breeding Ewe Rules**

1. Speckle face commercial ewes must show evidence of both white and black/brown color on the face.
2. Yearling ewes in each breed category will be shown in one class.
3. Registered Other Breeds - Based on the previous year's show, breeds with a minimum of 6 ewes exhibited may be shown as a separate breed.
4. Classes may be adjusted based on the number of entries.
5. All Wether Dams ewes must be slick shorn. Wether Dams will be weighed at State Fair to determine weight class. This is a ewe class; it is not terminal.

**Market Lamb**

| H - 51 - 1 | Black Face |
| H - 51 - 2 | White Face |
| H - 51 - 3 | Speckle Face |

**Additional Market Lamb Rules/Weight Guidelines**

1. Market Lambs will be weighed at state fair to determine market weight and weight class.
2. The RECOMMENDED State Fair minimum weight is 105 pounds.
3. The RECOMMENDED State Fair maximum weight is 170 pounds.
4. All Market Lambs receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market lambs must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. Any market lamb not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards.
5. **NEW IN 2015** … State Fair market lamb show will be a non-terminal show for all market lambs (exception is auction lambs). There will be a marketing option for those that want to sell their lambs.

6. A white face market lamb cannot have any black on head or legs. Additional market lambs can qualify for the white face class if they provide registration papers from one of the following breed associations: Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Dorset, Lincoln, Montadale, Polympay, Rambouillet, Southdown, Targhee, or Texel.

7. A speckle face lamb must show evidence of white & black/brown color on face. Final classification will be determined at weigh-in.

8. All lambs must be closely shorn (no more than 1/4 inch) at weigh-in. If the wool length is determined to be too long for careful inspection, shearing will be required before re-inspection can occur.

9. Lambs are to be weighed dry and clean, without blankets.

10. Entries which do not meet the identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.

11. Lambs will be shown in uniform weight classes. These weight classes will be divided into three weight divisions: lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight.

12. Plaques will be provided to the champion and reserve champion exhibitor in each weight division. The champion and reserve champion lamb in each division will compete for grand champion and reserve grand champion market lamb. White face & speckle face lambs will be considered a division and will be included in the grand champion selection.

13. The judge will be asked to select a purple ribbon group in each weight class. These lambs will be eligible for the auction class. Purple ribbon animals are not automatically in the auction, but compete in the class to select auction animals.

14. There will be no carcass premiums.

15. Carcass show results can be found at the website: www.4-h.umn.edu/state-fair/fair-results/current-results

**REMINDER FOR 2015:** Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.

**LAMB LEAD**

H - 61 - 1 Senior (grades 9+)
H - 61 - 2 Intermediate (grades 6-8)

The Lamb Lead event provides an opportunity for 4-Hers to combine their skills and knowledge of sheep production with fashion and clothing selection.

**Additional Lamb Lead Rules**

1. Participants must be exhibiting a lamb at state fair. Exhibitors must use their own animal for Lamb Lead. The 4-Her must groom and train his/her own animal.

2. Exhibitors can sign up for Lamb Lead at Weigh-in & verification. There is no limit to the number of entries from each county.

3. **Exhibitors must wear a garment made from at least 60% wool. Garment is defined as a piece of clothing covering a main part of your body (not socks or accessories).**

4. Lamb Lead Interview - The "4-H Lamb Lead Information Sheet" (a 4-H state fair form) must be completed and brought to the Lamb Lead Interview. Judges will talk individually to each participant. Questions will relate to topics such as qualities of wool, wool market grades, Wool Act of 1954, management practices that help produce quality wool, marketing organizations, and wool promotion.

5. The Judging Scorecard will be a total of 100 points divided as follows:
   - 50 points - Person (first impression, posture, poise, grooming).
   - 50 points - Interview (ability to answer questions).

   Outfit (fit, color, design, workmanship, accessories).

   Sheep (presentation of animal, training).

**FLEECE**

H - 71 - 1 Long Wool/Handspinning
H - 71 - 2 Wool type
H - 71 - 3 Meat Breed

**Additional Fleece Rules**

1. Any 4-Her enrolled in the sheep project may enter a fleece. (You do not have to be exhibiting at the State Fair to enter.) No housing is available unless the 4-Her has a State Fair Livestock Trip.

2. 4-Hers must pre-register with their local county extension office at the time of State Fair registration.

3. Fleece will be conference judged.

4. Fleece must come from sheep in flock owned by the exhibitor.

5. Fleece must be no less than 3" in length, but no more than a 13 month growth.

6. The top four fleece will be taken to the 4-H Building for display for the remainder of the state fair. They will need to be picked up with the other projects during exhibit release at the end of the fair.
SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Breeding Ewe - Intermediate. Have completed grades 6 - 8
Breeding Ewe - Senior. Have completed grades 9 - 10
Breeding Ewe - Advanced. Have completed grades 11 and up
Market Lamb - Intermediate. Have completed grades 6 - 8
Market Lamb - Senior. Have completed grades 9 - 10
Market Lamb - Advanced. Have completed grades 11 and up

Additional Showmanship Rules
1. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
2. All exhibitors may participate in showmanship. 4-Hers must pre-register at state fair weigh-in/verification. (Selections will not be made during the sheep show.)
3. Champion and reserve champion showman will be named in both ewe and market lamb divisions.

SHEEP HERDSMANSHIP

1. See "Herdsmanship" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.
2. Lambs must be on straw or shavings that are absorbent, which excludes the use of bark or cypress.
3. No muzzles on fairgrounds.
4. Fans mounted to public (front) side of gates must be secured and screened with 1/4" or less openings.

SHEEP SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY
4:00 a.m. Barns ready for livestock
(NO ANIMALS OR EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4 A.M.)
1:00 p.m. Lamb Lead Interview sign-up begins - Swine Barn Office
8:00 p.m. All Livestock in Place
8:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting Swine Barn Arena

THURSDAY
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Lamb Lead Interview sign-up (completed by noon) - Swine Barn Office
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture - Sheep
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Market Lamb Weigh-In and Inspection - Swine Barn
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Breeding Ewe Verification and Inspection - Swine Barn
12:00 noon Fleece Check-In and Verification - Swine Barn (East Arena)
2:00 p.m. Fleece Show and Conference Judging - Swine Barn (East Arena)
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Sheep Interviews - Swine Barn (both arenas)
6:00 p.m. Call Back Sheep Interviews

FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lamb Lead interviews - Swine Barn (West Arena)
10:00 a.m. Make-up interviews - Swine Barn Office
4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Market Lamb Show - AgStar Arena
4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Breeding Ewe Show - AgStar Arena

SATURDAY
8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Lamb Lead Show - Swine Barn (both arenas)
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Showmanship - Swine Barn (both arenas)
6:00 p.m. Purple Ribbon Auction - AgStar Arena

SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. Market Lamb Load-out
2:00 p.m. Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m. All livestock released
Health Requirements
1. See health requirements section of general animal science rules.

Ownership Requirements
1. See animal ownership section of general animal science rules.
2. Market barrows and market gilts must be owned and identified by May 15. Breeding Gilts must be owned or leased by May 15.
3. Premises ID numbers are required on Swine ID forms in 2015.

Leasing Program
1. Breeding Swine may be leased.
2. Market Swine cannot be leased.
3. If a breeding animal is leased the Minnesota 4-H Animal Science Lease Form must also be uploaded and submitted by May 15 as part of ID process.

Identification Details and Deadlines
1. All swine must be tagged with a Minnesota 4-H ear tag by May 15.
2. All swine must be ear notched in both ears using the universal ear notch system by May 15. Information about ear notching can be found on the www.4-H.umn.edu/animal-ID.
3. All Swine ID data must be entered online or ID worksheet submitted to your county extension office, by May 15.
4. If the hog shows evidence of recent ear notching or tagging or has no ear tag or no definite notch in one or both ears, it will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
5. Entries which do not meet these identification requirements will receive no higher than a blue ribbon.
6. Swine exhibitors with an identification or entry discrepancy will be notified. Members will have until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday to address these concerns. All decisions made by the show committee and/or state staff are final.

Registration Requirements and Papers
1. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed.
2. All 4-Hers exhibiting registered animals must present the original or photocopied registration papers as issued by the National Swine Registry (Duroc, Hampshire, Yorkshire, Landrace); or by Certified Pedigreed Swine -(CPS) (Spot, Poland China, Chester White); or by the American Berkshire Association, at the time of verification on Thursday. All registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor’s name and/or the exhibitor’s family name; unless it is a leased Breeding Gilt.
3. There will be a class for registered market barrows. There will need to be at least four barrows to hold a separate breed class. Otherwise they will be shown in an “Other Purebreds” class. Market gilts will not have a registered purebred division.
4. There will be a class for registered breeding gilts. There will need to be at least four head to hold a separate breed class. Otherwise they will be shown in an “Other Purebred” class.

Weight Guidelines
1. For market barrows and market gilts to qualify for a purple ribbon at State Fair, they must weigh at least 220 pounds and not exceed 300 pounds.
2. Market Barrows and Market Gilts weighing less than 220 pounds will show in their own class “Super Lightweights” and those 301 pounds and over will show in their own class “Super Heavyweights” and will be eligible for blue, red, or white ribbons. These classes may be combined with others at the discretion of the committee. Exhibitors of these animals are still eligible to be Interview and Showmanship Winners.
3. Immediate re-weigh option available if hog has not left scale holding pen.
4. All Market Barrows and Market Gilts receiving a purple ribbon will be weighed back as they exit the show ring. All market swine must be within 5% of their entry day (Thursday) weight. Any market barrows and market gilts not meeting the 5% criteria will be lowered from a purple ribbon to a blue ribbon and will not be eligible for the 4-H Auction or special awards, but are still eligible to be Interview Recognition and Showmanship winners.
BIRTH DATES
January Breeding Gilt  Farrowed on or after January 1 of current year
February Breeding Gilt  Farrowed on or after February 1 of current year
March Breeding Gilt  Farrowed on or after March 1 of current year
Market Barrow  Farrowed on or after January 1 of current year
Market Gilt  Farrowed on or after January 1 of current year

BREEDING GILTS
DUROC, REGISTERED
I - 41 - 1  January Gilt
I - 41 - 2  February Gilt
I - 41 - 3  March Gilt

HAMPSHIRE, REGISTERED
I - 41 - 4  January Gilt
I - 41 - 5  February Gilt
I - 41 - 6  March Gilt

SPOT, REGISTERED
I - 41 - 7  January Gilt
I - 41 - 8  February Gilt
I - 41 - 9  March Gilt

YORKSHIRE, REGISTERED
I - 41 - 10  January Gilt
I - 41 - 11  February Gilt
I - 41 - 12  March Gilt

OTHER BREEDS, REGISTERED
I - 41 - 13  January Gilt
I - 41 - 14  February Gilt
I - 41 - 15  March Gilt

CROSSBRED
I - 41 - 16  January Gilt
I - 41 - 17  February Gilt
I - 41 - 18  March Gilt

MARKET BARROWS
I - 51 - 1  Duroc, Registered
I - 51 - 2  Hampshire, Registered
I - 51 - 3  Spot, Registered
I - 51 - 4  Yorkshire, Registered
I - 51 - 5  Other Breeds, Registered
I - 51 - 6  Crossbred

MARKET GILTS
I - 52 - 1  All Breeds, Registered & Crossbred

Marketing of Barrows and Gilts
1. This is a terminal show for all market swine - no exceptions.
2. Breeding gilt exhibitors are given the choice of marketing them at State Fair or taking them home.
3. All swine exhibitors at the State Fair must have completed 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics Training (LQA&E) within the past three (3) years.
4. In addition to the above completed LQA&E requirement, all exhibitors marketing hogs at the State Fair must have completed an Exhibitor Swine Affidavit. This form MUST be turned in at the time of verification/identification.

REMINDER FOR 2015: Market animals can now be tested for the presence of feed additives such as PayLean and OptiFlex in their systems. Be sure to follow feed labels in terms of additive levels and withdrawal times for market. Any levels above these ranges are illegal and exhibitors will have severe consequences.

State Fair Health Requirements (as set by State Fair Veterinarian)
Pseudorabies - No testing is presently required for pseudorabies.
1. Swine not originating in Minnesota. Must meet the Minnesota importation requirements in addition to the requirements outlined in this summary. The Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must list the name of
the exhibition as consignee. Certificates will be accepted if examination and tests are conducted within 90
days prior to the exhibition. The Gp 1 ELISA test is approved for importation of swine.

2. Swine which must be tested must be individually identified by ear tag number, tattoo number, registry
number, or other identification satisfactory to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health.

State Fair Interviews
1. Again 2015: Project Workshops & Computerized Tests: Sign up for workshop and tests at the
Swine Office on Wednesday.
2. All exhibitors must participate in interview process to be eligible for a purple ribbon.

State Fair Showmanship
Advanced. Have completed grades 11 and up
Senior. Have completed grades 9 - 10
Intermediate. Have completed grades 6 - 8
1. There will be separate showmanship contests for breeding gilts, market barrows and market gilts.
2. A judge will select top showmen during the breeding gilt, market barrow and market gilt shows.
   Showmanship finalists will receive a ribbon.
3. Exhibitors must use their own animal for showmanship.
4. Champion and Reserve Champion showmen in all age divisions will be named in breeding gilt, market
   barrow and market gilt divisions.

SWINE HERDSMANNSHIP
See “Herdsmanship” section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all species.

Show Order
1. Two rings will be used - West Ring for breeding gilts followed by market gilts and the East Ring for market
   barrows.
2. Breeding Gilts will be shown by birthdates and breed.
3. Market barrows will be shown by weight classes with classes for purebreds and crossbred lightweight,
   middleweight and heavyweight divisions.
4. Market Gilts will be shown by weight classes from light to heavy with no divisions.

SWINE PENNING
Due to limited space in the Swine barn, Swine exhibits may be required to share pen space. Counties and families must be prepared to work together to optimize assigned pen space.

Livestock Equipment Removal 2015:
All 4-H families must consider the safety of fairgoers when they remove any equipment such as show
boxes, chutes and feeding equipment. Due to heavy fair visitor traffic flow prior to the 3:00 p.m.
Sunday release, livestock equipment being taken home from the cattle barn and sheep/swine/goat
barn must be transported out the side exits on the south sides of these barns. Equipment cannot be
taken down the center aisle of these two barns. The center aisles may be used, however, at 3:00 p.m.
when the 4-H livestock are released and the buildings are closed to the public.

Auction
1. For market barrows, the judge will be asked to select a purple ribbon group in each weight class. These
   market barrows will be eligible for the Auction class.
2. Purple ribbon animals are not automatically in the Auction, but compete in the class to select Auction
   animals.
3. At least one purebred barrow will sell in the Auction.
4. The Grand Champion and Reserve Champion market gilts will be in the Auction along with a percentage
   of total market gilts shown.

Awards
1. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the champion and reserve champion exhibitor in each market
   barrow weight division and the purebred division. The champion and reserve champion market barrow in
   each division and the champion and reserve champion purebred barrows will compete for grand champion
   and reserve grand champion market barrow.
2. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the grand champion and reserve grand champion market gilts.
3. Plaques and ribbons will be provided to the champion and reserve champion breeding gilts.
4. Top 10 purebred barrows will receive a monetary gift.
5. Overall Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred and Commercial breeding gilts will receive a
   monetary gift.
4-H Judging Teams

**SWINE SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY**
4:00 a.m.  Barns ready for livestock
Sign Up for Swine Interviews in Swine Office
(NO ANIMALS or EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 4:00 A.M.)

8:00 p.m.  All livestock in place

**THURSDAY**
7:30 a.m.  Swine Verification & Weigh In - Done by County - Swine Barn
12:00 noon  Swine Interviews

**FRIDAY**
7:30 a.m.  Swine make-up interviews - Swine Barn (West Arena)
8:00 a.m.  Exhibitors Meeting - Swine Barn (Arena)
8:30 a.m.  Breeding Gilt Show and Showmanship followed by Market Gilt Show, Auction Selection and Showmanship - Swine Barn (West Arena)
8:30 a.m.  Market Barrow Show, Auction Line-up, Showmanship - Swine Barn (East Arena)

Announcement of Interview Winners prior to start of showmanship in east ring

**SATURDAY**
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Herdsmanship - Speaking Up for Animal Agriculture - Sheep - Swine
6:00 p.m.  Purple Ribbon Auction - AgStar Arena

**SUNDAY**
6:30 a.m.  Market Swine load-out (including sold breeding gilts) - Swine Barn
2:00 p.m.  Herdsmanship Awards Program - Swine Barn Arena
3:00 p.m.  All livestock released

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**JUDGING TEAMS**

**Awards and Recognition**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. All participants will receive participation ribbons.

**General Rules for Judging Contests**

1. **Intermediate Teams** - participants have completed grades 6 - 8.
2. **Senior Teams** - participants have completed grade 6 to one year post-high school.
3. Members should have had practice judging sessions prior to the state fair contest.
4. Each team may consist of three or four members. If four members judge, the three highest scores will be used to determine the team score.
5. Counties unable to compete with a team of at least three members may enter one or two individual participants in the senior and intermediate divisions who will be eligible for individual awards only.
6. A county may participate as a part of a multi-county team or form its own team but may not have both a county and a multi-county team in the same age division. For example, a county may have a county senior team and a multi-county intermediate team. Teams must have practiced together prior to the state contest (county contests do not count as practicing together). All 4-Hers within an age group, in a county, must be part of the same county or multi-county program. If the combining counties have 3 or more members in each county combining within an age division, they must judge as separate counties. If one of the counties combining has less than 3 members in an age division, they can judge with the other county they are combining with as a multi-county team. For clarification, go to the website www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html for the Minnesota 4-H Position Statement on Multi-County Teams.
7. 4-Hers need not be enrolled in any specific project to participate on any judging team.
8. Contestants not present at the start of the contest may participate, but will not be eligible for awards.
9. To participate in a state contest, team members must have completed 6th grade. 4-Hers may participate up to one year post-high school.
10. To be eligible for national contests, 4-Hers must not have participated in post-secondary coursework in judging or selection in the subject area of their national 4-H competition, nor have participated in training for a post-secondary judging team in the subject area of their national 4-H competition.
11. All 4-Hers who are members of a judging team must:
   A. not have had their 20th birthday the year of the contest;
   B. not have competed in the national 4-H contest: Dairy in Madison, WI. General Livestock in Louisville, KY.
12. To be eligible for a national contest, all listed team members must meet the age guidelines for that specific contest. If not, the trip will be passed to the next highest placing team meeting the requirements. See Rule #11 above. Individuals not eligible for national contests as identified in Rule #11 may compete as individuals in the state contest.
13. Registration: All 4-Hers must be listed on the "State 4-H Judging Contest Registration Form" (4-H State Fair Form). All 4-Hers must be listed on the Exhibitor Registration report and pay the 4-H State Fair Program Fee.

CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING CONTEST

Coordinators ................................................Sara Croymans & Carrie Olson
Specialist Advisor ........................................Department of Family Social Science

CONSUMER DECISION-MAKING
NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED
WITH HOUSING
L - 10 - 1 Senior - with Housing
L - 10 - 2 Intermediate - with Housing - with reasons
L - 10 - 3 Intermediate - with Housing - without reasons

WITHOUT HOUSING
L - 10 - 4 Senior - without Housing
L - 10 - 5 Intermediate - without Housing - with reasons
L - 10 - 6 Intermediate - without Housing - without reasons

Consumer Decision-Making Contest Rules
1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.

Format
1. There will be five classes in each division.
2. Each division will have a questions class, oral reasons (one set for intermediate division, except "without reasons" registrants; and two sets for senior division), and a team group process class. The "without reasons" class does not contribute points toward individual or team placings.
3. The contest consists of evaluating classes dealing with consumer choices. Participants evaluate everyday, real-life situations on a variety of topics including: personal care, entertainment/leisure, clothing & textiles, health and nutrition, consumerism and personal finance.
4. Participants are expected to participate in an educational activity as an important part of the contest.
5. Participants need to purchase an advance noon meal ticket for this day.
6. Teams and coaches can find additional resources including current contest information, contest program guide and sample classes on the Center for Youth Development website, www.4-H.umn.edu/events/ConsumerDecMaking/index.html
7. Helpers: Each county is asked to provide a helper for the contest. Helpers must be adults. Helpers may be asked to assist with scoring, room monitoring, etc. Counties are asked to e-mail contest coordinators to confirm names, addresses and phone numbers of helpers.

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)

WEDNESDAY
8:30 a.m. Oral Reason’s Judges’s Orientation
8:30 a.m. Team registration/photos - McNeal Hall Atrium (St. Paul Campus)
9:00 a.m. Team & coaches orientation
9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Judging of classes
10:30 a.m. Group Process Judges orientation
11:30 a.m. - completion Group Process Judging
12:30 p.m. Lunch
1:15 p.m. Educational Session Orientation & Educational Activity
3:30 p.m. Team Presentations
4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

National Trip
The first eligible senior team will have the option to represent Minnesota at the Western National 4-H Roundup consumer Decision Making Contest in Denver, Colorado. All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1st of the current year. Entry forms and registration will be available online. Late registration has a financial penalty.
DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Coordinators ................................................................. Tony & Maizie Scheffler
Assistant Coordinator ...................................................... Karen Anderson
Specialist Advisor ........................................................... Dr. Tony Seykora

DAIRY JUDGING

NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED

WITH HOUSING
L - 20 - 1 Senior - with Housing
L - 20 - 2 Intermediate - with Housing

WITHOUT HOUSING
L - 20 - 3 Helper
L - 20 - 4 Senior - without Housing
L - 20 - 5 Intermediate - without Housing

Teams
1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.
3. Multi-county teams may be formed by age division. Teams must have practiced together prior to the state contest (county contests do not count as practicing together). All 4-Hers within an age group, in a county, must be part of the same county or multi-county program. If the combining counties have 3 or more members in each county combining within an age division that are eligible to compete in out-of-state contests, they must judge as separate counties. If one of the counties combining has less than 3 members in an age division, they can judge with the other county they are combining with as a multi-county team. For clarification and the Minnesota 4-H Position Statement on Multi-County Teams go to: www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html

4. All 4-Hers compete for individual awards and must:
   A. have completed 6th grade, but not be more than one year out of high school;
   B. not have participated in or completed post-secondary course work in dairy cattle judging or dairy cattle evaluation;
   C. not have participated in a dairy judging contest for post-secondary students.

5. All 4-Hers who are members of a dairy judging team must:
   A. not have had their 20th birthday the year of the contest;
   B. not have competed in the national 4-H dairy judging contest in Madison, Wisconsin.

6. To compete at the national 4-H dairy cattle judging contest (Madison, Wisconsin) all members of the team that compete in the state contest must have celebrated their 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, or 19th birthday during the year of the contest.

7. In the case that one member of a team of four does not meet entry requirements for the Madison contest (4-Her is too young) or Harrisburg contest (4-Her previously judged that contest), scores of the other three team members will be used to rank teams for competition at that contest.

8. Helpers: Each team must provide a helper for the contest. Helpers may be asked to lead animals or help with other tasks of the contest. Helpers must be state fair age youth or adults. Helpers who choose to stay overnight in 4-H lodging facilities will pay a reduced 4-H State Fair Program Fee. Their names must be included on the team’s entry form. At no point should a youth participating in the judging contest be pulled from the contest to be a helper. If a team cannot provide a helpers, contact the contest coordinator.

Format
1. Teams may not practice judging on FFA dairy exhibits at the state fair prior to the contest.
2. Seniors - will judge six classes of dairy animals: four cow classes and two heifer classes. Oral reasons will be given on three cow classes.
3. Intermediate - will judge the same six classes as the senior division. One set of oral reasons will be given on one cow class.
4. No contestant will be allowed to take any books, notes, or writing paper into the contest. A notebook will be provided to each contestant.
5. While the contest is in progress, there will be no communication between a contestant and anyone else, except the group leader. Any contestant violating any rules will be disqualified from the contest.
6. Scoring for the contest will be as follows: 50 points given for each class of cattle; and 50 points given for each set of oral reasons. In the case of ties:
A. overall individual and/or team ties will be decided by the reasons scores;
B. individual or team ties in reasons will be decided by the placing scores;
C. individual ties in both reasons and placings scores will be decided by their respective overall team placing.
D. The three highest individual reasons scores will be included for the top team reasons score i.e. a person’s score could be included in their team’s reason score calculation, even if that person is the lowest person (dropped person) from the team.

7. Placings and reasons classes will be 15 minutes.
8. Cattle will be numbered and shown, right to left: 1, 2, 3, 4. However, contestants are solely responsible for checking the number order of the cattle.

National Contests
1. The first eligible senior team will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin. 4-Hers must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. Contestants may judge in this contest only once. Entry form and registration fee for World Dairy Expo is available at www.worlddairyexpo.com
2. The second eligible senior team will represent Minnesota at the All American Dairy Show, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania contest. 4-Hers must not have passed their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. (Harrisburg has no lower age limit.) 4-Hers may not have participated in this contest before, nor in the Madison contest. Information is available online at www.allamerican.state.pa.us/ (There is no registration fee.) The Harrisburg contest is being held one week earlier than usual this year on Monday, September 14, which is only one week following the end of the Minnesota State Fair.
3. The team representing Minnesota at the Louisville, Kentucky contest will be comprised of the high individuals in the senior contest who:
   A. are not members of the two teams representing Minnesota at Madison or Harrisburg;
   B. have not previously competed in the Louisville contest. (They may have competed in the Madison and/or Harrisburg contests in previous years);
   C. have had their 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, or 19th birthday during the year of the contest.
   The coach for the team will be the coach of the highest individual on the team. Entry form and registration information is available at www.livestockexpo.org/.
   Due to timing conflicts, 4-Hers cannot participate on the Louisville Dairy Bowl Team and the Louisville Dairy Judging Team in the same year.

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015
DEADLINE FOR MANDATORY TEAM PRE-REGISTRATION FOR CONTESTS - Form # 5 at www.4-h.umn.edu/events/animal-judging-contests/

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING REQUEST FOR MULTI-COUNTY TEAM STATUS FOR STATE CONTEST.
All teams intending to compete as a multi-county team at the state contest MUST submit the request for review and approval.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2015 NOON
Final deadline to re-confirm roster of contestants and teams with Dr Les Hansen via email (hanse009@umn.edu or phone 651-353-2727. Re-confirmation is mandatory and can take place anytime starting on Thursday, August 28th. but must be completed by noon on Saturday, August 30th because we will once again be using the electronic scan cards.

SUNDAY ~ SEPTEMBER 6, 2015
6:30 a.m. Contest check-in and team photos ~ AgStar Arena
6:45 a.m. Breakfast - Remember to bring tickets
7:30 a.m. Contest Begins ~ AgStar Arena
2:30 p.m. Coaches meeting - Ruttan Hall, St Paul Campus
3:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony - Ruttan Hall, St Paul Campus

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST
Coordinator.................................................................Kyle Rozeboom

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING
NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED
WITH HOUSING
L - 30 - 1 Senior with Housing
L - 30 - 2 Intermediate with Housing
WITHOUT HOUSING
L - 30 - 3 Senior without Housing
L - 30 - 4 Intermediate without Housing

General Livestock Judging Rules
1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules applying to all contests.
2. Quota: Unlimited.
3. Each county or multi-county delegation will determine how youth will be arranged between teams, as well as individuals.
4. Only one national trip can be accepted per county, and that must be the highest place trip of the two.

Format
1. Teams will judge nine classes of livestock consisting of three classes of beef, one class of meat goat does, two or three classes of sheep, and two or three classes of swine.
2. Performance data may be included in the evaluation of breeding classes for each species.
3. Again for 2015: The Meat Goat class may be used as a questions class for all contestants and is a possible reasons class for the SENIOR contestants.
4. Again in 2015: Senior contestant will give 4 sets of oral reasons. Intermediate contestants will give 3 sets of oral reasons. Oral reasons will be given on one class of beef, one class of sheep and one class of swine for all contestants. The additional (4th) senior set of reasons will be chosen by the contest officials from the beef, sheep swine, and GOAT classes.
5. Classes with performance data can be reasons classes.
6. Reasons may be given on either market or breeding classes.
7. One class of beef, one of sheep, and one class of swine will be a questions class.

National Trips
1. The first eligible team will represent Minnesota at the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at the North American International Livestock Exposition held in Louisville, Kentucky. 4-Hers must have passed their 14th but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. Entry form, registration information are available at www.livestockexpo.org/.
2. The second eligible team may select to represent Minnesota at either the American Royal (Kansas City, Missouri) or at the National Western Stock Show (Denver, Colorado).
3. The third eligible team will be awarded the remaining trip.
4. Information about the American Royal (Kansas City, Missouri) - All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. 4-Hers who have previously judged in the National 4-H Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky are not eligible. Entry form, registration information are available at www.americanroyal.com/.
5. Information about the National Western Invitational 4-H Livestock Judging Contest (Denver, Colorado) - All 4-Hers must have passed their 14th birthday, but not their 19th birthday on January 1 of the current year. 4-Hers may judge in this contest only once. 4-Hers who have previously judged in the National 4-H Judging Contest (Louisville, Kentucky) are not eligible. Entry forms and registration information is available at www.nationalwestern.com/.
6. Canfield Scholarships are available to students who have just completed their sophomore and junior years of high school and place among the top 10 in the Minnesota 4-H state general livestock judging contest. Each scholarship is a $3000 multi-year scholarship to be awarded in yearly in increments of: 1st year, $1000; 2nd year, $1000; and 3rd year, $1000. These prospective students must apply, be accepted, and enroll in the College of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Minnesota and be majoring or minoring in Animal Science to receive the scholarship.

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)

TUESDAY
6:30 p.m. Team Coach meeting ~ Haecker Hall Room 205

WEDNESDAY
5:45 - 6:30 a.m. Breakfast ~ 4-H Building
6:30 a.m. Orientation/check-in pictures (if 4-Hers are staying overnight in the 4-H building, a bus will take them to St Paul Campus) ~ St Paul Campus
(NO ANIMALS or EQUIPMENT ALLOWED ON GROUNDS PRIOR TO 7:00 A.M.)
8:00 a.m. Contest Begins ~ St Paul Campus
3:00 p.m. Official reasons ~ St Paul Campus
5:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony ~ 4-H Building
RABBIT JUDGING CONTEST
Coordinator .................................................................Rich Steinberg

RABBIT JUDGING
NOTE - CLASS CODE MUST MATCH HOUSING NEEDED
WITH HOUSING
L - 40 - 1 Senior - with Housing
L - 40 - 2 Intermediate - with Housing

WITHOUT HOUSING
L - 40 - 3 Senior - without Housing
L - 40 - 4 Intermediate - without Housing

Rabbit Judging Rules
1. See "General Rules for Judging Contests" section of this premium book for information and rules apply.
2. Quota: Unlimited.

Format
1. Contest will consist of market, fur, and four breed classes.
2. The official judges will determine official placings and classes of rabbits.
3. There will be one questions class and two oral reasons classes.
4. Ribbons will be awarded to the top five teams and top ten individuals.

NOTE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 - OPEN CLASS SHEEP ARENA

SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE)

WEDNESDAY
8:00 p.m Team Registration Deadline

THURSDAY
7:30 a.m. Judging Card Distribution
8:00 a.m. Contest begins ~ Open Class Sheep Arena

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Awards and Recognition
Minnesota State Fair. Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted.

The Public Presentation Office is located at the south end of the 4-H Building. Check there from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for schedules or questions.

Scheduling
1. Presentations from a county will be scheduled throughout the county general encampment and/or Livestock Weekend.
2. Schedules are created after all counties have completed final registration. Completed schedules will be posted at: www.4-h.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html
3. Schedules will be posted outside the Public Presentation/Special Activities Office. This information should correspond with the information posted at the website above.
4. If there are questions, check immediately with the Public Presentation/Special Activities Office.

Live Animals
1. Presentations that use large animals at the county level must use an alternate method if demonstration at state fair is during the regular encampment because facilities are not available for large animals during the regular encampments.
2. Livestock exhibitors whose presentation uses large animals may be scheduled during 4-H Livestock Weekend. Any animals used in the presentation are the responsibility of the 4-Her.
3. 4-H lama demonstrations will be scheduled during the lama encampment.
4. Presentations may use small animals. Animals can only be present in the 4-H building for the duration of the presentation. There are no facilities for extended care of the animal. Please check with the Public Presentation/Special Activities Office prior to leaving home for details on getting small animals through the state fair admission gates.
Facilities

1. Preparation areas are available for use by presenters.
2. 4-Hers should come well prepared and benefit from the experience of organizing the materials, giving their presentation, and cleaning up after it is finished. When a product is prepared, the presenter should complete the process and arrange for the judge to see the product.
3. Due to Minnesota State Fair rules, participants are not allowed to hand out food or give samples of prepared product(s).
4. No firearms are allowed on the State Fairgrounds for any reason, including 4-H projects and demonstrations.
5. One presentation platform is wired for internet access and is available for multi-media presentations.
6. Equipment can be stored on shelves and in cabinets on the first floor in assigned preparation areas. However, there is no secured area to leave valuables.
7. Supplies and equipment that are furnished include: freezer, refrigerator, stove, microwave, tables and easels. Preparation for food demonstrations will be in the north kitchen.
8. 4-Hers must complete Form 18 "Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways State Fair Form) that county extension staff will submit at the time of final registration.

Process

The conference judging and educational experiences for participants in Demonstrations, Illustrated Presentations and Youth In Action will include:

1. A block of time (morning, afternoon, evening). Specific blocks can be requested, and everything possible will be done to honor your choice. Participants are required to attend their scheduled time in its entirety.
2. Specific presentation times will be drawn by lots by the 4-Her at the beginning of their scheduled time block.
3. Upon completion of the time block, in a cooperative learning session, each presenter can evaluate herself/himself, and the others in the group, with conference judging being facilitated by the demonstration assistant. An evaluator will be present throughout the entire process.
4. Placings and awards will be given upon completion of the time block.
5. A solid time block provides for a thorough experience for the presenter. These opportunities will create a broader, more inclusive experience.

DEMONSTRATIONS

M - 10 - 1 Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
M - 10 - 2 Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
M - 10 - 3 Individual - Regular Encampment
M - 10 - 4 Team - Regular Encampment

LIVESTOCK DEMONSTRATIONS

M - 20 - 1 Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
M - 20 - 2 Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)

LIVESTOCK LAMA DEMONSTRATIONS

M - 30 - 1 Individual - Lama Encampment (no housing available)
M - 30 - 2 Team - Lama Encampment (no housing available)

4-Hers must complete the "Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways " (4-H State Fair Form 18) that county extension staff will submit at the time of final registration.

The topic selected may be related to the project in which the 4-Her is enrolled or to any area of interest or expertise the 4-Her has. Demonstrations may be on an individual or team basis. Individual presentations shall not exceed 15 minutes in length and team presentations shall not exceed 25 minutes in length. 4-Hers may demonstrate in the same project area or a different project area than the exhibit they bring to state fair, provided they participated in the county demonstration event.

- Demonstrations are an oral public presentation that includes actually demonstrating the hands-on steps required to accomplish a task or process. This most often includes the use of physical objects and actual doing or showing. For example, a demonstration could involve using bedding plants, potting soil and related items to demonstrate how to plant a flower pot. At the end of the Demonstration there should be something of a "finished product". Demonstrations may also include the use of supporting visuals like posters, charts. Supporting visuals can include technology based options like presentation software (i.e. MS PowerPoint). However, the focus of the Demonstration should be on the "doing", not the supporting visuals.

ILLUSTRATED PRESENTATIONS

M - 40 - 1 Individual - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
M - 40 - 2 Team - Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
M - 40 - 3 Individual - Regular Encampment
M - 40 - 4 Team - Regular Encampment
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The topic selected may be related to the project in which the 4-Her is enrolled or to any area of interest or expertise the 4-Her has. Illustrated talks may be on an individual or team basis. Individual presentations shall not exceed 15 minutes in length and team presentations shall not exceed 25 minutes in length. 4-Hers may demonstrate in the same project area or a different project area than the exhibit they bring to state fair, provided they participated in the county demonstration event.

- Illustrated Presentations are an oral public presentation that presents an idea, concept, viewpoint or experience in an educational or informative format. For example, an Illustrated Presentation could be a report on leadership lessons learned through a trip to Washington DC or an educational presentation that explores renewable energy options. Illustrated Presentations most often consist of interaction with supporting visuals like posters, charts. Supporting visuals can include technology based options like presentation software (i.e. MS PowerPoint). Supporting visuals may include tangible items, but generally little or no activity takes place with the item.

- Presentation Software (i.e. MS PowerPoint) may be used for both Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks. If Presentation Software is used in a Demonstration, the presentation software should supplement the Demonstration (hands on demonstrating should still be the basis of the entry). If used for an Illustrated Presentation, the presentation software can be the basis for the entire talk; however the member must interact with the presentation and information - not just step to the side and let the presentation play. (Self-presenting entries created with presentation software should be entered in the "Video" class.)

- If presentation software is utilized, judging will include the effective use of the software.

For information on effectively using visuals in presentations please see www.4-h.umn.edu/projects/arts-communication/communication-demonstration

**YOUTH IN ACTION PRESENTATIONS**

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Youth in Action presentations may be given in any project or activity of interest to the 4-Her. This interactive presentation is continuous for approximately 25-30 minutes. Involving the audience in the process is the primary focus of Youth in Action Presentations and constitutes a major portion of the evaluation results.

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**GENERAL EXHIBITS**

**Awards and Recognition**

**Minnesota State Fair.** Cash awards and transportation. Purple, blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded according to placing unless otherwise noted.

**Basis for Judging**

Unless otherwise noted, all non-livestock exhibits are judged on the following basis:

- 50% = Exhibit attracts attention and holds interest
- 50% = 4-Hers knowledge of project area and involvement

**AEROSPACE**

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**AQUATIC ROBOTICS**

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**Aquatic Robotic Rules**

1. Design and build their own remote-operated vehicle (ROV).
2. Use and adapt ROV to monitor water quality.
3. Teams of at least 3 youth or individuals may exhibit.

**BICYCLE**

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**Cat Rules**

1. Exhibit may include models, diagrams, photographs or pictures. Exhibits should show or explain something the 4-Hers made, did, or learned.
2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

**Child and Family Development Rules**

1. Exhibitors should be prepared to discuss in group conference judging the age and other characteristics of the child for whom the exhibit is intended and how the exhibit contributes to the child’s growth, development, and well being.
2. If the exhibit is designed to be interactive with children, the item is to be used with children before exhibiting and a photograph of this activity must accompany the exhibit. Signs of usage will not detract from the placing of the exhibit.

**Clothing and Textiles Rules**

1. All parts of an exhibit must have a label with the exhibitor’s county, name and grade. In constructed garments, sew label at center back of neck or other easy to find location.
2. An 8 1/2” X 11” binder with, at minimum, the following information must accompany purchased garment or outfit:
   A. Colored photo of member wearing the garment. Label photo with name, county, and color of complexion, hair, and eyes.
   B. Cost of garment. Explanation of why garment was purchased and examples of ways it will be used in existing wardrobe, and include inventory of wardrobe.
3. Garments may have been worn before showing but should be cleaned and pressed before exhibiting.
4. The above rules may not apply to non-garment exhibits.

**Fashion Revue Purpose**

The fashion revue program gives 4-Hers the opportunity to:

1. Build self-confidence and poise by developing an understanding of “self” which aids in the selecting and making of clothing that is becoming and expressive of one’s personality.
2. Develop skills in planning, selecting, and making becoming clothing for different occasions.
3. Select suitable and becoming accessories and model with confidence a garment made to meet one’s wardrobe needs.
4. Develop good posture and grooming habits.
5. Acquire knowledge and skills and roles, take part in community affairs and demonstrate citizenship responsibility.
6. Explore career, job and productive leisure opportunities.
7. Develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.

**Fashion Revue Rules**

1. All participants must complete the "Fashion Revue Report Forms" and include 2 color photos which extension educators will submit at final registration or before.
2. Fashion revue is planned for 4-H members who wish to model a garment they have made or purchased which is needed in their wardrobe.
3. Participants may model any clothing they have constructed, restyled or purchased as a part of their 4-H clothing project.

4. Evaluation criteria:
   A. First Impression (What is your first impression of the total look that the individual has achieved?).
   B. The Individual (good posture and balance; appears at ease and presents outfit with pride; good grooming).
   C. Outfit on the Individual (outfit looks well constructed; style and fabric express individual's personality and are suitable to the individual's body build; color and fabric choices are becoming; fit is attractive and comfortable; accessories coordinate well and are appropriate).

**Fashion Revue Awards and Recognition**
A Court of Honor will be selected from both the Clothes You Make and the Clothes You Buy categories. All exhibitors will receive participation ribbons.

**COMPUTER**

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Computer Rules

1. Reports and written summaries should be bound in a booklet or placed in a 3 ring binder.
2. Exhibitors may bring a computer. Exhibitors are responsible for storage, safety, and set-up of their own computer including extension cords. The State Fair or 4-H Department will not be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged computers or parts.

**CONSUMER EDUCATION**

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Consumer Education Rules

1. Exhibitors should be able to explain their choices and the reasons for those choices.

**CRAFTS AND FINE ARTS**

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Crafts and Fine Arts Rules

1. Each exhibit will be evaluated on its individual merit either as an original fine art or as a craft/kit.
2. Emphasis is on the creative process and the employment of design elements and principles. The fine art exhibit should show proof that it is developed from the 4-Hers own ideas and imagination. The craft/kit exhibit develops from someone else's ideas and can be exactly replicated or replicated with modifications.
3. All art objects must be appropriately finished. Exhibits will be disqualified if not ready for hanging, displaying, etc. (i.e. wire or hooks on paintings, bases for 3 dimensional work, etc.)

**CROP SCIENCES**

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Crop Sciences - Corn Rules

1. If exhibit is crop sample, a two quart exhibit of shelled corn must be exhibited, label jar with exhibitor name and county.

Crop Sciences - Small Grains & Legumes Rules

1. If exhibit is a small grain or legume, two quarts must be exhibited, label jar with exhibitor name and county.

**DOG**

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Dog Rules

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2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

**ELECTRIC**

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Electric Rules
1. Because of the limited exhibit space, exhibits must not take up more than 20 square feet of floor space without prior approval of the 4-H State Fair Superintendent before State Fair entry day.
2. A wiring diagram or schematic must accompany all electric and electronic exhibits.

ENGINEERING DESIGN
P - 135 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 135 - 2 Grades 6-8

Engineering Design Rules
1. Include Description of the Problem/Challenge being solved.
2. Include Description of the Process/Steps undergone to solve problem.
3. Teams of at least 3 youth or individuals may exhibit.
4. 4-Hers with individual Rube Goldberg exhibits should enter exhibits in Engineering Design.

ENTOMOLOGY
P - 140 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 140 - 2 Grades 6-8

Exhibit Suggestions
1. General Insect Collection: must consist of a minimum of 50 species of adult insects representing at least 8 orders.
2. Specialty insect collection can include but is not limited to a collection of a single order (e.g. Coleoptera or Lepidoptera), a collection of immature insects, a collection of insects from a particular habitat (e.g. aquatic, forest, or prairie) or a collection of economic pests of a specific crop (e.g. insects attacking corn).
3. Non-Collection Project can include but is not limited to life history displays (e.g. insect life cycle), scientific investigation (e.g. insect habitats or effects of environment factors on insects), or insects in current events.

Entomology Rules - Insect Collection Exhibits
1. Only one case per exhibitor is allowed.
2. Collections shall be contained in a glass topped case; approximately 19" x 16.5" x 3" to 24" x 18" x 3" (drawers available for purchase in varying sizes). Arrange so that the case may be displayed in a horizontal position. Place project label on lower right corner of glass top.
3. Specimens must be collected. Purchased insects are not acceptable.
4. Exhibitors must be the collector of the specimens in the project.
5. Specimens must be properly pinned with insect pins. Small insects may need to be placed on cardboard points.
6. Specimens must be properly labeled.
   A. The location, date, and collector must be included on the labels. County and state (and country, when applicable) are minimum location information that should be included. It is valuable to include nearest town or township where the specimen was collected, the type of habitat it was collected from (e.g. on elm tree; on lake shore; indoors.), and the common name of the insect.
   B. All labels should be visible so they can be read. Use permanent ink marker or pencil to write labels. Labels produced by a computer printer are acceptable. Ballpoint ink or non-permanent markers are not acceptable.
7. For more specific information on pinning, labeling, and other information, see Collecting and Preserving Insects, FO-6892.

Entomology Rules - Non-Collection Project Exhibits
1. Emphasis of project must relate to an aspect of entomology.
2. Project must demonstrate specific knowledge of insects. Be prepared to discuss references and sources (e.g. books, magazines, internet, interviews with an expert etc.)
3. Live projects (e.g. bee or ant colony) will be accepted if the project can be self-sustaining for up to 14 days without special care.
4. A written report or journal should accompany the project, introducing the subject, describing the process (materials and method), predicting an outcome, stating the results, and discussing any conclusions. Pictures, drawings, charts, tables, or other figures may be used.

EXPLORING ANIMALS
P - 150 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 150 - 2 Grades 6-8

This exhibit area is for 4-Hers who wish to learn more about a given species. 4-Hers enrolled in Exploring Animals, Beef, Dairy, Goat, Lama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and/or Swine may exhibit in this category. Animal ownership is not required. Exhibits could include three-dimensional displays, posters, reports, etc. Possible topics include: consumer issues, breeds, careers, or a creative topic of the 4-Her's choice.
EXPLORING THE ENVIRONMENT
P - 160 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 160 - 2 Grades 6-8

FISHING SPORTS
P - 170 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 170 - 2 Grades 6-8

FLOWER GARDENING
P - 180 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 180 - 2 Grades 6-8

Flower Gardening Rules
1. If the exhibit is cut flowers, the exhibitor should bring it with to encampment judging. Large flower gardening displays can be brought before the start of fair if watering instructions are included, or they can be brought with to encampment. All exhibits must be checked in at the exhibit office.

FOODS AND NUTRITION
P - 190 - 1 Grades 9+ - General Foods & Nutrition
P - 190 - 2 Grades 6-8 - General Foods & Nutrition
P - 190 - 3 Grades 9+ - Food Preservation
P - 190 - 4 Grades 6-8 - Food Preservation
P - 190 - 5 Grades 9+ - Food Review
P - 190 - 6 Grades 6-8 - Food Review

Foods And Nutrition Rules
1. The purpose of the exhibit is to show what the 4-Her has learned. Be prepared to discuss with the judge references and information sources, nutritional values, methods, menu, costs, etc. as appropriate to that exhibit.
2. The educational exhibit may be a poster, mobile, three-dimensional display, scrapbook, balance beam type exhibit, charts, journals, pictures, slides, equipment, supplies, photographs, puppet play, skit, judging comparison, taped interview, idea file, research study, etc.
3. Pictures, food models, plaster, plastic, papier-mâché, etc. are preferable to perishable foods in an educational exhibit. (Perishable foods should be used only if they add to or help explain the educational exhibit. If perishable food is part of the exhibit, the food is to be brought just for the encampment and stored in refrigerators, if needed, in the demonstration kitchen.)
4. Exhibits containing perishable foods that will be discarded, should include a photograph of the food. The photograph should be taken prior to the State Fair and attached to the display. This photograph will be displayed in the exhibit instead of the food.

Food Preservation Rules
1. All recipes, procedures and times followed must be according to the current USDA and/or National Center for Home Food Preservation. Quantities of sugar and juice used in jams and jellies may come from recipes on commercial pectin packages, but the method must be USDA or National Center for Home Food Preservation approved methods and recipes.
2. Jars must be heat-tempered glass canning jars.
3. All jars must be sealed. Leave screw bands on two-piece jar lids. Jellies and jams must be covered with lids.
4. Fish must be in pint jars.
5. All food preservation exhibits must be labeled with a 2” x 3” label. Labels to include county, name, grade, product, style of pack, processing method (boiling water bath or pressure canner), date, processing time and source of recipe. Pressure canned items indicate dial or weighted gauge and how many pounds of pressure used.
6. No artificial food coloring should be added to entries.
7. Jellies and jams must be processed in boiling water bath according to USDA and/or National Center for Home Food Preservation recommendations.
8. No jams, jellies or spreads needing refrigeration or freezer storage will be accepted.
9. Use pint jars for fruit, vegetables, and fish; one-half pint jars for jams and jellies; Two 1 pint jars or one quart jars for pickled products.
10. Dried foods may be stored in glass jars, self-sealing plastic bags, or airtight plastic bags.
11. The quantity of dried foods should be: fruits and vegetables - 1/2 cup or more of each; herbs - 1/4 cup of each in whole leaf form; 3 strips of meat.
12. Preserved within the past year.

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Food Review Rules
1. The exhibit itself, all supplies and food is brought to the fair just for the encampment and set up on judging day. Food should be brought frozen, stored in the freezer provided and reheated in the microwave. Supplies should be labeled and stored in the demonstration kitchen. The schedule of judging will be posted near Exhibits Office.
2. Exhibitors should bring to the fair: one item of food from the menu; a place setting which includes dishes, silverware, linens and centerpiece for the course in which food is served; a recipe for that food mounted on an 8 1/2” x 11” poster (preferably freestanding), if using a picture frame - do not use glass; a meal menu mounted on an 8 1/2” x 11” poster (preferably freestanding); a mounted color photo of the place setting with the food item shown. The food will be disposed of and the place setting, recipe poster, main menu poster and mounted color photo will be sent home with the exhibitor.
3. In addition, exhibitors should bring a single poster no larger than 8 1/2” x 11” displaying their menu, photo and recipe. This will be left at the State Fair as the exhibit rather than the separate posters.
4. The food review display must be no larger than 30” square.
5. Food review will be judged on food knowledge, menu, food and table setting. The judge may or may not taste the food.

FOREST RESOURCES
P - 200 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 200 - 2 Grades 6-8

FRUIT
P - 210 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 210 - 2 Grades 6-8
Fruit Rules
1. Only if the exhibit is perishable fruit, exhibitor should bring 6 items of one variety and include a 3” x 5” index card listing the variety of fruit; check exhibit in at exhibit office for their encampment.

GEOLOGY
P - 220 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 220 - 2 Grades 6-8
Geology Rules
1. Attach specimens to a background in a glass-topped case of the same model used by entomologists.
2. Secure specimens so they will not fall if case is set on its edge.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS
P - 240 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 240 - 2 Grades 6-8

HEALTH
P - 250 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 250 - 2 Grades 6-8

HOME ENVIRONMENT
P - 260 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 260 - 2 Grades 6-8
Home Environment Rules
1. Members exhibiting in this project should be prepared to discuss and/or have written information to show how their exhibit applies to the home, how and where it is used or displayed, and all details of how it was made or selected. They should know about the subject matter of the specific exhibit, the material used, how and why it was done, costs involved and alternatives considered. Exhibits will be evaluated on skills shown, usability of the item, design chosen and alternatives considered.
2. Exhibits, which are items for the home, must be accompanied by a photograph and a report showing its place in the home environment.
3. Pictures and wall hangings should be finished and ready to be hung.
4. Purchased kits may not be used.
5. Because of the limited exhibit space available, exhibits must not take more than 20 square feet of floor space. Larger exhibits must have prior approval of the 4-H Superintendent before State Fair entry day.

INDOOR GARDENING
P - 270 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 270 - 2 Grades 6-8
Indoor Gardening Rules (continued on following page)
1. Dish gardens, terrariums and hanging plants are encouraged as part of the exhibit.
2. Live plant material will be accepted if it can be maintained in fresh condition with ease. State Fair assumes the prerogative to remove the exhibit if it does not remain in good condition.
3. Evaluation will be based on organization, neatness, content and quality.

**LAWN AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

P - 280 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 280 - 2 Grades 6-8

**Lawn and Landscape Design Rules**

1. Posters showing physiology of a tree are not accepted for State Fair.
2. Evaluation will be based on design, neatness, plants used and story told.

**NEEDLE ARTS**

P - 290 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 290 - 2 Grades 6-8

**Needle Arts Rules**

1. Each exhibitor should be prepared to discuss techniques used, fiber content, cost and care instructions.
2. Exhibitors may choose to bring the pattern and/or instructions if appropriate.
3. If item is framed, a wall hanging, or to be displayed on a wall, it should be finished and ready to hang.

**PERFORMING ARTS**

P - 300 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 300 - 2 Grades 6-8

**Performing Arts Rules**

1. Emphasis in the skills learned in performances of drama, music, theater, and other performing arts.
2. All participants must complete Performing Arts Project Form and note any special instruments, equipment, etc. that are needed.
3. If the exhibit is an actual performance, the performance shall not exceed 7 minutes.
4. An extra copy of sheet music should be provided for the judge.

**PET**

P - 310 - 1 Grade 9+
P - 310 - 2 Grade 6-8

**Pet Rules**

1. Exhibit may include models, diagrams, photographs or pictures. Exhibits should show or explain something the 4-Her made, did, or learned.
2. Do not bring live animals to State Fair.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

P - 320 - 1 Grades 9+ Elements of Photography (see below)
P - 320 - 2 Grades 6-8 Elements of Photography (see below)
P - 320 - 3 Grades 9+ Creative/Applied Photography (see below)
P - 320 - 4 Grades 6-8 Creative/Applied Photography (see below)

**Photography Rules**

1. All photos exhibited must have been taken/produced/enhanced by exhibitor during the current 4-H year.
2. Exhibitor's name and county should be clearly printed on the back of the exhibit.
3. Any electronic device capable of capturing a photographic image to be printed (i.e. digital or film camera, underwater camera, time lapse camera, cell phone, tablet) can be used.
4. Any specialized presentation equipment necessary to evaluate the exhibit must be provided by the exhibitor (i.e. digital camera, computer, etc.) Equipment and discs should be brought with the exhibitor to conference judging.
5. Enlargements (5X7 or 8X10) should be mounted in a photo mat frame, no picture frames or glass. Neutral colors work best such as white, tan, grey or black. Multiple photos (such as 4 or 5 or more) should be mounted on poster board 14" X 22". Cut poster board smaller, in proportion, with 2 to 4 prints or panorama. If using posterboard do not use artwork; use a title and brief description under prints as needed to clarify photos.
6. Edited or digitally enhanced photos must include an unaltered 3 1/2 x 5 or 4 x 6 photo attached on the back of the exhibit.
7. Photographic reproductions of selected 4-H exhibits may be made during the State Fair for possible use in future 4-H photographic training seminars or 4-H displays.
8. Self-running slideshows – compilation of photo images-using titles, voice over, background selections, etc. to make a show, should be entered in the video class. "Moderated" slideshows, where live voice is part of the presentation, should be entered in an Illustrated Presentation class.

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Elements of Photography Rules
Photo exhibit focuses on elements of photography - what makes a good photograph (minimal editing/enhancement is optional and limited to ONLY cropping, brightness/exposure, color/saturation and contrast).

Creative/Applied Photography Rules
Photo exhibit focuses on creatively edited photos and/or how photography is used in everyday life. Software editing is required for this category using layering, creative coloring, text additions, etc.

See Tips & Suggestions from 4-H photography judges www.4-H.umn.edu/projects/photography

PLANT AND SOIL SCIENCE
P - 330 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 330 - 2 Grades 6-8

POTATOES
P - 340 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 340 - 2 Grades 6-8

Potatoes Rules
1. If exhibit is potatoes, 12 potatoes (this year's crop) must be exhibited with variety identified on a 3 x 5 index card.
2. Bring potatoes at beginning of each encampment. All exhibits must be checked in at exhibits office.

QUILTING
P - 350 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 350 - 2 Grades 6-8

Quilting Rules
1. If applicable, item should include information listing: pattern book & name, fiber content of fabric & batting, and care instructions.

RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE
INFORMATION IN OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION OF PREMIUM BOOK

ROBOTICS
P - 360 - 1 Grade 9+
P - 360 - 2 Grade 6-8

Note: The goal of the 4-H robotics program is for the 4-H members to explore science, technology and engineering through designing and building a functioning robot. The robot can be either programmable or remote controlled. The robot can be created by an individual or a group.

Robotics Rules
1. Exhibits must be labeled with name, and county on all pieces of exhibit. Fair staff will not be responsible for lost, stolen or damaged robots or parts.
2. Exhibits may have a one page report explaining the function, purpose and construction of the robot.
3. Exhibit Suggestions: robots, a display, diagrams of programming, booklets, etc.
4. Teams of at least 3 youth or individuals may exhibit.

SAFETY
P - 370 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 370 - 2 Grades 6-8

SELF-DETERMINED
P - 380 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 380 - 2 Grades 6-8

Self-Determined Rules
1. A team may consist of not more than three (3) individuals from the same club or no more than three (3) different clubs in the same county.
2. Oversized self-determined exhibits must have written permission from the 4-H State Fair Superintendent to be accepted for exhibit.
3. In conference judging the exhibitor(s) must be able to discuss the process of selection, planning, and management of the self-determined learning experience.

SHOOTING SPORTS
P - 390 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 390 - 2 Grades 6-8 (continued on following page)
Shooting Sports Rules
1. No explosive materials are allowed (such as live ammunition, etc.).
2. Arrows must be secured in such a manner so as to prevent their points or edges from being a hazard.
3. No firearms are allowed on the State Fairgrounds for any reason, including 4-H projects and demonstrations.

SHOP/WOOD SCIENCE
- 400 - 1 Grades 9+ - primarily wood based exhibit
- 400 - 2 Grades 6-8 - primarily wood based exhibit
- 405 - 1 Grades 9+ - primarily metal based exhibit
- 405 - 2 Grades 6-8 - primarily metal based exhibit

Shop/Wood Science Rules
1. Because of limited exhibit space, exhibits must not take up more than 20 square feet of floor space. Oversized exhibits will not be accepted unless they have approval by the State Fair 4-H Superintendents prior to State Fair entry day.

SMALL ENGINES
- 410 - 1 Grades 9+
- 410 - 2 Grades 6-8

Small Engines Rules
1. At the State Fair the small engines division will be comprised of just conference judging of the exhibit.
2. Fuel must be removed from exhibits for display.

TRACTOR
- 420 - 1 Grades 9+
- 420 - 2 Grades 6-8

Tractor Rules
1. Because of space limitations for large exhibits; tractors will not be accepted unless they have approval by the 4-H Superintendents prior to State Fair entry day. Large exhibits may be displayed outdoors.
2. Fuel must be removed from exhibits for display.

VEGETABLE GARDENING
- 430 - 1 Grades 9+
- 430 - 2 Grades 6-8

Vegetable Gardening Rules
1. Only if the exhibit is perishable vegetables, exhibitor should bring recommended collection and include a 3” x 5” index card listing the varieties; check exhibit in at exhibit office for their encampment.
2. This is a recommended collection of six different kinds of vegetables choosing any combination of the following:
   A. One specimen large vegetable (cabbage, squash, melon, pumpkin, cauliflower, etc.).
   B. Three specimens medium size vegetables (tomatoes, onions, peppers, cucumbers, kohlrabi, carrots, beets, turnips, etc.).
   C. And/or 12 specimens small size vegetables (green beans, peas, lima beans, etc.).
   D. Potatoes or cherry tomatoes may not be included.
3. Some 4-H curriculum may vary slightly with these numbers.

VETERINARY SCIENCE
- 440 - 1 Grades 9+
- 440 - 2 Grades 6-8

VIDEO
- 450 - 1 Grades 9+
- 450 - 2 Grades 6-8

Video Rules
1. Video exhibits can be taken on a camcorder, flip camera, digital camera, time lapse camera or trail camera, cell phone, tablet.
2. All videos exhibited must be made by the exhibitor OR if the video is made by a video production team, the exhibitor must be a member and must have created at least 50 percent of the finished video.
3. All videos exhibited must have been made/created during the current 4-H year. When appropriate (i.e., historical sequences) older video clips could be used, otherwise video content must have been taken in the current 4-H year.
4. The member’s name, grade, county, class and lot should be clearly printed on the exhibit and all other items required as a part of the exhibit. (continued on following page)
5. Video must be presented on DVD, USB/flash drive, Data CD or online. If video is online, an 8.5” x 11” display with URL must be submitted as an exhibit.
6. A computer will be provided for viewing the video during the conference judging. If other equipment is needed for viewing, additional arrangements need to be made in advance.
7. Video must be playable on Windows. Acceptable file formats include .WMV, .FLV and .MPEG, or a playable DVD.
8. The video must be original material, portions from other sources must be documented and have a copyright release. Any video exhibit, which appears to contain copyrighted material, will not be publicly displayed unless the exhibitor has written permission from the producer to use the material in the video.
9. Exhibit needs to be in presentation form, including title and credits.
10. Reproductions of selected 4-H exhibits may be made during the State Fair for possible use in future 4-H photographic training seminars or other 4-H uses.

WATER/WETLANDS
P - 460 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 460 - 2 Grades 6-8

WILDLIFE BIOLOGY
P - 470 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 470 - 2 Grades 6-8

YOUTH LEADERSHIP
P - 480 - 1 Grades 9+
P - 480 - 2 Grades 6-8

OTHER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

4-H NEW WAYS
S - 10 - 1 Grades 6+
Purpose
This project area will serve as a way of accommodating new and successful programs that do not fit neatly into the present State fair package/program.
Counties will decide how participants are chosen. State Fair 4-H will provide any one of the following four vehicles in which “judging” may occur:
1. conference judging setting where a project is exhibited;
2. a public presentation platform;
3. the Arts-In stage;
4. the Learn by Doing Center.

4-H New Ways Rules
1. If the “judging” is to occur during Livestock Weekend, no housing is available.
2. The “Demonstration/Youth-In-Action/Illustrated Presentation/4-H New Ways” (4-H State Fair Form) must be completed and submitted by extension staff at the time of final registration.
3. Regular fees and grade requirements will apply to participants.
4. Examples may include participants from a school age child care program, a group presentation from students you worked within a school setting, a presentation on a successful membership recruitment activity held during National 4-H Week, etc.

Scheduling
1. 4-Hers New Ways are scheduled during the county encampment.
2. Schedules are created after all counties have completed final registration. Completed schedules will be posted at: www.4-h.umn.edu/statefair/resources.html

Awards and Recognition
All exhibitors/participants will receive participation ribbons.

ADVENTURES 4-H
S - 20 - 1 Grades 6+
Requirements
1. This exhibit area is for youth who are not enrolled in a Community 4-H Club program but have participated in a short-term University of Minnesota Extension Service learning activity.
2. The exhibit or presentation must show something learned in that activity.
RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE

S - 30 - 1 Regular Encampment with housing - Grades 3-8
S - 30 - 2 Regular Encampment without housing - Grades 3-8
S - 30 - 3 Regular Encampment with housing - Mentors - Grades 8+
S - 30 - 4 Regular Encampment without housing - Mentors - Grades 8+

Note: Rube Goldberg is an overly complex contraption designed to accomplish a simple task. The best RGMs emulate their namesake by using a variety of everyday items in a whimsical way to create a series of chain-reaction steps to accomplish a simple task. In the contest, youth not only employ physics and engineering, but humor and storytelling, to create their RGMs.

Rube Goldberg Machine Rules
1. Each Member (regardless of age) should register in this class. Grades 3-8.
2. This is a team event of at least 3 and no more than 10 members.
3. Refer to the Rube Goldberg Rule Book at www.4-H.umn.edu/events/engineering-design-challenge/ for complete details.
4. The state fair competition will consist of two phases. The first phase is a team conference judging experience. This experience will last about 30 minutes. Teams will be able to explain their Rube Goldberg machine to the judge and demonstrate their machine as well. These will be scheduled throughout the day in 30 minute intervals and will be set up to avoid any other judging conflicts that team members may have. The second phase will consist of a showcase public event where each team will demonstrate their machine. Demonstrations will occur back to back and will be facilitated by a moderator. Both phases will be held on the second day of each encampment.
5. The youth in the RGM judging process are eligible to also exhibit in a premium-based project area, if they meet all other eligibility criteria.
6. Mentors - Grades 8+ are defined as advisors to the grades 3-8 team members. They are NOT team members.
7. 4-Hers with individual Rube Goldberg exhibits should enter in Engineering Design.
8. NEW in 2015 - there will be a shuttle once each morning and once each evening that will transport Rube Goldberg exhibits to and from the 4-H Building. Details for the shuttle can be located at www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html

SCIENCE OF AGRICULTURE CHALLENGE

S - 40 - 1 Regular Encampment with housing - Grades 6+
S - 40 - 2 Regular Encampment without housing - Grades 6+

Note: This is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Minnesota. Youth teams will partner with local expert mentors to develop science-based responses to agriculture-related issues they have identified in their communities. Youth can explore issues in the areas of agronomy, animal husbandry, soil science, ag business, rural finance, food science, engineering and more. Youth are encouraged to be creative in exploring and developing solutions.

Science of Agriculture Rules:
1. Each member must be in 6th grade or above.
2. This is a team event of at least 3 and no more than 4 members.
4. Teams participating in the Science of Agriculture demonstrations must have competed in the Science of Agriculture Challenge State Contest in June.
5. The youth in the Science of Agriculture challenge demonstrations are eligible to also exhibit in a premium-based project area, if they meet all other eligibility criteria.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

S - 50 - 1 Grades 6+ with housing
S - 50 - 2 Grades 6+ without housing

These classes are a catchall for youth who are coming to the State Fair, but not with a project or arts performance.

Other Activities Rules
1. 4-Hers who participate during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding other activity non-housing program fee.
2. 4-Hers who participate during their regular encampment and do sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding other activity housing program fee.
COUNTY CLUB EXHIBITS

COUNTY ARTS-IN

T - 10 - 1 Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
T - 10 - 2 Regular Encampment with housing
T - 10 - 3 Regular Encampment without housing

County Arts-In Rules
1. NEW in 2015 - there will be a shuttle once each morning and once each evening that will transport County Arts In props to and from the 4-H Building. Details for the shuttle can be located at www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html
2. The "County Arts-In Performances Application Form" (4-H State Fair Form) must be completed and submitted by extension staff by the due date listed on the form.
3. Applications will be taken and performances will be scheduled on a space available basis.
4. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during Livestock Weekend will be charged the county arts-in livestock corresponding program fee.
5. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during their regular encampment and sign up for housing will be charged the county arts-in housing corresponding program fee.
6. 4-Hers participating in County Arts-In during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the county arts-in non housing corresponding program fee.

Awards and Recognition
All participants receive participation ribbons.

CLUB BANNERS

P - 900 - 1 Club Banner

Purpose
Allows local clubs to make a statement and express their feeling about 4-H involvement as well as providing county identity at the State Fair. Each county will determine their banner selection process.

Club Banners Rules
1. Two banners per county.
2. Must label with club and county name.
3. Banners must be entered in FairPlus! in the 4-H Clubs Name.
4. Banners are not conference judged. (4-Hers do not attend their county's encampment. Only the banners comes to State Fair.)

Guidelines
1. Banner size: approximately 3' x 5' - designed to hang vertically.
2. Must be equipped with a dowel - minimum length 3' 8" and ready to hang.
3. Must be made of fabric (no paper).
4. Can be 1 or 2 sided.
5. Any assembly technique can be used.

Awards and Recognition
Each county will receive a ribbon. Purple ribbons will be awarded.

CLUB COMMUNITY PRIDE

P - 910 - 1 Grades 6+

Purpose
Provides an incentive for 4-H youth to be actively involved in having a positive effect in their community. Also stimulates projects offering a variety of real, learn by doing experiences that deal with community improvement related skills, knowledge, and beliefs.

Club Community Pride Rules
1. Each county may submit one (1) Community Pride project that has been judged on the county level.
2. The exhibit may include a three-dimensional display, video or other visual method which visually highlights the entire project or certain parts in a manner which tells the public what positive effects the project had on the community.
3. One or two youth who participated in the Community Pride project will represent the club in the conference judging process during their encampment.
   A. The one or two youth representing the club in the conference judging process are not eligible to exhibit in another non-livestock premium-based project area.
SHARE-THE-FUN
EACH COUNTY CAN NOMINATE 2 CLUBS
T - 20 - 1 Livestock Weekend (no housing available)
T - 20 - 2 Regular Encampment with housing
T - 20 - 3 Regular Encampment without housing

Program
1. Each act that is nominated from a county is eligible to perform once during State Fair. Nomination/Application forms are available to county/regional extension offices in June and need to be returned by the due date specified on the form. Rehearsal and performance times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Clubs will receive a letter prior to State Fair stating their registration, rehearsal and performance time.

2. A 1/2 hour rehearsal time with professional directors is required.
3. Each act will store a written evaluation of the Share-the-Fun performance.
4. Each act receives:
   A. facilities to store props (the area is not secured - do not bring valuables);
   B. use of miscellaneous stage inventory;
   C. State Arts-In workshops - see registration information,
   E. staff assistance from performance director and assistant director;
   F. stage management, light and sound crew, m.c. assistance, program management, ambassador support;
   G. printed schedules, support materials, ribbons, and programs.
5. Public performances will be on the second floor Erickson stage at 6:30 p.m. on the full day of each general encampment or at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday of Livestock weekend.
6. Participants are required to be involved in a rehearsal, the rehearsal schedule may result in conflict if exhibiting or demonstrating in other areas. Be sure to check all schedules for potential conflicts and resolve ahead of scheduled judging or rehearsal times. Notify Share the Fun coordinator when rehearsal schedules are announced if judging schedules will have potential conflicts.

Share the Fun Rules
1. NEW in 2015 - there will be a shuttle once each morning and once each evening that will transport Share the Fun props to and from the 4-H Building. Details for the shuttle can be located at www.4-H.umn.edu/state-fair/resources.html
2. The length of the Share-the-Fun act is not to exceed 6 minutes.
3. Leaders are responsible for checking-in their Share-the-Fun act on the second floor of the 4-H Building. There will be a table designated as Share-the-Fun check-in.
4. Share-the-Fun participants must attend rehearsals for their performance to be eligible for the public performance.
5. See "Eligibility of Participants" in the General 4-H Rules and Regulations section.
   Note: Exception for Share the Fun participants.
   A. Cloverbuds and 4-Hers (K - grade 5) may participate in the Share-the-Fun program if he or she is a member of the group Share-the-Fun act where the majority of the group members meet the age requirement.
   B. A parent or other responsible adult must be with the group for adequate chaperoning.
   C. Exceptions to this rule need to be approved in advance by the 4-H Superintendent.
6. Program Fees:
   A. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during Livestock Weekend will be charged the corresponding program fee.
   B. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during their regular encampment and sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.
   C. 4-Hers participating in Share-the-Fun during their regular encampment and do not sign up for housing will be charged the corresponding program fee.

Awards and Recognition
All participants receive participation ribbons.