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# 2026 South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book



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## SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program

### I pledge...

my **head** to clearer thinking,  
my **heart** to greater loyalty,  
my **hands** to larger service,  
my **health** to better living,  
for my club,  
my community,  
my country and my world.

**“To make the best  
better!”**

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## **Your Guide to Using This Book**

SDSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program (identified as "4-H" throughout this document) helps young people to reach their full potential as competent, confident leaders of character who contribute and are connected to their communities. In 4-H, youth design and participate in their own projects and related activities. This unique learn-by-doing model teaches essential skills that youth will use throughout their lives, such as identifying interests, desiring knowledge, setting goals, engaging in self-reflection, adapting to new situations, communicating, and responding to the needs of others. Whether a young person builds a rocket, raises a companion pet, or plants vegetables, 4-H gives youth the skills they need to thrive and succeed throughout their lives.

Visit the [SDSU Extension website](#) for all results, schedules, and resource guides for Animal Exhibits, Display Exhibits, and Youth-in-Action Events. Entry forms, judge's guidelines, scoresheets, and tips may also be found on the SDSU Extension website.

# General Rules & Procedures

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- For the 2026 SD State Fair, there will be an August 1 at 11:59 p.m. CDT registration deadline for all entries (Animal, Display, and Youth-In-Action Exhibits). Each animal, display, and Youth-In-Action entry must be entered using FairEntry. FairEntry will be opened for registration on June 15th.
- All 4-H beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be certified through an approved 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed a YLL program by July 1 of the current year.
- Entry Limits have been set by each department. There are no overall caps on exhibit entry by participants. Please see each department for the specific entry limit.
- Exhibit Qualification Policy
  - In order to qualify to exhibit a display exhibit at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County 4-H Achievement Days/Fair must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) display exhibit in a recognized lot listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.
  - Using the feedback provided during the county judging experience, youth may fix/improve/strengthen their projects prior to exhibiting at State Fair.
  - Exhibits may not be exhibited multiple years at State Fair unless modifications have been made to the project.
  - Each Animal Exhibit, Display Exhibit, and Youth-In-Action must be entered using FairEntry.
- All animals must have an individual identification using the specific identification methods outlined in the [South Dakota 4-H Animal Ownership and Identification Guide](#).
- All exhibitors will be given a t-shirt. These shirts must be worn during all animal shows and animal Youth-In-Action events. 4-H shirts from previous years may be worn if the exhibitor shows on multiple days.
- For the 2026 SD State Fair, exhibitors must have a separate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for each species of animal exhibited. CVIs must be presented when animals enter the fairgrounds then turned in after stalling/penning/caging with animals' location listed.

## ENTRY FEES

4-H appreciates the significant support provided by the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources to conduct the South Dakota State Fair's 4-H Division! Currently, that support is at a level that allows 4-H members to enjoy the State Fair's 4-H Division without paying participation fees. Should that support be reduced, fees will be implemented. Due to the timing of state budget cycles, this may occur with little advanced notice.

## ADMINISTRATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

4-H reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these schedules, rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions and differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of or connected with or incident to the event, and the right to amend or add to these rules as its judgment may determine. 4-H makes no guarantees as to the fairness or perceived fairness of competitive 4-H activities.

## LAST MINUTE UPDATES

Event updates, event schedules, and safety standards could \* adjust anytime with little advance notice. Using the email you provide during the FairEntry registration, please check back regularly for updates.

\*Please see Administration of Rules and Regulations for reference.

## PROTEST PROCEDURE

When South Dakota 4-H members participate in events, those events have rules and protocols to ensure safety and integrity for all participants. In addition, South Dakota 4-H undergirds the overall youth development program with policies and procedures that ensure safety and integrity state-wide. Infrequently our 4-H members fail to abide by these frameworks and become subject to disciplinary action. Many members recognize their mistake and use the discipline as a teachable moment.

Sometimes the disciplined and/or affected 4-H members disagree with the disciplinary action/ non-action. In such cases, the Protest and Grievance Policies provide youth members the opportunity to appeal the actions taken by event/local decision-making entities. It is important to note that some decisions cannot be appealed (e.g., judges' integrity and placing decisions or legal issues that supersede 4-H and University policy). Further, only a disciplined or affected member may initiate the appeal process.

When appropriate, a pleasant conversation initiated by the aggrieved 4-H member to the local decision-making entity is recommended to discourage grievances being filed due to miscommunication or misunderstanding. We hope that our 4-H members will have a positive youth development experience. When challenging situations arise, we trust that all parties will behave with respect and integrity. The expedited and formal appeals processes aid that goal.

The respective Project Area Chair/Co-chair has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on the 2026 SDSU Extension 4-H State Fair Book. To allow for smooth operation of events, affected exhibitors may or may not be allowed to participate in the event with the results subject to change based on the outcome of the Protest and Grievance Policy and procedure. 4-H reserves the right to exclude exhibitors if warranted and withhold any awards in accordance with the Protest and Grievance and Policies document. The [Protest and Grievance Policies](#) are found in full on the SDSU Extension website.

## **PARTICIPATION**

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- Each Animal Exhibit, Display Exhibit, and Youth-In-Action (including Showmanship) must be entered using FairEntry.

### **Guidelines for Accommodations**

4-H should be accessible to the wide diversity of youth who live in our state, regardless of their backgrounds and characteristics – including physical, mental, or emotional abilities or limitations. The primary purpose of 4-H is to provide all youth with the opportunity to grow and develop while maximizing their inner potential. We accomplish this objective by providing hands-on educational experiences using the knowledge base of SDSU Extension, other land-grant universities, and the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H conducts “hands-on experiences” as the venue in which youth learn. Ideally, children with disabilities should be able to participate in the activities with their peers and any necessary and reasonable accommodations should be made to make that possible. Any accommodation for child with a disability should:

- Allow a youth member with a disability to participate in the same collective activity as all other youth at the same age level. Observation of the activity without direct involvement does not constitute participation.
- Not adversely affect how other participants in the activity perform or are evaluated. Every effort should be made to minimize the effects of the accommodation on other participants.
- Be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The assessment of accommodations should include the child, the child’s parents, leader of the activity and a 4-H program representative (such as a SDSU Extension 4-H Educator or a 4-H Field Specialist). Consultation with vocational rehabilitation professionals or professionals who teach or provide services to the youth with the disability is recommended to determine appropriate and reasonable accommodations. Contact the State 4-H Office to request these services.
- Be reasonable. Accommodations are considered reasonable if they do not change the fundamental nature of the program or alter the essential criteria for participation. If an accommodation does not alter the fundamental nature of the program, then it is reasonable and will be provided. Youth with disabilities will be judged using the same criteria as other participants. The accommodation should allow them to participate in the activity and achieve the criteria while not counting against the final determination of success.

Examples of possible accommodations include modifying rules, policies, or timing of events; eliminating architectural barriers; providing interpreters; modifying equipment; providing additional spacing needs; providing verbal or modified testing; allowing the use of technology (e.g., letter boards, computer); or other types of accommodations as needed.

It is important to respect the privacy of the individual 4-H participant. Information regarding a youth’s personal situation or disability is confidential. Any information that is gathered to assist the child with full participation must be used for that purpose only.

### **Ethics**

Ethical expectations are summarized as follows: Do no harm. Treat others with respect. Compete fairly.

Violators are subject to discipline within applicable 4-H policy or procedure (see below), or if unlawful, violators may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

- All exhibitors agree to abide by the Member Behavior Expectations and member Code of Conduct in the 4-H youth enrollment form as well as the applicable provisions in this book.
- All parents and guests agree to abide by the [Guardians, Visitors, or Adult Participants Code of Conduct](#) and are supportive of the applicable provisions of this book.

### **Use of Copyright/Trademark**

A copyright and a trademark are legal methods writers, artists, corporations, and others use to protect their original work. Protected items may range from books to music, computer graphics to corporate logos.

A 4-H member as an individual or member of a group, such as a judging team participating in a 4-H educational event, may use or display, with caution, a copyrighted and/or trademarked product or service (brand name, label, and/or actual product) for purposes of developing life skills, on problem solving/decision making, and/or acquiring, analyzing, and using information. The 4-H member’s intent to using copyrighted or trademarked materials for educational purposes in an exhibit, educational poster/display or a youth-in-action event is acceptable under the “Fair Use” provision of the current copyright law. “Fair Use” allows reproduction without payment or permission of limited portions of copyrighted or trademarked work for educational and other public interest purposes.

Anytime you see the symbol ©, the owner of the material holds a copyright. Similarly, all rights to use trademarks are protected by a trademark symbol ™ or a registered symbol ®.

Whenever possible, 4-H members should originate their own work and illustrations to avoid using copyrighted and/or trademarked material.

The use and inclusion of specific brand names for educational purposes does not imply endorsement or refusal by 4-H, SDSU Extension or South Dakota State University. Copyrighted and/or trademarked materials utilized in exhibits, posters, demonstrations, or other program activities to endorse, promote, and/or sell instead of educating purposes will be disqualified and ineligible for awards.

If there are questions about the appropriate use of brand names or labels, appropriate 4-H staff should resolve those issues with 4-H members before educational events are judged and final placings are awarded.

### **Liability**

The South Dakota State Fair Commission and the 4-H use diligence to ensure safety of exhibits after items arrive and are placed on display; but in no case are they responsible for any loss or damage done to, occasioned by, or arising from, any animal or article in the exhibition, and exhibitors shall indemnify the South Dakota State Fair Commission, SDSU Extension, and South Dakota State University against all legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. Exhibitors are cautioned to exercise great care before deciding to exhibit family heirlooms and/or other highly valuable items.

### **Photography and Video Notice**

When you attend the fair, you enter an area where photography, audio, and video recording may occur. By entering the fairgrounds, you consent to such recording media and its release, publication, exhibition, or reproduction.

I authorize South Dakota State University and its agents to use my name, image and/or voice (and recordings in which they appear) in any manner or media for university purposes, including, but not limited to, education, marketing and publicity purposes.

### **Insurance**

Enrolled 4-H members have accident insurance through their county 4-H Office. The South Dakota State Fair Commission and the 4-H Youth Development Program do not provide livestock or other exhibit insurance. Exhibitors are responsible for their own livestock or display exhibit insurance should they desire to carry coverage.

### **Age Divisions for Cloverbud & 4-H Youth**

<b>4-H Age Division</b>	<b>Age on or before January 1, of the current 4-H program year</b>
Cloverbud	Age 5, 6, or 7
Beginner	Age 8, 9, or 10
Junior	Age 11, 12, or 13
Senior	Age 14, 15, 16, 17, or 18

Youth with special needs/disabilities are eligible to enroll. The County 4-H Office must notify the State 4-H Office in order to waive the age requirement.

Youth members exhibiting any large animal livestock must be at least 8 years of age as of January 1 of the current 4-H program year.

### **RIBBONS AND RECOGNITION**

4-H modestly recognizes achievement during the State Fair 4-H Division. Awards and recognition are aligned with mission priorities and funding availability. Previous award levels are no guarantee of future award levels. Purple, blue, red, or white ribbons are awarded based on the excellence of presentations and exhibits.

<b>Ribbon</b>	<b>Designation</b>
Purple	Superior
Blue	Excellent
Red	Average
White	Room for Improvement

### **ANCILLARY BENEFITS**

Experiential education is the stated purpose of the State Fair 4-H Divisions activities. 4-H makes no assurances, stated or implied, of any ancillary benefits derived from participation (e.g., prizes, awards, eligibility for awards, publicity, future livestock sales).

## **State Fair Facilities**

### **STATE FAIR GATE ADMISSION**

Gate admission is charged from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily. Prices posted online at [sdstatefair.com/general-info/admission](http://sdstatefair.com/general-info/admission).

### **CAMPING FACILITIES**

Contact the State Fair Office for details about costs and availability of camping facilities. State Fair personnel and SDSU Extension 4-H Educators assume no responsibility for those 4-H members who camp on their own, in camping areas on or off the State Fairgrounds.



## 4-H Schedule

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026

- Deadline for Display & Animal Entries in FairEntry, 11:59 p.m. CDT
- Deadline for All 4-H Youth-In-Action Entries: Fashion Revue, YIA Communications, Special Foods, Consumer Decision Making Contest, FCS Skill-A-Thon, Horticulture Skill-A-Thon, Showmanship, and STEM Challenge

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
9:00 a.m.	Lake County 4-H Grounds; Madison, SD	Companion Animal Show (pre-scheduled time slots)

### MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Open for 4-H Display Exhibit delivery

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
9:00 a.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Orientation for 4-H Display Exhibit Judging
9:15 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Judging and Final Organizing of 4-H Display Exhibits
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DeSmet Farm Mutual Tent	4-H Volunteer Gratitude Meal provided by DeSmet Farm Mutual
12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	State 4-H Leaders Association 4-H Bake Sale

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:00 a.m.	Various Barns	4-H Barns Open for Stalling
8:00 a.m. – Noon	4-H Livestock Complex	Check in 4-H Breeding and Market Meat Goats
Noon – 2:00 p.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	Check in 4-H Dairy Goats
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	Check in 4-H Breeding and Market Sheep
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Open Class Dairy Complex	Check in 4-H Dairy Cattle
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn	4-H Poultry Entry Card Check in (option 1 of 2)
9:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn	Poultry dual entered in 4-H and Open Class must be caged

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 – 4-H DAY (FREE ENTRY TO FAIRGROUNDS WITH 4-H MEMBERSHIP CARD)

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:00 a.m. – Noon	DEX	Check in for 4-H Breeding and Market Beef
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Information Center open
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Classrooms of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Youth-In-Action Communications Project Judging (option 1 of 4)
8:30 a.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	4-H Breeding Meat Goat Shows; followed by Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship; followed by Wether Doe/Market Wether Meat Goat Shows; followed by Wether Doe/Market Wether Meat Goat Showmanship
8:30 a.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	4-H Dairy Goat Show; followed by Dairy Goat Showmanship
10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kitchen of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Special Foods Contest (option 1 of 3)
5:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Check in Dairy Skill-a-Thon
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Dairy Skill-a-Thon Contest
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Poultry Barn	4-H Poultry Entry Card Check in (option 2 of 2)

## 4-H Schedule

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Information Center open
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Classrooms of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Youth-In-Action Communications Project Judging (option 2 of 4)
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Open Class Swine Complex	Check in for 4-H Breeding and Market Swine
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	Rabbit Skill-A-Thon (pre-scheduled time slots)
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Kitchen of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Special Foods Contest (option 2 of 3)
8:30 a.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	4-H Breeding Sheep Showmanship; followed by Breeding Sheep Show
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	Poultry Skill-A-Thon Contest (pre-scheduled time slots)
11:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Judging Area of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Contest (pre-scheduled times)
1:00 p.m.	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	4-H Poultry Show
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	STEM Challenge Check-In, Set Up and Testing
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	STEM Challenge Team Judging
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Classrooms of Nordby Exhibit Hall	State 4-H Leaders Association Meeting; public welcome
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn	4-H Educator Staff will be at the Rabbit Barn to answer any exhibitor questions
8:00 p.m.	Rabbit Barn	4-H Rabbits must be caged in the Rabbit Barn by 8:00 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Information Center open
8:00 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Rehearsal for Performing Arts Troupe
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Classrooms of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Youth-In-Action Communications Project Judging (option 3 of 4)
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Kitchen of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Special Foods Contest (option 3 of 3)
8:30 a.m. – NOON	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	4-H Poultry Showmanship (pre-scheduled time slots)
8:30 a.m.	Open Class Swine Complex	4-H Swine Show; followed by Swine Showmanship
8:30 a.m.	DEX	4-H Market Beef Show
3:00 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Performing Arts Troupe (Show 1 of 5)
3:00 p.m. until gone	Nordby Exhibit Hall	State 4-H Leaders Association Ice Cream Social; free and open to all
6:00 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Performing Arts Troupe (Show 2 of 5)
8:30 p.m. – Midnight	North of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Leaders' Association Dance (8:30 – 10:00 p.m.: Ages 8 – Jr High; 10:00 – Midnight: Jr High – High School)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:00 a.m. – NOON	Kitchen Area of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Fashion Revue Judging (pre-scheduled times)
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall Judging Area	4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall Judging Area	4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon (pre-scheduled times)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Classrooms of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Youth-In-Action Communications Project Judging (option 4 of 4)
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Information Center open
8:30 a.m.	Open Class Dairy Complex	4-H Dairy Cattle Show; followed by 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship

## 4-H Schedule

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
8:30 a.m.	4-H Livestock Complex	4-H Market Sheep Showmanship; followed by 4-H Market Sheep Show
8:30 a.m.	DEX	4-H Breeding Beef Show
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	4-H Rabbit Showmanship (pre-scheduled time slots)
2:00 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Fashion Revue Show
3:30 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Performing Arts Troupe (Show 3 of 5)
4:30 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Recognition Event and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
6:00 p.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Performing Arts Troupe (Show 4 of 5)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

TIME	LOCATION	ACTIVITY
6:00 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.	Midway	Sunrise Photo at the Fair
8:00 a.m.	4-H Rabbit/Poultry Tent	4-H Rabbit Show
8:00 a.m.	DEX	4-H Beef Showmanship
10:00 a.m.	Stage of Nordby Exhibit Hall	Performing Arts Troupe (Show 5 of 5)
Noon	Nordby Exhibit Hall	4-H Information Center closes
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DEX	4-H Showcase (tentative)
12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Various Barns	Staggered release of all 4-H animal exhibits; see schedule below
12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Nordby Exhibit Hall	Staggered release of all 4-H Display Exhibits; see schedule below

### 4-H DISPLAY EXHIBIT AND ANIMAL EXHIBIT RELEASE

Livestock exhibitors will be released on Labor Day only at times designated by fair officials. The Superintendent for each species will issue a Livestock Release Form to exhibitors, which will state their assigned release time. Exhibitors must present this form to the gate personnel at the time designated on the Livestock Release Form to be eligible to enter the fairgrounds to remove their livestock. Attempting to remove livestock before the assigned release time may result in 1. Loss of premium, and/or 2. A one-year exhibition suspension from exhibiting livestock at the South Dakota State Fair.

Counties are able to start packing up and removing their Display Exhibits at the specific times listed below. Attempting to remove Display Exhibits before the assigned time may result in the 1. Loss of premium, and/or 2. A one-year exhibition suspension from exhibiting Display Exhibits at the South Dakota State Fair.

RELEASE TIME	COUNTY
12:30 p.m.	Bennett, Butte/Lawrence, Corson, Custer, Fall River, Haakon/Jackson, Harding, Meade, Oglala, Pennington, Perkins
1:00 p.m.	Cheyenne River, Clay, Dewey, Hughes, Mellelte, Rosebud, Stanley, Todd, Union, Ziebach
1:30 p.m.	Campbell, Grant, Gregory, Jones, Tripp, Walworth, Yankton
2:00 p.m.	Lincoln, Lyman, Marshall, McPherson, Roberts
2:30 p.m.	Bon Homme, Brule, Charles Mix, Day, Deuel
3:00 p.m.	Edmunds, Hutchinson, Minnehaha
3:30 p.m.	Moody, Potter, Sully, Turner
4:00 p.m.	Brookings, Brown, Douglas, Faulk, Hamlin, Hyde
4:30 p.m.	Clark, Codington, Hanson, Lake, McCook
5:00 p.m.	Aurora, Buffalo-Jerauld, Davison, Hand, Miner, Spink
5:30 p.m.	Beadle, Kingsbury, Sanborn

# Animal Exhibits

## 4-H YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN ANIMAL PROJECTS

### Rationale

4-H places an importance on developing an engaging and positive youth experience, teaching life skills including ethics, integrity, responsibility, and character development.

### Foundation

Animal projects are an important aspect of the 4-H program. To place emphasis on “youth experience,” the following objectives outline animal project purposes beyond event management to include youth development principles. Long considered a model program for youth to experience American Agriculture, animal projects have moved beyond animal husbandry practices to include intense scrutiny as part of the food supply feeding the world. We have a responsibility to collaboratively strive for the larger intent of every 4-H event: 4-H youth development.

### Purpose of 4-H Animal Projects

4-H defines the following objectives for the basis for “youth experience” with their animal project(s).

Objective #1: To promote personal growth and development by providing an educational experience for youth that emphasizes belonging, independence, generosity, and mastery through the pathway of animal projects.

Objective #2: Animal projects assist youth in developing life skills. Decision making and planning are keys to building awareness and following through to project completion. When youth take responsibility for these aspects, they receive a more complete experience that prepares them for the future.

Objective #3: Animal projects build character through experience in a competitive environment. Positive interactions with mentors and other participants allow for exhibitors to increase their knowledge of recommended practices and procedures while building tolerance for other opinions.

Objective #4: To teach youth proper animal husbandry practices and spark career interests. Caring, feeding, fitting, and exhibiting animals allows youth to gain experience with animal projects. Necessary paperwork assists participants to increase the well-being of animals while understanding ethical and safe practices for human consumption.

## ETHICS AND RESPONSIBILITY

The South Dakota State Fair is a member of the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (IAFE). The 4-H program endorses and supports the South Dakota State Fair and the Show Ring Code of Ethics adopted by the IAFE. All exhibitors and their families agree to abide by this Show Ring Code of Ethics and all rules, regulations, schedules and deadlines printed in this book. Each exhibitor and their family are responsible for becoming familiar with those sections of the book that pertain to the area of their competition and abide by those rules at all times. The objectives listed shall encourage all exhibitors and their families to maintain a high standard of ethics while competing at the South Dakota State Fair. Violation of rules will lead to penalties for exhibitors and their families which may include disqualification, barring from future shows, and/or removal of awards. Animal exhibitors must follow applicable provisions of the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics and good animal care, wellness, and management practices. 4-H summarizes these important standards in the Livestock Integrity Pledge that each exhibitor agrees to during online registration. As a reminder of ethical behavior, care and your consent, please view the Livestock Integrity Pledge and the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics.

### Eligibility of Animals

Animals must have been fed and continuously cared for and owned or leased by a 4-H member under the rules of South Dakota 4-H, and meet the Rules and Regulations outlined in this book.

## SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H LIVESTOCK INTEGRITY PLEDGE

The 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge takes the refreshing approach of placing trust in 4-H parents and youth. We trust that our parents and guardians want 4-H to serve as a place for their youth to develop into contributing members of society—builders not takers. We trust that our youth want to be true 4-H'ers—desiring a good exhibition experience by demonstrating personal responsibility.

In addition to completing an annual 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy training event, this pledge is a required annual component of South Dakota 4-H's livestock education program. Prior to agreeing, please read, consider, and adopt the Livestock Integrity Pledge's principles in your livestock management plan and show preparations. By nominating, declaring, entering and exhibiting/showing a 4-H livestock animal, I shall fully agree to follow the Pledge as outlined in this document.

### Pledge Agreement

As a true 4-H'er, I pledge to uphold all of the livestock integrity standards listed in this document. I also pledge to make sure that any individuals who help me with my livestock projects uphold the same standards. If I discover that I (or my helpers) can no longer uphold this pledge, I will withdraw from the 4-H exhibition.

### Handling and Care

1. In the process of training my animal, I will take great care not to strike my animal without cause or with harmful force.
2. To promote safety to others and myself, I will ensure my animal is trained and under control before participating in any livestock exhibition.

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- a. For haltered animals, I will use an appropriate, properly fitting halter.
  - b. During the exhibition, I will guide and direct my animal without striking.
  - c. During swine exhibitions, I will use my show stick as a guide not a weapon.
3. Though exhibiting livestock is fun, the main purpose of raising livestock is to produce safe food for consumers. As a result, I will:
- a. Provide adequate and regular food and water, timely and veterinarian-approved medical care, and appropriate shelter and/or fencing.
  - b. Own/lease and care for my animal from at least June 1 of the current year through the end of this exhibition season or harvest, whichever comes first.
  - c. Use a timely and responsible harvest plan. Specifically, I will not:
    - i. Use drugs in an extra-label manner without a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship.
    - ii. Use drugs in an off-label manner (off-label use is illegal).
    - iii. 'Hold off' or force-feed my animal when not part of a treatment plan.
    - iv. Withhold water, stomach pump, use drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus).

### **Ethics and Cooperation**

1. I have read and agree to follow all the rules, regulations, guidelines, deadlines and schedules as published in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book, "the Book".
2. I will wear appropriate attire in the ring and/or on the grounds in accordance with event requirements.
3. I will take an active role in grooming/fitting all of my exhibits in preparation for the exhibition.
4. Regardless of my skill level or the day I am having, I will show all of my own exhibits unless I am sick/injured or I am showing in another 4-H activity at the same time.
5. Other than developing my skills and preparing my exhibits, I will not unfairly influence the outcome of the exhibition.
6. If a younger or less experienced 4-H member comes to me for advice, I will help them. After all, by raising their skill level it will provide a more worthy challenge for me.
7. Though I may become emotional in the moment, overall, I will celebrate my victories with humility and losses with grace. Specifically, I will not:
  - a. Taunt, harass, or harm another exhibitor or event personnel.
  - b. Touch another exhibitor's animal without permission unless in an emergency.
  - c. Contact the show judge prior to the show or during a break in the show.
  - d. Use my attire or brand to influence a judge.
  - e. Artificially alter the weight of my animal or intentionally declare a false weight.
  - f. Inject air or other foreign materials into my animal.
  - g. Structurally modify my animal or perform any other prohibited act listed in the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics.

### **Consequences**

If I discover that I (or my helpers) can no longer uphold this pledge, I will withdraw from the 4-H exhibition. Should 4-H personnel directly observe me violating this pledge, I understand they will enact appropriate disciplinary measures within the SD 4-H Code of Conduct and the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.

### **Annual pledge collection process**

- County-level: Annual paper-based or electronic agreement collected prior to Achievement Days/County Fair
- State-level: Annual electronic acknowledgment during FairEntry enrollment for the 4-H Division of the State Fair

### **VETERINARY CARE**

Any animal requiring medical attention will be presented to local veterinarians on call for the State Fair via the Animal Industry Board (AIB). The veterinarian shall provide all medical attention necessary to ensure the proper treatment and care of the animals in residence at the South Dakota State Fair. Any veterinary care necessary and associated fees will be the responsibility of the exhibitor. Regardless of whether veterinary care is necessary, the AIB will make a determination as to whether an animal needs to be released from the fair. Those decisions may not be appealed.

### **ENTRIES**

4-H RESERVES THE ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW CLASSIFICATION AND PRIZES IN ANY DEPARTMENT UPON THE CLOSING OF ENTRIES WHENEVER IT, IN ITS SOLE JUDGMENT, DETERMINES THAT SUCH ACTION WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF 4-H (SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS PRINTED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTION).

### **Rejection of Entry/Disqualification**

1. Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that all procedures and remedies set forth in this Rule Book applicable to decisions to disqualify exhibitors are the sole and exclusive procedures and remedies available to the exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors, by submission of an entry or application, expressly acknowledge that submission of an entry to 4-H will be treated as consenting to the following:
  - a. 4-H reserves the absolute right and discretion to submit the name of a disqualified exhibitor to whomever it chooses,

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including, but not limited to, any appropriate governmental agencies or authorities, and representatives from any other livestock show, exposition, or fair.

- b. 4-H reserves the absolute right and discretion to use any means deemed necessary to obtain information from the database and/or any other livestock show, exposition, or fair regarding any exhibitor submitting an entry to the 4-H Shows at the South Dakota State Fair. Information requested may include, but is not limited to, decisions to disqualify or withhold a premium from the exhibitor in a prior livestock show.
- c. 4-H reserves the absolute right and discretion to reject an entry submitted by or disqualify an exhibitor from competition if he or she has been disqualified from competition in any other livestock show, exposition or fair, or has had a premium withheld or withdrawn by any other livestock show, exposition or fair, for any reason, including, but not limited to, rules infraction, misrepresentation, or fraud.

3. If the exhibitor believes additional information may warrant reconsideration of the decision to reject an entry or the exhibitor from participation, the exhibitor must submit a written request for reconsideration, to include a detailed explanation of why the entry should be reconsidered, and, where appropriate, documentation supporting the explanation. The request for reconsideration must be received at the State 4-H Office, Berg Agricultural Hall 104, Box 2207D, Brookings, SD, 57007, within 7 days of the post-marked date of mailing of the rejection of entry notification from 4-H.

### **Disqualification**

1. Exhibitors and their immediate family (parents/guardians and siblings) who fail to comply with any and all rules in this Rule Book are subject to premium cancellation, disqualification from current and future participation in the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development program, and/or action from other third parties, including governmental authorities.
2. Any exhibitor premium withheld as a result of disqualification will be retained by South Dakota 4-H Youth Development until the request for reconsideration has been resolved. If South Dakota 4-H Youth Development determines, upon receipt of a properly filed request for reconsideration, that a disqualification or premium cancellation decision should be reversed, the premium will be disbursed to the exhibitor within a reasonable period of time.

### **Fraud**

4-H reserves the right to withhold the premiums awarded in any case in which it appears that fraud or deception has been practiced or attempted.

### **Force Majeure**

South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents, and 4-H, their agents and employees, shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from a force majeure occurrence. A force majeure occurrence is defined as any occurrence arising from causes beyond the reasonable control of 4-H and which delays or prevents performance by 4-H including but not limited to any (i) breakage or accident to equipment, machinery or facilities; (ii) any strikes, lock-outs or other labor difficulties; (iii) statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, or rules issued by governmental authorities; (iv) judicial decrees or orders; (v) acts of God; (vi) animal diseases, pandemics, and/or quarantines; (vii) wars, riots, or insurrections; (viii) civil disobediences, public demonstrations, or sabotage; (ix) fires, floods, explosions, or inclement weather; (x) inability to obtain necessary labor, materials, supplies, utilities, or transportation; (xi) depressions, recessions, other economic downturns, or defunding; (xii) embargoes or energy shortages; or (xiii) other causes beyond South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents, or 4-H's reasonable control.

### **Government Regulation**

South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents, and 4-H, their agents and employees, shall not be liable for any delay or failure to perform its operations, activities, shows, and events to the extent such delay or failure results from South Dakota State University, the South Dakota Board of Regents, and 4-H's good faith compliance with applicable governmental statutes, ordinances, regulations, orders, rules, or other directives, including but not limited to compliance with governmental directives concerning public health and safety, animal disease prevention, detection, and response (including animal quarantine and/or destruction), and protection of the environment.

### **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT**

The showing of unethically fitted livestock is prohibited. Unethical fitting shall be deemed to mean any physical or physiological attempt to alter the natural conformation, musculature, fill, or weight of an animal by use of injections or ingested material not conducive to the continued health of the animal or marketability of animal carcasses. Animals showing, in the opinion of the judge or officials, signs of having been unethically fitted will be disqualified. As a condition for participation in 4-H Shows at the South Dakota State Fair, every exhibitor and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by them to inspection by a Veterinarian and/or other authority appointed by 4-H, and agrees to have such animal submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the Veterinarian/authority and 4-H, and agrees that the conclusion reached by the Veterinarian/authority as to whether such animal is unethically fitted shall be final; the 4-H exhibitor has the ability if they so choose to file a protest grievance on the final conclusion per the established Protest and Grievance Policy.

### **Animal Testing**

4-H has the right to test any animal at any time. The show specifically reserves the right to have DNA sample(s) (hair) withdrawn and analyzed on any animal entered for competition at any time.

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The showing of any animal that has been administered any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication or drug, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs is prohibited. Unapproved is deemed to mean not approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for that species. As a condition for participation in South Dakota 4-H Youth Development livestock/animal exhibitions, every exhibitor and their family must agree to submit any animal entered by an exhibitor to inspection by a veterinarian or other authority appointed by the management and agrees to have such animals submitted to any tests as may be designated and requested by the veterinarian or appointed authority. South Dakota 4-H Youth Development specifically reserves the right to have tissue, blood, urine laboratory and/or imagery analysis made on any animal entered for competition. The conclusions reached by the Veterinarian or appointed authority, as to whether such animal has been administered a diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant, other unapproved medication or injection, or has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs shall be final; the 4-H exhibitor has the ability if they so choose to file a protest grievance on the final conclusion per the established Protest and Grievance Policy. An exhibitor and their family owning, leasing or exhibiting an animal producing an analysis with any quantity of diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or any other unapproved medication, drugs or injection will forfeit all rights and privileges to exhibit 4-H livestock in the future at the South Dakota State Fair. The 4-H exhibitor has the ability if they choose to file a protest grievance on the final conclusion per the established Protest and Grievance Policy.

For 2026: the Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Wether Lamb and Market Meat Goat Wether shall have samples withdrawn to test/analyze for any quantity of unapproved diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, supplement, injection, or drug, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs via any one or all of the following: serum (blood and/or urine) and imagery. Other random or selected animals may have samples withdrawn to test analyze for any quantity of unapproved diuretic, unapproved growth stimulant or other unapproved medication, supplement, injection or drug, or that has not been properly withdrawn from approved drugs via any one or all of the following: serum (blood and/or urine) and imagery.

Proposed for 2027: The following animals shall be tested: Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Wether Sheep and Market Meat Goat Wether. The following animals are under consideration for testing and may be considered: Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goat, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry and Rabbits. Other random or selected animals may have samples withdrawn.

Additional Educational Information on Animal Testing can be found at:

- [Performance animal drug testing with LC/MS - Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory](#)
- [Livestock show drug testing at TVMDL - Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory](#)

## **Attention: Use of Drugs and Injections**



4-H has the right to test any animal at any time. The use by non-veterinarians\* of animal drugs or other substances in any manner other than in accord with the labeling approved by FDA may be a violation of Federal law.

A 4-H exhibitor and exhibitor's parents and/or guardians agree that:

- They are absolutely and completely responsible persons for the care and custody of their animals, including the time while they are at the South Dakota State Fair;
- 4-H shall be entitled to disqualify a 4-H exhibitor and their family whose animal tests positive for any drug or unapproved injection, even if the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents or guardians and family are innocent of any wrongdoing and did not administer the drug;
- The drug test results of the testing laboratories are final and binding upon the exhibitor and the exhibitor's parents and/or guardians and family. Even if the source of the drug is unknown, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development shall be entitled to disqualify the exhibitor and their family.
- The 4-H'er has the ability if they choose to file a protest grievance on the final conclusion per the established Protest and Grievance Policy.

\* Abuse of the extra-label privilege by veterinarians is unethical and is subject to serious consequences such as license revocation.

All 4-H exhibitors and parents/guardians whom have samples withdrawn from their animals must complete and sign an affidavit and statement of disclosure related to animal health care, feed and supplement products. These will be collected at the time of sample collection and reviewed by show officials and/or veterinarians.



**SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS - 2026  
Drug Affidavit**

(One form needed per Market Species per Exhibitor & must be submitted with weight cards. DO NOT SEND WITH ENTRIES)

**PLEASE PRINT AND USE BLUE INK**

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H LIVESTOCK SHOW ETHICS STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE**

We, the undersigned, certify that:

- We have read, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit in South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Livestock Shows at the South Dakota State Fair (the "Event"), agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, regulations, schedules and deadlines as identified in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book (the "Book") including the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge and the IAFE Show Ring Code of Ethics.
- We agree that the entries identified below and/or the milk from the entries may be screened for violative residues.
- We agree to comply with the grooming rules, as outlined in the Book, which state, grooming, clipping, trimming, fitting or blocking shall only be done by 4-H exhibitors and immediate members (parents/guardian and siblings) of a 4-H exhibitors' own family. We shall accept the consequences if we are found in violation of this rule.
- We agree that youth livestock producers have an obligation to be responsible food producers. All market animals will enter the food chain and become edible products for the consuming public.
- The entries identified below were produced in accordance with applicable USDA and FDA regulations for drug residues and withdrawal periods, are free of drug residues not in compliance with applicable USDA and FDA regulations, and have not been supplied drugs in a form or at levels not approved by the FDA and USDA. This means the animals have not received any non-approved drug(s); and that our entries are not within any withdrawal time relative to the administration of any legal drug, vaccine or other substance UNLESS NOTED BELOW.
- To the best of our knowledge, while under our ownership, possession or direct control, none of the livestock are adulterated within the meaning of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- We have completed the requirements for the South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program and the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge as required.
- We shall accept expenses of maintaining the animals during the withdrawal period until slaughter, plus transportation and slaughter fees, if any.
- We hereby verify that any meat from these animals meets any and all USDA, FDA and any other guidelines for human consumption.
- If violations of the entries are detected through the testing and sampling procedures outline in the Book, we shall not challenge the validity of said testing or sampling procedures other than through any course of action as identified in the Book. We shall be subjected to penalties as determined by South Dakota 4-H Youth Development if violations are detected.

**SPECIE (CHECK ONE):** Beef Swine Lamb Meat Goat Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**RFID AND HERD EAR TAG NUMBER(S) (Notches for Swine):**

RFID TAG NUMBER	Herd Tag/Notch	RFID TAG NUMBER	Herd Tag/Notch

Please complete the following information ONLY if any antibiotic, medication, pesticide, or other substance has been administered to these animals requiring additional time to meet legal withdrawal limits before harvest/slaughter.

Animal ID	Date	Product	Amount	Route	Reason
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

**SIGN HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Exhibitor's/Owner's Signature      Parent's or Guardian's Signature

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# Animal Exhibits

## SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR RULES

State Fair rules apply at the fair including, but not limited to:

- For safety purposes and security of livestock and personal property, the South Dakota State Fair has established a “Quiet Time” in all barns that starts at 2 a.m. until 5 a.m.. Large gatherings, parties or excessive socializing will be prohibited at that time.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.
- Sunrise Photo at the Fair: Youth exhibitors who wish to take a photo with their animal on the Midway may do so on Labor Day, from 6:00 AM to 7:30 AM. During this time, select carnival rides will be lit with flashing lights to create a special photo opportunity. For safety reasons, this is the only time animals will be permitted on the Midway. Exhibitors must be respectful of the grounds by cleaning up after their animals and avoiding areas with food vendors or heavy foot traffic.
- Failure to follow these rules may result in forfeiture of premiums and awards.

## Animal Exhibit Requirements

### ENTRY PROCESS

- The responsibility for making proper entry rests upon the exhibitor.
- 4-H exhibitor must be in good standing as a South Dakota 4-H program member as of May 31, 2026.
- In order to qualify to exhibit in an animal species at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County Achievement Days/Fair 4-H Show (at local level) must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) animal in that species in a recognized class listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.
  - Shows and classes that are at the county level only and not listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book shall not count as qualifying to exhibit at State Fair.
  - 4-H exhibitors are able to exhibit different animals at the County Level than at the State Fair for biosecurity purposes.
- Entry Limits have been set by each department. There are no overall caps on exhibit entries by participants. Please see each department for the specific entry limit.
  - Check specific divisions for species-specific requirements.
  - Animal entries must be in and submitted to Fair Entry by August 1, 2026 at 11:59 pm Central Time.
  - All 4-H beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit exhibitors must be certified through an approved 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed a YLL program by July 1 of the current year.
  - Youth must check in their animals at South Dakota State Fair during species check in times.

### ANIMAL REPLACEMENT RULE

Infrequently, animals that are registered for the State Fair become unavailable by State Fair time. Usually this relates to herd health preferences, severe animal illness/injury, or premature death. Animal substitutions will be allowed through the species check-in at State Fair.

- The replacement animal must be identified in the families' 4-H Online account by June 1st.
- Except for Breeding Sheep, replacements are allowed on a species basis. Breeding sheep are only allowed to substitute a ram for a ram and a ewe for a ewe.
- Due to stalling limitations, substitute animals will not be allowed on the fairgrounds. Only animals that are shown are allowed to stall at the fairgrounds.
- Any animal that is substituted in at State Fair that was nominated via an initial DNA sample submitted by June 1st will have DNA sample pulled at the State Fair.

### HEALTH REGULATIONS

A completed Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), listing individual animal official identification (including official scrapie tag for all sheep and meat goats) must accompany all animals exhibited at the South Dakota State Fair. This CVI must be issued within 30 days of entry to the State Fairgrounds.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection written for animals originating outside the State of South Dakota must meet all state import requirements as listed on the SD Animal Industry Board website. The consignee must be listed as: South Dakota State Fair, 1060 3rd St SW Huron, SD 57350.

Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection (CVI) Collection Process:

1. Exhibitor presents CVI to Livestock Superintendent, or their designee, at check-in to verify they have a CVI.  
NOTE: If exhibitor is showing multiple species, they need a separate CVI for each species.
2. Exhibitor gets stall assignment and is responsible for writing the stall number on the CVI and then puts the CVI in the CVI collection box.
3. AIB collects CVIS from the collection box several times throughout the day to inspect animals.
4. It is the exhibitor's obligation and responsibility to ensure their animal(s) are healthy and that they have obtained a CVI within 30 days of bringing the animal(s) onto the fairgrounds. **Any exhibitor found bringing an animal with obvious issues pertaining to animal health and well-being will be asked to leave immediately and will not be allowed to show at the 2026 South Dakota State Fair.**
5. Electronic CVIs will be accepted. Exhibitors may show their electronic CVI upon check in and fill out the provided form to file in the CVI collection box.

Animals must be free of signs of communicable and infectious disease at the time of entry onto the Fairgrounds.

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Any determination of the health status of an animal will be at the discretion of the State Veterinarian or official representative. Animals may be dismissed from the fairgrounds and not allowed to exhibit based on the discretion of the State Veterinarian or official representative. All animals will be subject to testing for foreign substances by the State Veterinarian at the discretion of the State Fair Commission.

## **Brucella ovis testing:**

Livestock from outside of South Dakota: A ram, six months of age or older, must have a negative ELISA Test for Brucella ovis within 30 days of entry to the fairgrounds, or originate from a certified Brucella ovis free flock with a current test date. The flock certification number or test result and laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

SD Livestock (new 2024): B. ovis testing is required for a ram from a South Dakota flock ONLY if the ram will be sold, loaned, or leased.

## **Drenching:**

Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.

## **Fungus Check:**

Wether Dam, Wether Doe, and Market Wether Lamb and Meat Goat exhibitors and exhibitors of other sheep and goats at the committee co-chairs request, must remove canvas covers or lamb tubes at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus and other health concerns. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other lambs in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fairgrounds.

## **OWNERSHIP VERIFICATION**

Animals exhibited must have been fed and continuously cared for and owned or leased by a 4-H member under the rules of 4-H. Animals owned in partnership with non-immediate family members must be leased and follow guidelines within the South Dakota 4-H Animal Lease Requirements. All animals 4-H members wish to exhibit in 4-H competitions at the South Dakota State Fair must have an Ownership Verification completed in 4-H Online by June 1 for Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat (breeding, dairy, market meat), Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep (breeding and market), and Swine (breeding and market). Companion Animals have until August 1 to enter the animal information into 4-H Online.

Registration papers must show one of the following:

- The member's name as owner, or
- The name of the exhibitor and/or co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, legal guardians, and siblings.

Read the [South Dakota 4-H Animal Ownership and Identification Guide](#) for complete rules and instructions related to animal identification, tagging, and DNA samples.

## **LEASING**

4-H allows lease agreements for animals. The best experience in animal projects can be found in daily care and management of the project, but that is not available to all youth. Like many 4-H project areas, animal projects provide an opportunity for youth to work with a caring adult/mentor to gain experience working with livestock or animal projects. From an experiential learning standpoint, eligibility for care and participation with leased animals can be considered when youth cannot gain experience due to:

- Lack or absence of adequate facilities to house animals;
- Limited or no financial means to own and take care of animals; or
- Absence of adult/mentor with knowledge/experience to successfully raise animals.

A South Dakota 4-H Livestock Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1 for Breeding/Market Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding/Market Meat Goat, and Breeding/Market Sheep, Breeding/Market Swine, Rabbit, and Poultry. Please see the [Animal Lease Form](#) and the [Animal Lease Requirements Fact Sheet](#) for more information.

## **Lease Agreement**

The lease agreement is between the 4-H member/immediate family and the owner of the animal. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member(s) to select the animal they would like to lease, make necessary arrangements with the animal owner, and complete the animal identification process and animal lease form and upload to 4-H Online by June 1.

## **Project Environment**

The goal of the animal lease project is to provide youth with the opportunity to care for and show an animal that they may otherwise not have the chance to. With an animal lease agreement in place, the 4-H member(s) must be able to play an active role in the training, care, and other maintenance practices involved with the animal that is being leased. The leased animal may be housed at the owner's facility so long as the 4-H member(s) have access to the animal throughout the duration of the lease agreement.

## **Lease Requirements**

For an animal lease to be valid, the following requirements must be followed by both the 4-H member/family and the animal owner.

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Failure to comply with these requirements will result in an immediate termination of the lease and that animal will not be allowed to exhibit at any 4-H event.

- Members of Lease Agreement
  - An animal may only be leased to one 4-H member for the duration of the program year and is only transferable to immediate family members of the individual.
    - An immediate family member includes siblings, stepsiblings, or any other family member that resides in the same household as the individual listed on the lease agreement.
- Exhibition
  - A leased animal is only eligible for exhibition at a 4-H show by the 4-H member listed on the lease agreement or their immediate family members (see details of immediate family above).
  - The animal owner should not exhibit the leased animal during the time in which the animal is being leased.

## Animal Ownership

The animal owner can be defined as someone who has physically purchased the animal, raised the animal, or, in the case of registered animals, is registered in their name. Any 4-H member who does not fit this criteria, or whose immediate family member does not fit this criteria, must complete an animal lease agreement form. This includes anyone whose family farm name encompasses extended family. Please see the examples below for further assistance.

## When is a lease form necessary?

### No Lease Required

- Sibling/Stepsibling
- Parent/Stepparent
- Legal Guardian

### Lease Required

- Cousin (non-household)
- Family Friend
- Grandparent (non-household)

### Example Scenarios

- Carrie Klover and Chris Klover are siblings. Chris has a Duroc gilt registered in his name, but Carrie wants to show it at the county fair. Carrie is able to show the Duroc at the county fair without a lease paper because Chris is her immediate family.
- John Smith is Carrie Klover's legal guardian who lives in the same household. John has a purebred Simmental heifer registered in his name. Carrie wants to show said heifer at the county and state fairs. Carrie is allowed to show the heifer at county and state fairs without a lease agreement because they are members of the same family living in the same household.
- Jane Klover is Carrie Klover's grandmother, and she owns Four Leaf Acres, which is the Klover family farm name. Jane and Carrie also do not live in the same household. Carrie wants to show a Suffolk ram that is registered under the Four Leaf Acres family/farm name at county and state fair. Carrie needs to fill out a lease agreement form and submit to 4-H online in order to show the Suffolk ram at county or state fair.
- Kelly Green is a good family friend of Carrie Klover. Kelly raises Mini Lop rabbits and Carrie has a dream of winning the SD State Fair Supreme Champion Rabbit, but she does not know much about them. Carrie plans to show one of Kelly's Mini Lops for the year and then return it once the state fair is complete due to her inability to properly raise a rabbit long term. Carrie will need to fill out a lease agreement with Kelly and submit to 4-H online by June 1 at 11:59 PM CDT so she can show it at county or state fair.

## DNA

All market animals in Market Beef, Market Meat Goat Wether, Market Wether Sheep, and Market Swine intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit DNA samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted in a completed DNA envelope to the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for State Fair eligibility. DNA envelopes are available through the County Extension Office at a cost of \$15 per Market Beef envelope and \$12 per Market Meat Goat Wether, Market Wether Lamb, and Market Swine envelope.

Market Animals without a DNA sample on file by the June 1 deadline will be ineligible for competition at the South Dakota State Fair, regardless of the participating status in the County 4-H Achievement Days/County Fair. DNA procedures for other livestock shows are the responsibility of the exhibitor. South Dakota 4-H does not share DNA samples with other shows.

The top 5 overall, division winners, reserve division winners and random samples from each species will have a DNA sample collected by show officials. Any animal that is substituted (from the original August 1 entry) at the State Fair will have a DNA



**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**



**2026 Livestock DNA Nomination**  
\*Please complete using BLUE ink.\*

RFID Tag Number (Full Number Required)

Herd Ear Tag/Notch

Date

County

4-H Member Printed Name

Species (circle one): Beef Sheep Goat Swine

Animal Gender (circle one): Male Female

We have read, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Livestock Show (the "Event"), agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, regulations, schedules and deadlines as identified in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book (the "Book"), including the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Integrity Pledge and the IAFE Code of Show Ring Ethics.

4-H Member Signature

Collector Printed Name

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Collector Signature

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sample pulled at State Fair. The show day DNA sample will be sent with the original DNA sample to a certified lab. No lab testing cost is borne by participants. Results will remain unofficial until the lab findings are provided to the SD State 4-H Office.

Read the [South Dakota 4-H Animal Ownership and Identification Guide](#) for complete rules and instructions related to animal identification, tagging, and DNA samples.

## 4-H RFID TAGS

Commercial Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Breeding Swine and Market Swine, and Grade/Crossbred Dairy animals must have an RFID tag to be exhibited at the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Shows. Market Wether Lambs and Market Wether Meat Goats must have either a USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag OR USDA Official Scrapie tag (non-RFID) plus an RFID tag. For entries requiring DNA samples, ownership and animal identification (including the RFID Tag Number) must be completed on the DNA Envelope. RFID tag numbers must be submitted in 4-H Online by June 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CDT.

Retagging/replacing lost RFID tags may be completed by the 4-H'er and with notification given to the County Extension Office and State 4-H Office (email [sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsu.4h@sdstate.edu)) immediately with the new RFID tag number. A second form of identification (ear tag, ear notch, or tattoo) on file or clear evidence a tag was lost must be presented to retag an animal. Un-tagged animals will not be allowed to show.

## REGISTRATION PAPERS

To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CDT. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CDT if purchased.

Registration papers must show one of the following:

- The member's name as owner, or
- The name of the exhibitor and/or co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family (see immediate family definition above)

**NOTE:** In leasing situations, exhibitors must upload registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. CDT. The same animal owner name listed on the SD 4-H Animal Lease Form must appear on the registration paper; therefore, the registration paper does not need to be in the exhibitor's name.

Animals must be shown at the State Fair in the breed lot indicated in 4-H Online.

If an exhibitor does not upload a registration paper with their State Fair Entry, that animal must be entered in the commercial/crossbred division at the State Fair.

It is recommended that exhibitors have the original paper copy of the registration paper in hand during check-in at both the county event and State Fair. This is recommended practice for any animal exhibition. Check species specific sections to determine if original registration papers are required for check-in.

## ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

All animals must be individually identified using an approved method for permanent identification listed for each species.

### Animal Verification Deadlines

All market animals must have RFID tags and DNA samples.

Species	Identification Method for State Fair Exhibition	Deadline for Ownership and 4-H Online Registration (Date as of the current year)
Breeding Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registered heifers must have an ear tattoo corresponding to her registration paper as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a USDA "840" (Bangs) RFID tag, RFID tag or herd tag.</li> <li>• Commercial heifers must have either a USDA "840" (Bangs) RFID tag, or general RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo, herd tag or freeze brand.</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Registered Breeding Meat Goats, Commercial Does, and Wether Does	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tattoo and Registration Paper (Registered Does ONLY)</li> <li>• USDA Official Scrapie ID</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Registered Breeding Sheep, Commercial Ewes, and Wether Dams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Official Scrapie ID</li> <li>• Registration Paper (Registered Sheep ONLY)</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

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Species	Identification Method for State Fair Exhibition	Deadline for Ownership and 4-H Online Registration (Date as of the current year)
Breeding Swine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear notched and RFID Tag</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Dairy Cattle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered cattle or Official USDA "840" Tag and Registration Paper.</li> <li>• Grade and Crossbred cattle must have a USDA "840" or other RFID Tag.</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Dairy Goat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Official Scrapie ID <b>OR</b> Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered goats</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbered Leg Band</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Rabbit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear tattoo in left ear</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Market Beef	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo or herd tag.</li> <li>• DNA Sample</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Market Wether Meat Goats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ RFID tag (not scrapie) PLUS USDA Official Scrapie tag</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DNA Sample</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Market Wether Lambs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ RFID tag (not scrapie) PLUS USDA Official Scrapie tag</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DNA Sample</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT
Market Swine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ear notched and RFID Tag</li> <li>• DNA Sample</li> </ul>	June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

Read the [South Dakota 4-H Animal Ownership and Identification Guide](#) for complete rules and instructions related to animal identification, tagging, and DNA samples.

### GENERAL EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

#### **Animal Exhibitor Dress Code**

All state fair animal exhibitors will receive and are to wear a t-shirt donated by Farm Credit Services of America (FCSA) while in the show ring. Youth may pick up t-shirts when they arrive at the State Fair. Youth are also allowed to wear FCSA-sponsored State Fair shirts from previous years. The t-shirts are intended to recognize the presence and importance of 4-H at the South Dakota State Fair and emphasize the importance of proper dress, uniformity, and equal representation for all participating youth. Any 4-H exhibitor not wishing to wear a FCSA-sponsored shirt must wear a comparable and similar style plain white t-shirt.

Animal exhibitors are required to wear suitable clothing that is neat, clean, and upholds the image of 4-H when in the show ring. Shirts must have sleeves with shirttails tucked into long, dark colored jeans or pants. No clothing or equipment with commercial advertising is allowed, except in cases where shirts are sponsored and/or provided to the exhibitor for dress code purposes. For safety purposes, wear closed-toe shoes that encase the entire foot up to or beyond the ankle when exhibiting livestock.

A backtag is issued by the County 4-H Office and must be worn each time the youth enters the show ring or exhibits dogs, rabbits, poultry, cats, or companion animals. Youth not adhering to this dress code will be excused from the show ring.

Exceptions:

- Dairy exhibitors have the option to wear a white shirt or blouse or their exhibitor t-shirt. Dairy cattle exhibitors are also required to wear white or black pants and hard-soled shoes with a closed toe.
- Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors must wear long sleeves under their 4-H t-shirts.
- Companion Animal exhibitors must wear either the 4-H t-shirt or a white shirt or blouse with either short or long sleeves.

#### **Substitute Showman**

Fitting and exhibiting project livestock is an important objective of the 4-H project plan. Excusing a member from personally exhibiting their animal(s) defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H work. Hence, SD 4-H Youth Development does not approve the use of substitute showman at the South Dakota State Fair except in extreme cases.

- If a 4-H member is injured, seriously ill at the time of the show, unavailable due to military service, or other extenuating circumstances the project may be continued, and the animal may be exhibited in the name of the original club member.
  - The substitute showperson must be a 4-H member entered at the current year's show and approved in advance by the show committee.
- An exhibitor who has more than one animal being exhibited in a particular class or is participating in a youth in action event during the scheduled time of show, need not secure approval for another eligible showman to exhibit one of their animals. The substitute showperson must be a 4-H member in good standing as of May 31, 2026.

Substitute showpersons do not wear a 4-H exhibitor back tag.

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## 4-H LIVESTOCK STALLING & EQUIPMENT

- 4-H members are required to purchase or furnish their own livestock bedding at the South Dakota State Fair. Wood shavings are available for purchase on the Fairgrounds. Due to disposal costs, the South Dakota State Fair Advisory Board Commission requires beef and swine to bed with wood shavings. Youth who fail to comply with these bedding requirements will incur a daily \$5 per stall penalty.
- Fans will be placed so as not to block traffic. **Port-a-coolers are prohibited on all State Fair properties.** Butt fans are **only** allowed at beef tie-outs where electricity allows.
- Tack Trailer Parking: There will be no tack trailers allowed to park on the State Fair Grounds in Huron during the State Fair. Livestock trailer parking is available at Huron Continental Marketing located west of Huron at 39763 US Hwy 14, or at the Heartland 4-H Rodeo Grounds located east of Huron at 2125 US Hwy 14.
- Tents or canopies of any kind are prohibited inside the DEX and the outside areas surrounding the DEX.
- Canopies are allowed on the perimeter of the 4-H Livestock Complex, dairy goat barn, open sided barns south and southwest of the 4-H Livestock Complex. NO sides on the canopies are allowed.
- Tack stalls in the DEX can be reserved upon online entry for \$75/tack stall. One tack stall consists of two ties. Only one tack stall per family/address. If a family is found using a tack stall without paying the tack stall fee, they will be asked to remove their tack or pay the fee at that time. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.
- 4-H Beef Chute Fee is \$25 per Chute this year. If a family is found using a chute without paying the chute fee, they will be asked to remove their chute or pay the fee at that time (if space is available). Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.

## 4-H LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN

Exhibitors are responsible for checking in all Animal Exhibits during their scheduled 4-H check-in. Registered or purebred animal exhibitors are recommended to have registration papers available at check-in to be eligible to show in purebred or registered classes. Check species sections to determine if original registration papers are required for check-in.

All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, the entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.

Wether Dam, Wether Doe, and Market Wether Lamb and Meat Goat exhibitors, and exhibitors of other sheep and goats at the committee co-chairs request, must remove canvas covers or lamb tubes at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus and other health concerns. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other lambs in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fairgrounds.

## WEIGH-BACKS

All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats, and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight. Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards.

## LIVESTOCK LATE CHECK IN POLICY

For details about time and location of each species refer to the schedule or the animal projects section of this book. Animals must be on the fairgrounds at the time of their designated check in and must check in during the designated check-in time. If there is an emergency (i.e. flat tire, car accident, escaped animal, etc.,) families must contact the state 4-H office at 605-688-4167 **during** the check in time to still be eligible to participate. **NO** emergency notification phone calls will be accepted after the close of the designated check in time for that species and **NO late check ins that did not call the state office will be allowed to participate.**

## GENERAL GROOMING RULES

Upon violation of any grooming rules, the 4-H exhibitor is automatically reduced one ribbon category. All grooming rules include and are not limited to the DEX, Morton Building, 4-H Livestock Complex, The Shed, open sided barns south and southwest of the 4-H Livestock Complex. These rules do apply to any 4-H Beef Cattle, Dairy Goat and Meat Goat animals that are found to be in other areas of the State Fair Grounds.

- **NO PAINT RULES:**
  - **BEEF: NO PAINT RULE:** Altering the coloration or appearance of a beef animal using aerosol paints is prohibited at the annual South Dakota State Fair. Any animal found in violation will be lowered by one ribbon placing and will not be eligible for Breed Champion or Supreme Overall selection.
  - **ALL GOATS – DAIRY AND MEAT: NO PAINT RULE:** Altering the coloration, or appearance of a dairy or meat goat is prohibited at the annual South Dakota State Fair. The use of false hair, aerosol paints, and straw/string/hemp/falsified hair is prohibited. Any animal found in violation will be lowered by one placing and will not be eligible for Breed Champion or Supreme Overall selection.

- Lowering one ribbon placing means a purple ribbon is lowered to a blue ribbon, a blue ribbon to a red ribbon, and a red ribbon to a white ribbon.
- No dyeing of animals is allowed.
- Drench guns may be used in the exhibitor's stall/pen for hydration purposes. Stomach pumping, drenching tubes or any other method (by esophagus) is strictly prohibited.

### **BREED DIVISION QUALIFICATIONS**

Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine ONLY

Exhibitors of any of the established breeds (those listed in this book) enter as that breed. Five head must be checked in within the respective show (market and breeding shows are separate) and have proper breed verification to qualify for a breed division. Breeds with proper breed documentation but do not meet the minimum stated criteria will be placed in the Any Other Breed (AOB) division.

Breeds that check-in at least 5 head but less than 15 head may be combined with another similar breed to form a division at the discretion of the show committee. Additionally, those breeds smaller in number are unlikely to have separate weight classes.

Animals that are not one of the established breeds (not listed in this book) but are recognized by a breed association enter as AOB. If more than 5 animals that meet the criteria for that breed show, consideration will be given to that breed having its own breed show the following year. Any that do not meet the 5 head minimum requirement will continue to show in the AOB division.

Breeds may become established and listed for the following State Fair if five (5) head exhibit or if proper sponsorship for awards is provided. Established breed shows that do not meet the 5 head requirement or have proper sponsorship during the current year will have their status reviewed for State Fair.

### **PERSONAL & PUBLIC SAFETY WITH LIVESTOCK**

For safety purposes, the South Dakota State Fair Commission and 4-H have developed the safe routes for moving or walking 4-H animals during the South Dakota State Fair. All Beef exhibitors will need to follow the designated route to the tie outs. Walking Beef down Livestock Avenue is not allowed. For everyone's safety, 4-H members are encouraged to use an assistant or helper to move animals and keep groups of animals in single file. Safe routes for moving animals are posted in stalling areas.

Exhibitors are encouraged to exercise animals during the State Fair. Please walk sheep and goats in the vicinity of the 4-H Livestock Complex and The Shed only, for public safety and manure containment. Sheep and Goats are not to be North of 3rd Street, East of Livestock Avenue, South of 4th Street, and West of Guard Drive. Any unmanageable, dangerous, or uncontrollable animal may be excused by the Livestock Show Committees. Health and safety of exhibitors and the public are of the utmost importance.

No livestock are allowed in the campgrounds.

If an exhibitor loses control of their animal during a class three (3) times, the animal and exhibitor may be excused from the ring at show management's discretion.

### **SHOWMANSHIP**

All exhibitors must have an animal checked in at the State Fair to compete in Showmanship. Senior, Junior, and Beginner Showmanship classes will follow the age division guidelines listed. See each division for specifics pertinent to check-in. All 4-H showmen are required to wear a 4-H Exhibitor back tag as identification and follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code guidelines listed.

Showmanship participation at the county level is strongly encouraged but is not required for showmanship participation at State Fair.

#### **Large Animal:**

Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, Sheep, and Swine exhibitors are encouraged to sign up on FairEntry, but it is not required. These species' showmanship contests will use the "Gate-Cut" method. At the designated time, showmen will be called to the make-up area for each age division. The first 8-15 (appropriate number for arena being used) will be allowed into the ring as the First Heat. The class will be judged, purple ribbon showmen will be selected to return for the final drive, and the class will be excused. All subsequent heats will follow the same process. The show's Committee Chair will determine the number of heats to be judged for each age division and make a final call from the show ring no less than 3 times to announce the final heat, allowing all exhibitors equal opportunity to participate.

#### **Small Animal:**

Poultry and Rabbit showmanship will have pre-scheduled time slots. Youth will select a time that works best for their schedule when registering for the South Dakota State Fair 4-H events. Poultry and Rabbit exhibitors are required to sign up for showmanship on FairEntry to select their time slot.

# Animal Exhibits

## South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy Information

### Introduction

The Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) program was started in 2022 to expand the educational scope of youth livestock related opportunities beyond quality assurance. However, quality assurance is a crucial and required component of all approved YLL programs. Nearly all youth livestock programs across the country require youth to complete quality assurance training to be able to exhibit their animals.

### Why is it required?

One of the most important things for anyone, youth or adult, raising livestock to understand is that they are producing food for consumers and it is their responsibility and obligation to produce safe and wholesome food. The livestock industry depends on consumers' trust in the safety of their food supply. Food safety is a founding principle of all quality assurance programs, including various youth programs, Beef Quality Assurance (BQA), Pork Quality Assurance (PQA), Sheep Safety and Quality Assurance (SSQA), Dairy Animal Care and Quality Assurance (DACQA), and others.

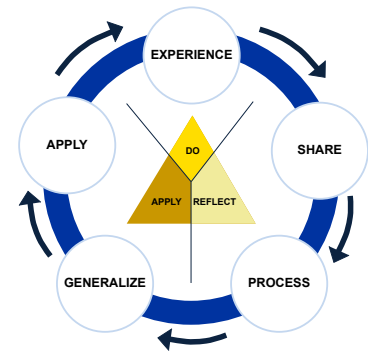
### Procedure (effective 2025-2026 program year)

The following is a checklist for South Dakota 4-H livestock exhibitors:

- ✓ Enroll youth and projects in 4-HOnline. **Project enrollment deadline is 11:59 p.m. CDT June 1.**
  - Identify animals with the approved methods and submit DNA samples.
- ✓ Complete at least one Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) certified event. **Deadline is July 1.** See menu of options on the next page.
  - If attending the event in your own 4-H county, sign in at registration and your county's 4-H office will record your certification.
  - If attending a YLL event out-of-county, confirm that your home 4-H county's office has been notified.
  - If using YQCA Online as your YLL event, you must present the completion certificate with youth's name to your home 4-H county's Extension Office.
- ✓ Complete the Livestock Integrity Pledge in FairEntry. **Deadline is 11:59 p.m. CDT August 1.**
  - This will be part of FairEntry registration for State Fair livestock/animal exhibits. Counties may use FairEntry or paper versions of the Livestock Integrity pledge and will have a deadline based on their county fair/achievement days.

### What are the quality assurance components of an approved YLL event?

The quality assurance component must be a significant part of the overall program, with a minimum of 15-30 minutes in educational activities. Ideally, there should be information and activities for youth to participate in, followed by a review of what was done and learned. In other words, using the Experiential Learning Model which is a core of 4-H programming and includes the circle of Do-Reflect-Apply.



### YLL – Quality Assurance:

Topics covered should meet the overall goals of youth quality assurance programs, which are:

- Ensure safety and well-being of animals produced by youth,
- Ensure a safe food supply for consumers, and
- Enhance the future of the livestock industry by educating youth on these issues so they can become more informed livestock producers, consumers, and/or employees in the agriculture and food industries.

Examples of quality assurance topics and accompanying activities are listed below.

- Administering animal health products – reading/explaining scenarios that involve products with withdrawal times, calculating withdrawal times and discussing the importance of these.
- Administering animal health products – label reading activity with questions for youth to complete about what species the product is approved for and dosages for different weights of animals, along with discussing why following label instructions is important.
- Biosecurity – interactive scenarios demonstrating how diseases can be introduced and spread on farms via visitors, shared equipment, footwear etc., along with discussing good biosecurity practices producers use to ensure animal health and a safe food supply.
- Animal identification – hands-on activities with animal identification and providing explanation on how animal identification at the farm level is tied to food safety for consumers.
- Record keeping – covering what records must be kept when animal health products are used and why this is important from a food safety perspective.
- Medicated feeds – hands-on activity simulating feed mixing and how medications can pass from one container to another unless intentional cleaning is done, and how not doing this could ultimately affect consumers' food supply.
- Addressing consumer concerns about drug residues or implants – provide scenarios and/or example questions for youth to act as consumers and the spokespeople for agriculture, giving “elevator speeches” about what producers' do to ensure a safe food supply for consumers.

These are just a few examples. The key is meeting the goals of the quality assurance programs and helping youth make the

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connection between what they do with their animals and consumers' trust in their food products and ultimately farmers, ranchers and the agricultural industry.

### **YLL Menu of Options**

- Attend a 4-H YLL certified in your county; common examples include:
  - In-person instructor-led YQCA (\$3).
  - Veterinarian led clinic covering quality assurance topics.
  - Skill-A-Thon school/clinic that includes review of quality assurance materials.
- Attend an approved YLL event in another county.
- Complete YQCA Online training
  - Cost is \$12 for this web-based training; available at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
  - Certificates must be presented to your county's Extension Office prior to the July 1 deadline.
  - Certificate must be in youth's name, not the family's name.
- Beef project youth may complete Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) and convey a current certificate to their home county's Extension Office.
  - Certificate must be in youth's name, not the family's name.

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## IAFE SHOW RING CODE OF 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 National Show Ring Code of 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 example. 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 show.

Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all Animal 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 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 residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for the show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substance from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event that culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animals' performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it was sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer or absolutely responsible person to prove. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock premises, all treatments involving the use of drugs and/or medication shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.
5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, conformation or appearance, except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devices, such as striking animals to cause swelling, and using electrical contrivance or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair, or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representative, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation, and respect, and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, 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.
10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have any disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show published in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions, and any special notices to members.
11. The act of entering an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.

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## Divisions

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### BREEDING BEEF

#### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: John Madison and Audra Scheel

Committee Members: Kim Bergh, Shelly Altena, Kristi Effling, Jim Krantz, Taylor Grussing, Jeff Vanderwal, Sadie Frey, Julie Walker, and Dawn Covey

#### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

#### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT in Fair Entry

#### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

#### Move-in:

Wed., Sept. 2

#### Check-in:

Thurs., Sept. 3, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in DEX

#### Show:

Sun., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m. in DEX

#### Showmanship:

Mon., Sept. 7, 8:00 a.m. in DEX

### Eligibility Requirement

- The entry limit for Beef (Breeding and Market Beef combined) is 4 entries.
- All heifers showing in breed divisions must be registered in accordance with the corresponding breed's association. Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1st. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1st. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased. If leasing a purebred animal, an animal lease form must be submitted by June 1 and registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1st.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - Registered heifers must have an ear tattoo corresponding to her registration paper as a primary identifier. Plus, a secondary identifier such as a USDA "840" (bangs) RFID tag, RFID tag, or herd tag without a logo.
  - Commercial heifers must have either a USDA "840" (bangs) RFID tag or general RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo, herd tag without a logo, or freeze brand.
  - Tags featuring breeder name or logos must be removed before showing.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1st)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1st. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1st. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1st.
  - If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- Check In:
  - All entries must check in during 4-H Beef check in times.
  - Registration papers must be made available at check-in for registered animals.
  - Tattoos and tag numbers will be checked at the discretion of the 4-H Beef Committee. Failure to match records may result in disqualification.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.
- DEX:
  - Read the South Dakota State Fair Rules and General Grooming Rules Sections in the General Rules.
  - No tents or canopies of any kind are allowed inside the DEX nor the outside areas surrounding the DEX.
  - Once checked in, all cattle must remain in the immediate proximity of the DEX unless traveling to tie-outs.
  - Due to space limitations, all tack stalls must be reserved upon entry and will be \$75/tack stall. One tack stall consists of two ties. Tack stalls can be purchased at sdstatefair.com by August 1st and are limited to one per family/address.
    - If a family is found using a tack stall without paying the fee, they will be asked to remove their tack or pay the fee at that time. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.
  - 4-H Beef Chute Fee is \$25 per Chute this year. Chute tags will be issued upon check-in.
    - If a family is found using a Chute without paying the Chute fee, they will be asked to remove their Chute or pay the fee at that time (if space is available). Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.
- Stalling assignments will be made by the 4-H Beef Committee Chairs in communication with the Open Class Beef

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Superintendents and will attempt to honor all stalling requests but cannot guarantee requests.

- For barn rules specific to the DEX, consult the State Fair DEX rules.

### Lots

Animals will be shown by breeds, in compliance with the requirements outlined below.

- **Aberdeen Angus**
- **Angus** (100%)
- **Charolais** (100%)
- **Charolais Composite** (less than 100%)
- **Chianina and ChiHybrid**
- **Gelbvieh and Balancer** (25% to 100%)
- **Hereford** (100%)
- **Limousin**
- **LimFlex**
- **Maine-Anjou** (75 to 100%) "Brown" papers required
- **Mainetainer** (25 to 62.5%) "Green" papers required
- **Maine Angus** "Blue" papers required
- **Miniature Hereford**
- **Red Angus** (Purebred category 1A or 1B)
- **Percentage Red Angus** (Registered as Category II or III)
- **Shorthorn** (94% or higher) "Red" papers required.
- **Shorthorn Plus** "Green" papers required.
- **Simmental** (87.5% or higher)
- **Percentage Simmental** (50 to 87.5%)
- **Any Other Breed:** Heifers not listed as a breed, but registered in accordance with the rules and regulations of a national breed. \*Any breed having less than 5 head will show with AOB.
- **Commercial:** This class is for crossbred or purebred breeding heifers that do not meet the breed registration requirements listed above.

**Sub-lots:** Animals are shown youngest to oldest within a breed lot. Breed Champions are selected at the conclusion of each breed, and a Top 5 are selected at the end of the Breeding Beef Show.

- Winter Heifer Calf, 11/1/25 - 12/31/25
- Senior Heifer Calf, 9/1/25 – 10/31/25
- Late Summer Yearling Heifer, 7/1/25 – 8/31/25
- Early Summer Yearling Heifer, 5/1/25 – 6/30/25
- April Junior Yearling Heifer, 4/1/25 – 4/30/25
- March Junior Yearling Heifer, 3/1/25 – 3/31/25
- Early Junior Yearling Heifer, 1/1/25 – 2/28/25
- Senior Yearling Heifer, 9/1/24 – 12/31/24

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## MARKET BEEF

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: John Madison and Audra Scheel

Committee Members: Kim Bergh, Shelly Altena, Kristi Effling, Jim Krantz, Taylor Grussing, Jeff Vanderwal, Sadie Frey, Julie Walker, and Dawn Covey

### Ownership Verification:

Data Upload in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT in FairEntry

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Move-in:

Wed., Sept. 2

\* Steers may be allowed to stall with Open Class if stall fees are paid online with Open Class entries.

### Check-in:

Thurs., Sept. 3, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in DEX

### Show:

Sat., Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m. in DEX

### Showmanship:

Mon., Sept. 7, 8:00 a.m. in DEX

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Beef (Breeding and Market Beef combined) is 4 entries.
- All steers showing in breed divisions must be registered in accordance with the corresponding breed's association (except Angus). Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1st. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1st. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased. If leasing a purebred animal, an animal lease form must be submitted by June 1 and registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - Federal or RFID tag as a primary identifier, plus a secondary identifier such as a tattoo or herd tag without a logo.
  - Tags featuring breeder names or logos must be removed before showing.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1st)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1st. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1st. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.
  - If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- DNA: All market animals intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit DNA samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted to the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for State Fair eligibility.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information)
- Check In/Weigh Backs:
  - All market animals, must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight. Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards. Registration papers must be made available at the time of check in for registered animals.
- Age and Weight:
  - Market Beef must be born after January 1, 2025, to be eligible for entry.
  - Steers weighing less than 1000 pounds and market heifers weighing less than 900 pounds are not eligible in the 4-H Market Beef Show. Animals that do not meet the minimum weight requirement may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Market Beef Show.
  - See specific requirements for miniature steers below.
- DEX:
  - Read the South Dakota State Fair Rules and General Grooming Rules Sections in the General Rules.
  - No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.
  - No tents or canopies of any kind are allowed inside of the DEX nor the outside areas surrounding the DEX.
  - Once checked in, all cattle must remain in the immediate proximity of the DEX unless traveling to tie-outs.

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- Due to space limitations, all tack stalls must be reserved upon entry and will be \$75/tack stall. One tack stall consists of two ties. Tack stalls can be purchased at [sdstatefair.com](http://sdstatefair.com) by August 1st and are limited to one stall per family/ address.
  - If a family is found using a tack stall without paying the fee, they will be asked to remove their tack or pay the fee at that time. Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.
- 4-H Beef Chute Fee is \$25 per Chute this year. Chute tags will be issued upon check-in.
  - If a family is found using a chute without paying the Chute fee, they will be asked to remove their Chute or pay the fee at that time (if space is available). Failure to comply may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of 4-H staff.
- Stalling assignments will be made by the 4-H Beef Committee Chairs in communication with the Open Class Beef Superintendents and will attempt to honor all stalling requests but cannot guarantee requests.
- For barn rules specific to the DEX, consult the State Fair DEX rules.

### Lots

Animals must be in compliance with the requirements as outlined below as set forth by 4-H and the South Dakota beef breed associations.

- ➔ **Market Heifer:** All breeds and crossbreds.
- ➔ **Angus Market Steer:** Registered in accordance with the American Angus Association or may be purebred/commercial straight-bred. Animal must exhibit breed character and be polled.
- ➔ **Charolais Market Steer**
- ➔ **Chianina Market Steer**
- ➔ **Gelbvieh Market Steer**
- ➔ **Hereford Market Steer**
- ➔ **Limousin Market Steer**
- ➔ **Maine-Anjou Market Steer** (25% or higher)
- ➔ **Miniature Steers** (Steers must be registered in accordance with their appropriate breed, weigh between 500 and 1000 pounds, and be no more than 47" at the hip)
- ➔ **Red Angus Market Steer** (50% or higher)
- ➔ **Shorthorn Market Steer** (94% or higher) "Red" papers
- ➔ **Shorthorn Plus Market Steer** "Green" papers.
- ➔ **Simmental Market Steer** (50% or higher)
- ➔ **Commercial Market Steer:** Any steer not meeting breed requirements.
- ➔ **Any Other Breed:** Market Beef not listed as a breed, but registered in accordance with the rules and regulations of a national breed. \* Any breed having less than 5 head will show AOB.

All steer classes will be divided according to breed and weight beginning with the lightest and proceeding to the heaviest. All market heifers, regardless of breed, will be shown by weight from lightest to heaviest. Breed Champions are selected at the conclusion of each breed and a Top 5 are selected at the end of the Market Beef Show.

### Bred and Owned

Market and Breeding beef that are registered in compliance with a national breed association and have registration papers that list a parent/sibling/ranch are not eligible for Bred & Owned recognition. Exhibitors should signify their animal is bred and owned in FairEntry when signing up for the fair.

### Showmanship

Showmanship participation may be selected in FairEntry and will be confirmed during check-in.

Beef Showmanship will use the "Gate-Cut" method. At the designated time Showmen will be called to the make-up area. The first 8-12 (appropriate number for arena being used) will be allowed into the ring as the First Heat. The class will be judged, purple ribbon showmen will be selected to return for the final drive, and the class will be excused. All subsequent heats will follow the same process. The show's Committee Chair will determine the number of heats to be judged for each age division and make a final call from the show ring no less than 3 times to announce the final heat, allowing all exhibitors equal opportunity to participate.

### State Fair 4-H Beef Project Year Long Check Sheet

#### **Prior to State Fair:**

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member **by May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet "Adding a New Youth Enrollment" on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock rules information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s)..

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification into 4-H Online and collect and turn in DNA sample **by June 1 at 11:59 p.m.** (NOTE: a DNA sample is needed only for market animals. Each market animal MUST have a DNA Sample collected by this deadline to be State Fair

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eligible).

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
- ✓ As part of the animal self-identification process, exhibitors are responsible for collecting a DNA sample for every market animal which must be returned to the county office by June 1.
- ✓ If animal is being leased, the Animal Projects Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program **by July 1**.

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – Register State Fair animal project(s) in FairEntry **by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Make sure that each entry is complete.
- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI)**. Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated within 30 days of your state fair arrival. Your animals **MUST** be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Health Regulation” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check**. Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause **INELIGIBILITY**. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Veterinarian Certificate of Health Inspection
- ✓ ORIGINAL registration papers for all purebred beef.
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal’s ID information - tags, tattoo, date of birth, sex, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

## When Arriving at State Fair:

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** – Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ Proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens**. Maps for stalling in the DEX and tieout assignments will be emailed to you prior to arrival and posted inside the DEX.

- ✓ Once you have located your stalls, unload your calves and tack as time efficiently as possible.
- ✓ If you have any questions, please contact the State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167 to prevent stalling in the wrong area.

Step 10 – **Read the rules!**

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H beef. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**
- ✓ Write your stall number(s) on your animal’s health papers. CVI’s need to be placed in the box labeled Beef during check-in.

## Check-In Day:

Step 11 – **Gather ALL necessary documentation**. Please come to the check in area with your registration paper, CVI and declared weight for market animals.

- ✓ Registration papers for purebred livestock.

Step 12 – Attend check in at the DEX.

- ✓ Confirm you are entered in showmanship.

Step 13 - Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from 4-H Information Center. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

## Show Day:

Step 14 – Showmanship

- ✓ You must have an animal entered to compete in showmanship.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to check in and line up for your class on time. No exceptions will be made.
- ✓ The judge will select the top showmen from each class to come back for final showmanship drive.
- ✓ Dress code will be strictly enforced.

Step 15 – Show

- ✓ Be aware of what class is in the ring at all times. **It is youth/family’s responsibility to check in and line up for your class on time**. No exceptions will be made.
- ✓ Prior to your class, check in with show staff at the lineup area. They will give you an entry card needed to enter the ring.
- ✓ Staff will line up classes in the make-up area. Please pay attention so that you are properly lined up for your class.
- ✓ After the judge places the class, the show ring assistant will ask for your entry card to record the class placings and

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exhibitors will be directed out the exit gate. Show harnesses are the preferred way to hold your entry card and back tag number.

### **Release:**

Step 16 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form from the Beef Superintendent prior to bringing their trailer onto the State Fair grounds. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## COMPANION ANIMAL

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Jen Hayford and Jill Calmus

### Ownership Verification:

Data Upload in 4-H Online by August 1

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Show times will be prescheduled

### Show:

Sat. Aug 22, 9:00 a.m. in Madison, SD at the Lake County 4-H Grounds (1000 S Egan Ave)

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Companion Animal is 4 entries.
- Cat/Kittens can only be registered one time either under Cat/Kitten Showmanship or Companion Animal Live Exhibits.
- **Youth must create a new poster each year and cannot use previous posters.**
- Required individual animal identification: The official tag the veterinarian issues when the ferret or cat is vaccinated for rabies is recognized as official identification for listing on the CVI. Note: Rabies tags do not replace health certificates.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section)
- Animals must be free of parasites and diseases.
- Cats and Ferrets must have current vaccinations for rabies. Cats must also have a current Feline Distemper Vaccine.
- **Songbirds** (parrots, parakeets, cockatoos, cockatiels, finches, and canaries) are allowed in the Live Companion Animal Exhibit lot. All birds must be presented to the vet for inspection, have a current CVI, and have a clean bill-of-health and be free of parasites or diseases to enter the show or be allowed on the State Fairgrounds. Discretion for showing live bird species at the state or county level is dependent on County 4-H Educators and Fairground rules.

### Eligibility Requirements/Age of Animals

At your county fair/achievement days, any live Companion Animal exhibit may be shown if approved by your SDSU Extension 4-H Educator and/or fairgrounds. Companion Animals must be the following ages by the time of exhibition at county fair/achievement days: Birds – Fledging Age, Cat/Kittens- 4 months, Ferrets - 4 months, Chinchillas - 7 weeks, Guinea pigs - 4 weeks, Gerbils, hamsters, mice, and rats - 4 weeks, Hedgehogs - 5 weeks, Pet rabbits - 9 weeks. All animals must be weaned prior to show.

All animals are welcomed for the live exhibits at the State Companion Animal Show; however, animals brought to County events must be approved by county-level 4-H Youth Educators. With the exception of dogs and horses – which must be entered in the dog show and horse show respectively – no large-breed animals are permitted. Reminder: Rabbits and Guinea Pigs/Cavies may be shown only as pets in the Companion Animal Show and cannot be entered in the State 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Show if they have breed disqualifications.

### Lots

Show order of judging in each category is based upon the order of registration at check-in. Animals can only be registered in one category.

- ➔ *Kitten/Cat Showmanship*
- ➔ *Companion Animal Live Exhibit Showmanship*
- ➔ *Companion Animal Display Exhibit Showmanship*

On the day of the show, youth must bring all animals in a portable cage or carrier with the necessary food, water, and liter boxes.

When registering for the State Companion Animal Show, you will be able to select one of the two time slots: 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. or 10:15 – 11:30 a.m. We will do our best to accommodate your preference, but specific time slots cannot be guaranteed. Youth participants do not need to remain for the entire show. All awards will be announced the Monday following the State Companion Animal Show on the SDSU Extension website. Animals must remain in their enclosures at all times unless directed to be removed by the judge. If the animal is being exhibited in a travel cage, photographs should be presented of the animal's normal habitat or enclosure.

Posters or displays can be made to include any companion animal (reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds, or invertebrates) that were exhibited at the county level. Exhibitors should make a poster with information on the proper care of their companion animal not to exceed 22" x 28". **Youth must create a new poster each year and cannot use previous posters.** Judging of the posters will take place during the Companion Animal show. Exhibitors must be present at time of judging and will be judged on quality of the poster, accuracy of information provided, and ability of the exhibitor to explain the information and answer judge's questions. **There will be a 5-minute time limit on presentations.**

### State Fair Companion Animal Year Long Check Sheet

#### Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member **by May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet "Adding a New Youth Enrollment" on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

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Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification in 4-H Online **by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4HOnline” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 4 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry **by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

Step 5 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated within 30 days of your State Fair arrival. Your animals MUST be accompanied by a health certificate to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 6 – **Read the rule and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
- ✓ Check your emails for showtime updates and changes.

### When Arriving at Lake County 4-H Grounds:

Step 7 – **Where to Enter** – The Extension office front door.

### Show Day:

Step 8 – **Companion Animal Show.**

- ✓ Bring CVI (copy of original is fine) and give to committee during check in.
- ✓ Bring your own carpet square.

### Release:

Step 9 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Companion Animals are released following their participation in the show.

- ✓ Awards will be given to SDSU Extension 4-H Educators at the State Fair to distribute at the county level.

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## DAIRY CATTLE

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Kim McGraw and Chelsea Hutchison  
Committee Members: Ron Frederick, Mike Frey, Ann Price

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. in FairEntry

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Open Class Dairy Complex

### Showmanship:

Sun., Sept. 6, following 4-H Dairy Cattle Show

### Show:

Sun., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.

### Dairy Skill-a-Thon:

Thurs., Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Nordby Exhibit Hall

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Dairy Cattle is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased.
  - If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - Ear Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered cattle or Official USDA '840' RFID Tag and Registration Paper.
  - Grade and Crossbred cattle must have a USDA "840" or other RFID Tag.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section)
- Check In:
  - All entries must check in during 4-H Dairy Cattle check-in times.
  - Registration papers must be made available at the time of check-in for registered animals.
- Show Halters with chains must have smooth links. Rope or nylon halters are also acceptable.
- Animals with sharp or protruding horns cannot be shown for safety reasons.
- Registered Holsteins are classified as animals that have 87% or more Registered Holstein Ancestry (RHA-NA) as recorded with the Holstein Association.
- Non-registered dairy animals are shown in the Grade or Crossbreed division.
- Classes for Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, and Milking Shorthorn will not be separated by registered and grade.
- Grade Cattle: At the time of show, show committee members will evaluate breed characteristics of grade animals.
- If an animal is less than Breed Registry Standard (i.e. 87%), it must be shown in the Crossbred division.
- Crossbred Division: Any animal that is the result of crossing two or more breeds will be shown in the crossbred division. Any breed not recognized by the seven national dairy breed registry associations (Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, or Milking Shorthorn) will be shown in the crossbred division.
- Red and White will be shown in the Holstein Breed.
- Any grade animal not showing the predominant characteristics of one breed will show in the crossbred division.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

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## Lots:

- ➔ *Brown Swiss*
- ➔ *Guernsey*
- ➔ *Holstein, Grade*
- ➔ *Holstein, Registered*
- ➔ *Jersey*
- ➔ *Milking Shorthorn*
- ➔ *Any Other Breed (Ayrshire)*
- ➔ *Crossbred*

## Sub-lots:

- Spring Heifer Calf, 3/1/26 – 5/1/26
- Winter Heifer Calf, 12/1/25 – 2/29/26
- Fall Heifer Calf, 9/1/25 – 11/30/25
- Summer Junior Yearling Heifer, 6/1/25 – 8/31/25
- Spring Junior Yearling Heifer, 3/1/25 – 5/31/25
- Winter Senior Yearling Heifer, 12/1/24 – 2/28/25
- Fall Senior Yearling Heifer, 9/1/24 – 11/30/24
- Two-Year-Old Cow, 9/1/23 – 8/31/24
- Milking Three- & Four-Year-Old Cow, 9/1/21 – 8/31/23
- Milking Aged Cow, Born prior to 9/1/21
- Dry Three- & Four-Year-Old Cow, 9/1/21 – 8/31/23
- Dry Aged Cow Five or Older, Born prior to 9/1/21

## Dairy Cattle Showmanship

4-H members are encouraged to view the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA) Showmanship Guidelines. These guidelines can be found at: [holsteinfoundation.org/education/showmanship.html](http://holsteinfoundation.org/education/showmanship.html).

These guidelines can help prepare youth for the Dairy Cattle Showmanship 4-H Contest. The South Dakota 4-H Dairy Cattle Showmanship Contest will follow these guidelines. The only exceptions are as follows:

- Dairy cattle exhibitors have the option to wear their exhibitor t-shirt provided by South Dakota 4-H.
- Dairy cattle exhibitors can wear white or black pants.

## State Fair 4-H Dairy Cattle Year Long Check Sheet

### Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member by **May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “Adding a New Youth Enrollment” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification in 4-H Online by **June 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
- ✓ If animal is being leased, the Animal Projects Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program **by July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry by **August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated within 30 days of your state fair arrival. Your animals **MUST** be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Veterinarian Certificate of Health Inspection
- ✓ ORIGINAL registration papers for all purebred Dairy Cattle
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal’s ID information – tag, breed, tattoo, date of birth, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

### When Arriving at State Fair:

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** - Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ At the gate, state veterinarians will inspect your health certificate and animals.
- ✓ Once finished, proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens.** A map of your county’s assigned pens can be found posted on the office wall in the Open Class Dairy Cattle Barn.

- ✓ *Once you have located your pens, unload your Dairy Cattle and tack as efficiently as possible.*

Step 10 – **Before leaving the Open Class Dairy Cattle Barn:**

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- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H Dairy Cattle. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**
- ✓ Write your stall number(s) on your animal's health papers. CVI's need to be taken to the Dairy Cattle Office and placed in the box labeled Dairy Cattle.

### Check-In Day:

Step 11 – **Gather ALL necessary documentation.** *Please do not get in line until you have all the following papers in hand.*

- ✓ Registration Papers for ALL Purebred livestock.
- ✓ List of any animals that are registered for the State Fair but did not come.
- ✓ Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from 4-H Information Center. No 4-H exhibitor shirts are available to the Open Class Dairy Cattle Barn. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

Step 12 –

- ✓ Once the 4-H Dairy Cattle Show is posted, make yourself familiar with the show order and your class numbers within the show.
- ✓ 4-H Dairy Cattle Show order will be posted on the office wall of the Open Class Dairy Cattle Superintendent's Office.

### Show Day:

Step 13 –

- ✓ Listen closely for announcements and classes. It can be hard to hear in the barn.
- ✓ The staging area is at the east end of the show ring please arrive early to your class so you can be placed in your class order.

Step 14 –

- ✓ Classes will enter and exit the show ring from the east end of the show ring.

### Release:

Step 15 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form from the Open Class Dairy Superintendent prior to bringing their trailer onto the State Fair grounds. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## DAIRY GOATS

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Chelsea Hutchison and Kim McGraw  
Committee Members: Ron Frederick, Ann Price, and Crystal Neuharth

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. in Fair Entry CDT

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, Noon - 2:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex

### Showmanship:

Thurs., Sept. 3, following 4-H Dairy Goat Show

### Show:

Thurs., Sept. 3, 8:30 a.m.

### Dairy Skill-a-Thon:

Mon., Sept. 3, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Nordby Exhibit Hall

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Dairy Goats is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1st. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased.
  - If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - USDA Official Scrapie Tag or Tattoo
  - Tattoo and Registration Paper for registered goats. If registration papers are not presented at check-in, the animal must show in "Unrecorded Grade". Unrecorded Grade goats must have USDA Official Scrapie Tag or Tattoo.
  - Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information)
- Check In:
  - All entries must check in during 4-H Dairy Goat check-in time.
  - Registration papers must be made available at the time of check-in for registered animals.
- Freshened does should be shown in milk.
- 4-H stalls will only be assigned to animals showing in the 4-H Dairy Goat Show and registered in FairEntry.
- **All dairy goats must be dehorned.**
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Lots

- ➔ Alpine
- ➔ Lamancha
- ➔ Nigerian Dwarf
- ➔ Nubian
- ➔ Saanen
- ➔ Toggenburg
- ➔ Any Other Breed
- ➔ Recorded Grade
- ➔ Unrecorded Grade

### Sub-Lots:

- Junior Doe Kid (Never Freshened), 4/1/26 – 6/30/26
- Senior Doe Kid (Never Freshened), 1/1/26 – 3/31/26
- Junior Yearling (Never Freshened), 7/1/25 – 12/31/25
- Senior Yearling (Never Freshened), 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- Milking Yearling (Milking), 7/1/24 – 6/30/25
- Two-Year-Old Doe (Milking), 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- Three- to Five-Year-Old Doe (Milking), 7/1/21 – 6/30/23
- Five or Older Aged Doe (Milking), Born prior to 7/1/21

### Showmanship

- Dairy Goat exhibitors have the option to wear a white t-shirt or blouse, or their exhibitor t-shirt.
- Consistent with ADGA, white or black pants are preferred, but any adherence to the SD 4-H dress code is acceptable.

### State Fair Dairy Goat Year Long Check Sheet

#### Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member by **May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet "Adding a New Youth Enrollment" on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

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- ✓ All Dairy Goats are required to have an individual animal identification - a USDA Official Scrapie ID or Tattoo. Registered Goats must have a Registration Paper and Tattoo.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification in 4-H Online by **June 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
- ✓ If animal is being leased, Animal Projects Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program by **July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry by **August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.
- ✓ Double check that State Fair registration information in FairEntry matches your animal’s registration papers and is entered in the correct lot.
- ✓ The name of your goat is highly encouraged to be entered into 4-H Online/FairEntry.
- ✓ Remember to specify in FairEntry if your animal is Dry or Milking and if you are stalling with 4-H or Open Class.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated *within 30 days* of your state fair arrival. Your animals **MUST** be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ Refer to the Animal Exhibits Registration Papers section of the Fair Book for more details. For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection
- ✓ ORIGINAL registration papers for all purebred dairy goats.
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your dairy goat’s tags/tattoos match on the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

## When Arriving at State Fair:

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** - Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ At the gate, state veterinarians will inspect your health certificate and animals.
- ✓ Once finished, proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens.** A map of your county’s assigned pens can be found posted in the Dairy Goat Barn unless you are stalling with open class.

- ✓ Stalling maps will be posted on the SDSU Extension Website.
- ✓ Once you have located your pens, unload your dairy goat and tack as time efficiently as possible. The stall sizes are large enough that exhibitors may want to bring their own panels from home to divide the stalls to separate goats or for tack. The stall sizes are 6 x 6. If changes are made to the stalls, exhibitors will be notified of the stall sizes.

Step 10 – **Before leaving the 4-H Livestock Complex/Dairy Goat Barn:**

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H dairy goat. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**
- ✓ Write your pen number(s) on your animal’s health papers. CVI’s need to be placed in the box labeled Dairy Goat outside the office in the Livestock Complex.

## Check-In Day:

Step 11 – **Gather ALL necessary documentation.** Please do not get in line until you have all the following papers in hand. (Your dairy goat is not necessary for the check-in process.)

- ✓ Registration Papers for purebred goats.
- ✓ Confirm with staff to participate in showmanship.
- ✓ Confirmation of FairEntry classes will be given at check-in.
- ✓ Show orders will be posted in the evening of check-in day in the Dairy Goat barn, Open Class and [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu) under State Fair information.

Step 12 - Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from the 4-H Information Booth. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

## Show Day:

Step 13 –

- ✓ Be prompt at the show gate for your class.

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- ✓ Champion and Reserve need to be prompt at the end of show for the Champion Drive.
- ✓ Any award winners need to have their picture taken with the professional photographer which is behind the bleachers.

### **Release:**

Step 14 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form from the 4-H Ag Center prior to bringing their trailer onto the State Fair grounds. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## BREEDING MEAT GOATS (REGISTERED AND COMMERCIAL DOES)

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Laura Alexander and Madison Melcher

Committee Members: Darrin Erdmann, Levi Larsen, Kipp Littau, Travis Boldt, Jacob Ebbers, and LeeAnna Fitzgerald

Youth Committee Members: Brityn Davies, Taylor McGraw, and Tye McGraw

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT in Fair Entry

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. , 4-H Livestock Complex (ALL animals must come in area for vet inspection and registered does must be checked for tattoos)

### Registered Breeding Meat Goat:

Thurs. Sept. 3, 8:30 a.m.

### Commercial/Haired Breeding Meat Goat:

Thurs., Sept. 3, after Registered Breeding Show

### Showmanship:

Registered & Commercial Breeding Meat Goat  
Thurs., Sept. 3, after Commercial/Haired Breeding Show starting with Beginner, Junior, Senior

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Meat Goats (Breeding, Wether Doe and Market Meat Wethers combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased. If leasing a purebred animal, an animal lease form must be submitted by June 1 and registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Required individual animal identification: Tattoos will be accepted only for registered does and must be accompanied by breed registration papers. Pending breed registration papers are not acceptable. Tattoos must be legible. If tattoos are not legible, animals may be considered to be moved to the commercial division upon committee discretion. Commercial does and Wether does must have a USDA Official Scrapie ID. Microchips are acceptable, but you must provide a reader to verify at check-in.
- Commercial/haired will show by weight and must be a minimum weight of 45 pounds. Animals that have a declared weight of under 45 pounds may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Commercial/Haired Breeding Goat Show or Wether Doe Show.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- Check In: All entries must check in during 4-H Goat check-in times. Registered does must bring their goats and registration papers to the check in table for tattoo and tag checks during the check-in times. Commercial/haired doe exhibitors must declare weight at check-in. All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats, and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
- Weigh-back: Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards. While in the show ring, exhibitors must not excessively slap their goat. Goat's front feet must be on the floor/ground while showing. Front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor/ground. Excused exhibitors will not be eligible for awards in the class they are excused from. Decisions will be at the committee's discretion.
- Does may only be shown in one (1) class and exhibitors must choose either Registered, Commercial, or Wether doe.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Registered Breeding Doe:

- A registered doe has a paper registered in the 4-Her's name and/or family name or has appropriate lease paperwork on file and has been tattooed. All purebred and percentage does will show together in one show.
- These does will be shown by age and must fit in one of the age groups listed below.
- Legible and readable tattoos that exactly match the animal's Registration Paper are required for registered breeding does

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and will be checked at check-in time. Non-legible and unreadable tattoos shall result in registered breeding goat does being automatically moved to the commercial division. Tattoos done with permanent marker are not acceptable.

- If a Doe has kidded (given birth), they will not be able to show.
- Registered Breeding does can be shown with a collar or halter.
- Registered Breeding does may be braced, however, all four feet must be on the ground at all times.
- Registered Breeding meat goats can be trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.

### **Commercial Breeding Doe:**

- These does will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
- If a doe has kidded (given birth), they will not be able to show.
- Commercial Breeding does can be shown with a collar or halter.
- Commercial Breeding does may be braced, however, all four feet must be on the ground at all times.
- Commercial Breeding goats can be trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.

### **Lots**

#### ➔ *Registered Breeding Doe*

Sub-Lots: Breeding meat goats are shown by age, from youngest to oldest with no separation of breeds.

- Junior Doe – 3 to under 6 months, 3/1/26 – 5/31/26
- Junior Doe – 6 to under 9 months, 12/1/25– 2/29/26
- Junior Doe – 9 to under 12 months, 9/1/25 – 11/30/25
- Yearling Doe – 12 to under 16 months, 5/1/25 – 8/31/25
- Yearling Doe – 16 to under 20 months, 1/1/25 – 4/30/25
- Senior Doe – 20 to under 24 months, 9/1/24 - 12/31/24
- Senior Doe – 24 to under 36 months, 9/1/23 – 8/31/24
- Senior Doe – 36 months & over, Born prior to 8/31/23

#### ➔ *Commercial/Haired Breeding Doe*

- Goats must not have kidded by time of show.
- Commercial does will declare weights, and classes broken by weights showing lightest to heaviest.

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## WETHER DOE MEAT GOATS

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Laura Alexander and Madison Melcher

Committee Members: Darrin Erdmann, Levi Larsen, Kipp Littau, Travis Boldt, Jacob Ebbers, and LeeAnna Fitzgerald

Youth Committee Members: Brityn Davies, Taylor McGraw, and Tye McGraw

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed. Sept. 2; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex (All animals must come to check in area for vet inspection)

### Show:

Wether Doe/Slick Doe: Thurs., Sept. 3 after Registered & Commercial Breeding Goat Showmanship

### Showmanship:

Wether Doe & Market Wether Meat Goat: Thurs., Sept. 3, after Market Wether show

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Meat Goats (Breeding, Wether Doe and Market Wether Meat Goats combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - USDA Official Scrapie tag
- Wether does must be shown at a minimum weight of 45 pounds for the 4-H Wether Doe Show. Animals that have a declared weight of under 45 pounds may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Wether Doe Show.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- All Meat Goat exhibitors must remove covers at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus and other health concerns. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other goats in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fair grounds.
- Check-In: All entries must check in during 4-H Goat check-in times.
  - All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats, and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
- Weigh-back: Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards.
- Wether does must be shown at a minimum weight of 45 pounds for the 4-H Meat Goat Shows. Animals that have a declared weight of under 45 pounds may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Wether Doe shows.
- All 4-H market wether does and market meat goats should be slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- While in the show ring, exhibitors must not excessively slap their goat. Goats' front feet must be on the floor/ground while showing. Front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor/ground. Exhibitors may be excused from the ring by committee members, staff or judge for unacceptable showmanship practices. Excused exhibitors will not be eligible for awards in the class that they are excused from. Decisions will be at the committee's discretion.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Lots

All wether does are divided into classes by weight and are shown from lightest to heaviest.

### Entered in 4-H Online

Wether does will be entered under breeding meat goats in 4-H Online. At the time of registering in FairEntry for exhibition, the doe can be entered in either the commercial or wether doe division, not both.

Wether Does:

- A wether doe is a doe that has a wether style breeding and will raise a market style goat.
- Market does are considered breeding animals and will be shown in the Wether doe division but will not have DNA collected.

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- Does must be slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less.
- Wether does will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
- These does shall not have kidded and must be under two (2) years of age.
- Wether does may be braced.
- Registration papers are not required but animals need a USDA Official Scrapie Tag ID.

### **Meat Goat Showmanship**

Meat Goat Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether doe Showmanship. Youth may only compete in one (1) showmanship contest. Registered & Commercial Breeding Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3 following the conclusion of the Commercial Breeding Goat Show. Wether Doe & Market Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3 following the conclusion of the Market Wether Goat Show. Show order will be Beginner, Junior, and Senior and follow a "Gate-Cut" method.

- Exhibitors may sign up for showmanship on FairEntry. Pre-registration for showmanship classes is appreciated but not required.
- All exhibitors must check in at the gate prior to the first heat of the age division you are in.
- Class size will be at the discretion of the judge.
- Exhibitors who earn a "callback" or invitation into Top 5 Overall Showmanship Drive will earn a purple ribbon. All other exhibitors will receive a blue ribbon.
  - Each Age Division will have a selection of Top 5 Overall.

# Animal Exhibits

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## MARKET WETHER MEAT GOATS

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Laura Alexander and Madison Melcher

Committee Members: Darrin Erdmann, Levi Larsen, Kip Littau, Travis Boldt, Jacob Ebberts, and LeeAnna Fitzgerald

Youth Committee Members: Brityn Davies, Taylor McGraw, and Tye McGraw

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed. Sept. 2; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex (All animals must come to check in area for vet inspection)

### Show:

Market Wether: Thurs., Sept. 3 after Wether Doe show

### Showmanship:

Wether Doe & Market Wether Meat Goat: Thurs., Sept. 3, after Market Wether show

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Meat Goats (Breeding, Wether Doe and Market Wether Meat Goats combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag
  - OR
  - RFID Tag (not scrapie) PLUS USA Official Scrapie tag
- Market wethers must be shown at a minimum weight of 45 pounds for the 4-H Market Wether Meat Goat Show. Animals that have a declared weight of under 45 pounds may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Market Wether Meat Goat Show.
- DNA: All market animals in Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep and Market Swine intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit DNA samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted to the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for State Fair eligibility.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- All Meat Goat exhibitors must remove covers at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus and other health concerns. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other goats in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fair grounds.
- Check-In: All entries must check in during 4-H Goat check-in times.
  - All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats, and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
- Weigh-back: Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards.
- Market Wethers must be shown at a minimum weight of 45 pounds for the 4-H Meat Goat Shows. Animals that have a declared weight of under 45 pounds may be left in the exhibit area or taken home (exhibitor's choice), but they cannot be exhibited in the 4-H Market Wether Shows.
- All 4-H market meat goats (wethers and wether does) should be slick shorn with 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- While in the show ring, exhibitors must not excessively slap their goat. Goats' front feet must be on the floor/ground while showing. Front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor/ground. Exhibitors may be excused from the ring by committee members, staff or judge for unacceptable showmanship practices. Excused exhibitors will not be eligible for awards in the class that they are excused from. Decisions will be at the committee's discretion.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Lots

All market wethers and wether dams are divided into classes by weight and are shown from lightest to heaviest.

➔ *Market Meat Goat Wether*

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## **Meat Goat Showmanship**

Meat Goat Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether doe Showmanship. Youth may only compete in one (1) showmanship contest. Registered & Commercial Breeding Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3 following the conclusion of the Commercial Breeding Goat Show. Wether Doe & Market Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3 following the conclusion of the Market Wether Goat Show. Show order will be Beginner, Junior, and Senior and follow a "Gate-Cut" method.

- Exhibitors may sign up for showmanship on FairEntry. Pre-registration for showmanship classes is appreciated but not required.
- All exhibitors must check in at the gate prior to the first heat of the age division you are in.
- Class size will be at the discretion of the judge.
- Exhibitors who earn a "callback" or invitation into Top 5 Overall Showmanship Drive will earn a purple ribbon. All other exhibitors will receive a blue ribbon.
  - Each Age Division will have a selection of Top 5 Overall.

## **State Fair Meat Goat Year Long Check Sheet**

### **Prior to State Fair:**

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member by **May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet "Adding a New Youth Enrollment" on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification in 4-H Online by **June 1 at 11:59 p.m.** (NOTE: a DNA sample is needed only for market animals. Each market animal MUST have a DNA sample collected by this deadline to be State Fair eligible).

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet "How to Add Animals in 4-H Online" on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
- ✓ As part of the animal self-identification process, exhibitors are responsible for collecting a DNA sample for every market animal which must be returned to the county office by June 1.
- ✓ If animal is being leased, Animal Projects Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program by **July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry by **August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated *within 30 days* of your state fair arrival. Your animals MUST be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the "Health Regulation" section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Veterinarian Certificate of Health Inspection
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal's ID information - tag, date of birth, sex, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online.

### **When Arriving at State Fair:**

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** - Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ At the gate, state veterinarians will inspect your health certificate and animals.
- ✓ Once finished, proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens.** A map of your county's assigned pens can be found posted on the office wall (office is located in the center of the 4-H Livestock Complex).

- ✓ Once you have located your pens, unload your goats and tack as efficiently as possible.
- ✓ If you have any questions, please call the State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167 to prevent stalling in the wrong area.
- ✓ You may check in prior to locating your assigned pens.
- ✓ Write your pen number(s) on your animal's health papers. CVI's need to be placed in the box labeled Meat Goats during check in.

Step 10 – **Before leaving the 4-H Livestock Complex/Dairy Goat Barn:**

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H meat goats. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**

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## Check-In Day:

### Step 11 – Attend Check In

- ✓ All registered breeding does must be present at check-in to have tattoos and tags checked. Commercial does, Wether does, and Market Wether Meat Goats must be present at check-in to be checked for club lamb fungus and other health concerns, and to declare weight and check their animal in during the designated check in time.
- ✓ If you want to weigh your goat prior to declaring a weight, it must be done BEFORE reporting to the check-in table.
- ✓ Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from the 4-H Information Booth. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

### Step 12 – Review Show Order

- ✓ Show orders will be posted as available. All 4-H meat goat show orders will be posted on the board in the 4-H Livestock Complex in the northeast corner of the arena and on extension.sdstate.edu no later than Wednesday evening.
- ✓ If errors are found in the show order, please contact a Meat Goat Committee member. The show office will open 1 hour prior to the show.

## Show Day:

### Step 13 – Class Check In

- ✓ Check in with 4-H check-in staff by the Northeast gate of North Show ring in the Livestock Complex. Please check in 1-2 classes prior to the class you are exhibiting in.
- ✓ Once you check in, it is the exhibitor's responsibility to stay near entry gate. Check-in staff will line up class following the order of the show program.
- ✓ It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for the class.

### Step 14 – Class Procedure

#### Show Order

- ✓ Thursday, September 3rd
  - 8:30 a.m. – Registered Breeding Meat Goats, Champion Registered
  - Commercial Breeding, Champion Commercial Breeding.
  - Registered and Commercial Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship
  - Following Breeding Meat Goat Showmanship – Wether Doe Breeding Meat Goat, Top 5 Wether Does
  - Market Wethers, Top 5 Market Wethers
  - Wether Doe and Market Wether Meat Goat Showmanship
- ✓ Ring Stewards will direct the flow of the class. Please watch the judge and the ring steward.
  - If able, watch classes prior to the one you are exhibiting in to get idea of how classes are running.
  - Registered Breeding Meat Goat Divisions are as follows: Junior, Intermediate, Senior
  - Commercial Breeding Meat Goat, Market Wether, and Wether Doe Divisions are as follows: Light Weight, Medium Weight, Heavy Weight.

### Step 15 – Showmanship

- ✓ Exhibitors may sign up for showmanship on FairEntry, but it is not required.
  - Meat Goat Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether Doe Showmanship. Youth may only compete in one (1) showmanship contest. Registered & Commercial Breeding Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3rd following the conclusion of the Commercial Breeding Goat Show. Wether Doe & Market Showmanship will be Thursday, September 3rd following the conclusion of the Market Wether Goat Show. Show order will be Beginner, Junior, and Senior and follow a "Gate-Cut" method.
  - All exhibitors must check in at the gate prior to the first heat of the age division you are in.
  - Class size will be at the discretion of the judge.
  - Exhibitors who earn a "callback" or invitation into Top 5 Overall Showmanship Drive will earn a purple ribbon. All other exhibitors will receive a blue ribbon.
  - Each Showmanship Division will have a selection of Top 5 overall in each age division.

## Release:

Step 14 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form during Meat Goat check-ins in order to bring their trailer onto the State Fair grounds for release. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

# Animal Exhibits

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## POULTRY

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Wendy Sweeter and Lauren Sankey  
Committee Members: Joshua Johnson, Jai Walter, Mike Bosma and Joie Gjernes

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### 4-H Entry Card Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and  
Thurs., Sept. 3, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Open Class Poultry  
Barn Office Area

### Showmanship:

Sat., Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (at pre-scheduled time slots), 4-H Rabbit Poultry Tent

### Show:

Fri., Sept. 4, 1:00 p.m., 4-H Rabbit Poultry Tent  
Poultry Skill-A-Thon:  
Fri., Sept. 4, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., 4-H Rabbit Poultry Tent

### Check In and Release:

- Dual entered birds (those entered in 4-H and Open Class shows) must be caged in open class by Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 9:00 p.m.
- NOTE: 4-H birds can be caged during open barn hours, but they must be checked in for the 4-H show during the designated times listed under 4-H Entry Card Check In.
- Absolutely NO birds are allowed on the grounds that are not registered for the 4-H show. Birds used for showmanship must be in the 4-H Poultry Show.
- Check out for 4-H birds will follow the county dismissal table found in the front of the State Fair book (on the last day of the fair). No birds will be released early.

### Poultry Show:

- The Poultry Show will take place in the 4-H Rabbit Poultry Tent on the east side of the Poultry Barn. All birds MUST be brought into the tent to be shown on tables with cages. We plan to run the show with two judges.
- If a substitute showman must show a 4-H bird during the show, they need to follow the substitute showman rule.

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Poultry is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - Birds entered in 4-H Online with leg band number by June 1.
  - Correct lot and subplot with accurate leg band number entered in FairEntry by August 1 of the current year.
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification: Numbered Leg Band (available from the county office).
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section)
  - Only visibly healthy poultry animals will be accepted for exhibit. They shall be free of evidence of all contagious diseases and mites.
  - Poultry need to have official documentation showing that they are from a Pullorum Typhoid clean source or a negative test to show their veterinarian when the CVI is issued. A representative of the South Dakota Animal Industry Board will examine poultry exhibits.
- Showmanship: Exhibitors must sign up for showmanship in FairEntry and select a time slot by August 1st.
- Check In: All entries must check in during 4-H Poultry check in times. Poultry may be caged during the Open Class Poultry Check In times, but the exhibitor must return during the scheduled 4-H check-in time to officially check their birds in for the 4-H Show. **Any animal that is not officially checked in during the scheduled 4-H check in time will not be exhibited in the show.** Once you have checked in your birds with 4-H staff, that is the class the bird will be shown in. There is no switching of classes after the check-in time.
- Poultry must come in proper carrying cages. Storage space is not available for crates or boxes used to transport poultry.
- Poultry will be fed and cared for at no expense to 4-H members with the South Dakota State Fair furnishing the feed. A sign-up to help will be sent out before the start of the fair.
- 4-H Dress Code is expected at the Poultry Show. Long sleeved shirts must be worn under 4-H t-shirts, unless otherwise announced at the show.
- Members are responsible for assuring their bird was registered in the correct lot and sub-lot, with an accurate leg band. Birds will be judged in the lot printed on their entry card and they will be penned in cages sized appropriately for the class of poultry they are entered as. Please contact a 4-H Poultry committee member if you would like assistance identifying your poultry breed and signing up for the correct class prior to signing up in FairEntry.
- 4-H members have the option to consign their poultry. The deadline to sign up to consign poultry is Saturday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m.

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- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

## Lots

Individual purebred poultry entries are limited to breeds and varieties approved by the most recent American Standard of Perfection. However, youth may enter non-purebred birds in commercial classes.

Purebred Poultry Lots: Birds will be judged on breed characteristics as listed in the *American Standard of Perfection: 45th Edition*. No crossbreds will be permitted in purebred classes. To be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the *American Standard of Perfection*.

### **Purebred Poultry Lots – Purebreds only**

- **American:** Buckeye, Chantecler, Delaware, Dominique, Holland, Java, Jersey Giant, Lamona, New Hampshire, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Wyandotte
- **Asiatic:** Brahma, Cochin, Langshan
- **Continental:**
  - French - Crevecoeur, Faverolle, Houdan, La Fleche, Maran
  - North Europe - Barnevelder, Campine, Hamburg, Lakenvelder, Welsummer
  - Polish - Non-Bearded and Bearded
- **English:** Australorp, Cornish, Dorking, Orpington, Redcap, Sussex
- **Mediterranean:** Ancona, Blue Andalusian, Buff Catalana, Leghorn, Minorca, Sicilian Buttercup, White Faced Black Spanish
- **Any other standard breed:**
  - Games – Modern, Old English
  - Miscellaneous – Ameraucanas, Araucanas, Naked Necks, Sultans
  - Oriental – Aseel, Cubalaya, Malay, Phoenix, Shamo, Sumatra, Yokohama
- **Single Comb Clean Legged Bantams (other than Game Bantam Class):** American Serama, Ancona, , Australorp, Blue Andalusian, Buff Catalana, Campine, Delawares, Dorking, Dutch, Holland, Japanese, Java, Jersey Giant, Lakenvelder, Lamona, Leghorn, Minorca, Nankin, Naked Neck, New Hampshire, Orpington, Phoenix, Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island Red, White Faced Black Spanish, Sussex, Welsummer
- **Rose Comb Clean Legged Bantam:** Ancona, Belgian d'Anver, Dorking, Dominique, Hamburg, Leghorn, Minorca, Nankin, Redcap, Rhode Island Red, Rhode Island White, Rosecomb, Sebright, Wyandotte
- **All Other Combs, Clean Legged, Bantam:** Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chantecler, Cornish, Crevecoeur, Cubalaya, Houdan, Ko Shamo, La Fleche, Malay, Polish, Shamo, Sicilian Buttercup, Sumatra, Yokohama
- **Feather Legged Bantams:** Belgian d'Uccle, Booted, Brahma, Cochin, Faverolle, Langshan, Silkie, Sultan
- **Modern Game Bantams:** Modern Game Bantam

- **Game Bantams:** American Game Bantam, Old English
- **Ducks - Heavy:** Aylesbury, Muscovy, Pekin, Rouen, Saxony, Silver Appleyard
- **Ducks - Medium:** Buff, Blue Swedish, Cayuga, Crested
- **Ducks - Light:** Khaki Campbell, Magpie, Runner, Welsh Harlequin
- **Ducks - Bantam:** Call, East Indie, Mallard
- **Geese – Heavy:** African, Embden, Toulouse
- **Geese – Medium:** American Buff, Pilgrim, Pomeranian, Sebastopol, Steinbacher
- **Geese – Light:** Canada, Chinese, Egyptian, Tufted Roman
- **Breeding Turkey:** Any variety.

### **Purebred Poultry Sub-lots:**

- Individual Cock (Male), Hatched Before 1/1/2026
- Individual Hen (Female), Hatched Before 1/1/2026
- Individual Cockerel (Male) Hatched 1/1/2026 – 5/31/2026
- Individual Pullet (Female) Hatched 1/1/2026 – 5/31/2026

### **Other Poultry**

- **Other Poultry** – Guinea, Partridge, Pheasant, Quail, Other game bird
- **Pigeon**
  - Fancy Pigeon: Fantails, Lahores, Modenas
  - Performing Pigeon: Flying Rollers, Parlor Rollers, Racing Homers
  - Utility Pigeon: Carneau, Giant Homers, Kings

### **Other Poultry Sub-Lots:**

- Individual Male
- Individual Female
- **Commercial Poultry:**
  - White Egg Type: Three Pullets
  - Brown Egg Type: Three Pullets
  - Any other color type: Three Pullets
  - Market/Meat Roasters: Hatched 3/1/2026 – 5/31/2026; Two Pullets or Cockerels of the same age
  - Market/Meat Broiler: Less than 10 weeks old; two pullets or cockerels of the same age
  - Market/Meat Turkeys: Single bird, either sex; hatched after 1/1/26

## **Poultry Showmanship**

- Youth must enter for showmanship by August 1 and select a showmanship time slot on [fairentry.com](http://fairentry.com). All 4-H showmen are required to wear a 4-H t-shirt (long sleeved shirt must be worn underneath 4-H t-shirt), long pants, and closed-toe shoes. The Poultry Showmanship score card and help sheet can be found on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu). Poultry Showmanship exhibitors will be asked 3-4 questions which will be used in the case that a tie-breaker is needed.
- Poultry showmen should bring their own carpet square or towel for their bird to stand on for showmanship. The Poultry Committee does not guarantee that one will be provided.
- Poultry showmanship awards will be announced and distributed on Monday, Sept. 7 at 10:00 a.m. on the west side of the poultry barn.

## **State Fair 4-H Poultry Project Year Long Check Sheet**

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## Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member by **May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “Adding a New Youth Enrollment” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu)

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Use the American Poultry Association’s *American Standard of Perfection* or the National Pigeon Association’s *NPA Book of Standards* to help determine which class your bird should be exhibited in.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification in 4-H Online by **June 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
  - All poultry should arrive at the fair with a leg band that matches the number and identifying information associated with that number on 4-H Online. These tags can be picked up in your county office but be sure to go early in the spring to assure the office has the sizes you need.

Step 4 - Prepare for the county achievement days.

Step 5 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program by **July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 6 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry by **August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

Step 7 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated *within 30 days* of your state fair arrival. Your animals **MUST** be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.
- ✓ Poultry must come from a certified Pullorum-Typhoid free source, or have a test done to prove that they are Pullorum-Typhoid free. If you purchase your chicks from a farm store or hatchery, request a certificate proving this and keep your receipt. If you do not have the paperwork proving that your birds are Pullorum-Typhoid free, you’ll need to have them tested by a certified tester. The veterinarian will need to see the certificate to issue a CVI.

Step 8 – **Double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause **INELIGIBILITY**. Before you leave your home, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal’s ID Information – breed, leg band, sex, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online.

## When Arriving at State Fair:

Step 9 – **Where to Enter** - Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ Once finished, proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 10– **Locate your assigned pens. If your bird is dual entered (both 4-H and Open Class), you will stall it in an Open Class cage. If your bird is only 4-H entered, you will find your marked cage organized by class. When arriving in the poultry barn, find a committee member who will take a copy of your health certificate (CVI) and help you find your bird’s cage. Be prepared to tell the committee member which birds you did, or did not, bring. You may be asked to sign off on which birds were brought and which birds were not brought.**

Step 11 – *Before leaving the Poultry Building:*

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H Poultry. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**
- ✓ CVIs need to be taken to the Poultry Office in the Open Class Poultry Building and placed in the box labeled Poultry.

## Show Day:

Step 12- Exhibitors are expected to be present when their bird is being judged. The show order of classes will be posted on the bulletin board in the poultry barn, as well as emailed out to exhibitors prior to the show.

## Release:

Step 13 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Poultry Release Form from the 4-H or Open Class Poultry Superintendent prior to entering the State Fairgrounds to load up Poultry Exhibits. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## RABBIT

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Deanna Gall and Jackie Rau

Committee Members: Rhonda Gilchrist, Kristi Sweeter, Dale Knode, Andy Jensen, Jennifer Masterson, and Amy Tieszen

### Ownership Verification:

Data entered in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### FairEntry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Substitution Notifications:

Due by 5 p.m. August 27, via email or in person at State Fair during question time on Friday, Sept. 4, from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

4-H Rabbit Event Question Time:

Fri., Sept. 4, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Rabbit Barn, 4-H Educator Staff will be there to answer any exhibitor questions.

**The hours for the rabbit barn are 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily. The barn will be open at 8:00 a.m. on show day.**

### Check In:

Show orders will be sent out prior to the SD State Fair.

Scratches will be taken at the registration table the day of the show. There will be no other 4-H Rabbit Check-In times.

\*All Rabbits being shown in 4-H MUST be caged by Friday, Sept. 4, at 8:00 p.m.

### Skill-A-Thon:

Fri., Sept. 4, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at pre-scheduled time slots

### Showmanship:

Sun., Sept. 6, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at pre-scheduled time slots

### Show:

Mon., Sept. 7, 8:00 a.m.

## Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Rabbit is 4 entries.
- Animal data must be entered into 4-H Online by June 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - All rabbits must have an ear tattoo in the left ear prior to showing at the county level.
  - No rabbits may be tattooed for identification between county shows and the State Fair.
  - All tattoo numbers and animal descriptions entered in 4-H Online must match those of the animal being exhibited.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Health determinations are at the discretion of the State Veterinarian, the Rabbit Superintendent, or a representative of the Animal Wellness Committee.
- The date for determining the age class of a rabbit is the day of South Dakota State Fair judging (September 7, 2026).
- Exhibitors may enter four animals. EXAMPLE: A 4-H exhibitor may enter four New Zealand senior bucks.
- Rabbits must come in proper carrying cages with trays and proper wire on the bottom of carriers. Storage space is not available for crates or boxes used to transport rabbits.
- 4-H exhibitors are responsible for providing feed and water for their rabbits during the State Fair. No feed or cages can be left/stored in the rabbit barn.
- Each rabbit exhibitor is responsible for bringing their rabbits to the 4-H judging table at the scheduled time. 4-H substitute showmen rules apply.
- To participate in Showmanship, youth must show a rabbit in the State 4-H Rabbit Show. Only rabbits shown by the exhibitor in the State 4-H Show may be used by the exhibitor for the 4-H Showmanship Contest.
- Each participant is responsible for supplying a carpet square for use during showmanship.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

4-H rabbits may also be exhibited in the Open Class area for the regular Open Class entry fee. Please indicate 4-H entry on Open Class Entry Forms. Also, indicate if a rabbit is entered in Open Class as well as 4-H when entering animals into FairEntry for SD State Fair 4-H Events. Only rabbits entered for exhibit in the 4-H or Open Class show may be sold at the fair. No rabbits are to be sold and released from the fair until they have been shown. Individuals selling rabbits must ensure that the rabbits are picked up before the seller leaves the building/fairgrounds on Monday, September 7. All rabbits must be removed by 7:00 p.m. Monday.

**Purebred Rabbit Judging Standards:** 4-H members may show any of the purebred rabbit breeds listed. An exhibitor may enter any variety or group in an approved breed by the ARBA. Any rabbit breed not listed below may enter in the "All Other Purebred '6' class or '4' class" division. All purebred rabbits are judged based on the standards recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association ([arba.net](http://arba.net)) listed in their **Standard of Perfection**.

## Lots

The show order will be posted in the 4-H Rabbit Barn prior to the show. The South Dakota State 4-H Rabbit Show shows by breed and age divisions, not by group and/or varieties within each breed. For example, all groups and varieties of Mini Rex Junior Does are

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in a class, all Mini Rex Senior Does, etc. Please refer to the **2026-2030 ARBA Standard of Perfection** for the allowable groups and varieties for each breed.

- **Dutch**
- **Flemish Giant**
- **Florida White**
- **Havana**
- **Holland Lop**
- **Jersey Woolly**
- **Mini Lop**
- **Mini Rex**
- **Mini Satin**
- **Netherland Dwarf**
- **New Zealand**
- **Polish**
- **Satin**
- **Silver Marten**
- **Any Other 4 Class Purebred:** *American Fuzzy Lop, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Blue Holicer, Britannia Petite, Czech Frosty, Standard Chinchilla, Dwarf Hotot, Dwarf Papillon, English Spot, Harlequin, Himalayan, Lilac, Lionhead, Rex, Rhinelander, Silver, Tan, and Thrianta breeds.*
- **Any Other 6 Class Purebred:** *American, Giant Angora, Argente Brun, Beveren, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagne D' Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, English Lop, French Lop, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, Palomino, and Silver Fox breeds.*

A rosette will be awarded for Best of Breed and Reserve in all breed classes and Any Other 4 Class or Any Other 6 Class. When all breed classes have been judged, all first in breed – regardless of ribbon placing – will be brought back to the show table for Champion Drive. Reserve in all breed and Any Other 4 Class and Any Other 6 Class should be on deck for Champion Drive.

## Purebred Sub-lots:

- 6 classes are provided for Flemish Giant, New Zealand, Satin, All Other 6 Class Purebreds
  - Senior Buck: Born prior to 1/1/26
  - Intermediate Born: 1/1/26 – 2/29/26
  - Junior Buck Born: 3/1/26- 5/31/26
  - Senior Doe: Born prior to 1/1/26
  - Intermediate Doe: 1/1/26 – 2/29/26
  - Junior Doe Under: 3/1/26- 5/31/26
- 4 classes are provided for Dutch, Florida White, Havana, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Silver Marten, All Other 4 Class Purebreds
  - Senior Buck: Born prior to 3/1/26
  - Junior Buck: 3/1/26- 5/31/26
  - Senior Doe: Born prior to 3/1/26
  - Junior Doe: 3/1/26- 5/31/26

## Rabbit Showmanship

When registering for State Fair, youth will select a time slot for showmanship that works best for their. Pre-registration through FairEntry by August 1 is required to participate in Rabbit Showmanship. To participate in Showmanship, youth must have a rabbit entered in the SD 4-H State Fair Show and must use one of their rabbits that is entered in the SD 4-H State Fair Rabbit Show for showmanship. All 4-H showmen are required to wear a long-sleeved shirt with the shirttails tucked into long, dark colored jeans or pants, and closed-toed shoes. The Rabbit Showmanship score card can be found on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

## State Fair 4-H Rabbit Year Long Check Sheet

### Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member **by May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “Adding a New Youth Enrollment” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.
- ✓ An unofficial rabbit affidavit is available for easy data collection on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 3 – Animal Identification in 4-H Online **by June 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).
- ✓ All rabbits must be permanently tattooed in the left ear.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program **by July 1.**

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- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry **by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated within 30 days of the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Rabbit Show. Your animals MUST be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the State Fair Grounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. *Before you leave your home*, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely.

- ✓ Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your rabbit’s ear tattoo and sex match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

**Rabbit Show:** Show order will be posted in the Rabbit Barn on the south end and in the lean-to of the Open Class Poultry/Rabbit Building.

Step 8 – Show Order

- ✓ Be knowledgeable of the order of show (changes yearly).
  - When all breed classes have been judged, all first in breed – regardless of ribbon placing – will be brought back to the show table for Champion Drive. Second in breed should be on deck. A rosette will be awarded for Best of Breed and Reserve in all breed classes and Any Other 4 Class or Any Other 6 Class. Reserve in all breed classes and the Any Other 4 Class and Any Other 6 Class should be on deck for Champion Drive.
  - Top five overall rabbits will be determined by the Champion Drive.

Step 9 – Breed division winners and top five overall rabbits have pictures taken for [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

### Release:

Step 10– **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors who are housing their animal at the SD State Fair must obtain a Livestock Release Form from the 4-H Rabbit Superintendent prior to entering the State Fair Grounds to load Rabbit Exhibits. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fair Grounds. *No early releases will be granted. Please plan accordingly.*

- ✓ Exhibitors are expected to clean and sanitize crocks before leaving the rabbit area.
- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## BREEDING SHEEP

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Becca Tullar and Erin McGlumphy

Committee Members: William Boddicker, Lynnette Johnson, Sue Faulhaber, Cally Faulhaber, Garrett Bischoff, Jaelyn Whaley, Sydney Senyak, Elyana Roach, Jovie Wirt, Courtney Parker, and Jake Stephenson

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. in FairEntry

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex

### Showmanship:

Fri., Sept 4, 8:30 a.m.

### Show:

Fri., Sept 4, after Breeding Sheep Showmanship

## Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Sheep (Breeding, Crossbred/Wether Dam and Market Wether combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
  - Registration Papers for State Fair are due in FairEntry by August 1. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased.
  - If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Required individual animal identification: USDA Official Scrapie ID
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- Check In:
  - All entries must check in during 4-H Sheep check in times.
  - Registration papers must be made available at the time of check in for registered animals.
- All males must possess two testicles and be fully intact.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

## Lots

Animals are shown oldest to youngest within a breed division. Breed Champions are selected at the conclusion of each breed and an Overall Top Five Rams and Top 5 Ewes are selected at the end of the Breeding Sheep Show. Any registered animal, with appropriate registration paper, where the breed has not met the minimum of 5 head entered will show as an Any Other Breed (AOB) for that type (example, meat type).

All breeding sheep shown in "Slick" classes must be shorn within seven days of the show. Following breed-type standards, wool may be left below the knees or hocks, the poll, and ears.

- Meat Type Breeds:
  - Cheviot, Dorset, Dorper, Finnsheep, Hampshire, Katahdin, Montadale, Oxford, Romanov, Shropshire, Southdown, St. Croix, Suffolk, Texel, and Tunis.
- Wool Type Breeds:
  - Baby Doll Southdown, Border Leicester, Columbia, Corriedale, Cotswold, Lincoln, Merino, Polypay, Rambouillet, Romney, and Targhee.

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→ Baby Doll Southdown  
→ Corriedale  
→ Dorper  
→ Dorset  
→ Hampshire  
→ Katahdin  
→ Polypay  
→ Rambouillet  
→ Southdown  
→ Suffolk

→ Targhee  
→ Any Other Meat Breeds  
→ Any Other Wool Breed

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### **Sub-lots:**

- Yearling Ram, 9/1/24 – 8/31/25
- Fall Ram Lamb, 9/1/25 – 12/31/25
- Early Spring Ram, 1/1/26 – 1/31/26
- Late Spring Ram, 2/1/26 – 5/31/26
- Yearling Ewe, 9/1/24 – 8/31/25
- Fall Ewe Lamb, 9/1/25 – 12/31/25
- Early Spring Ewe, 1/1/26 – 1/31/26
- Late Spring Ewe, 2/1/26 – 5/31/26
- Slick Yearling Ewe, 9/1/24 – 8/31/25
- Slick Fall Ewe Lamb, 9/1/25 – 12/31/25
- Slick Early Spring Ewe, 1/1/26 – 1/31/26
- Slick Late Spring Ewe, 2/1/26 – 5/31/26

### **Sheep Showmanship**

Sheep Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship (including Crossbred/Commercial Breeding Ewes) and Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship. Breeding Sheep Showmanship will be Friday, September 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship will be Sunday, September 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Youth may compete in only one (1) sheep showmanship contest. The showmanship order is Beginner, Junior, and Senior.

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## CROSSBRED/COMMERCIAL AND WETHER DAM SHEEP

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Becca Tullar and Erin McGlumphy

Committee Members: William Boddicker, Lynnette Johnson, Sue Faulhaber, Cally Faulhaber, Garrett Bischoff, Jaelyn Whaley, Sydney Senyak, Elyana Roach, Jovie Wirt, Courtney Parker, and Jake Stephenson

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex

### Showmanship:

Sun., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.

### Show:

Sun., Sept. 6, following Market Sheep Showmanship

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Sheep (Breeding, Crossbred/Wether Dam and Market Wether Sheep combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - USDA Official Scrapie ID
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information)
- **All Crossbred/Commercial & Wether Dams must be fresh shorn within 7 days of arriving at the South Dakota State Fair to help the State Veterinarian detect Club Lamb Fungus.**
- **Lamb exhibitors must remove canvas covers or lamb tubes at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other lambs in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fairgrounds.**
- Check In:
  - All Wether Dams must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
  - Ewes may only be shown in one (1) class and exhibitors must choose either Commercial, or Wether Dam .
- Weigh-Backs
  - Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards
- While in the show ring, lambs front feet must be on the floor/ground while showing. Front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor/ground. Excused exhibitors will not be eligible for awards in the class they are excused from. Decisions will be made at the committee's discretion.

### Awards

- Champion Crossbred/Commercial Breeding Ewe
- Champion Wether Dam
- Top 5 Crossbred/Commercial Ewe and Wether Dam

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#### → Crossbred/Commercial Breeding Ewe:

- A commercial breeding Ewe is more production oriented; these ewes are not required to be registered but will be judged on standards similar to registered ewes.
- These ewes will be shown by age and must fit in one of the age groups listed below .
- Commercial Breeding Ewes may be braced, however, all four feet must be on the ground at all times .
- **Sub-lots:**
  - Yearling Ewe, 9/1/24 – 8/31/25
  - Fall Ewe Lamb, 9/1/25 – 12/31/25
  - Early Spring Ewe, 1/1/26 – 1/31/26
  - Late Spring Ewe, 2/1/26 – 5/31/26

#### → Wether Dams:

- All Wether Dams will be checked in and classified into Breed divisions by an official classifier. They will be divided into classes by breed type and shown from lightest to heaviest within breed type. Determination of breed type will follow the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Division Market Lamb Breed Type Guidelines. Final breed division classification is at the

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classification judge's discretion, is final, and cannot be appealed.

- A wether dam is a ewe that has a wether style breeding and will raise a market style sheep.
- Market Ewes will be shown in the Wether Dam division
- Wether dams will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 80 pounds
- These ewes shall not have lambed and must be under one (1) year of age.
- Wether Dams may be braced.
- All ewes will need a USDA Official Scrapie Tag ID

### **Sheep Showmanship**

Sheep Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship (including Crossbred/Commercial Breeding Ewes) and Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship. Breeding Sheep Showmanship will be Friday, September 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship will be Sunday, September 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Youth may compete in only one (1) sheep showmanship contest. The showmanship order is Beginner, Junior, and Senior.

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## MARKET WETHER

### Committee Members

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Committee Members: William Boddicker, Lynette Johnson, Sue Faulhaber, Cally Faulhaber, Garrett Bischoff, Jaelyn Whaley, Sydney Senyak, Elayna Roach, Jovie Wirt, Courtney Parker, and Jake Stephenson

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Entry:

Entered in FairEntry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Wed., Sept. 2, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., 4-H Livestock Complex

### Showmanship:

Sun., Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m.

### Show:

Sun., Sept. 6, following Market Sheep Showmanship and Crossbred/Commercial and Wether Dam Ewe show

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Sheep (Breeding, Crossbred/Wether Dam and Market Wether Sheep combined) is 4 entries.
- Paperwork/Completion Requirements:
  - Leasing agreement (if applicable) (Due June 1)
  - 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- Required individual animal identification:
  - USDA Official Scrapie RFID tag
  - OR
  - RFID tag (not scrapie) plus USDA Official Scrapie tag
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information).
- **All Market Wethers must be fresh shorn within 7 days of arriving at the South Dakota State Fair to help the State Veterinarian detect Club Lamb Fungus.**
- **Lamb exhibitors must remove canvas covers or lamb tubes at check in to assist State Veterinarians checking for Club Lamb Fungus. If after stalling, an animal is found with Club Lamb Fungus, it will be removed from the fairgrounds immediately. Any other lambs in the pen with the infected animal will be individually evaluated by a Veterinarian to determine if they are able to stay or must be removed from the fairgrounds.**
- DNA: All market animals intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit DNA samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted to the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for State Fair eligibility.
- Check In:
  - All market animals must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in. Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
  - Breed Division Classification: Market Wethers will be classified into breed divisions by an official classifier. Exhibitors must bring their lamb(s) to the check-in area for classification when they are declaring show weights and checking in their lambs. Final breed division classification is at the classification judge's discretion, is final, and cannot be appealed.
  - Sheep must be born on/after January 1, 2026.
- Weigh-Backs
  - Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards.
- While in the show ring, lambs front feet must be on the floor/ground while showing. Front feet can be picked up to set the animal and then placed back down on the floor/ground. Exhibitors may be excused from the ring by committee members, staff or judge for unacceptable showmanship practices. Excused exhibitors will not be eligible for awards in the class they are excused from. Decisions will be made at the committee's discretion.
- Counties have the option to not split classes by breed type at their 4-H Achievement Days, especially if numbers within that breed type do not merit a class. Youth will show their market wethers by breed type at the South Dakota State Fair.
- For time efficiency, this year each class entering the show ring will be required to be a minimum size of 12 head regardless of weight distribution. Unless the division is smaller in size, in which all animals in that division will be shown together as a division championship regardless of weight.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Lots

All market wethers are checked in and divided into classes by breed type. Market wethers are shown from lightest to heaviest. Determination of breed type will follow the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Division Market Lamb Breed Type Guidelines. A breed type

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classifier will be present during market lamb check-in. Decisions on breed type are final.

- Dorper
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Southdown
- Suffolk
- Natural
- Oxford
- Shropshire
- Speckled-face
- Any Other Breed
- Crossbred

## Sub-lots:

- Market Wether

## Sheep Showmanship

Sheep Showmanship will be split into two (2) separate contests: Breeding Showmanship (including Crossbred/Commercial Breeding Ewes) and Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship. Breeding Sheep Showmanship will be Friday, September 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Market Wether/Wether Dam Showmanship will be Sunday, September 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Youth may compete in only one (1) sheep showmanship contest. The showmanship order is Beginner, Junior, and Senior.

## State Fair 4-H Sheep Project Year Long Check Sheet

### Prior to State Fair:

Step 1 – Visit [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) and become a 4-H member by **May 31 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “Adding a New Youth Enrollment” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification into 4-H Online and collect and turn in DNA sample **by June 1 at 11:59 p.m.** (NOTE: a DNA sample is needed only for market animals. Each market animal MUST have a DNA Sample collected by this deadline to be State Fair eligible.)

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu)
- ✓ As part of the animal self-identification process, exhibitors are responsible for collecting a DNA sample for every market animal which must be returned to the county office by June 1.
- ✓ If animal is being leased, Animal Projects Lease Form must be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program **by July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due on FairEntry **by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated within 30 days of your state fair arrival. Your animals MUST be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see “Health Regulation” section of the State Fair Book.
- ✓ B. Ovis testing:
  - **Livestock from outside of South Dakota:** A ram, six months of age or older, must have a negative ELISA Test for *Brucella ovis* *within 30 days* of entry to the fairgrounds, or originate from a certified *Brucella ovis* free flock with a current test date. The flock certification number or test result and laboratory must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.
  - **SD Livestock (new 2024):** B. ovis testing is required for a ram from a South Dakota flock ONLY if the ram will be sold, loaned, or leased.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. *Before you leave your home*, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Veterinarian Certificate of Health Inspection
- ✓ ORIGINAL registration papers for all purebred Breeding Sheep.
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal’s ID information – scrapie tag, date of birth, breed, sex, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

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## When Arriving at State Fair:

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** – Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ State veterinarians will inspect your health certificate and animals during check in.
- ✓ Once through the gate, proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens.** A map of your county's assigned pens can be found posted on the office wall (office is located in the center of the 4-H Livestock Complex).

- ✓ *Once you have located your pens*, unload your Sheep and tack as time efficiently as possible.
- ✓ *If you have any questions*, please contact the State 4-H Office at 605-688-4167 to prevent stalling in the wrong area.
- ✓ Write your pen number(s) on your animal's health papers. CVI's need to be placed in the box labeled Sheep during check in.

Step 10 – *Before leaving the 4-H Livestock Complex* make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H Sheep.

**Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**

## Breeding Sheep Check-In:

Step 11 – **Gather ALL necessary documentation.** *Be sure to check in all breeding sheep during the designated check-in time.*

- ✓ Registration Papers for Purebred livestock
- ✓ NOTE: ALL males must possess two testicles and be fully intact.

Step 12 - Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from the 4-H Information Booth. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

## Breeding Sheep Show Day:

Step 13 – Check Posted Show Order

- ✓ Confirm your entry information is correct. Make note of which classes you are exhibiting in. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for the class.**

Step 14 – Check in with 4-H check in staff. They will provide you with your animal entry card.

## Market Sheep Check-In:

Step 15 – Be sure to check in during the designated check-in time

- ✓ Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from the 4-H Information Booth. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

## Show Day: Market Sheep Show

Step 16 – Check Posted Show Order

- ✓ Confirm your entry information is correct. Make note of which classes you are exhibiting in. **It is the exhibitor's responsibility to be on time for the class.**

Step 17 – Check in with 4-H check in staff. They will provide you with your animal entry card.

Step 18 – Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top 3 purple ribbon animals in each class. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards. Should a top 3 purple ribbon animal be excused, animals that placed outside the top 3 will not be retroactively granted access to the remainder of the show; rather, there will simply be less than 3 animals from that class that proceed.

Step 19 – DNA – The top 5 overall from each market species will have a DNA sample collected by show officials. The showday DNA sample will be sent with the original DNA sample to a certified lab. No testing cost is borne by the participants. Top 5 results will remain unofficial until the lab findings are provided to the state office. When DNA samples do not match, the official results will have a blank spot at the affected placing, but award levels will not retroactively adjust upward for other top 5 exhibits or others who participated in the final drive. Exhibits with non-matching DNA samples will not receive 4-H cash premiums.

## Release:

Step 20 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form from 4-H sheep check-ins in order to bring their trailer onto the State Fair grounds for release. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

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## BREEDING GILTS AND MARKET SWINE

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Jennifer Ringkob and Jill Calmus

Committee Members: Dr. Robert Thaler, Robert Rasmussen, Ben Olsen, John Eilertson, Trent Thompson, Dr. Rafe Royall, Kaylyn Rudy, Kase Callies, and Jacob Jung

### Ownership Verification:

Data uploaded in 4-H Online by June 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Registration Papers:

Uploaded to State Fair Entry by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT in Fair Entry

### Entry:

Entered in Fair Entry for the State Fair by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CDT

### Check-in:

Fri., Sept. 4, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. , Open Class Swine Complex

### Show:

Sat., Sept. 5, 8:30 a.m.

### Showmanship:

Sat. Sept. 5, following show

### Eligibility Requirements

- The entry limit for Swine (Breeding and Market Swine combined) is 4 entries.
- All swine must be registered in accordance with the corresponding breed association. Registration papers must accompany the exhibitor at check in. To be eligible for all Purebred or Registered Market or Breeding Shows (Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, and Swine), 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers (in their name or immediate family member's name) to their entry in FairEntry by August 1. Registration paper must reflect ownership as of June 1 if purchased.
- If leasing a purebred animal, registration papers in the animal owner's name must be uploaded to their entry on FairEntry by August 1.
- Animal identification data must be entered into 4-H Online by June 1.
  - Purebred Breeding Swine must have an ear notch corresponding to their registration paper as their primary identifier and an RFID tag.
  - Crossbred Breeding Swine and Market Swine must have a RFID tag as their primary identifier and an ear notch as the secondary identifier.
  - After the June 1 deadline, the State 4-H Office will go through the swine entries to confirm all ear notches have been entered.
  - Failure to submit the appropriate animal identification numbers to 4-H Online by June 1 will result in INELIGIBILITY to exhibit at State Fair.
- 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program completed by July 1. The County Extension Office is responsible for marking complete in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.
- DNA: All market animals intended for 4-H competition at the South Dakota State Fair are required to submit DNA samples. A DNA sample must be self-identified and submitted to the County Extension Office by June 1 of the current year for State Fair eligibility.
- Lease Agreement (if applicable) – June 1
- Required individual animal identification:
  - Market swine must be ear notched AND have an RFID Tag.
  - Breeding swine must be ear notched AND have an RFID tag.
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Issued within 30 days of exhibition (also see Health Regulations section for additional information)
- Any market swine unable to walk to and through the show area under its own power will not be allowed to enter or show. These pigs will be the sole responsibility of the exhibitor, including marketing.
- Due to safety concerns, exhibitors are not allowed to walk swine to the south end of the fairgrounds on Monday. Violators may be subject to sanctions.
- Check In:
  - All exhibitors must check in during the official swine check in times and declare weights for their animal(s).
  - Registration papers must be presented at the time of check in for registered animals.
  - Breeding gilts must report to the check in area to be evaluated by committee to ensure they meet breed standards and underlines. Refer to the Swine Breed Standards found after this Section.
  - Breeding swine that do not meet breed standard and underlines will have the option to show as Market Gilt if DNA was completed by June 1st and is on file .
- Age and Weight:
  - **All market animals, breeding swine, commercial meat goat does, wether doe goats, and wether dam ewes must declare a weight and turn them into the show officials during check-in.** Once a weight has been submitted, your entry card with declared weight will be signed by either a parent or exhibitor before leaving the check-in table. Once the entry card is signed, the declared weight cannot be changed. Scales will be available to weigh the animal prior to declaring the weight.
- Weigh-Backs

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- Weigh-backs will occur immediately after the class for the top three (3) animals in each class or at the judge's discretion. The animal must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately dropped a ribbon placing and will not be eligible for awards. Market swine with a declared weight between 230-300 pounds are eligible to show. All market swine with a declared weight below 230 or above 300 pounds are not eligible to exhibit in the market show but are eligible to be shown in the showmanship contest.
- Breeding gilts must be born on or after November 1, 2025.
- Breeding swine with a declared weight between 200-350 pounds are eligible to show. All breeding swine with a declared weight below 200 or above 350 pounds are not eligible to exhibit in the breeding show but are eligible to be shown in the showmanship contest.
- No cots or other overnight sleeping accommodations will be allowed in the barns or tie-outs.

### Lots

- ➔ *Berkshire*
- ➔ *Chester White*
- ➔ *Duroc*
- ➔ *Hampshire*
- ➔ *Hereford*
- ➔ *Landrace*
- ➔ *Poland China*
- ➔ *Spotted*
- ➔ *Tamworth*
- ➔ *Yorkshire*
- ➔ *Crossbred*
- ➔ *Any Other Breed*

### Sub-lots:

- Purebred Breeding Gilt
- Crossbred Breeding Gilt
- Purebred Market Barrows
- Crossbred Market Barrows
- Purebred Market Gilts
- Crossbred Market Gilts

### Breeding Swine

- All purebred breeding gilts are divided into classes by weight, shown lightest to heaviest and are subject to weigh backs. Crossbred breeding gilts will be classified by weight, shown lightest to heaviest and are subject to weigh backs.
- Any breed that has a minimum of five (5) entries will be shown in a breed division. Any breed with twelve (12) or more entries will be split into classes. A division champion and reserve will be recognized in each breed division.
- Any Breed that has fewer than five (5) entries will be shown in the Any Other Breed (AOB) division.

### Market Swine

- Market swine are divided into weight classes; barrows show first. Market swine are shown lightest to heaviest and are subject to weigh backs.
- Any breed that has a minimum of five (5) entries of the same gender will be shown in a breed division.
- Any breed that has twelve (12) or more entries of the same gender will be split into classes by weight. A division champion and reserve will be recognized in each breed division.
- All breeds that have fewer than five (5) entries of the same gender will be shown in the Any Other Breed (AOB) division and classes will be split by weight.

### Stalling

Stalling assignments will be made by the 4-H Swine Committee and Open Class Swine Superintendent. **Two animals will be assigned per pen.** 4-H Counties and/or Families are responsible for providing stall dividers in the event two animals entered by different exhibitors are sharing a pen and need to be separated. The Swine Superintendent and Swine Committee members will enforce the stall assignments and may make adjustments the day of check in where necessary.

### Swine Showmanship

Showmanship will begin at the conclusion of the show on Sat, Sept. 5. Beginners will start first followed by Juniors and Seniors last. Exhibitors will indicate their intention to participate in showmanship at check-in on September 4.

Swine Showmanship heats will be posted with the show order. At the designated time, heats will be called to the make-up area. The class will be judged, purple ribbon showmen will be selected to return for the final drive, and the class will be excused. All subsequent heats will follow the same process. The show's Committee Chair will determine the number of heats to be judged for each age division. A top 5 will be selected in each age division.

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## **State Fair 4-H Swine Project Year Long Check Sheet**

### **Prior to State Fair:**

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- ✓ Find an informational help sheet “Adding a New Youth Enrollment” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu).

Step 2 – Before registering animal project(s) on 4-H Online, carefully read the general livestock exhibitor information, as well as the species-specific information in the State Fair book for which you will be exhibiting an animal project(s).

- ✓ Note any details and deadlines that are important for the success of your project.

Step 3 – Enter Animal Identification into 4-H Online and collect and turn in DNA sample by **June 1 at 11:59 p.m.** (NOTE: a DNA sample is needed only for market animals. Each market animal MUST have a DNA sample collected by this deadline to be State Fair eligible.)

- ✓ Animal project(s) **accurately and completely** entered into 4-H Online.
  - Find an informational help sheet “How to Add Animals in 4-H Online” on [extension.sdstate.edu](http://extension.sdstate.edu)
- ✓ As part of the animal self-identification process, exhibitors are responsible for collecting a DNA sample for every market animal which must be returned to the county office by June 1.

Step 4 – Complete 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy (YLL) Program by **July 1.**

- ✓ The County Extension Office is responsible for selecting in 4-H Online that the youth completed YLL by July 1 of the current year.

Step 5 – State Fair animal project(s) registration due in FairEntry by **August 1 at 11:59 p.m.**

- ✓ 4-H exhibitors are required to upload a copy of the animal registration papers to their entry in FairEntry by August 1.

Step 6 – **Acquire your health certificate (CVI).** Contact your local veterinarian to obtain your health certificate dated *within 30 days* of your state fair arrival. Your animals MUST be accompanied by a health certificate in order to enter the state fairgrounds.

- ✓ For complete CVI requirements, please see the “Animal Exhibit Requirements” section of the State Fair Book.

Step 7 – **Read the rules and double check.** Missing forms or incomplete/incorrect information can cause INELIGIBILITY. *Before you leave your home*, double check to ensure the following forms are filled out accurately and completely!

- ✓ Certificate of Veterinarian Inspection
- ✓ ORIGINAL registration papers for all purebred animals.
- ✓ Re-check to make sure your animal's ID information - tags, ear notches, sex, etc. - match the health certificate as well as 4-H Online and registration papers for purebred animals.

### **When Arriving at State Fair:**

Step 8 – **Where to Enter** - Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

- ✓ During check in, state veterinarians will inspect your health certificate and animals.
- ✓ Proceed to the location of your animal project stalling. PLEASE be aware and respectful of your surroundings - use caution when loading and unloading as areas can become very congested at times.

Step 9 – **Locate your assigned pens.** A map of your county's assigned pens can be found posted on the office wall (office is located in the center of the Swine Complex near the showing).

- ✓ *Once you have located your pens*, unload your swine and tack as efficiently as possible.
- ✓ *If you have any questions*, please locate the Swine Superintendent to prevent stalling in the wrong area.

Step 10 – **Before leaving the Swine Complex:**

- ✓ Make sure you are aware of check-in time and procedures for 4-H Swine. **Check-in times are strictly enforced – Please be on time!**
- ✓ Write your pen number(s) on your animal's health papers. CVI's need to be taken to the Swine Office and placed in the box labeled *Swine*.

### **Check-In Day:**

Step 11 – Attend Check In Gather ALL necessary documentation and information and bring to the Check In:

- ✓ Purebred Registration Papers
- ✓ Animal(s) Weight(s) – all purebred and crossbred breeding gilts and market swine must be weighed BEFORE you come to the check in area
- ✓ CVI/Health Paper
- ✓ Purebred Breeding Gilts- bring to designated pens to be checked for breed markings and underlines

Step 12 – Review Show Order

- ✓ Show order will be posted online and in the swine barn. Review for accuracy and contact a member of the committee regarding inaccurate or missing information.

Step 13 - Pick up your 4-H Exhibitor shirt from the 4-H Information Booth. Refer to the General Exhibitor Information for Animal Exhibitor Dress Code.

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## Show Day:

Step 14 – Swine Classes - Exhibitors and animals are prepared for the show.

- ✓ Report to the check in area when class is called.
- ✓ Obtain Entry Card from check in personnel.
- ✓ Animal Staging – Only one person is allowed in the staging area with the youth and their animal.
- ✓ Have fun and show your animal to the best of your ability.
- ✓ Receive your ribbon and placing.

Step 15 – Showmanship

- ✓ Showmanship will take place at the conclusion of the 4-H Swine Show.
- ✓ Please refer to Animal Exhibits General Exhibitor Information in the front of State Fair Book to review the procedures for the showmanship contest.

## Release:

Step 16 – **4-H Animal Projects Release.** Exhibitors must obtain a Livestock Release Form from the Open Class Swine Complex Office prior to bringing their trailer to the State Fairgrounds. Exhibitors will need to show the release form to the gate attendant when entering the Fairgrounds.

- ✓ Specific instructions for traffic flow entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be provided at a later date.

## Swine Breed Classification Standards South Dakota State Fair 4-H Swine Show

### Market Barrows and Gilts

- Berkshire (Based on American Berkshire Association Breed eligibility requirements)
  - The ideal color pattern is black with six white points (face, feet, tip of tail). Less desirable, but acceptable, are sandy colored hair in the areas where white and black border.
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Three of four legs MUST be white.
  - Must NOT have a solid white or a solid black face from the ears forward.
  - Must NOT have a spotted or mottling pattern.
  - Must NOT have red skin/hair anywhere on the pig's body.
  - Must NOT have a contiguous area of white and/or red skin/hair that exceeds 64 square inches anywhere on the body.
  - Must NOT have a full or  $\frac{3}{4}$  belting pattern.
  - Ears MUST be erect.
- Chester White (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must possess Chester White Breed characteristics.
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must be solid white in color, no color on the skin larger than a silver dollar, no colored hair.
  - Any skin pigmentation other than white that exceeds five (5) in number are disqualified.
  - Ears must be down and medium sized.
  - Any signs of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to be not permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
  - There are no underline requirements to exhibit Chester white barrows or gilts as market animals.
- Duroc (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must be red in color and possess Duroc breed character. Ears must be down.
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must NOT have any white hair located on the animal.
  - Must NOT have any black hair located on the animal.
  - Must NOT have more than three (3) black spots on the skin, and none of these spots can be larger than two (2) inches in diameter.
  - Must NOT have any shading or indication of a belt.
  - Must have no evidence of an extra dewclaw.
  - There are no underline requirements to exhibit Duroc barrows or gilts as market animals.
- Hampshire (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must be black in color with a white belt starting on the front leg. The belt may partially or totally encircle the body. Animal is eligible if it has a black head and the body is totally white.
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must possess Hampshire breed character (ears must be erect and not rounded).
  - Must NOT have any white hair or indications of streaking on the forehead.
  - Must NOT have any red hair.
  - Must NOT have any evidence of an extra dewclaw.
  - There are no underline requirements to exhibit Hampshire barrows or gilts as market animals.
- Hereford (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements/Oklahoma Youth Expo Rulebook)
  - Must be red, light, or dark red with at least 50% white face, at least 50% red body, and at least 2 white feet.
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.

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- Ears must break forward.
- Any size of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to not be permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
- Landrace (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must be white in color and possess Landrace breed character (ears must be down).
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must NOT allow any color hair other than white.
  - Must NOT allow more than three spots of skin pigmentation.
  - Must NOT allow any spot of skin pigmentation larger than one U.S. minted quarter.
  - Must have no evidence of an extra dewclaw.
  - Must have at least six functional udder sections on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Poland China (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must possess Poland China breed characteristics (ears must be down).
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must be black with six (6) white points (face, feet, and tail switch).
  - Tail docking is permissible.
  - An occasional splash of white on the body is permissible.
  - A hog may not possess more than one (1) solid black leg.
  - Must NOT have evidence of a belt formation or either white hair or skin.
  - Must NOT have red or sandy hair and/or pigment.
  - Any size of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to not be permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
- Spotted (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must be black and white and possess Spotted breed characteristics.
  - Must be ear notched within 7 days of birth.
  - Ears cannot be erect.
  - Must NOT have any red tinted or brown spots.
  - Head must NOT be solid black from the ears forward.
  - Must NOT possess a white belt pattern (hair or skin) that encompasses the back 1/3 of both shoulder blades and extends down to the foreleg of the animal. The belt pattern is not completely broken by black. Exception to this rule is a predominately white-bodied individual with a white face.
  - Any size of weighted ear tags or evidence of past existence of such ear tags are determined to not be permissible and are grounds for disqualification.
- Yorkshire (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must be white in color and possess Yorkshire breed character (ears must be erect).
  - Must be ear notched within seven (7) days of birth.
  - Must NOT have any color hair except for white.
  - Must NOT have more than two pigmentation spots larger than a U.S. minted dime or one pigmentation spot larger than a U.S. minted quarter. The pigmentation spots (combined) can NOT exceed a U.S. minted silver dollar.
  - Must show no evidence of an extra dewclaw.
  - There are no underline requirements to exhibit Yorkshire barrows or gilts as market animals.

### Breeding Gilts

- Berkshire (Based on American Berkshire Association Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Berkshires.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
  - The presence of one or more swirls on the upper half of the body are NOT allowed.
- Chester White (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Chester Whites.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Duroc (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Durocs.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Hampshire (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Hampshires.
  - Black in color with a white belt totally encircling the body, including both front legs and feet.
  - Animal can have white on its nose as long as the white does not break the rim of the nose, and when the mouth is closed, the white under the chin can NOT exceed what a U.S. minted quarter will cover.
  - White is allowed on the rear legs as long as it does NOT extend above the tuber calis bone (knob of the hock).

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- Hampshire swine classified as off-belts may be used for breeding purposes, with offspring eligible for registration with the NSR. Off-belts will continue to be eligible to be shown in market hog classes, but will not be eligible for exhibition in breeding swine shows.
- Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Hereford (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements/Oklahoma Youth Expo Rulebook)
  - The majority (51%) of the face must be white; both skin pigment and hair.
  - The animal must have at least three (3) white legs where both skin pigment and hair encircle the entire leg above the hoof.
  - The body must be at least two-thirds red; both skin pigment and hair. There shall be no white touching the spine of the animal from the back of the shoulder blade to the ham-loin junction.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on both sides of the underline. Pin nipples and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
  - There shall be no connecting belt anywhere on the body.
  - Any animal having five (5) black spots larger than one (1) inch in diameter, or any one spot exceeding three (3) inches in diameter will be disqualified.
  - Yellow Skin pigment and hair, as well as a predominately roan color patten and gray/silver hair on the body will be disqualified.
- Landrace (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Landraces.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Poland China (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Poland Chinas.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Spotted (Based on CPS Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Spotted swine.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.
- Yorkshire (Based on NSR Breed eligibility requirements)
  - Must meet all requirements listed for market Yorkshires.
  - Gilts must possess six (6) or more functional teats on each side of the underline. Pin teats and inverted nipples are not considered functional.

# Display Exhibits

## 4-H EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS AND POSTERS

### Committee Members:

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**Note:** In addition to the information below, do not laminate educational displays and posters.

### Educational Displays/Posters General Information/ Criteria

Educational Display and Educational Poster exhibits provide an opportunity for 4-H members to express views and ideas learned through their 4-H project work. These exhibits must/ should (refer to the score card judging criteria descriptions):

- illustrate a single basic idea;
- catch viewers' attention long enough to introduce them to the subject; and/or
- impress viewers with a specific message and arouse a response.

*Note:* Some specific project areas include additional or specific requirements for educational displays and posters. Educational display and educational poster criteria in this section are superseded by specific rules in those project areas.

### Educational Displays

Educational displays introduce viewers to a subject by **illustrating an idea or fact**. Educational displays are not posters; however, youth may use a tri-fold poster board. Educational displays require in-depth information on a topic. Displays may take the form of a three-dimensional object, scale model, a notebook, etc. Youth may produce exhibits in any appropriate medium (watercolor, crayon, ink etc.).

*FYI:* Size restrictions on educational displays are approximately 4 x 6 feet.

### Educational Poster

Educational posters must be on 14 x 22-inch poster board with a vertical (portrait) or horizontal (landscape) orientation.

Educational posters:

- 1 inch margins around the edge of the poster;
- May be done in any medium (watercolor, crayon, ink, etc.);
- utilize elements and principles of design; and/or
- Have margins on four sides; except in artistic instances (e.g., a graphic representation of a road running off the edge of the poster).

## DISPLAY EXHIBITS

Display exhibits are constructed and created by a 4-H member. The exhibit that is completed is the work of a 4-H member with guidance from other 4-H members or adults.

Display exhibits deemed inappropriate for exhibition may be judged at the discretion of the State 4-H Administration and a decision will be rendered for appropriateness for judging and public exhibition prior to completion of the judging process. Examples may include, but are not limited to expensive items that cannot be secured, exhibits depicting alcohol/tobacco/drugs/illegal activities products or alcohol/tobacco/illegal activities consumption and weaponry.

## NATIONAL 4-H CURRICULUM

The National 4-H Curriculum focuses on 4-H's three primary mission mandates: science, healthy living and citizenship. Curriculum activity guides provides information and activities for many of the 4-H project areas in the form of curriculum books. Most projects have two, three or four sequential age-appropriate Activity Guides. 4-H members may exhibit Activity Guides at their County Fair/4-H Achievement Days and at the South Dakota State Fair. Typically, youth will enter a level each year. To help 4-H members understand project information, there are Helper's Guides for adults or older teens to use in combination with the 4-H member's Activity Guides. National 4-H Curriculum materials are available at many County 4-H Offices for a small fee. Individuals may call 301-961-2934 or order materials online from 4-H Mall.

### 4-H Curriculum Requirements

The criteria for exhibiting 4-H curriculum Activity Guides are as follows:

- Exhibits will consist of the Activity Guide with seven newly completed activities and one finished product from an activity (product may be shown in a photograph, if the item is too large).
- Youth may enter most Activity Guides for more than one year; however, each year an additional seven activities and one finished product must be completed.

The curriculum requirements for some Activity Books are more specific, so please read the information for each project area carefully.

### 4-H Display Exhibit Entry Limit

The entry limit for Display Exhibits is 6 entries.

### 4-H Display Exhibit Entry Qualification

In order to qualify to exhibit a display exhibit at the State Fair, a 4-H exhibitor, at a South Dakota County 4-H Achievement Days/ Fair must exhibit and receive a ribbon placing with a minimum of one (1) display exhibit in a recognized lot listed in the South Dakota 4-H State Fair Book.

# Display Exhibits

## AEROSPACE & ROCKETRY

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Aerospace and Rocketry Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: planets, galaxies and constellations, eclipses, earth rotation, aero flight, hot air balloons, kites, and water rockets.

## **Aerospace & Rocketry Display Exhibits**

### → General Aerospace and Rocketry Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Aerospace and Rocketry Display Exhibit Lots.

### → Model Constructed Rockets

*Seniors – First Year ONLY must do a Level 2 rocket*

Rockets have electronically ignited solid fuel. Rockets for display should have the engine mount in place but not house the engine. All rockets exhibited must have been successfully launched prior to State Fair. By using pressed cardboard or heavy mill paper, instead of balsa wood, the fins will be more durable and allow more flights. The exhibitor must state the number of rockets made, kit name, skill level, and construction materials used for nose cone, fins, and recovery system. This information should be stated in the space provided for Additional Class information on the exhibit entry form. Launcher(s) should be exhibited as electric switch(es).

NOTE: Do not bring launch pads for display with exhibits.

### → Advanced Model Rockets

*(Skill Level Rocket 3 and above)*

This class must not have a one-piece fin assembly. Exhibitors must state the number of rockets made, kit name, skill level, and construction materials used for the nose cone, fins, and recovery system. Document this information in the Additional Class space on the exhibit entry form.

NOTE: Rockets should provide an ever-increasing challenge in building techniques for exhibitors (e.g., multi-stage and multi-state cluster type construction using pressed cardboard or heavy mill paper, or balsa wood are expected).

### → Airplanes and Gliders

Construction of remote controlled or gas/alcohol engine-operated airplanes. All airplanes exhibited must have been successfully launched prior to the South Dakota State Fair.

### → Advanced Airplanes and Gliders

### → Launchers, Jigs & Accessory

### → Kites – Build Your Own

FYI: Check the internet for kite-building resources.

### → Hot Air Balloons

FYI: To complete the following Aerospace and Rocketry exhibits, 4-H members should refer to Ohio State University Extension's Rockets Away! ([ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/4-h-science/rocketry](http://ohio4h.org/statewide-programs/4-h-science/rocketry)).

### → Smaller Plastic Water Rocket

Construct exhibit from one or two number 1 or 2 recyclable plastic soft drink bottles (smaller than two-liter) with  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch opening(s) and cap(s). Must have minimum of two tail fins

attached to withstand launch and return impacts. Painting or decorating of the surface is permissible. Record your experiences making and launching the water rocket on the exhibitor entry card.

### → Water Rocket Launcher (Non-Commercial)

Construct exhibit with material that will withstand 250 pounds per square inch (psi) minimum working pressure.

EXAMPLE: Schedule 40 plastic PVC pipe is rated at 600 psi. Maximum launch pressure for rockets is 90 psi. Launchers:

- using friction and no locking device do not need pressure gauges
- with lock-down mechanisms must have pressure gauges for safety, learning and data collection

FYI: Juniors and Seniors need to provide information on their launching experiences for this exhibit.

### → Two-Liter Water Rocket

Construct exhibit from one or two number 1 or 2 recyclable two-liter plastic soft drink bottle(s) with  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch opening(s) and cap(s). Must have three tail fins attached in any manner that will withstand launch and return impacts. Painting or decorating of the surface is permissible. As illustrated in the curriculum, youth, using a lock-down launcher, must provide a written record of ten launches with differing ounces of water, height, and air pressure.

After completing launches, plot the amount of water and air pressure used for each launch along with the height achieved. Connect these points for each launch using different colored lines. Make some assumptions about how two-liter bottles perform. Use this data to improve the rocket's performance. Recordings and assumptions must be in an accompanying notebook showing the exhibitor's accomplishments. 4-H member may include other experiment findings, problems solved, and activities accomplished as illustrated in the curriculum.

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## **AUTOMOTIVE, SMALL & TRACTOR ENGINES**

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational displays and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: safety and equipment and tools used in the repair of small engines and motors, identification of types of small engines and motors and their uses in the home and on the farm, diagnosis of engine problems and how to repair them, electrical components and circuitry of engines and motors, demonstrations of the workings of a mechanical system, restore, repair, or modify and engine or drive system of a tractor or other machine, workforce opportunities in the repair and restoration of small engines and motors, history and evolution of engines and motors.

## **Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines Display Exhibits**

### → General Automotive, Small & Tractor Engine Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Automotive, Small & Tractor Engine Display Lots.

# Display Exhibits

## **BEEF**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Beef Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational displays and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: the economic impact of beef cattle to South Dakota and the nation; general animal behavior, management, health, nutrition; genetics and breeding; animal promotion and marketing; biosecurity, and careers in the beef industry.

## **Beef Display Exhibits**

### → *General Beef Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Beef Display Exhibit Lots.

### → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: rope halters, lead ropes, feed bunks, hot boxes for newborn livestock hay feeders, stands for grooming items, etc.

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## **BICYCLE**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Bicycle Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

## **Bicycle Display Exhibits**

### → *Bicycle Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Bicycle Display Lots.

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## **CHARACTER EDUCATION**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the Six Pillars:

- Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship and/or
- A person of character value within each pillar

## **Character Education Display Exhibits**

### → *General Character Education Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Character Education Display Lots.

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## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT & FAMILY LIFE**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Child Development Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: understanding the aging process, health and safety features family trees, nutritional snacks for any age, journaling about development, family forum; family communication; and/or babysitting principles and rules bullying and coping skills, blended families and transitioning into blended families, gerontology and aging issues, mental health issues for teens, grief and grieving processes in all ages, suicide prevention topics, adaptive learning styles, effects of digital media on family interactions, learning styles, and behaviors.

## **Child Development Display Exhibits – Youth Activity Guide**

Exhibitors should answer the following questions on the entry form:

*What did you do?*

*What did you learn?*

*What would you like the judge to know about how you prepared your exhibit?*

### → *Growing on My Own*

Exhibits consist of items made from three or more activities (e.g., Bloomin' Bags!, Learning Box, Story Masks, Me Hat or Choke-Tube Tester).

### → *Growing With Others*

Exhibits consist of items made from three activities (e.g., Home Alone Box, Friendly Fringed Flyer, Family Connections or photos/posters of other activities).

### → *Growing in Communities*

Exhibits consist of items made from three or more activities (e.g., Family Profile, Accessibility Checklist, Going Our Way, First Aid Kids, Colorama Shirts, Here Comes the Judging, Skill-A-Thon Skills or Toys with Imagination).

## **Child Development Display Exhibits**

### → *General Child Development Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Child Development Display Lots.

### → *Game, Puzzle, or Toy*

Exhibitor makes a game, puzzle or toy. The age and developmental stage of the child expected to use the toy is discussed on the exhibit entry form.

### → *Let's Go Shopping for a Toy*

Exhibitor shops for and make a comparative cost study of three toys including:

- description of how each toy contributes to the growth and development of a child;
- the age of the child expected to use each toy; and
- safety considerations for toy selections.

The exhibit is a file folder or two pieces of 8½ x 11-inch sized poster paper taped together which includes:

- Score Card: Things to consider when buying this item listed in order of importance.
- Information Chart Comparison: Each toy's features, cost, safety, suitability for age of child, etc.
- Your Decision: List your choices in rank order with reasons for your choice.
- Illustrations: On pictures or sketches of the items, identify important features.

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## → *Choosing a Child's Story*

Exhibitor chooses a child's story and then describe how to present it effectively to children. Include illustrations showing actions. The exhibit that is a three-ring binder that is at least 8½ x 11 inches in size.

## → *Make a Child's Garment*

Exhibitor makes a child's garment that includes at least one self-help feature suitable for children under the age of five. Identify all self-help features on the exhibit entry form.

## → *Kit with 5 Activities*

Exhibitor makes a kit of five activities that enhance a child's development. Exhibitors:

- must make three of the activities
- may purchase two of the activities
- should put activities in a suitable container for carrying

On the exhibit card, indicate the age of the child expected to benefit from the activity and how the activity contributes to the child's development.

## → *Original Story, Poem, or Song*

Write an original story, poem, or song that is appropriate for a child of a specific age and display it on a poster or in a frame or book. On the back of the exhibit, indicate the age of the child the story, poem or song is intended for.

## → *Party Activity Plan*

Exhibitor develops a party activity plan for children age four or older; carry out the party plan and document the results. The exhibit is a three-ring binder that is at least 8½ x 11 inches in size.

## → *Let's Go Shopping for Toy/Equipment*

Exhibitor shops around for infant toys or equipment and make a comparative cost study of at least three items that includes a description of how each item contributes to the growth, development and safety of an infant.

The exhibit is a file folder or two pieces of 8½ x 11-inch sized poster paper taped together which includes:

- Score Card: Things to consider when buying this item in order of importance.
- Information Chart Comparison: Based on the score card set up.
- Your Decision: List your choices in rank order with reasons for your choice.
- Illustrations: On a picture or sketch of your first choice, identify features.

## → *Child Development Senior Project*

Exhibitor self-determines a project and exhibit in a three-ring binder that is at least 8½ x 11 inches in size.

*EXAMPLES:* Journal, Trainer in a Babysitting Class, Special Foods, Child Finger Printing and Video Identification, Latchkey Program, Helping Hand, Block Mother, Crisis Hotline, Drug Prevention, Homelessness and career related areas.

## → *Make a Toy*

Exhibitor makes a toy from discarded materials (detergent bottles, denim, socks, fabric of any kind, egg cartons, metal, etc.) from your home. Youth cannot purchase the primary material used to make the toy. Critical issues for youth to consider are age-appropriateness and safety for children.

## **Babysitting Class Display Exhibits**

→ *Babysitter's Training Course from the American Red Cross*  
Exhibitor should contact his/her local American Red Cross chapter to enroll. Youth complete the course and are certified. The exhibit is a journal of what you learned.

→ *Babysitting Course (Other than the American Red Cross)*  
Complete a babysitting course offered by a city recreation department, SDSU Extension, hospital, YMCA or another organization. Exhibit is a journal of what you learned and information you have learned and/or tried from *Kids on the Grow*.

→ *American Red Cross Babysitting First Aid Kit*  
Create an American Red Cross Babysitting First Aid Kit (find information in the Red Cross Babysitter's Handbook).

## → *Babysitting Kit*

Create a babysitting kit that includes:

- carrying case (made or purchased);
  - five age- and developmentally-appropriate toys including books (made or purchased); and
  - a contents listing with a description and how to use each item.
- Indicate on the entry form what age group it was developed for: Infant (up to age 1), Toddler (ages 1-3), Preschool (ages 3-5), School Age (ages 5-8)

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## **CITIZENSHIP**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Citizenship Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

4-H members may make displays and posters using 4-H Citizenship literature or they may exhibit their Public Adventures Curriculum notebooks. Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: community service, volunteering, sportsmanship, stewardship, political action.

## **Citizenship Display Exhibits**

### → *General Citizenship Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Citizenship Display Lots.

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## **CLOTHING & TEXTILES**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Clothing and Textile Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: fibers, fabrics, care characteristics, comparison-shopping, construction techniques, and fit.

## **Clothing and Textiles Display Exhibits**

All clothing exhibits require a special entry form available at your County 4-H Office. The exhibit entry form is not required when there are additional forms that are filled out. On the inside

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of the garment, tape a label with the 4-H member's name, county and ID number. All clothing must come to the State Fair on suitable hanger(s) for the garments displayed.

## **Constructed Clothing Display Exhibits**

During the current program year, 4-H members may make garments for themselves or someone else. On the entry form, list the fiber content, age/gender of the wearer, cost of the fabric, notions and care instructions.

- ➔ *Blouse or shirt*
- ➔ *Skirt or jumper*
- ➔ *Vest*
- ➔ *Dress*
- ➔ *Shorts, pants, culottes, or other one-piece garment with a crotch seam*
- ➔ *Jacket, coat or cape*
- ➔ *Outfit of two or more pieces*
- ➔ *Sleepwear, robe or swimwear*
- ➔ *Accessory, using fabric*

Youth may sew or use other construction techniques to make accessories. Mount small items on a 5 x 7-inch piece of poster board. Accessories may be:

- Fashionable – important for hats, hatbands, scarves, ties, belts, hair accessories and handbags
- Functional – backpacks, duffel bags, tote bags and aprons serve a specific function (durability of the item is more important than coordination)

## **Selected Clothing Display Exhibits**

The objectives of the Selected Clothing classes are to promote:

- informed consumer buying from retail or secondhand stores;
- learning how to coordinate garments and accessories; and
- evaluation of fit and quality of ready-to-wear garments.

### ➔ *Selected Outfit*

Outfits for this exhibit may be new, used or a combination of both. The selected outfit should be:

- well-constructed;
- fit the wearer;
- reasonably priced for the use and type of garment;
- well-coordinated; and
- accessorized appropriately.

*FYI:* Selected Outfit exhibits must include a complete outfit; that is one or more garments that are combined to create a total look.

Exhibit the garments (no accessories) on a suitable hanger for the garment displayed with a full-length color photo of the person wearing the outfit and the appropriate entry form. Entry forms are available from your County 4-H Office.

### ➔ *Recycled Garment*

This Recycled Garment exhibit requires:

- two clear and accurate photos (before and after); and
- a two-page entry form which is available from your County 4-H Office.

For this exhibit, youth change a clothing item to make it more useful or fashionable. Examples include:

- altering a ready-made garment to improve fit
- combining new fabric with a ready-made garment to create a new garment
- modifying a garment to better suit the needs of a disabled or elderly person

- modifying a garment to make it safer to wear for its intended purpose
- cutting a new garment from the fabric of an old garment
- repairing a garment to return it to use

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## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Communications Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: interpret verbal and nonverbal information, develop effective public speaking skills, enhance written and verbal communication, defend a point, and design a presentation.

## **Communications Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Communications Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Communications Display Lots.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Community Service Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: individual and club community service activities, academic learning projects with a reflective report summarizing the learning service experience and outcomes. Examples of Community Service may include, but are not limited to: assisting with special events, charitable organizations, nursing homes, retirement centers, fund raising for special causes, assisting with community improvement activities, assisting special needs individuals and families, identifying social needs in the community and assisting in meeting those needs, working with the community organizations in special events including veterans, disabled elderly, foods banks, etc.

## **Community Service Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Community Service Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Community Service Display Lots.

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## **COMPANION ANIMALS**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Companion Animal Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits in the companion animal project may include, but are not limited to domestic

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pets: cats, birds, fish, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rats, reptiles, etc. (please note, dog projects are not allowed). Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, the following topics: small animal health, nutrition, care and feeding, and/or breed types.

## **Companion Animal Display Exhibits**

### → *General Companion Animal Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Companion Animal Display Lots.

### → *Emergency Pet Supply Kit*

Create an emergency care kit for your pet and place all essential items in a sturdy container (e.g. duffle bag, backpack or durable plastic container) that you can easily carry.

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## **COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Computer and Technology Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

## **Computers & Technology Display Exhibits**

A Computer Project Summary Sheet (available from your County 4-H Office) must accompany each exhibit.

Check with your county office to determine if a computer will be available during. Exhibits qualifying for state fair are to be submitted on a thumb drive securely attached to a notebook/portfolio describing accomplishments, skills learned, design ideas, budget, a summary of what was done, etc.

Software must be compatible on both PC and Mac platform. If additional software other than Microsoft Office Suite is required to view the member's work, that software must be provided by the member and comply with all manufacturer copyright laws. Apps can be Android or IOS compatible.

### → *General Computer and Technology Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Computer and Technology Display Lots.

### → *Spreadsheet or Database Application*

Build an exhibit using pre-made templates, templates you have developed or write a stand-alone application.

### → *Computer Program– Block Based*

Create a block based program using Scratch, Code Studio, Alice, or another graphic programming language of your choice. The program should contain a minimum of ten commands and should include comments.

### → *Computer Program– Text Based*

Create a text based program of your choosing using any text based language you are comfortable in. The code should demonstrate an understanding of at least 4 skills for beginner and intermediate projects and 8 skills for senior projects.

### → *Website*

For the exhibit, create a poster with a printout of your website's main or home page, a listing of techniques used (frames, Java, etc.), the purpose of the site and the working Universal Resource Locator (URL). Judges will review the poster and the website. Include all of the website's pages on a flash (aka thumb or USB) drive or a re-writable CD.

### → *3D Design*

Exhibit a simple 3-D rendered design using Computer Aided Design (CAD) Software such as Tinker CAD or Inventor. The design must be an object that performs a specific task, and may not be based on already existing 3-D models. It must also be printable. Drawings must be printed and placed in a folder for display and judging.

### → *3D Printed Design First Year Only*

Exhibit a simple 3-D printed object. The 3-D printed object may be based on already existing 3-D models. It must be 3-D printed. In addition, original design files must accompany each exhibit in addition to any necessary citations.

### → *3D Printed Design*

Exhibit a simple 3-D printed object. The 3-D printed object must NOT be based on already existing 3-D models. It must be 3-D printed. In addition, original design files must accompany each exhibit in addition to any necessary citations.

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## **CONSERVATION & NATURAL RESOURCES**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Conservation and Natural Resources Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Education display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: air quality, ozone layer, air pollution, effects of industrialization on air temperature, effects of natural disasters, such as fires, on air quality, particulate monitoring of air quality, emissions standards, the study of noise pollution in homes, business, urban and rural areas, water quality for livestock and human consumption, aquifers, water pollution from mining, fracking, and direct discharge of polluted water into waterways, waterway management including issues caused by flooding, invasive species, hazardous waste disposal, management of landfills and garbage disposal, recycling of plastics and other materials including electronics, common household waste, industrial materials, and metals, infiltration into soils, nutrient load management in concentrated animal feeding operations, watershed management, soil health and soil renewal, study of soil types, soil pollution, wetlands, study of effects of wind erosion on soils, effects of deforestation, indigenous species, planting of new forests, effects of diseases and pests on plants, trees, and forests, effects of flooding and drought on soils, urban tree management, shelterbelt management, carbon sequestration stewardship of productivity and economic returns, and public awareness of benefits of natural resources management.

## **Conservation and Natural Resources Display Exhibits**

### → *General Conservation and Natural Resources Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Conservation and Natural Resources Display Lots.

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## **CONSUMER EDUCATION**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

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## → *Consumer Education Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: price comparisons or comparisons of product features or services; how to use web resources to obtain information; and/or how to achieve efficiencies in the home.

### **Consumer Education Display Exhibits**

The objectives of Consumer Education Projects are to understand:

- how personal values, goals and available resources affect consumer behavior;
- how social, economic and political systems affect consumers and the effect consumers have on these systems;
- management/economic principles for making consumer decisions; and
- the rights and responsibilities of consumers and businesses including acting responsibly as a consumer.

## → *General Consumer Education Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Consumer Education Display Lots.

## → *Let's Go Shopping – this can also be exhibited under Home Environment*

Make a comparative cost study of three or more items related to the home (e.g., lamp, household linen, appliance, furnishings, china or fabric you buy for making an article versus purchasing). The exhibit is a file folder or two pieces of 8½ x 11-inch sized poster paper taped together which includes:

- Score Card: Things to consider when buying this item in order of importance.
- Information Chart Comparison: Each item's features, cost, etc., based on the scorecard.
- Your Decision: List your first choice with reasons for your choice.
- Illustrations: Identify each feature on pictures/sketches items.

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## **CULTURAL EDUCATION, INTERNATIONAL STUDY & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Cultural Education, International Study & Exchange Programs Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: study of a country, culture or geographic area, in present or through time; a journal or display created from experiences as a host family or as an exchange delegate; or a comparison of different exchange opportunities, countries or cultures.

### **Cultural Education, International Study & Exchange Programs Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Cultural Education, International Study & Exchange Programs Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Cultural Education, International Study & Exchange Programs

Display Lots.

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## **DAIRY CATTLE**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Dairy Cattle Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: the economic impact of dairy cattle to South Dakota and the nation; general animal behavior, health, nutrition; genetics and breeding; or promotion and marketing, biosecurity, careers in the dairy industry.

### **Dairy Cattle Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Dairy Cattle Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Dairy Cattle Display Lots.

#### → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: rope halters, lead ropes, feed bunks, hot boxes for newborn livestock hay feeders, stands for grooming items, etc.

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## **DOGS, DOG OBEDIENCE, & DOG AGILITY**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Dog Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: dog health, training methods, nutrition, grooming, or breed types.

### **Dog Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Dog Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Dog Display Lots.

#### → *Emergency Pet Supply Kit*

Create an emergency care kit for your pet and place all essential items in a sturdy container (e.g., duffle bag, backpack or durable plastic container) that you can carry easily.

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## **DRAMA & THEATRE ARTS**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Drama & Theatre Arts Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display or poster exhibits showing originality and creativity may include, but are not limited to: studying theatre, puppetry, plays and design; or learning about career opportunities in theatre.

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## **Drama & Theatre Arts Display Exhibits**

### → *General Drama & Theatre Arts Education Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Drama & Theatre Arts Display Lots.

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## **ECONOMICS, BUSINESS & MARKETING**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

The study of economics is concerned with choices that are made using scarce resources. Educational Display and Poster exhibits may include: savings, credit, currency; employment; foreign trade; national debt, taxes; or market prices, supply and demand.

## **Economics, Business & Marketing Display Exhibits**

### → *General Economics, Business & Marketing Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Economics, Business & Marketing Display Lots.

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## **ELECTRICITY**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Electricity Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: how electricity is generated and transported, comparing appliance/machines' usage of electricity.

## **Electricity Display Exhibits**

### → *General Electricity Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Electricity Display Lots.

### → *Electrical Heating Device or Application*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, safe wiring, recycling, and custom lengths.

### → *Lighting*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, lamps, work area lighting, special lighting, trouble light, etc.

### → *Lighting – No Lamps*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, work area lighting, special lighting, trouble lights, etc.

### → *Wiring and Switches*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, circuit boards, three-way switches, electro-magnets, etc.

### → *Power*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, electric motors, motorized equipment, etc.

### → *Electronics & Communications*

Exhibits may include, but are not limited to, radios, buzzers, intercoms, amplifiers, etc.

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## **EMBRYOLOGY**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the embryo development, incubation, and egg-hatching.

## **Embryology Display Exhibits**

### → *General Embryology Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Embryology Display Lots.

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## **ENERGY FOR FARM, HOME & TRANSPORTATION**

### **Farm Energy**

#### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

#### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational Display and Poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of energy usage on a farm or methods for reducing energy usage on a farm.

### **Farm Energy Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Farm Energy Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Farm Energy Display Lots.

### **Home Energy**

#### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

#### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of energy usage in the home or how families can conserve energy in their homes and the resulting lifestyle adjustments.

### **Home Energy Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Home Energy Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Home Energy Display Lots.

### **Transportation Energy**

#### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

#### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: energy usage for various types of transportation, methods for reducing energy usage during transportation, and new energy sources for vehicles.

### **Transportation Energy Display Exhibits**

#### → *General Transportation Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Transportation Energy Display Lots.

### **Wind Energy**

#### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

#### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

#### → *Wind Energy Curriculum*

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See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: use of wind energy, production of wind energy, benefits of wind energy production, usefulness of wind energy to the economy, the environment and energy supply.

## Wind Energy Display Exhibits

### → General Wind Energy Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Wind Energy Display Lots.

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## ENGINEERING

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

This project area includes those engineering fields that are not included as specific projects. Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: surveying, drafting, mechanical drawing, mining engineering, civil engineering, and engineering principles (bridge types, earthquake proofing, road durability, etc.).

## Engineering Display Exhibits

### → General Engineering Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Engineering Display Lots.

### → Engineering Model

Choose an area of engineering (Biomedical, Civil, Chemical, Architectural, Agricultural, Mining, Computer, Nuclear, Mechanical, Materials, Environmental, Aerospace, Ocean, Electrical and Industrial/Manufacturing) and design something that addresses a specific purpose or problem you wish to solve.

In addition to your design notes or actual model, include the following in a report:

- type of engineering with clearly stated purpose or problem
- research narrative discussing potential problems
- conclusion with reasons for selecting presented solution
- discussion of safety, economic ramifications, and availability of materials

### → Popsicle Bridge

#### Dimensions

The bridge must span 500 mm, be more than 100 mm wide and 200 mm high, and protrude no more than 50 mm below the bottom of the bridge deck (where the car rolls). The bridge must also be free from support by 30 mm on each side. The bridge deck must be covered in construction paper to allow a "Matchbox" or "Hot Wheels"-sized car to roll across.

#### Construction Requirements

- The bridge must conform to Dimensions described previously.
- The completed bridge is to contain a maximum of 100 "Popsicle" sticks (113 mm long; 10 mm wide, 1½ mm thick) joined together with all-purpose, non-toxic glue. NOTE: "Crazy" and industrial type glues are not permitted; neither are pins or clamps.
- "Popsicle" sticks may be cut.
- A "Matchbox" or "Hot Wheels"-sized car is approximately 3½ cm wide and 2 cm high

## Helpful Hints

- Give yourself plenty of time; don't wait until the last minute to build your bridge. The glue needs at least 24 hours to dry and is stronger when allowed to dry for two days or longer. Also, wood joints are always stronger when clamped tightly while the glue dries (try using big paper clips to clamp the sticks together — you must remove clamps before displaying).
- Even though a "Popsicle" stick bridge is much smaller, the same principles apply. FYI: The most important part is not the deck; rather, it is the steel or concrete structure supporting the deck.
- For bridge ideas, look at real bridges; especially railway truss bridges. Also study these bridges: Port Mann Bridge, the Second Narrows Bridge, and the Queensborough Bridge.

*FYI:* The Lions Gate Bridge and the Alex Fraser Bridge are not good examples to follow for this project because these bridges rely on cables.

- Research the internet and at your local library for bridge reference information to help your design.
- Your bridge needs to have a solid and stiff shape. Notice how a "Popsicle" stick is much stiffer and stronger when it is on its narrow edge. A bunch of sticks glued together in a flat, raft-like shape, have very little strength and will sag during testing. The strongest structural shape is a triangle.
- A bridge that is symmetrical is less likely to twist when loaded and will probably carry heavier loads.
- If you aren't sure if your "Popsicle" stick bridge is stable, test it by spanning it across two tables set about 500 mm apart; then, in the middle, push the top of the bridge down.

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## ENTOMOLOGY & BEES

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Entomology & Bees Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

## Entomology Display Exhibits

All entomology exhibits must be entered in the correct class and meet the requirements below.

- Display in a standard exhibit box (usually 19 x 16½ inches), but not to exceed 18 x 24 inches
- Labels need to be large enough to read; yet, not detract from the insects they identify
- Order collections are to be one order (a collection of butterflies, beetles, moths, flies, etc.)
- Youth may choose any topic for developing their Special Entomology Displays (life history studies, control practices, etc.)
- Youth are not permitted to re-enter an exhibit once it has received a blue or purple award. Youth receiving a red or lower rated awards on an exhibit may re-enter it in the same class in another year after making additions or corrections and identifying the changes.

### → General Entomology & Bees Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Entomology & Bees Display Lots.

### → 1st Year Collection

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15 different insects, identified and labeled, from a minimum of three different orders

→ *2nd Year Collection*

25 insects, identified and labeled, sorted by order with a minimum of five orders represented

→ *Large Diverse Collection*

50 or more insects, identified, labeled and sorted by order with a minimum of eight orders represented

→ *Order Collection*

20 – 30 insects from one order, identified and labeled

→ *Topical Collection*

15 – 20 insects identified and labeled, with a written or visual discussion of an associated topic (water-loving insects, crop pests, etc.)

→ *Bees*

The study of bees as pollinators, including effects of diseases and environmental issues such as use of pesticides; economic impact of raising bees, including discussions on the handling of bees, building of hives, extraction of honey, honey production, training to become a beekeeper, etc. and nutritional and health aspects of honey consumption.

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### ENTREPRENEURSHIP

→ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

→ *Entrepreneurship Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include: setting personal goals, starting or investigating a business, finance or marketing, developing a business plan.

For ethics or legal issues, refer to the 4-H curriculum; *Be the "e" Entrepreneurship Activity Guide* for ideas on these and other topics.

### Entrepreneurship Display Exhibits

→ *General Entrepreneurship Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Entrepreneurship Display Lots.

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### EXPLORING THE TREASURES OF 4-H CURRICULUM

→ *Beginner*

This workbook/guide uses an exploration theme to introduce children in grades 2 – 4 to the world of 4-H. It has six chapters. Exhibits must include completion of three chapters. Place the purple gems for the completed activities on pages 2 – 3; then, write one or two things that you discovered in the chapter. It is recommended that members work with a helper or a group. Youth may exhibit activity guides or booklets more than one year.

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### FIRST AID

→ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: a notebook on medical emergencies topics such as contacting emergency personnel, using slings or bandages, improvising during emergency situations, treating burns or stopping bleeding, taking vital signs (temperature, pulse, respiration).

**For a list of items to include in the various first aid kits below, refer to the 4-H First Aid & Health Project: Project Exhibiting Guidelines.**

### First Aid Kits

Brand names of contents must be visible on first aid items for medical clarification. Place all items in a durable, water-resistant container that is labeled "First Aid" on the outside. To the inside of the lid, attach an inventory list of the contents (if known, label each item with its purchase and expiration date) and a list of emergency numbers.

→ *First Aid – Basic Kit*

Create a basic first aid kit for your home, garage, workshop or other living space.

→ *First Aid – Advanced Kit*

Create an advanced first aid kit for your home, garage, workshop or other living space. Advanced first aid kits include the contents of basic first aid kits plus additional items.

→ *Vehicle First Aid Kit*

Vehicle first aid kits are stored in the passenger compartments of automobiles, combines, tractors, all-terrain vehicles, boats or campers.

→ *Farm and Outdoor First Aid Kit*

Create a farm and outdoor first aid kit that includes items in the basic, advanced and vehicle first aid kits contents plus additional items needed for particular situations.

→ *Vehicle Winter Survival Kit*

Winter survival kits are generally stored inside vehicles in case occupants are stranded in a winter storm or blizzard. It is recommended that people keep winter survival kits inside the passenger compartment vehicles rather than the trunk so items are always accessible.

→ *Sports First Aid Kit*

Create a sports first aid kit to help with common injuries that may occur during physical activity and/or sports. Place contents in a fanny pack or small backpack.

→ *Summer Emergency Kit*

Create a summer emergency first aid kit for injuries that typically occur when people are outdoors and away from home or their vehicles during warm weather. Place contents in a heavy-duty backpack.

→ *Disaster Kit (Emergency Preparedness)*

A disaster kit contains items individuals or families need for emergency conditions caused by natural occurrences (e.g., tornado, fire or ice storm) or man-made events (bomb threat, chemical spill or act of vandalism). The container and selection of items is up to the exhibitor. Family or group disaster kits must have a sufficient quantity of items for each person. Include a description of the disaster kit's purpose and an inventory list of contents.

### First Aid Reports

For a detailed description of the various types of first aid reports, refer to the 4-H First Aid & Health Project: Project

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## Exhibiting Guidelines.

### → 4-H First Aid Project Report

Write a story or report on how you used the 4-H first aid kit you assembled within the past three years.

### → First Aid Workshop Presentation Report

Describe a first aid presentation you have given to your 4-H club, your class at school or another club or group.

### → First Aid Investigations Report

Read stories or articles about first aid, interview medical professionals or take a tour of a medical facility. Describe what you learned from your readings, interviews and/or tour.

### → Career Aspirations Report

Describe your goals and plans to achieve your career objectives as a nurse, medical doctor, health science research, CPR instructor or EMT.

### → Emergency Pet Supply Kit

Create an emergency care kit for your pet and place all essential items in a sturdy container (e.g., duffle bag, backpack or durable plastic container) that you can carry easily.

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## FITNESS & SPORTS

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the history and purpose of physical fitness and sports, economic impact of sports, social impacts of sports, nutritional considerations for athletes, effects of active lifestyle in aging and gerontology, sports medicine, rehabilitation and training for all age groups.

### Fitness & Sports Display Exhibits

#### → General Fitness & Sports Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Fitness & Sports Display Lots.

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## FOOD PRESERVATION

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Food Preservation Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: history of food preservation, various methods of food preservation including equipment, foods that dry best, length of time and temperature to dry correctly how to detect spoilage.

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#### Preserved Food:

- If food safety is a concern, judges reserve the right not to taste and/or judge a food preservation item.
- All food preservation recipes must be approved by the USDA and/or pH tested. See the list of USDA approved recipes below.

#### National Center for Home Food Preservation:

[nchfp.uga.edu/#gsc.tab=0](http://nchfp.uga.edu/#gsc.tab=0)

#### SDSU Extension, Pick It! Try It! Like It! Preserve It!:

[extension.sdstate.edu/pick-it-try-it-it-preserve-it](http://extension.sdstate.edu/pick-it-try-it-it-preserve-it)

All Extension websites:

**NDSU Extension:** [ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/extension-topics/food-and-nutrition/food-preservation](http://ndsu.edu/agriculture/extension/extension-topics/food-and-nutrition/food-preservation)

**ISU Extension:** [extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/preserve-taste-summer](http://extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/preserve-taste-summer)

**Penn State Extension:** [extension.psu.edu/food-safety-and-quality/home-food-safety/food-preservation](http://extension.psu.edu/food-safety-and-quality/home-food-safety/food-preservation)

**UMN Extension:** [extension.umn.edu/food-safety/preserving-and-preparing](http://extension.umn.edu/food-safety/preserving-and-preparing)

**Illinois Extension:** [extension.illinois.edu/food/food-preservation](http://extension.illinois.edu/food/food-preservation)

**OSU Extension:** [extension.oregonstate.edu/food/preservation](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/food/preservation)

**UNH Extension:** [extension.unh.edu/health-well-being/food-safety/food-preservation](http://extension.unh.edu/health-well-being/food-safety/food-preservation)

**University of Missouri Extension:** [extension.missouri.edu/programs/food-preservation](http://extension.missouri.edu/programs/food-preservation)

**MSU Extension:** [canr.msu.edu/food\\_preservation/](http://canr.msu.edu/food_preservation/)

**University of Maine Extension:** [extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/](http://extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/)

And all other Extensions not listed.

#### USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 revision:

[nchfp.uga.edu/resources/entry/about-the-usda-guide-to-home-canning-2015-revision](http://nchfp.uga.edu/resources/entry/about-the-usda-guide-to-home-canning-2015-revision)

#### 37th Edition and newer, Ball Blue Book

- Contact your local County 4-H Office for recipe resources, current processing methods, and altitude time tables for preserving fruits and vegetables.
- Tomatoes are classified as a fruit or vegetable.
- Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart, pint or half-pint jar with a standard lid. For protection, attach and tighten a clean screw band. 24 oz. Ball jars may be used for pickled asparagus and taller products, but must follow processing for quart size.
- Include the current Food Preservation Exhibits Entry Form with the altitude classification, the recipe, and the source of the recipe.
- If you are using a packet (i.e. Mrs. Wages or Ball), staple the empty packet to the Entry Form.

#### Dried Meat:

- No Exhibits
- Because of the variation in density and thickness of slices, there are no standard processes or method for drying and storing dried meat that ensures a safe, edible product.

#### Fruit and Vegetables:

- Refer to the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the [National Center for Home Food Preservation](http://NationalCenterforHomeFoodPreservation) website.

#### Jams, Jellies and Preserves:

- Contact your local County 4-H Office for recipe resources, current processing methods and altitude time

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tables for jams, jellies and preserves.

- All food preservation recipes must be evidence-based and/or pH tested.
- Use recipes from current and reliable sources.
- Fill and seal one standard clear glass pint, half-pint or 4 ounce jar with a standard lid.
- Refer to the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the [National Center for Home Food Preservation website](#).
- NOTE: Recipes using flavored gelatin as an ingredient are not acceptable.

## Meat:

- Refer to the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the [National Center for Home Food Preservation website](#).
- All meat, poultry and fish must be pressure canned.

## Pickles:

- Contact your local County 4-H Office for current processing methods and altitude time tables for pickles.
- Use recipes from current and reliable sources.
- Refer to the USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the [National Center for Home Food Preservation website](#).
- Refer to the North Dakota State University Cooperative Extension Service, Making Pickled Products, July 2010, Bulletin FN-189

## Salsa – Fruit or Vegetable:

- Contact your local County 4-H Office for approved recipes, current processing methods and altitude time tables for salsa.

## Tomatoes:

- Process ripe or slightly under-ripe tomatoes in boiling water bath or pressure canner according to USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning, 2015 Revision, Agriculture Information Bulletin No. 539 on the [National Center for Home Food Preservation website](#).
- Do not can the fruit of overripe, decayed or frostbitten tomatoes. Use overripe tomatoes immediately or freeze.

## Dried Food:

- In a clear or dark plastic or glass container, place a minimum of ½-cup of the dried product (in case of leather, ½-cup equivalent).
- Contact your local County 4-H Office to obtain the exhibit entry form and score card and for information on drying foods.
- Include the completed exhibit entry form, score card and recipes for leather.

## Herbs:

- Refer to University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, Harvesting and Drying Herbs, NRES-VC-31-97.

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➔ *Dried Fruits*

➔ *Dried Herbs*

➔ *Dried Vegetables*

➔ *Fruit and/or Vegetable Leather*

➔ *Fruit Jelly, Jams and Preserves*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart, pint or half-pint jar with a standard lid.

➔ *Fruit*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart, pint or half-pint jar with a standard lid.

➔ *Meat*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart or pint jar with a standard lid.

➔ *Pickles*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart or pint jar with a standard lid.

➔ *Vegetables*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass quart or pint jar with a standard lid.

➔ *Salsa – Fruit or Vegetable*

Fill and seal one standard clear glass pint or half-pint jar with a standard lid.

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## FOOD SAFETY

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits topics may include, but are not limited to: safe food temperatures, power outages, sanitation, concession stand operation, food-borne illnesses, and food allergies.

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## FOODS & NUTRITION

Use [myplate.gov](#) for information on Food Groups and to access the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2020.

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

➔ *Foods & Nutrition Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

➔ *Junior Menu*

Create a 14 x 22-inch poster illustrating and listing a one-day menu for you. Include your age on the front of the poster.

➔ *Senior Menu*

Create a 14 x 22-inch poster illustrating and listing a one-day menu for you (including meals and snacks) that emphasizes vitamins A, C, calcium and fiber.

- Illustrate one meal with a color picture.
- Underline foods high in the vitamins, minerals and fiber:
- calcium with blue
- vitamin A with green
- vitamin C with red
- fiber with yellow
- On the front of the poster, include a color code legend and your age.

➔ *Junior Poster*

Create a 14 x 22-inch picture poster of the daily food guide showing the five food groups and the amount of each required per age group. Include your age on the front of the poster.

➔ *Senior Poster*

Create a 14 x 22-inch picture poster that teaches good nutrition beyond basic food groups for youth your age. Include your age

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on the front of the poster.

Examples:

- good snack selections
- calorie and/or fat comparisons
- nutrition and athletics
- allergies
- dietary guidelines for special diets

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If food safety is a concern, judges reserve the right not to taste and/or judge foods and nutrition items. Food exhibits include:

- items on a paper plate sealed in a clear plastic bag (one that closes with a zipper or a wire twist fastener). Do not use plastic wrap to cover plates of food.
- Staple the following to the plastic bag:
  - entry form
  - recipe on a 3 x 5-inch card or a 4 x 6-inch card with a list of ingredients and the preparation method

NOTE: All cookies are baked.

FYI: Youth entering two exhibits in one class must have tried different learning experiences.

General	Definition	Approximate Portion Size
Cookies	Pressed or Spritz – dough is put through a cookie press of uniformed size. Molded – dough is rolled in a ball and then pressed down (ex. Peanut Butter Cookies) of uniformed size.	No cookie may exceed 5 inches in diameter.
Bars	Type of cookie made by baking batter in a sheet pan; then, cutting into portions	2 x 2 inches
Batter	Flour, liquid and leavening mixtures (eggs baked with steam can act as leavening)	N/A

NOTE: All exhibits in the classes below (no creams or custards) are baked and safe when stored at room temperature.

### ➔ Bars

Made from batter; may have nuts. No frosting or layered bars. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Drop Cookies

Made from dough; may have nuts. No frosting. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Molded Cookies

Made from dough; may have nuts. No frosting. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Refrigerator Cookies

Made from dough; may have nuts. No frosting. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Pressed Cookies

Made from dough; may have nuts. No frosting. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Rolled and Cut Cookies

Made from dough; may have nuts. No frosting. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

### ➔ Cakes (No Commercial Mixes)

- Foam Cakes: No frosting, glaze, or nuts. The whole cake out of the pan, unpeeled, and on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.
- Loaf Cake (any flavor): Use an 8- or 9-inch round or square pan or a Bundt pan to make a cake into a loaf. No frosting, glaze or nuts. The whole cake out of the pan with either the top or bottom side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form.

### ➔ Soy Baked Goods

Cookies, bars, cakes, breads, muffins, etc., using a combined minimum of ½ cup soymilk, soy flour, tofu or textured soy protein (soy granules). Exhibitors must follow safe food recommendations for baking temperatures. Exhibit on a paper plate in a sealed clear plastic bag with the recipe and entry form attached. Follow quantity guidelines for similar items under Foods and Nutrition or Breads.

### ➔ Gluten Free Baked Goods

A baked good made with gluten free products. This lot could consist of, but not limited to cookies, breads, bars, cakes, etc.

### ➔ Fun with Dairy Foods

If food safety is a concern, judges reserve the right not to taste and/or judge dairy food items. Food exhibits include:

- Items out of pans or paper baking cups and on a paper plate sealed in a clear plastic bag (one that closes with a zipper or a wire twist fastener). Do not use plastic wrap to cover plates of food.
- Staple the following to the plastic bag:
  - entry form
  - recipe on a 3 x 5-inch card with a list of ingredients and the preparation method

Youth entering two exhibits in one class, must have tried different learning experiences.

Dairy food items include any foods enhanced with buttermilk, powdered milk, evaporated milk, yogurt, cottage cheese or cheese containing less than 80% of calories from fat (fat contains nine calories per gram, so cream cheese is eliminated). The dairy food item does not have to be a youth's original recipe. Dairy food items must be safe when stored at room temperature, so no creams or custards.

### ➔ Fun with Convenience Foods

A convenience food baked differently than the original package instructions or a baked food item made with convenience equipment. No frosting or glaze. Originality is considered during judging. Food must be safe when stored at room temperature (no creams or custards). Exhibit on a paper plate sealed in a clear plastic bag with the recipe and entry form attached. Follow quantity guidelines for similar items under Foods and Nutrition or Breads. No dry snack mixes.

### ➔ A Nutritional Situation

Exhibits can be menus, displays or 14 x 22-inch posters illustrating a way of solving a nutritional situation; includes a

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written summary describing why youth chose the topic. Booth space cannot exceed 28 x 28 x 16 inches. Youth may use charts, mobiles, models, etc. Exhibits are judged on content, eye appeal, interest and quality of work. Examples include:

- finger foods for a small child
- dietary problems
- feeding a child
- serving a meal attractively
- food and/or nutrition issues: obesity, food allergies, diabetes, heart conditions, acne, ulcers, etc.

## ➔ *Recipe Adaptation to Improve Nutrition*

This class includes all recipes that have been adapted to improve the nutritional quality of food by increasing fiber and nutrients (protein, vitamin A, vitamin C or iron) and decreasing fats or oils. Contact your local County 4-H Office to obtain the most current recipe adaptation worksheet. Completed worksheets must accompany exhibits. Exhibit the food item on a paper plate in a sealed clear plastic bag with the recipe and entry form attached. Follow quantity guidelines for similar items under Foods and Nutrition or Breads.

### **Bread Display Exhibits**

If food safety is a concern, judges reserve the right not to taste and/or judge bread items. Food exhibits include:

- Items on a paper plate sealed in a clear plastic bag (one that closes with a zipper or a wire twist fastener). Do not use plastic wrap to cover plates of food.
- Staple the following to the plastic bag:
  - entry form
  - recipe on a 3 x 5-inch card or a 4 x 6-inch card with a list of ingredients and the preparation method

Youth entering two exhibits in one class must have tried different learning experiences.

## ➔ *Muffins*

Muffins made from a recipe, not a mix. Product may contain fruits, nuts, and/or vegetables. Three samples without paper baking cups make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

## ➔ *One Loaf Quick Bread*

Any kind of quick bread (minimum size is 2½ x 5 inches). No frosting or glaze. Product may include nuts. The whole loaf out of the pan with the top side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form.

## ➔ *One Loaf Yeast Batter Bread*

Any kind of batter bread made with yeast. The whole loaf out of the pan with the top side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form.

## ➔ *One Loaf Yeast Bread*

Any kind of bread made with yeast (no batter bread). The whole loaf out of the pan with the top side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form.

## ➔ *Yeast Dinner Rolls*

Any kind of dinner roll made with yeast. Three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

## ➔ *Ethnic Baked Goods*

Exhibit is ethnic bread, rolls or another baked item. For ethnic bread, the whole loaf out of the pan with the top side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form. For ethnic rolls and other baked items, three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

## ➔ *Convenience Bread*

Prepared differently than package or recipe directions utilizing bread, biscuit, or roll convenience foods (mixes or frozen) or convenience equipment. Originality is considered during judging. Bread must be safe when stored at room temperature (no creams or custards). Exhibit on a paper plate in a sealed clear plastic bag with the recipe and entry form attached. Follow quantity guidelines for similar items under Foods and Nutrition or Breads.

## ➔ *Bread Machine Bread or Rolls*

One loaf of bread or three rolls (white, whole wheat or variety). No mixes. Product may contain fruits, nuts, and/or vegetables. Bread or rolls must be safe when stored at room temperature. For bread, the whole loaf out of the pan with the top side up on a paper plate makes up the exhibit along with the recipe card and entry form. For rolls, three samples make up the exhibit along with the recipe card and the entry form.

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## **FORESTRY**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Forestry Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Topics to explore may include, but are not limited to, forest and shelterbelt management, timber harvesting and reseeded, urban tree management, pest management including emerald ash borer, diseases of both deciduous and pine trees, effects of drought and flooding on forestry management.

### **Forestry Display Exhibits**

Neatly mounted forestry plant specimens on sheets of standard herbarium mounting paper (11½ x 16½ inches) or light tag board of uniform size (11 x 14 inches) is preferred. Each specimen sheet must include:

- the tree leaf;
- a section of a twig showing alternate, whorled or opposite branching;
- a small plastic bag containing the seed; and
- a forestry collection label mounted in the lower right hand corner filled out correctly and completely.

*NOTE:* Youth who exhibited in this lot at a previous South Dakota State Fair must add or correct deficiencies to their plant specimen collections to re-enter exhibits at this year's South Dakota State Fair.

### **Forestry Display Exhibits – Identification Collection**

➔ 10 specimens

➔ 20 specimens

➔ 30 specimens

### **Forestry Display Exhibits – SD Shrub Identification**

➔ 10 specimens

➔ 20 specimens

➔ 30 specimens

### **Forestry Display Exhibits**

➔ *Forestry Education Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Forestry Display Lots.

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## GEOLOGY & MINERALS

Geology & Mineral project exhibits provide a snapshot of the collection that youth have begun to develop during their project. These exhibits illustrate the knowledge that they have gained and the type of specimens they have been able to acquire.

→ *Educational Display*

See requirements in 'South Dakota 4-H Geology & Minerals Guide.'

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### **Geology & Minerals Display Exhibits**

Display all collections in a standard exhibit box as described in the 'South Dakota 4-H Geology & Mineral Guide.' For requirements for each of the following lots – especially labeling of specimen, please refer to the 'South Dakota 4-H Geology & Mineral Guide.'

→ *General Geology & Minerals Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Geology & Minerals Display Lots.

→ *Special Collection*

This exhibit must contain 12 labeled specimens of any one or combination thereof: fossils, rocks, minerals, jewelry, crystals, or lapidary.

→ *Mineral Collection*

This exhibit is to consist of 12 specimens.

→ *First Year Rock Collection*

This collection should consist of 2 igneous, 2 sedimentary, and 2 metamorphic rocks.

→ *Rock Collection*

This exhibit should consist of 5 igneous, 5 sedimentary, and 5 metamorphic rocks.

→ *Crystal Collection*

This collection should consist of 5 specimens.

→ *Fossil Collection*

This may consist of animal, plant or insect fossils in one collection. There are to be 7 specimens in this collection.

→ *Jewelry and Metal Craft*

Metalcraft refers only to articles intended for general ornamentation and/or service; examples: vases, vanity boxes, etc. Jewelry refers only to articles intended for personal ornamentation and wear; examples: rings, tie clasps, earrings, cuff links. Use of finished stones, fossils, or mineral specimens in all articles of metalcraft or jewelry is mandatory.

FYI: A set of cufflinks or earrings are considered one exhibit.

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## GEOSPATIAL

→ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

→ *Geospatial Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

The Geospatial Geographic Educational Display may include a poster or display of what was learned about geographical information system (GIS) and/or global positioning system

(GPS) technology (e.g., the use of GIS/GPS in vehicles, agriculture, or Community Service Projects).

### **Geospatial Display Exhibits**

→ *General Geospatial Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Geospatial Display Lots.

→ *Documented Geocaching/Earthcaching Trip*

Exhibit consists of a written report in a notebook or scrapbook documenting how to plan a trip or find your way using a GPS unit (e.g., finding a geo-cache). Can be a multi-year project and needs to include what obstacles they faced and what they learned.

→ *Be the Teacher – GPS/GIS*

For this exhibit, create an educational notebook, display, collection of materials (including maps and overlays) related to GPS/GIS Project.

→ *GPS/GIS Service Project*

Exhibit consists of a 14 x 22-inch poster or notebook documenting a Service Project utilizing GPS/GIS technology.

→ *Making a Geocache*

A log of the process of making a geocache, and a written description of the process of determining where to locate it and placing it in its location

→ *Making a map*

Using GIS skills and software youth can make a map using GPS waypoints.

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## GOATS

### **Dairy Goats**

→ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

→ *Dairy Goat Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the economic impact of dairy goats to South Dakota/nation and animal behavior, management, health, care, nutrition, genetics and breeding, harvesting, promotion and marketing, biosecurity, careers in animal science.

### **Meat Goat**

→ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

→ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

→ *Meat Goat Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the economic impact of Market Meat Goats to South Dakota/nation and the general study of animal behavior, management, health, care, nutrition, genetics and breeding, promotion and marketing, biosecurity, careers in animal science.

### **Goat Display Exhibits**

→ *General Goat Display Exhibit*

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This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Goat Display Lots.

## → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: rope halters, lead ropes, blankets, feed bunks, hot boxes for newborn livestock hay feeders, stands for grooming items, etc.

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## **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: letter styles; color; design experimentation; logo use; product packaging; creation of original artwork utilizing computer generated drawings; computer-generated photography or computer-generated paint programs (clip art is not acceptable); studying art websites; doing research; or viewing online digital art galleries (e.g., Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Siggraph Educators Program, and the South Dakota State University Visual Arts Department Gallery).

Judging of exhibits is based on application, use of computer technology, aesthetics, communication, interest, originality and craftsmanship. Contact your local County 4-H Office for the score card with criteria and definitions for each.

## **Graphic Design Display Exhibits**

4-H Graphic Design Applications using Computer Technology provides 4-H members with an opportunity to express their ideas and learn skills through study and project work. It begins with a message that is transformed into visual communication that transcends mere words.

Graphic designers create and control the color, type, symbols, and photography; then, manage the production of the image designs to inform and persuade a specific audience.

The work of graphic designers is part of our lives. Postage stamps, books, highway signs, newspapers and magazines, posters, corporate logos, business cards, and shopping bags are created by graphic designers.

Exhibits may include graphic designs advertising 4-H related projects and/or activities and/or the study of lettering styles, color, format spacing, logos, packaging, etc.

### → *General Graphic Design Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Graphic Design Display Lots.

### → *Graphic Applications*

4-H members may construct exhibits using drawing programs such as Free Hand or graphic packages such as Photoshop, Paint, and/or Illustrator or other computer drawing, photo or paint programs. Exhibits must consist of original art (e.g., logo) 4-H members create using a combination of scanning, drawing, computer generated drawing, photography, etc. Clip art is not acceptable.

### → *Model, Portraiture, Etc.*

This graphic design exhibit may consist of a model, portraiture, and/or still life using a computer generated graphics program.

Clip art is not acceptable.

### → *Drawn Image*

This graphic design exhibit may consist of a drawn image, photographic image or design that is objective, non-objective, abstract, or pictorial and may include letterform (please review the definitions below).

- Drawn Image: Drawn by hand with the aid of a computer software package such as Illustrator, Paint or Corel Draw.
- Photographic Image: Scanned or digitally transferred to a computer and then manipulated; combined or altered using photographic software packages such as Photoshop.
- Objective: The exact rendering of an observed visual image without interpretation or alteration; could be a still life.
- Non-Objective: An approach where visual images are entirely imaginative and not derived from anything the artist sees.
- Abstract: Form(s) an artist creates or derives from actual observed or experienced objects. It usually involves simplification, rearrangement of natural objects to meet the artist's needs. Sometimes there is little resemblance to the original object when the image completed.
- Pictorial: A broader term referring to numerous two-dimensional opportunities to express oneself. Pictorial images may be photographic, graphic, painted, drawn, collage or other two-dimensional expression.
- Letterform: Used on posters or it may exist in their own right as an image and inspiration for compositions.

### → *Cards for All Occasions*

Develop a series of four to six greeting cards in Word, WordPerfect, Printshop or Publisher for a variety of holidays or special occasions. Highlight six different skills (formatting, text, imported clip art, etc.) at least once on each card. For this exhibit, youth may use clip art, scanned photos or draw their own pictures. The exhibit consists of a printed copy of each card.

### → *Brochure*

Design a two-sided brochure promoting an event, program or idea using any design program. List the program application and any template used on the exhibit card.

### → *Poster*

Design a poster (size may not exceed 11 x 17 inches) to educate, promote or give direction, using any design program. No templates. List program application used on the exhibit card.

### → *Display Ad*

Design an ad suitable for print media (newspaper, magazine or newsletter) not to exceed 8½ x 11 inches. No templates. List program application used on the exhibit card.

### → *Marketing Package*

Design three pieces for the same topic/event. Choose from brochure, ad, registration form, program, poster, etc. No templates. List program application used on the exhibit card.

Criteria for judging:

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| • Clarity of message           | 30% |
| • Use of color and white space | 20% |
| • Graphic elements             | 20% |
| • Quality of Writing           | 20% |
| • Overall design               | 10% |

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## HEALTH

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Health Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: physical, intellectual, emotional, social, spiritual and environmental health; learning how people grow and develop through life; identifying community health care resources; assessing community health care needs; identifying health care issues at local, state, and/or national levels and identifying decisions that affect personal, family and community health; or exploring career, job and productive leisure opportunities in the health sciences.

## **Health Display Exhibits**

### → *General Health Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Health Display Lots.

### → *The Effects of Sunlight*

Complete at least three of the five experiences below in one exhibit. Document your findings in a notebook, folder, tri-fold display, etc. To observe the effect sunlight has on a number of objects do the following:

Put one newspaper in a sunny place for a few days and one in a dark cupboard for a few days. Compare the difference in color.

Put one piece of clay in the sun and one in the shade for a day. Observe the changes.

Put an object, such as a coin, on a piece of photographic development paper; place in the sunlight. Observe after 30 minutes. Objects such as keys, bottle tops, or pencils work well.

Discuss and compare how sunburned skin changed from over exposure to the sun. Many living things have natural ways of protecting themselves from the sun.

Observe and describe your pets' habits and behaviors on a hot day. When do they lie in the sun or the shade? When do they try to come inside the house?

### → *Sunscreen Label*

On a 14 x 22-inch poster, illustrate the front and back of a sunscreen bottle label you have designed. For successful consumer purchase and use, remember to include the necessary instructions and ingredient information on the label. Contact your local County 4-H Office for more information on sun safety.

### → *Skin Care*

On a 14 x 22-inch poster or in another format, start with a picture of yourself caring for your skin, your name and skin type. As part of your exhibit, include the answers to these questions. Before I go out in the sun, I should:

- "slip" on what?
- "slop" on what?
- "slap" on what?

### → *Homemade health & beauty products*

This lot consists of, but is not limited to homemade health and beauty products such as: homemade makeup remover, bath salts, soap, lotions, laundry detergent, etc.

### → *Oral Health*

Topics may include, but are not limited to: preventative care, treatment of tooth/teeth disorders including alignment, lack of enamel, replacement of missing or broken teeth, trauma from accidental injuries to the mouth and tooth structure, proper dental hygiene, effects of various diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer's, calcium deficiency, effects of proper nutrition, etc. on oral health for all ages and stages.

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## HOBBIES & COLLECTIONS

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Exhibits should illustrate the importance of a hobbies or collections for the purposes of enjoyment, investments, tradition, etc., and may include, but are not limited to: antiques, autographs, buttons, cars, cards, coins, genealogy, models, pictures, pottery, glass, shells, stamps, tractors.

*NOTE:* Members with an interest in photography or other existing South Dakota 4-H project areas are encouraged to exhibit those hobbies and collections in the existing photography project lots. Exceptions are when special instances or unique circumstances qualify exhibits in the Hobbies & Collections Project.

## **Hobbies & Collections Display Exhibits**

### → *General Hobbies and Collections Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Hobbies and Collections Display Lots.

### → *Hobbies & Collections Exhibit*

- A hobby can be anything the exhibitor enjoys doing such as, but not limited to making homemade jewelry, cake decorating, paintings, Legos, etc.
- It is highly recommended that a picture is taken of your hobby or collection and displayed in a binder for easier display and safety. In the binder, have an overview of your project and photos with descriptions of your project.
- A minimum of two small items or one large is required for exhibiting plastic model airplanes, cars, etc. Collections consist of six small items and three large items.
- Evaluation of plastic models may be on the basis of neatness, display, level of difficulty, quality of workmanship, as well as the exhibit's summary report.
- If possible, place exhibit items on a board made of wood, cork, foam or other appropriate mounting material.
- When collections are too valuable to exhibit (e.g., metal farm tractors/cars, coins, sports cards, stamp, genealogy records or glass), members should list what they added to their collection during the 4-H program year in their record book so leaders can determine project accomplishments.

### → *Scrapbooking*

May include paper or digital.

## **Exhibit Summary Report**

In addition to the standard 4-H exhibit form, youth must include

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an Exhibit Summary Report with their Hobbies & Collections exhibits to provide necessary information about what they collected or what their hobby consists of, what was learned, and why the exhibit was chosen. This is to be done in addition to the 4-H exhibit entry form. Exhibit Entry Summary Reports are written in a narrative that is included with the exhibit. There is not a specific form as exhibitors are to write a short narrative about their hobby or collection and answer the questions above. When appropriate, 4-H members are encouraged to include a table of contents as part of their report.

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## HOME ENVIRONMENT

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to information about: wallpaper, paint, floor coverings, upholstery, fabric, window coverings, wood finishing methods, furniture upholstery methods, room arrangements (floor plans).

## Home Environment – Quilting

### → *Educational Display – Quilting*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

- Illustrate an aspect of quilt-making or finished quilts. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - quilt designs and styles from different cultures
  - design, color and fabric choices
  - preservation, history of construction methods
  - mathematical conversions of quilt patterns
  - computerization
  - entrepreneurship
  - histories of old quilts or specific quilt styles

## Home Environment Display Exhibits

### → *General Home Environment Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Home Environment Display Lots.

### → *Constructed Fabric Dining Accessory*

Examples include, but are not limited to: placemat, tablecloth, table runner, a set of two dinner napkins.

### → *Constructed Fabric Bedroom Accessory*

Examples include, but are not limited to: bed skirt or dust ruffle, bed canopy, window curtain, valance or drapery, bed covering, decorative pillow, pillowcase, coverlet, duvet cover.

### → *Constructed Fabric Kitchen Accessory*

Examples include, but are not limited to: pot holder, appliance cover, food carrier decorative towel, window curtain, valance, drapery.

### → *Wall or Door Item for Your Home*

Youth must make an item for the purpose of hanging on a wall or door. If your item does not have a hanger, explain on the entry card how this exhibit will be hung. Examples include, but are not limited to: decorative picture, clock, banner, carving, memory box, framed art, wreaths, swags, etc.

### → *Storage Item for a Room in Your Home*

Youth must make or decorate a storage item for a room in their home. The entry form needs to include the type of items intended for storage in the container and the room in which the container will be used.

### → *Small Finished or Refinished Wood Accessory for the*

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No furniture. Examples of small items include, but are not limited to: shelf, box, picture frame, tray, bowl, game board.

### → *New Life for Your Furniture*

Exhibit is a piece of finished, refinished, upholstered/ reupholstered, remodeled or recycled furniture with a “before” photograph and brief explanation of the item’s history and the methods used to transform the item.

### → *Decorative (Accessory) Grouping for the Home*

Select two to six items for a coordinated grouping that is the focal point for a table, countertop, piano, shelf, etc. Youth may purchase materials (e.g., silk flower/plant for centerpiece); however, the exhibitor must make at least one item in the grouping. On the entry form, list the total cost of the grouping and the room it is intended for. Include a photograph of the items as they would be displayed.

### → *Original Centerpiece*

Youth must make an original item to be used for the purpose of a centerpiece. The entry form must include an explanation of where it will be used. Examples include, but are not limited to: candle display for dining room table, small wreath for Christmas, basket with greenery and decoration pieces, etc.

### → *Color Wheel*

On a sheet of paper (minimum size 8½ x 11 inches), create a color wheel with chosen media (crayons, markers, tempera or acrylic paint, colors cut from magazines) to create 12 colors.

- Place the three primary and three secondary colors appropriately.
- Combine one primary and one secondary color to make the six tertiary colors.

*NOTE:* Youth need to accurately portray colors using full intensity and value. Label each color with its proper name. Attach color wheel to cardboard or card stock paper.

Create a color strip with chosen media (tempera or acrylic paint only) with two to four, 2 x 2-inch, color blocks (hues of full intensity or tints/shades) to illustrate one color scheme (analogous, complementary, split complementary, triad or tetrad). Use white to mix tints – black to mix shades. Label the color strip with the type of color scheme and indicate on the entry form.

### → *Design Sample Board*

Using photography mat board or foam core board, create a sample board with pictures of furniture, window coverings, accessories and small samples (swatches) you would use to design a room. Include fabric(s), paint, wallpaper, wood finishes, floor coverings, upholstery, and any other materials.

Label the top of the mat board with the type of room and the overall style you are trying to create (e.g., contemporary, traditional, country, modern, industrial, exotic or tropical). Lay out the samples according to the elements and principles of design.

### → *Design Ideas Collection*

Collect design ideas into a resource notebook (3-ring binder). Your notebook should include at least these four sections but may have more: color schemes, furniture styles, window treatments and accessories. Collect at least five ideas for each section from catalogs, magazines, store brochures, home improvement stores or the internet. Label each idea with a name, the color scheme or style, and where you would use the

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idea. Mount design idea examples on 8½ x 11-inch paper.

## ➔ *Let's Go Shopping – this can also be entered in Consumer Education*

Make a comparative cost study of three or more items related to the home (e.g., lamp, household linen, appliance, furnishings, china or fabric you buy for making an article versus purchasing). The exhibit is a file folder or two pieces of 8½ x 11-inch sized poster paper taped together which includes:

- Score Card: Things to consider when buying this item in order of importance.
- Information Chart Comparison: Each item's features, cost, etc., based on the score card.
- Your Decision: List your first choice with reasons for your choice.
- Illustrations: On pictures or sketches of the items, identify each feature.

## ➔ *Scale Drawing and Space Plan*

Select an indoor (room) or outdoor space (patio) for a home. Measure the space and make a 1:4 scale drawing where ¼ inch equals one foot. You can use graph paper or computer-assisted design software to draw the space.

Use templates (i.e., scale drawings of chairs, tables, beds) to create an arrangement of furniture and other items in the room or outdoor space. Glue or tape the furniture templates to your scale drawing to make an arrangement with good traffic patterns and conversation groupings. On the back of the exhibit entry form, explain who the room is for and how it will be used. Display your scale drawing in a clear plastic page protector.

## ➔ *Constructed Cover Up*

Make a cover up (blanket, snug sack, knitted or crocheted afghan or lap robe) for use in any room of a home.

## ➔ *Recycled or Remade*

Take a new or used item and make it into something functional or decorative for the home. Used items may be from your home, a friend, rummage sale or second hand store. Examples include, but are not limited to: clay pots, landscape blocks, reworked denim, and old dishes.

## ➔ *Outdoor Art*

Make a decorative or functional item intended for use outdoors on a patio or in a yard or garden. Make sure the item has the appropriate weatherproof finish. On the exhibit entry tag, describe where you plan to use the item and how you prepared the item for outdoor use. The maximum size restriction for this exhibit 4 x 6 feet. An example of outdoor art includes Fairy Gardens.

## ➔ *Faux Finishes*

Assemble a sample board (14 x 22-inch poster) with four or more samples (5 x 5 inches) of decorative painting or faux finishes that you created with paint or paint and glaze and used brushes, sponges, rags, crumpled newspaper, cheesecloth or other items to produce a textured appearance. Label each sample with what the faux finish imitates and the media used (e.g., latex paint, acrylic glaze and sea sponge). Faux finishes may imitate any material (i.e., marble, wood, tile, stone, sandstone/limestone, gilding or organic materials like leather, parchment, snakeskin).

## **Quilted Items**

A quilted exhibit item is made up of at least three layers (no fleece or pre-quilted fabric). All quilted items must be machine/

hand quilted or tied through all layers. Another individual may do the machine/hand quilting. Wall quilts must have a rod pocket on the back of the quilt or some method for hanging. Attach a tag to the lower left corner of each quilted item listing the maker and the date. The information below is required on a quilt exhibit entry form:

- name of the quilt pattern;
- how the fabric was selected;
- what work the exhibitor performed and what other people did;
- what the exhibitor learned for use on another project; and
- how to care for the quilt.

*RESOURCE:* Nebraska's 4-H Curriculum; Quilt Quest.

## ➔ *Small Quilted Item*

Length + Width = 50 inches maximum. This class includes miniature quilts, wall hangings, table runners, pillow or two placemats.

## ➔ *Medium-Sized Quilted Item*

Length + Width = 100 inches maximum. This includes baby quilts or lap quilts.

## ➔ *Bed-sized quilt*

Twin-, full-, queen- or king-sized quilts.

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## **HORSE & PONY**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Horse & Pony Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational Display and Poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: the economic impact of animals and/or livestock to South Dakota and the nation; general horse behavior; management; health; care; nutrition; genetics and breeding; harvesting; promotion and marketing; biosecurity; or careers.

*NOTE:* Promotion of a particular breed is discouraged.

## **Horse & Pony Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Horse & Pony Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Horse & Pony Display Lots.

### ➔ *Horse Tack & Equipment Care/Maintenance*

In a notebook, list the most important items needed to care for and maintain tack and equipment. List each item on a separate page with a picture of the product (if available). The narrative for each product should include:

- cost of the product;
- brand analysis and reasons for selecting the brand listed;
- reasons for including the product on the list; and
- an explanation of the necessity and uses for the product.

### ➔ *Horse Care & Grooming*

In a notebook, list the ten most important items needed for horse care and grooming and include a photo or a description of the container used to store the items. List each item on a

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separate page with a picture of the product (if available). The narrative for each product should include:

- cost of the product;
- brand analysis and reasons for selecting the brand listed;
- reasons for including the product on the list; and
- an explanation of why the product is necessary and its uses.

## → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following example: feed bunks

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## **HORTICULTURE, GARDENING & LANDSCAPING**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Horticulture, Gardening & Landscape Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational displays and posters teach about plants, soils, moisture, nutrition and innovations in horticulture. Exhibits may include, but are not limited to: photos with explanation of procedures used and results; seed collections; growing of unusual vegetables; benefits or damage caused by common insects; computer garden programs; picture story of your garden; succession planting of vegetables; companion planting of vegetables; landscaping and horticultural careers; unique gardening methods (e.g., raised beds, hydroponics); or propagation methods.

### **Horticulture Display Exhibits**

All entries are judged according to the rules and guidelines listed for each vegetable in South Dakota 4-H Preparing Horticultural Exhibits. Exhibitors who do not follow these guidelines when preparing their exhibits may receive a lower award. Additional information on growing and preparing exhibits is in South Dakota 4-H Preparing Horticultural Exhibits.

Flower displays, house plants, terrariums, dish gardens, ornamental fruits such as gourds or miniature pumpkins are not eligible for exhibit at the South Dakota State Fair even though some counties allow these lots.

Two exhibits entered in one lot must be of different varieties.

Entry forms for horticulture display exhibits must include the name of the vegetable variety unless vegetable was grown from heirloom seeds. Failure to properly identify vegetables will result in a lower award.

Judges reserve the right to cut specimens to examine them.

Badly spoiled or decaying entries may be disqualified.

Small or readily perishable items will not be returned to the exhibitors.

*NOTE:* Due to the time between County Fairs/4-H Achievement Days and the State Fair, youth exhibiting at the county level on any of the lots listed below, may enter another specimen in that lot or another vegetable lot at the South Dakota State Fair.

The Lots below are for all age divisions.

### → *Beans – Lima*

Any variety of small- or large-seeded (five pods with the stem)

### → *Beans – Snap*

Any variety (five pods with the stem)

### → *Beets*

Any variety (three roots between 1 – 2½ inches in diameter)

### → *Broccoli*

Any variety (one head)

### → *Cabbage*

Any variety with wrapper leaves (one head)

### → *Carrots*

Any variety (three roots with tops trimmed to one inch)

### → *Cauliflower*

Any variety (one head)

### → *Cucumber – Pickling*

Two to six inches long; diameter not over two inches (three fruits with the stem)

### → *Cucumber – Slicing*

Over six inches long; diameter not over two inches (three fruits with the stem)

### → *Eggplant – Large Type*

Any variety (one fruit)

### → *Eggplant – Small or Long, Cylindrical Type*

Any variety (three fruits)

### → *Kohlrabi*

Three specimens

### → *Muskmelon*

Any variety (one melon without the stem)

### → *Okra*

Any variety (five pods with stem)

### → *Onions – Dried*

Must be dried for home storage; tops trimmed; any color (three specimens). On the entry label, identify the type as yellow, white or red.

### → *Onions – Green*

Green, bunching type for fresh table use

### → *Parsnips*

Three roots

### → *Peas*

Any variety (five pods with the stem)

### → *Peppers – Hot*

Any variety; small or long tapering (five fruits)

### → *Peppers – Sweet*

Any variety; green, red or yellow blocky or pointed type (three fruits)

### → *Potatoes*

Any variety (three tubers)

### → *Pumpkin*

Any variety (one fruit)

### → *Radish*

Any variety (three roots with tops trimmed to one inch)

### → *Rhubarb*

Any variety; no leaves (three stalks)

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## → Squash – Summer

Any variety at proper stage of development for fresh eating (three fruits)

## → Squash – Winter

Any variety at proper stage of development for storage (one fruit)

## → Sweet Corn

Three ears in milk stage for table use (plate of three ears)

## → Tomatoes – Cherry

Any variety; without the stems (five fruits)

## → Tomatoes – Standard

Any variety; without the stems; full-sized fruits (three fruits)

## → Tomatoes – Processing Type

Any variety, with stems removed (five fruits)

## → Turnips

Under 2½ inches in diameter (three fruits).

## → Watermelon

Any variety; with the stem (one melon)

## → Other Vegetable

All other vegetables not listed above

## → Herb Plants

Individually mounted on 8½ x 12-inch cards with special uses listed and exhibited in scrapbook form (five specimens)

## → Cornucopia

Bowl, basket (not exceeding 18 inches in diameter) or a box (12 x 18 inches) containing three types of vegetables with the required number of specimens from any of the exhibit lots. Exhibitors may purchase or make containers of a break-resistant, acceptable material (metal, wood, plastic, wicker, clay, cloth, etc.).

List the variety names of the vegetables used in the exhibit on the entry form or a 3 x 5-inch index card that is securely fastened to the container.

## → General Horticulture, Gardening and Landscaping Display Exhibit Lot

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Horticulture, Gardening and Landscaping Display Lots.

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## LEADERSHIP SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Leadership Skills Development Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Teens in 4-H have many opportunities for leadership. For this exhibit, document your leadership activities on a poster or in an educational display (may include a notebook, album or slide show). Please consider some of the following leadership activities.

- Take the lead in a project area in your club or county. This may include teaching, helping with workshops or one-on-one instruction for younger members.
- Join a civic or community organization (e.g., local government, foundations, or service organizations promoting youth and adult partnerships).

- Use the Helper's Guide from any 4-H Curriculum to help younger members through projects.
- Help Cloverbud members (ages 5 – 7) or form a Cloverbud Club.

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## Leadership Skills Development Display Exhibits

### → General Leadership Skills Development Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Leadership Skills Development Display Lots.

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## LEISURE EDUCATION & RECREATION

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Leisure Education & Recreation Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: trends in leisure, types of leisure, exercise, health, a walk in the woods, a shelter belt, your school or courthouse yard, your backyard, nearby fish pond, lake or dam, farmer's home garden, outdoor recreation (e.g., nature trails, hikes and the study of wildlife and nature).

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## Leisure Education & Recreation Display Exhibits

### → General Leisure Education & Recreation Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Leisure Education & Recreation Display Lots.

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## MUSIC/DANCE

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

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## Music/Dance Display Exhibits

Objectives of this project are to explore music, its history and composers, and to develop a greater appreciation for personal expression through music.

### → General Music/Dance Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Music/Dance Display Lots.

### → Music Genre

Study any area of music (e.g., Baroque period, history of the harp, choral arranging, Beethoven or the Beatles). The exhibit must include:

- an educational display;
- a notebook;
- another method of sharing in detail what was learned; and
- a one-page summary explaining the topic and why it was selected.

### → Composition

The exhibit must include a:

- printed copy of the original composition or arrangement;
- one-page summary of what was learned through the process; and
- Flash Drive or YouTube link recording of the performance of the piece by any person(s) the 4-H member selects.

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## → Performance Solo

The exhibit must include a:

- Flash Drive or YouTube link with 4-H members introducing themselves, telling the number of years studied, the title and composer, and the actual performance (with or without an accompanist);
- one-page summary outlining why they chose the piece, the new concepts learned and approximately how long it took them to learn piece; and
- printed copy of the music performed.

## → Performance Ensemble

The exhibit must include a:

- Flash Drive or YouTube link with an introduction of the ensemble members (75% of the group must be 4-H members, not including the accompanist), the title and composer of the piece, and the actual performance;
- one-page summary outlining why ensemble members chose the piece, approximately how long it took them to learn the piece, and what they personally learned about teamwork from the experience; and
- printed copy of the music performed.

*NOTE:* All ensemble members choosing to exhibit in this class must complete individual one-page summaries in their own words; however, multiple copies of recording and printed copies of the music are not required.

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## OUTDOOR EDUCATION/RECREATION

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Outdoor Education/Recreation Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: trends in leisure, types of leisure, exercise, health, a walk in the woods, a shelter belt, your school or courthouse yard, your backyard, nearby fish pond, lake or dam, farmer's home garden, outdoor recreation (e.g., nature trails, hikes and the study of wildlife and nature).

## Outdoor Education/Recreation Display Exhibits

### → General Outdoor Education/Recreation Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Outdoor Education/Recreation Display Lots.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Photography Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: common photographic mistakes the exhibitor has made; comparisons of: colors on the same photo with matte finish and glossy finish; cameras; flashes; effect of photo cropping; photo careers; or camera parts and/or care.

## Photography Display Exhibits—General Information

- Photos must be the original work of the 4-H member during the current 4-H program year.
- Photos can be color; sepia, or black and white.
- Youth may use ANY type of camera to take photographs.
- All photos must be printed on photo paper (glossy or matte finish). Photo sizes for all classes are 8x10, 8x12, panoramic unless specified otherwise. Photos may be either developed by the member or professionally developed.
- Photos printed with white borders as part of the printing process are acceptable.
- Mounting:
  - One photo- mount it vertically (portrait) or horizontally, (landscape) on black or white 11 x 14 inch mat board or foam board (aka foam-core board) that is ¼ inch or thinner.
  - Securely mount pictures directly to the board using rubber cement, photo tape or adhesive spray.
- Exhibitors must complete:
  - A Photography Display Exhibit Form securely attached (all four corners) to the back of the exhibit on the top left hand corner.
  - Exhibit entry card (provided by your 4-H office) securely attached to the upper left corner of the front of the board.
  - If the camera allows, date/time stamp feature must be disabled.
- Photos will be judged based on the following:
  - **Focus:** Adjustment of the distance setting on a lens to appropriately define the subject. Standard: Main subject in focus, unless it is obviously intentional (ex.: to show motion).
  - **Exposure:** The overall brightness and contrast in the photo. Standard: A range of light-to-dark contrast, not over or under exposed, unless it is obviously intended.
  - **Composition:** Placement of the subject in the photo demonstrating artistic ability. Standard: A pleasing balance exists among all components of the composition (ex: Rule of Thirds)
  - **Creativity Use of Subject:** The photograph uses the subject to deliver a message in a creative way. Standard: The subject can easily be identified by viewers, and captured in a creative way. Photograph not over cluttered with many subjects.
  - **Uniqueness:** Use of originality, camera angle, lighting, character studies, and/or creativity. Standard: The photographer exhibits creativity throughout the photograph.
  - **Size Requirements:** Print and mount board size. Standard: Did the photographer follow the competition rules by using the correct size requirements?
  - **Information on Back:** Required information on back of foam board. Standard: The Photography Exhibit – Entry Label is found on the back of the foam board and is securely attached (all four corners) on the top left hand corner.
  - **Mounting:** One photo- mount it vertically (portrait) or horizontally, (landscape) on black or white 11 x 14 inch mat board or foam board (aka foam-core board) that is ¼ inch or thinner. Photos can be mounted

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vertically (portrait) or horizontally (landscape) or a combination of both. Securely mount pictures directly to the board using rubber cement, photo tape or adhesive spray. Standard: Photo is mounted straight and proper. Photo must stay mounted on its board and not fall while on display.

## → 4-H Promotion

One photo depicting an activity typical of 4-H participation. Youth are required to have a 4-H Clover Emblem or the word 4-H in the picture.

## → Action

Captures movement

## → Animals

One photo of wildlife, domestic animals, or insects.

## → Architecture

One photo of a building or part of a building, exterior or interior

## → Close Up

One extremely close up photo within 3 ½ feet of the object

## → Landscape/Nature

One environmental photo; examples include, but are not limited to: flowers, lakes, mountains, prairies, and sunrises

## → Non-Living

One photo of a non-living inanimate object, indoors or outdoors; examples include, but are not limited to: trains, boats, bench, and fence posts.

## → News

One photojournalism image, telling the story of an event; include a typed caption mounted below the photo. Exhibit is required to have a printed article that shows the picture was published. The printed article must be attached to the back of the photo board.

## → People

Photo of one or more people in the picture.

## → What Makes SD Great

One photo showing a specific person, place or thing within South Dakota that might make someone want to visit our great state.

## → Artistic Digitally Enhanced Prints

These images have had head swaps, background changes, or more advanced editing techniques. Photo Display Exhibit Form must include an explanation of all changes made to the photo and what software was used. Requires two photos showing a "before" and "after" The before image is the original which has not been digitally enhanced. The after image is a print that has been digitally enhanced. Requires one photo 4 x 6 or 5 x 7 that is the original print and one that is the digitally enhanced image in the same size exhibited on foam board that is ¼ inch or thinner and is 11 x 14 inches in size. The following enhancements are not allowed in this lot and can be placed in regular lots: auto correct, red eye removal, or changing a color image to sepia or black and white.

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## PHYSICS

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

For your Physics Project, choose one of the five major topics: Motion, Heat, Electricity, Light or Modern Physics. Create something that demonstrates a theory, law or principle in the topic area. Include an explanation that describes the topic you are covering and how your exhibit demonstrates the law, principle or theory you have selected.

## Physics Display Exhibits

### → Physics Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Physics Display Lots.

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## PLANT SCIENCE, CROPS & WEEDS

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits should promote the study of plant science and crops — not just pictures or exhibits of items. To avoid losing seed and inadvertent contamination, do not exhibit weed specimens in the mature seed stage unless the seed head is securely encased in a clear plastic bag. Other options for displays include, but are not limited to:

- using maps and photos to illustrate eradication plans
- identifying weeds found in a local area
- studying noxious weeds and their migration

## Plants Science, Crops & Weeds Display Exhibits

### → General Plant Science, Crops, & Weeds Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Plant Science, Crops & Weeds Display Lots.

### → Crop Seed Collection (10 Samples (Not Terminal – Will be returned))

Collections are to be of grain crops, tame grasses and legumes produced in South Dakota.

- Place a small sample of each seed type in a clear plastic bag.
- Attach the 10 bags of seed samples to a 12 x 16-inch piece of tag board.
- Below each bagged sample, identify each seed sample and describe one common use.

### → Crop Plant Head Exhibits (10 heads)

Exhibitors showing ear corn, shelled corn, sunflowers, soybeans, grain sorghum seed (or sorghum heads) must have been enrolled in Crop Projects during the preceding 4-H year and may show the previous year's crop. Each ear corn exhibit must consist of 10 ears of corn, open pollinated or hybrid. To judge exhibits on an equal basis, judges will give consideration to the area in which the corn was grown.

### → Dent corn, any color (10 ears)

### → Flint corn (10 ears)

### → Sorghum grain (grain or forage varieties) (10 heads)

## Crop Seed Exhibits

### Quantity and Storage Requirements for Crop Samples

Collections may be of grain crops, tame grasses or legumes of different varieties. Small grain or flax must be current year's production.

- Place small-seeded legumes, grass and miscellaneous crops in a two quart container. For all other (large seeded crops like cereal and oil seeds) crops, place seed in a one gallon container. Inadequate samples will be disqualified. Crop exhibits NOT containing variety

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name will be docked one ribbon.

- On each sample, identify each seed sample including variety, the date it was collected and describe a common use.

- *Shelled corn*
- *Hard red spring wheat*
- *Amber durum wheat*
- *Other wheat*
- *Malting barley (approved malting variety)*
- *Feed-type barley (unapproved malting variety)*
- *Oats*
- *Flax*
- *Rye*
- *Sunflower seed*
- *Soybeans*
- *Small seeded legumes (two quart sample of grain or forage variety)*
- *Grass seed*
- *Other seed crops grown in South Dakota*

## **Weeds**

Youth may exhibit collections in tubs, books or other appropriate storage devices. To avoid losing seed and inadvertent contamination, do not exhibit weed specimens in the mature seed stage unless the seed head is securely encased in a clear plastic bag.

- Fold specimen to fit on (11½ x 16½-inch) standard herbarium mounting paper or light tag board of uniform size (11½ x 16½ inches is preferred). Each specimen sheet must include:
- Small specimens. The entire uncut plant (root, stem, leaves and flowering parts).
- Large specimens (e.g., shrubs or trees). Bark (optional), roots, stems, branching patterns, leaves, fruits and flowers.
- On the front of each specimen, attach a label with the following:
  - plant's common name
  - exhibitor's name
  - date collected
  - where collected
  - whether the weed is an annual, perennial or noxious (primary or secondary) variety

For more information on collecting, pressing, mounting and labeling specimens, see Range Plant Collections & Exhibits and the Plant Science, Crops & Weeds score card.

### → *Common Annual Weeds*

A collection of 10 common annual weed specimens (no noxious)

### → *Common Perennial Weeds*

A collection of five common perennial weed specimens (no noxious)

### → *Secondary Noxious Weeds*

A collection of eight secondary noxious weed specimens sealed in clear contact paper.

### → *Primary Noxious Weeds*

A collection of five primary noxious weeds specimens sealed in clear contact paper.

### → *Weed Eradication Exhibit*

Exhibit a notebook containing photographs of five different weedy areas. For each location, document an eradication plan

that accounts for environmental factors including:

- current land use;
- human contamination and/or severity of the problem;
- economic factors; and
- a comparison of chemical versus organic management plans.

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## **POULTRY & EGGS**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Poultry & Egg Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the economic impact of poultry to South Dakota and the nation, general behavior, management, health, nutrition, genetics, breeding, harvesting, promotion/marketing, biosecurity, careers.

## **Poultry & Eggs Display Exhibits**

### → *General Poultry & Eggs Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Poultry & Eggs Display Lots.

Exhibits consist of one dozen eggs that will be judged on exterior qualities only.

### → *White eggs*

### → *Cream eggs*

### → *Brown eggs*

### → *Other colored chicken eggs*

### → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: chicken feeders

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## **RABBITS/CAVIES**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Rabbit Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the economic impact of Rabbits/Cavies to South Dakota, general behavior, management, health, nutrition, genetics, breeding, harvesting, promotion/marketing, biosecurity, careers.

## **Rabbits Display Exhibits**

### → *General Rabbit/Cavies Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Rabbits/Cavies Display Lots.

### → *Emergency Pet Supply Kit*

Create an emergency care kit for your pet and place all essential items in a sturdy container (e.g., duffle bag, backpack or durable plastic container) that you can carry easily.

### → *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: rabbit boxes

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## **RANGE SCIENCE & PASTURE MANAGEMENT**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

## **Range Science & Pasture Management Display Exhibits**

Youth may exhibit collections in tubs, books or other appropriate storage devices. To avoid losing seed and inadvertent contamination, do not exhibit weed specimens in the mature seed stage unless the seed head is securely encased in a clear plastic bag.

- Fold specimen to fit on (11½ x 16½-inch) standard herbarium mounting paper or light tag board of uniform size (11½ x 16½ inches is preferred). Each specimen sheet must include:
  - plant's common name
  - exhibitor's name
  - date collected
  - where collected
  - whether the specimen is an annual, perennial or noxious (primary or secondary) variety
- Small specimens. The entire uncut plant (root, stem, leaves and flowering parts).
- Large specimens (e.g., shrubs or trees). Bark (optional), roots, stems, branching patterns, leaves, fruits and flowers.
- On the front of each specimen, attach a label with the following:
  - plant's common name
  - exhibitor's name
  - date collected
  - where collected
  - whether the specimen is an annual, perennial or noxious (primary or secondary) variety

For information on collecting, pressing, mounting, and labeling specimens, see:

- Range Plant Collections & Exhibits
- New Rangers Guide to South Dakota Rangelands; Beginners must use the plants illustrated in this document

### ➔ *General Range Science & Pasture Management Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Range Science & Pasture Management Display Lots.

## **Beginner Classes**

### ➔ *Beginner Level 1*

A collection of 10 plants including two grasses, four forbs, one shrub.

### ➔ *Beginner Level 2*

Add to your Level 1 collection to exhibit 18 plants including five grasses, eight forbs, three shrubs.

### ➔ *Beginner Level 3*

Add to your Level 2 collection to exhibit 28 plants that include six grasses, 10 forbs, five shrubs.

## **Junior Classes**

Youth may add to previous collections for Junior exhibit classes.

### ➔ *Junior (First Year in the Range Science Project)*

Exhibit 18 plants including five grasses, eight forbs, three shrubs).

### ➔ *Junior (Second Year or Longer in the Range Science Project)*

At a minimum, exhibit three different collections each year with an accompanying table of contents. If noted in the table of contents, plants fitting in more than one collection only require

one sample.

- Junior Collection 1: Cool Season Grasses (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 2: Warm Season Grasses (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 3: Cool Season Forbs (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 4: Warm Season Forbs (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 5: Annual and Biennial (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 6: Perennial (eight plants)
- Junior Collection 7: South Dakota or Locally Noxious Weeds (five plants)
- Junior Collection 8: Edible (four plants)
- Junior Collection 9: Medicinal Range — Historic or Current (six plants)
- Junior Collection 10: Poisonous — Human or Grazing Animals (five plants)
- Junior Collection 11: Native and Introduced (four native and four introduced for a total of eight plants)

## **Senior Classes**

Youth may add plants to previous collections for Senior Level exhibit classes.

### ➔ *Senior (First Year in the Range Science Project)*

Exhibit is a collection of 28 plants that include six grasses, 10 forbs, five shrubs.

### ➔ *Senior (Second Year or Longer in the Range Science Project)*

- Senior Collection 1: Native Grasses and Grass-like (eight cool season and 12 warm season plants)
- Senior Collection 2: Native Forbs (15- 20 forbs)
- Senior Collection 3: Introduced Grasses and Forbs (three grasses and five forbs)
- Senior Collection 4: Shrubs and/or Trees (eight plants)
- Senior Collection 5: Annual and Biennial (eight plants)
- Senior Collection 6: South Dakota or Locally-Noxious Weeds (eight plants)
- Senior Collection 7: Edible (six plants)
- Senior Collection 8: Poisonous – Human or Grazing Animals (eight plants)
- Senior Collection 9: Medicinal Range – Historic or Current (10 plants)

### ➔ *Unit 11: Range & Ranch Map*

On rigid tag board of a manageable size, construct a map with a legend (scale, North arrow, symbols, etc.) showing the ranch property including, but not limited to:

- range sites, hay lands and cropland locations with size and current condition
- buildings, section lines, roads, trails, fences, dams, creeks

### ➔ *Unit 12: Forage & Livestock Relationships*

Exhibit includes:

- Completed Unit 11: Range and Ranch Map with the addition of range, tame pasture and crop aftermath carrying capacities in Animal Unit Months (AUM) or Animal Unit Days (AUD) for each mapped forage unit.
- A notebook designed by the 4-H member containing:
  - calculations of the average annual forage production of all hay land and carrying capacity of range, tame pasture and crop aftermath; and
  - monthly livestock inventory according to type and class

### ➔ *Unit 13: Range Improvement & Management*

The objective of Unit 13 is to look at as many different types of range management practices as possible for meeting the state management goals. Exhibit includes:

- Completed Unit 11: Range and Ranch Map and Unit

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12: Forage & Livestock Relationships with the addition of clear acetate overlay illustrating any suggested management changes discussed in the notebook that the 4-H member can map.

- Notebook from Unit 12 with discussion of management goals and practices such as ways to:
  - improve range condition, livestock distribution and/or wildlife habitat;
  - provide additional forage when necessary;
  - increase livestock carrying capacity and performance; and/or
  - improve the financial stability of the ranch unit.

## → Unit 14: Range Planning

Range planning is the process of choosing the best combination of management and improvement practices to achieve the management goals suggested in Unit 13: Range Improvement & Management. Exhibit includes completed Unit 13: Range Improvement & Management's notebook with the following additions:

- A discussion of the cost and benefits of each proposed management practice;
- The individual's reasons for deciding which practices to use;
- A timetable for the plan's implementation;
- A revised carrying capacity sheet; and
- A revised livestock industry sheet following full implementation of the plan.

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## ROBOTICS

Robotics project exhibits illustrate various designs, incorporate creativity, explore mechanisms, demonstrate control, and define application. Exhibits may include, but are not limited to notebooks, scrapbooks, or builds.

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Robotics Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

## Robotics Display Exhibits

### → General Robotics Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Robotics Display Lots.

### → Robot Build

Robot builds may be built utilizing various materials including a kit. Beginners may use pre-designed builds but need to be able to describe how the robot functions. Juniors and Seniors must design their own build. A report including the following must accompany the robot:

- How was the robot designed/built?
- How is the robot controlled? (Is it autonomous? Is there a remote? or Other details)
- What function can the robot serve or what applications does it have?
- What challenges existed in the creation or what design elements would you/have you adjusted to make it more functional?

### → Challenge Course

Provide a schematic or blueprint of your proposed course; explain your chosen difficulty level (novice, intermediate or

advanced) along with a scenario to "set the stage," and a listing of the major skills required to complete the course.

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| • Scenario                     | 10% |
| • Skill Listing                | 10% |
| • Difficulty Level/Explanation | 10% |
| • Blueprint/Schematic          | 60% |
| • Organization of Materials    | 10% |

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## RODEO

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: horse safety, horse training, three-dimensional training courses (model).

## Rodeo Display Exhibits

### → General Rodeo Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Rodeo Display Lots.

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## SAFETY

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Study the objectives for the Safety Project below and then create an educational display and poster that may include, but is not limited to kitchen safety, youth safety, child-proofing a home, farm safety on /around equipment, paint/chemical safety.

## Objectives for the Safety Project

- Learn how to reduce accidents and injuries; recognize and correct hazards; and think and practice safety.
- Encourage the entire family to become safety conscious.
- Learn how to apply safety to any 4-H project.
- Practice leadership skills and roles; take part in community affairs; and demonstrate citizenship responsibilities.
- Explore career, job and productive leisure opportunities.
- Develop skills, knowledge and attitudes for lifelong use.
- To respect yourself and others, learn to use accepted practices for mental, physical and emotional health.

## Safety Display Exhibits

### → General Safety Display Exhibit

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Safety Display Lots.

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## SERVICE LEARNING

### → Educational Display

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → Educational Poster

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → Service Learning Curriculum

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: individual and club community service activities,

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academic learning projects with a reflective report summarizing the learning service experience and outcomes.

## **Service Learning Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Service Learning Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Service Learning Display Lots.

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## **SHEEP & WOOL**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Sheep & Wool Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of the economic impact of sheep to South Dakota and the nation, general behavior, management, health, nutrition, genetics and breeding, harvesting, promotion and marketing, biosecurity, careers.

## **Sheep & Wool Display Exhibits**

4-H members must be enrolled in the Sheep Project. The exhibit is a fleece for the current program year that is free of tags and stored in a large, clear plastic trash bag. The entry form must indicate if the fleece is Ram or Ewe.

### ➔ *Fine Wool (grades 64 hanks and higher)*

### ➔ *½ Blood Wool (grades 60 – 62 hanks)*

### ➔ *¾ Blood Wool (grades 56 – 58 hanks)*

### ➔ *¼ Blood Wool (grades 50 – 54 hanks)*

### ➔ *Low ¼ Blood Wool (grades 46 – 48 hanks)*

Wool is evaluated based on traits that have the most influence on its value, including:

- Grade: Designation of wool fineness based on fiber diameter and the variation in fiber diameter.
- Grease Fleece Weight: The weight of a fleece after shearing before washing out the natural grease and other contaminants.
- Clean Wool Yield: The amount of clean wool after the fleece has been scoured (washed). Expressed as a percentage of the original weight (grease fleece weight).
- Staple Length: The length of an unstretched wool fiber or lock.
- Breed Character: How well that fleece reflects the fiber characteristics that breed should exhibit.

## **Sheep Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Sheep Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Sheep Display Lots.

### ➔ *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: rope halters, lead ropes, feed bunks, hot boxes for newborn livestock hay feeders, stands for grooming items, etc.

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## **SOCIAL RECREATION SKILLS**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Social Recreational Skills Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: trends in leisure, types of leisure, exercise, health, a walk in the woods, your school or courthouse yard, your backyard, nearby fish pond, lake or dam, farmer's home garden, outdoor recreation (e.g., nature trails, hikes and the study of wildlife and nature), team sports both in the school setting and community setting such as recreation leagues.

## **Social Recreation Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Social Recreation Skills Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Social Recreation Skills Display Lots.

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## **SHOOTING SPORTS**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: comparing shooting positions; tracking gains/losses of changed techniques in shooting log books; displays of arrow fletching types; book review of archery or gun history; or illustrating examples of Skill-A-Thon stations.

## **Shooting Sports Display Exhibit**

### ➔ *Shooting Safety Lesson*

Using posters, worksheets, notebooks, displays, Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, etc., create a 20- to 30-minute shooting safety lesson on a shooting safety topic of your choice that includes:

- an outline of the lesson
- materials list
- narrative
- any needed visual aids

### ➔ *General Shooting Sports Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Shooting Sports Display Lots.

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## **SWINE**

### ➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### ➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### ➔ *Swine Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: the economic impact of swine to South Dakota and the nation; general behavior, management, health, nutrition; genetics and breeding, harvesting; or promotion and marketing, biosecurity, careers.

## **Swine Display Exhibits**

### ➔ *General Swine Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Swine Display Lots.

### ➔ *New or Recycled Constructed Item*

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Exhibit may include, but are not limited to the following examples: feed bunks, hot boxes for newborn livestock, etc.

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## VETERINARY SCIENCE

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

➔ *Veterinary Science Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: the health of a specific animal or pet; diseases, virus or bacterium that impact animal health; any animal's body system (muscular, circulatory); research in animal health; or careers in animal health.

### **Veterinary Science Display Exhibits**

➔ *General Veterinary Science Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Veterinary Science Display Lots.

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## VIDEOGRAPHY

Videography exhibit classes are open to all 4-H members/ teams. Suitable topics include project and non-project-related subject matter. All portions of the video and sound must adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct. Audio or video parts not actually recorded by 4-H members must be from the public domain or not infringe on copyrighted material. All persons other than the 4-H member who recorded audio or video parts must receive credit at the end of the video. Public display of the video will be at the discretion of the 4-H Administration.

Videos must be between 30 seconds and 10 minutes in length (entry information at the beginning or credits at the end do not count towards the video's length).

All exhibits must include the Videography Entry Form. Judging criteria are outlined on the Videography score card. Both are available and at your County 4-H Office.

To be eligible for judging, videos must be presented in format viewable on any computer (e.g., DVD, YouTube link). Options and instructions are available from the State 4-H Office or from your County 4-H Office.

➔ *Promotional*

Advertisements, public service announcements and other promotional pieces

➔ *Documentary*

Oral history, travel log or other documentary pieces

➔ *Educational*

How to or informational

➔ *Performance*

Capturing a performance (not the quality of the performance)

➔ *My 4-H Project*

Informational video on a 4-H member's project

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## VISUAL ARTS

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

➔ *Visual Arts Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits should show originality and creativity on topics that may include, but are not limited to: studying artists in the state, national or international communities; defining and illustrating the elements and principles of design; comparing and contrasting media such as paint types or materials used to form sculptures; studying art history for a specific period of time (e.g., the 16th century); surveying current styles used by contemporary artists; designing and creating your own artistic style and include examples of your work; exploring art careers including computer generated art and design; or attending an artist's reception and discussing the artist's work.

### **Visual Arts Display Exhibits**

➔ *General Visual Arts Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Visual Arts Display Lots.

➔ *Advanced Visual Arts*

Two guides for youth in grades 7 – 12 provide numerous activities to develop their artistic skills and talents while learning the elements and principles of design. Youth explore art techniques, art history and culture, the science behind the art, and artistic challenges. Each guide's introduction provides clear directions for the helper to facilitate the art activities in a group. Both guides are designed so that youth may also discover art techniques individually.

➔ *Sketchbook Crossroads*

In three units, youth practice and complete drawing, fiber arts and sculpting activities to develop their artistic skills and talents while thinking about the questions and discussing them with your group or helper. Exhibits will include a sketchbook, notebook or portfolio documenting completion of units and accomplishments.

➔ *Portfolio Pathways*

In three units, youth practice and complete painting, printing and graphic design activities to develop their artistic skills and talents while thinking about the questions and discussing them with your group or helper. Exhibits will include a sketchbook, notebook or portfolio documenting completion of units and accomplishments.

### **Media Class Guidelines for Visual Arts Exhibits**

Below are the exhibit guidelines for media (material) classes and some techniques (other techniques using the same media may be included within a class). Some exhibits have more than one art medium. Following the medium descriptions below, 4-H members must choose what media (class) to exhibit items for evaluation. Exhibits will be evaluated in total. Judging standards are available for many projects in various media – contact your local County 4-H Office for more information.

Recycled/Remade items are welcomed under all mediums as an original exhibit.

### **Chalk, Carbon (Pencil) and Pigment**

➔ *Kit/Pattern*

➔ *Original*

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Apply charcoal or pastel chalk, carbon (colored and/or graphite pencil) and pigment (paint, ink, oil crayon, oil pastel dye, felt tip pens/markers) to paper, linen canvas, or prepared pressboard to create items that include, but are not limited to:

- screen printing on paper
- foam tray printing
- watercolor, crayon, oil or acrylic painting
- pastel drawing
- wood or linoleum block print
- computer art
- stencil
- calligraphy
- scratch art
- sponge painting
- marbling

## **Clay, Ceramics, Modeling Compounds**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

Clay is an exceptional, soft, pliable media for creative expression in constructing any solid, hollow or three-dimensional shape or form. Use a bake-able, fire-able, or self-hardening clay (no Play-Doh or similar modeling compounds are permitted). Youth may exhibit fired or unfired clay objects.

Sculpture is appropriate to exhibit unfired whereas functional items need firing. Items used for food or drink must be glazed and fired. Hand built pottery or wheel-thrown pottery does not have glaze on the bottom of the piece. Clay examples include:

- pinch, slab coil or wheel-thrown pots
- sculptures and figures
- plaques and mosaics
- carved, drilled, sanded, or raku

Ceramics is the result of forming objects from clay; then, hardening with fire. When clay objects are heated to certain temperature, chemical changes occur that make the clay hard and durable. Self-hardening or bake-able modeling compounds (e.g., dough art, apple cinnamon clay) are permissible. Pottery green ware or bisque ware is acceptable as long as steps taken are listed on the entry card. Youth must enter commercial ceramic molds as a kit/pattern. Examples include clay shaped in a mold and fired, porcelain, and china painting.

*NOTE:* Youth must enter creative ceramics in original art. Examples include mosaics and hand-shaped items such as pinch, slab, molded and wheel-thrown pots.

*NOTE:* Do not put felt on the bottom of clay or ceramic exhibits.

## **Fiber**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

Exhibit consists of a visual art form made from synthetic, animal, plant or mineral fibers (thread or something capable of being spun into a continuous thread) that is twisted or woven together. Methods and/or items include, but are not limited to weaving, net darning, macramé, machine or hand embroidery, braiding, string art, knitting, crocheting, fiber basketry, cross stitch, latch/rya hooked and fabric rugs, needlepoint, quick point, crewel, tatting, needle punch, hairpin lace, broomstick lace, string or mop dolls, dream catchers.

## **Glass**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

Glass is one of the oldest media. It is a translucent substance that cools to a rigid condition without crystallization. Glass exhibits may include, but are not limited to etching, stained glass with lead or copper foil, laminate glass, mosaics, painting and stenciling, beadwork.

*NOTE:* Pony beads spaced one after another on a cord or leather strip is not acceptable as an exhibit item.

## **Leather**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

Leather is used to make many things because it is strong, durable and has great natural beauty. Leather is easily tooled, carved, painted or stenciled. Leather exhibits may include, but are not limited to, collage, stamping, sewing, carving, braiding, burning, dream catchers.

*NOTE:* Pony beads spaced one after another on a cord or leather strip is not acceptable as an exhibit item.

## **Metal**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

Metal media includes pewter, copper, bronze, brass, aluminum, tin, gold or silver that is hammered, welded, joined, melted, cast, bent, or pulled. Metal exhibits may include, but are not limited to: wire sculpture, metal tooling, jewelry making, nail collage, etching, wire mobiles, metal casting, modeling, enameling, puncturing, engraving, welding, tin work, sculpture, metal crafting, painting on metal.

*NOTE:* Do not cover entire back of a metal piece. Small protective pads are acceptable. Youth can mount two-dimensional tin work wood for framing, hanging, or proper display.

## **Nature**

→ *Kit/Pattern*

→ *Original*

The nature media consists of materials found outdoors (e.g., sand, rocks, pinecones, eggs, seeds and cornhusks). When making items from nature media, it is important not to change the character of the material (i.e., glitter, faux jewels, faux metallic finishes, unnatural colors are not appropriate). Nature media must be ¾ of the material used to make item. Nature exhibits may include, but are not limited to:

- salt or sand with or without chalk powder
- sand casting, painting, layering
- mosaics from seeds or other materials
- corn husk or dried apple dolls
- straw weaving
- pysanky (Ukrainian Easter or batik eggs)
- wreaths or mobiles of pine cones, corn husks or other materials
- gel or wax candles
- pressed or dried flower arrangements
- basketry
- gourds, horn and bone, feathers
- cork
- lapidary jewelry, mosaics
- decorative items constructed from polished or cut rocks (agate, quartz, etc.)

*NOTE:* Bread dough is not permitted as a material in a nature

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exhibit item.

## **Paper**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

Youth can use paper media such as newspaper, magazines, typing paper, etc., to create a decorative project. Paper exhibits include, but are not limited to, collage, papier-mâché, scherenschnitte (paper cuttings), sculpture, papermaking, origami, découpage (enter exhibits utilizing unoriginal pictures Kit/Pattern), piñatas, quilling, mobiles, kites, mosaics, embossing or casting (aka paper molding), twisting, puzzle art bead making, piercing, rubber stamping.

## **Plaster**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

Plaster is a quick setting paste made with water that is primarily used for two- or three-dimensional casts and molds. Art forms can be two or three-dimensional. Plaster exhibits include, but are not limited to, plaster craft, plaster of Paris, white ware, cement. Do not paint/glaze the bottom of plaster as items need air to breathe.

## **Plastic**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

Plastic is the most contemporary of all media. Plastic kits for model cars, airplanes, ships, etc., do not meet the Visual Arts criteria. Youth should enroll and exhibit in the Hobbies and Collections Projects. Plastic exhibits include, but are not limited to, kites, laminating, slide making without a camera, jewelry, acrylic glass (aka Plexiglas, Altuglas, Lucite, Perspex, Perclax, Optix), casting materials, resin, etching, painting or stenciling, rod sculptures, glue art, shrink art, polystyrene (aka Styrofoam) sculptures, beadwork.

*NOTE:* Pony beads spaced one after another on a cord or leather strip is not acceptable as an exhibit item.

## **Textiles**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

Textiles are a variety of surface decorations that change the design of fabric in a decorative or structural manner. Structural design changes depend on whether fabric is cut or sewn (quilt, stuffed toy or appliqué). Textile exhibits include, but are not limited to, soft sculptures, braided rugs, kites, painting or stenciling (sweatshirts or T-shirts), batik (wax or crayon), tie-dye, block or silk screen printing, trapunto, banners and wall hangings, windsocks, pillowcase dolls, collage, heirloom sewing (trimming with lace, ribbon, smocking), patchwork (aka piece work), machine embroidery, fleece blankets.

## **Wood**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

No furniture (see Wood Science exhibits). Decorative wooden articles include, but are not limited to, scrap sculpture, toys, collage, carvings, wood burning, inlay, laminating, beads, spools, rosemaling, stenciling or tole (aka decorative painting). For judging purposes, do not put felt on the bottom of wood

exhibits.

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- *Art Appreciation*

Art appreciation is the study of an individual artist's (Harvey Dunn, Oscar Howe, Jon Crane, JoAnn Bird, Terry Redlin, etc.) artistic style, technique or an art form (e.g., painting, sculpture, watercolor). Youth may also plan a group tour or study a craft business, marketing process or career options. In addition to studying a museum or using an artist's technique to create your own painting, sculpture, etc., art appreciation exhibits must be original, creative, organized, logical, and include a booklet with answers to the following questions.

- How and why did you choose the project?
- What did you do?
- What did you learn?
- What does the photo (if appropriate), postcard or reprint, etc., illustrate?
- What technique did you learn and use?
- What materials did you use?
- How does the artist, artistic style or art piece fit historically, artistically, and culturally into the time it represents?

*FYI:* If you do not create an art piece, answer questions 1 – 4 and 7.

- *'A' is for Art*

The 'A is for Art' exhibit challenges 4-H Visual Arts members to choose a letter from the alphabet and create an original work of art related to 4-H. Artwork must include the alphabet letter and a simple phrase or sentence describing the subject (do not imitate copyrighted artwork). Frame the exhibit with glass (mats are preferred but not required) with a hanger on the back. To achieve quality results, seeking the advice of a professional framer. Exhibits must be a two-dimensional artwork on paper using the following media choices: pencil, colored pencil, crayon or marker, ink, paint (oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.), mixed media. Youth must complete an exhibit entry form describing the process used to create the artwork and how they came up with the idea.

## **Handmade Jewelry**

- *Kit/Pattern*
- *Original*

Handmade jewelry is creative, authentic and/or an original design (do not imitate copyrighted designs) for appropriate use as earrings, necklace, bracelet, anklet, ring, watch or pendant on chain. Projects should integrate current, original, and exciting techniques using unique and interesting materials. Youth may also create memory jewelry using images, photo transfer, charms, and imagery. Other elements include: beads (pearl, crystal, glass, paper, wood, etc.), gemstones (faceted, cabochons including turquoise, birthstones), metals (sterling silver, gold, etc.), glass (stained, blown, fused, etc.), strands (wire, hemp, etc.).

Handmade jewelry may feature unique and/or unusual combinations of elements such as bones, shells, glass, wood, beads, chains, etc. Youth should construct handmade jewelry exhibits using basic and appropriate jewelry findings that are secure, simple wire-working techniques or assemble items with thread, fiber, leather, etc. Exhibits must have proper finish applied neatly on the front and back (i.e., underside). All pieces

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of the handmade jewelry item should be cleaned and polished.

**NOTE:** Youth must complete an exhibit entry form describing the process used to create the handmade jewelry item and how they came up with the idea.

Handmade jewelry should show good use of the elements and principles of design and be or have:

- designed with a repeat, centered or random pattern (if a random pattern was chosen, rhythm was achieved with beads of the same size or in the same color family;
- attractive color combinations;
- findings are in proportion to bead size and the total finished size (i.e., length) of the piece;
- appropriate and secure closures:
- secure crimp beads are attached before and after toggle closures to hold beads in place; yet are flexible enough to dangle freely and allow ease for wearer when putting item on
- secure square knots were used for stretch cord that are hidden in beads
- ends of memory wire were finished with end loops or end cap beads
- wearing comfort
- sharp stones were not used on tight fitting jewelry
- ends of wire are hidden in beads or other elements so skin is not irritated
- the weight of the finished item is not excessively heavy
- the short ends of a wire around beads or pendants is wrapped, trimmed and tucked so it is not visible

## **Duct Tape**

➔ *Original*

Exhibit consists of a visual art form made from duct tape. Items could include, but are not limited to duct tape dresses, wallets, flowers, frames, etc.

## **Christmas Tree Ornaments**

➔ *Christmas Tree Ornaments*

Size: Ornaments must not be larger than six (6) inches high, six (6) inches in length, and six (6) inches deep/wide.

Weight: Ornaments should not weigh more than 2 pounds.

Materials: Ornaments may be made with any of the following materials or a combination: ceramics/clay, wood, metals, fabric, high quality plastics, shatter proof glass, string, feathers, and paper. All glass (except shatter proof) is not allowed. Glitter is allowed, but must be contained within the design.

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## **WELDING SCIENCE**

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: items welded using acetylene, arc, wire fed or tig methods; the study of various welding methods and techniques including metallurgy.

## **Welding Science Display Exhibits**

➔ *General Welding Science Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Welding Science Display Lots.

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This class is for youth interested in developing welding skills

(acetylene, arc, wire feed or tig) for use on the farms or ranches or for those youth interested in welding as a career. The project and/or exhibit may include metal/welder types, welding basics, etc. For welding science exhibits, youth should use discretion in terms of size and space as all items must fit into a 4 x 6-foot space. No paint is allowed on the welding project.

Consider using an educational display to exhibit how the project was accomplished.

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## **WILDLIFE & FISHERIES**

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

➔ *Wildlife & Fisheries Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: the study of a wildlife species, its habitat, conservation, health and behavior or harvest practices; constructed fishing tackle or flies; habitat improvement or habitat monitoring projects.

**NOTE:** Exhibit items constructed from wildlife materials (leather, fiber, etc.) in the appropriate Clothing or Visual Arts categories.

## **Wildlife & Fisheries Display Exhibits**

➔ *General Wildlife & Fisheries Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Wildlife & Fisheries Display Lots.

➔ *Wildlife Notebook*

Research a single wildlife species and create a notebook including photos, observation notes, information about habitat, population and behavior.

➔ *Habitat Project*

Exhibit a scrapbook outlining a project to improve the habitat for a selected species that includes journal entries, photos, maps, expense sheets and project planning notes.

➔ *Harvested Fur*

Youth may present an ethically harvested fur they harvested and put up themselves. Furs may be of any furbearer that is legal to harvest in South Dakota.

In addition to the standard 4-H exhibit form, youth must include an Exhibit Summary Report with their Harvested Fur exhibit to provide necessary information about how the animal was harvested, the process of putting up the fur, what was learned throughout the process, and what would be done differently in the future, if applicable. Exhibit Entry Summary Reports are written in a narrative that is included with the exhibit. There is not a specific form as exhibitors are to write a short narrative about their harvested fur and answer the questions above along with any other information that may be appropriate to include with the fur.

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## **WOOD SCIENCE**

➔ *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

➔ *Educational Poster*

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## → *Wood Science Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to the study of: wood types and products; care and safe use of woodworking tools and machines; restoring wood articles; furniture styles; career opportunities.

These lots are open to Juniors and Seniors who want to learn more about woodworking through hands-on activities. Youth may also make their projects while learning about woodworking.

## **Wood Science Display Exhibits**

Wood science display exhibits include, but are not limited to:

- furniture items (easels; magazine/coat/towel racks; book shelves; chests; accent, end, work or dining tables; deacon's benches; curio cabinets; desks; entertainment centers; headboards)
- kitchen items (bulletin boards; letter holders; salt/mineral boxes; bread/cutting boards and/or rolling pins finished using food-safe oil such as vegetable or sunflower; cabinets)
- garage items (car creepers; saw horses; tennis racks; tool boxes; step stools)
- toys (wagons; rockers; rocking horses; troll or dam dolls)
- outdoor items (dog houses; bird feeders/houses; lawn chairs; picnic tables; plant stands/holders; porch swings; redwood carts; bicycle parking racks)

## → *General Wood Science Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Wood Science Display Lots. Fractal burning is not permitted as a project.

## → *Wood Construction and Finish*

Articles cut from wood, assembled and finished by 4-H members. Exhibits may include, but are not limited to: caning, rush grass, upholstered, carved, wood burning. Fractal burning is not permitted as a project.

## → *Wood Finished*

Wood article finished or refinished by the 4-H members. Exhibits may include, but are not limited to: caning, rush grass, upholstered, carved, wood burning. Fractal burning is not permitted as a project.

## → *Remake/Repair Wood Articles*

All exhibits are made of wood. Remade lamps must have shades. Fractal burning is not permitted as a project.

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## **WORKFORCE PREPARATION (CAREER EXPLORATION)**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Workforce Preparation Curriculum*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational display and poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: developing cover letters, personal résumés, letters of recommendation for seeking full-time or part-

time employment that illustrate interests, skills and abilities; studying and illustrating employment trends and the job market; determining the necessary education and training to succeed; or interviewing entrepreneurs and people who work in government, business, industry, etc., to learn about how they succeeded.

## **Workforce Exploration Display Exhibits**

### → *General Workforce Exploration Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Workforce Exploration Display Lots.

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## **WRITING & PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### → *Educational Display*

See specific requirements for Educational Displays on page 67.

### → *Educational Poster*

See specific requirements for Educational Posters on page 67.

### → *Writing & Public Speaking*

See specific requirements for 4-H Curriculum requirements on page 67.

Educational Display and Poster exhibits may include, but are not limited to: how to research a topic for a speech; tips for giving a speech; or defining and understanding different types of writing: narrative (tells a story), expository (is informative), descriptive (explains a subject), persuasive (convinces people), or poetry (haiku, etc.).

## **Writing and Public Speaking Display Exhibits**

### → *General Writing and Public Speaking Display Exhibit*

This lot is for any project that does not fall under specific Writing and Public Speaking Display Lots.

All writing must be the work of 4-H members.

### → *Poetry: Collection of Three or More Short Poems or One Long Poem*

(25 Lines)

### → *Fiction Prose: Short Story*

(500 Word Maximum)

### → *Non-Fiction Prose: Short Story*

(500 Word Maximum)

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## **General Youth in Action Rules & Regulations**

- During the entry process, the youth will select a time frame that they would like to participate in the event. South Dakota 4-H reserves the right to make changes to the schedule due to number of entries. The final schedule for the event will be posted on the SDSU Extension Website. Do not rely on what was signed up in FairEntry as they may be adjusted.
- For 4-H members to be considered for contest awards and/or trip scholarships, they must be pre-registered for that individual contest.
- 4-H members do not need to be enrolled in a specific project to compete in a contest (e.g., the Horticulture Project and Horticulture judging).
- While a contest is in progress, contestants shall not confer with anyone. Violation of this rule can cause automatic expulsion from the contest.
- Contestants will be given 50 points for a perfect score in placing classes and 50 points for a perfect score on each set of reasons and questions.
- Contest participants may receive a zero score if all cards are not turned in at the proper time and place.
- All 4-H members are asked to bring pencils to the contests.
- The top 4 Senior Individuals in Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon, the top 4 Senior Individuals in Consumer Decision Making and top Individual in Fashion Revue are eligible to compete at the respective National Contest for that event. If an individual has competed in the respective contest in a previous year, they are ineligible to compete in that contest again. When youth qualify for more than one competitive trip scholarship during the program year, they must choose which one to attend.
- Dress Code: 4-H members participating in all contests are required to dress appropriately. Participants should wear suitable clothing that is neat, clean and upholds the image of 4-H.

## **FASHION REVUE**

### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Sonia Mack and Jodi Loehrer

Event Committee: Laura Alexander, Deb Lessman, Marie Weinrich, and Susan Vander Wal

Education Committee: Samantha Brenden, Deanna Gall, Lexy Klinkhammer, Karin Sweeter, and Susan Vander Wal

### **Rules & Regulations**

- All 4-H Members (Beginner, Junior, and Senior) are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue Contest.
- All Fashion Revue entries must be complete outfits (a set of coordinated or specially designed clothing with accessories) made or selected by the exhibitor.
- Fashion Revue contestants must model their own garments.
- Contestants are limited to 1 Fashion Revue entry.
- Registration in FairEntry must be completed by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- Counties are responsible for collecting and submitting Fashion Revue paperwork and score sheets to the address listed in the 2026 Fashion Revue Contestant Packet postmarked by August 3rd. If paperwork is not postmarked by August 3rd, the youth will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- Awards will be presented to the top five (5) participants in each age division. The top Senior will be allowed to compete at the respective National Contest for Fashion Revue.
- All outfits will be judged against each other within each age division.
- Contestants, dressed in their outfits, should report 15 minutes before their selected FairEntry personal interview time. The State 4-H Office will post the schedule with specific contestant times to the SDSU Extension Website before the South Dakota State Fair.
- Personal interview and stage practice requires approximately 1 hour.

### **What to Expect**

#### **Senior Members Personal Interview**

- Contestants will meet for a personal interview and outfit showcase (modeling) with judges at their scheduled time. During their one-on-one time, contestants will be evaluated on the following:
  1. Oral presentation skills
  2. Oral presentation content
  3. Appearance of outfit/garment
  4. Responses to judges' questions
  5. Modeling
- During the interview, senior contestants will provide an oral presentation for the judges. The presentation should be in the following format:
  1. Name and county
  2. A presentation, 1-2 minutes in length, about their 4-H Fashion Revue project. The presentation can include information about the garment being modeled, learning experiences or activities in the clothing and textile project, future project/personal plans, and any other information related to their 4-H career.
- Following the presentation, the judges will have the opportunity to ask questions. Questions asked will relate to the presentation and relevant 4-H project experiences.

#### **Beginner and Junior Members Personal Interview**

- Contestants will meet for a one-on-one interaction and outfit showcase (modeling) with judges at their scheduled time. Contestants will be evaluated on the following:

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1. Interview and personal presentation
  2. Modeling
  3. Appearance of outfit/garment
  4. Total look created with the use of complementing accessories
- While in front of the judges, contestants will begin their evaluation with an introduction. The introduction should include the following:
    1. Name
    2. County
    3. One additional personal fact.
  - Once the member has introduced themselves, contestants will model before the judges in a way that showcases their outfit/garment. Upon modeling completion, judges will have the opportunity to ask questions.

## **Beginner, Junior and Senior Members Public Fashion Revue**

- Contestants will participate in the public fashion revue on Sunday, September 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth, and Community. **Each participant will be required to introduce themselves during the public fashion revue with their name, county, and one additional personal fact.** See contestant packet for introduction examples.
- Fashion Revue participants that cannot participate in the Fashion Revue Show due to another State Fair 4-H conflict can still receive awards.

## **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SKILL-A-THON**

### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Aubrey Anderson and Wendy Sweeter

Event Committee: Susan Karels, Kennedy Keck, Deb Lessman, Lesley Rygaard, Lauren Sankey, Abbi Rogness

Education Committee: Susan Karels, William Karels, Jodi Loehrer, Kim McGraw, Jennifer Ringkob and Lauren Sankey

### **Rules and Regulations**

- Youth are limited to one entry for Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon.
- Contest takes place on Sunday, Sept. 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- The Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon is an individual contest.
- 4-H youth participating in the Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon must choose a time when registering in FairEntry by Aug. 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- Each county may send unlimited individuals in each age division.
- Registered individuals will select a time in FairEntry to participate. We reserve the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed. A reader will be available during the contest. Participants must inform contest staff during check-in if they need a reader.
- The Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon will be a timed event. Contestants will have 15 minutes to complete each section for a total of 60 minutes.
- Prior to leaving the skill-a-thon, participants need to make sure that all scorecards have answers that are clearly marked. A zero will be given for an answer that has no answer marked or if the answer is not clearly identified.
- Contestants are not allowed to talk to each other during the skill-a-thon. Any individual caught speaking to another individual may be given a zero.
- Cell phones are not allowed. Any individual caught with a cell phone may be given a zero.
- Awards will be presented to the top individuals in each age division.
- The top four Senior individuals will be eligible to compete at the respective National Contest in the FCS Skill-A-Thon.
- Study materials (definitions and answer sheet) can be requested through the local Extension Office or materials can be accessed at [extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair](http://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair).

The classes and activities to be completed:

- Sewing and Clothing ID: Identify from a provided list of fabrics, sewing machine parts, techniques, trims & fasteners or tools. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Interior Design and Housing ID: Identify from a provided list of carpet/flooring, curtain & window treatments, decorative woods, faux finishes/techniques, home decor fabrics, tools, paint finishes or windows. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Food and Cooking ID: Identify from provided list of appliances, cookware, dishes & tableware, spices/food or utensils. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
- Quiz: Juniors will complete a 15-question multiple choice quiz. Seniors will complete a 25-question multiple choice quiz. Questions will be chosen from the definitions from the three ID categories.
- Pencils and note paper will be provided. All notes need to be turned in when leaving the contest.
- Contestants will use a scan sheet to mark their answers.

## **CONSUMER DECISION MAKING CONTEST**

### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Aubrey Anderson and Wendy Sweeter

Event Committee: Abbi Rogness, Lauren Sankey, and Karin Sweeter

Education Committee: Abbi Rogness, Lauren Sankey, and Karin Sweeter

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## **Rules and Regulations**

- Youth are limited to one entry for the Consumer Decision Making Contest.
- Contest takes place on Sunday, Sept. 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- The Consumer Decision Making Contest is an individual contest.
- 4-H youth participating in the Consumer Decision Making Contest must register in FairEntry by Aug. 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- Each county may send unlimited individuals in each age division.
- Individuals may participate in the Consumer Decision Making Contest at any time during the posted hours of the contest. Check-in for the Consumer Decision Making Contest ends at 12:45 p.m., 45 minutes before the end of the contest.
- Participants will be permitted into the contest in order of arrival as space allows. Be advised, participants may have to wait to enter the contest if a large number of participants arrive at the same time.
- A reader will be available during the contest. Participants must inform contest staff during check-in if they need a reader.
- Contestants will use a scan sheet to mark their responses.
- Pencils and note paper will be provided. All notes need to be turned in prior to leaving the contest.
- Prior to leaving the contest, participants need to make sure that all scorecards have answers that are clearly marked. A zero will be given for an answer that has no answer marked or if the answer is not clearly identified.
- Participants are not allowed to talk to each other during the contest. Any individual caught speaking to another individual may be given a zero.
- Cell Phones are not allowed. Any individual caught with a cell phone may be given a zero.

The classes to be completed:

- Beginners will judge two classes and have one set of check-type questions.
- Juniors will judge four classes and have two sets of check-type questions.
- Seniors will judge six classes and give two sets of oral reasons.
- Judging classes will be chosen from the categories listed in the National Championship Consumer Decision Making study guide. The study guide may be accessed at <https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/events/fcs/>.

## **HORTICULTURE SKILL-A-THON**

### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Jenny Voigt and Jenaya Brengle

Event Committee: LeAnn Suhn, Ruth Smith, Shawn Tabke, Kathy Jorgenson, Holly Litterick, Kim Suckow, Sydney Trio

Education Committee: Jane Amiotte

## **Rules and Regulations**

- Youth are limited to one entry for Horticulture Skill-A-Thon.
- Contest takes place on Friday, September 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- Individuals must be registered in FairEntry for the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Contest by August 1 at 11:59 p.m. Registered individuals will select a time to participate in FairEntry. We reserve the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed.
- A reader will be available, but it is the responsibility of the youth or guardian to ask for assistance when they arrive at the Skill-A-Thon. Monitors will also be available to answer questions.
- The combined score of all sections is the participant's overall score and which determines placing.
- All age divisions have one or more plant identification classes.
- Full contest details can be found in the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Handbook found on [extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair](http://extension.sdstate.edu/state-fair).
- Contest participants are required to identify common plants from any of these parts: root, stem, flower or seed. Study guides and identification study help can be accessed at [njha.org/horticultural-id-and-judging-study-materials-2.html](http://njha.org/horticultural-id-and-judging-study-materials-2.html).
- Plant samples vary for each age division. Samples may be live or preserved and may include, but are not limited to: stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers or plant products. Plant samples may also come from printed materials.
- Awards will be given to top individuals.

The Horticulture Skill-A-Thon consists of three parts:

- Judging
- Written tests
- Plant identification

### **Beginners:**

- 1 class vegetable judging
- 1 class fruit judging
- 1 class vegetable identification (edible portions only)
- 1 written test from the [Beginner Study Guide](#)

### **Juniors:**

- 1 class vegetable judging
- 1 class fruit judging
- 1 class flowers/indoor plants judging
- 1 written test from the [Junior/Senior Plant Parts Study Guide](#)
- 1 written test from NJHA study guides. For 2026, the Study Guides to use will be: "Garden Flowers" and "Fruit and Nut Production"
- 1 class vegetable identification (edible and/or seed portions)
- 1 class fruit, nuts and berries identification (edible and/or seed portions)

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- 1 class flowers and indoor plants identification (flower only)

## Seniors:

- 1 class vegetable judging
- 1 class fruit judging
- 1 class flowers/indoor plants judging
- 1 written test from the Junior/Senior Plant Parts Study Guide
- 1 written test from NJHA study guides. For 2026, the Study Guides will be: “Managing Trees and Shrubs” and “Vegetables”.
- 1 class vegetable identification (foliage, edible and/or seed portions)
- 1 class fruit, nuts and berries identification (foliage, edible and/or seed portions)
- 1 class landscape ornamentals identification (foliage, flower or seed portions)
- 1 class flowers and indoor plants identification (flower or foliage)

## YOUTH-IN-ACTION COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension Co-Chairs: Regina Bakley, Grace Fogelman-Zook and Audrey Pruitt

Education Committee: Julia Tinker (Youth), Kelsey Fischer (Youth) and Aaliyah Lennon (Youth)

### Rules and Regulations

- The entry limit for Communications Project is unlimited.
- Registration must be completed on FairEntry by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- For team presentations, only ONE team member is required to register on FairEntry. During registration, they will be required to indicate their teammate’s name and the preferred time of presentation.
- Counties are responsible for collecting two blank Public Presentations scorecards with the top portion filled out from the participants. Counties should send scorecards of ONLY those registered on FairEntry to the State 4-H Office, Attention: 4-H Communication Committee, SAG 121, Box 2207E, SDSU, Brookings, SD 57007 no later than August 3. If paperwork is not postmarked by August 3, the youth will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- The 4-H Communications Project Guidelines and scoresheets are located on the SDSU Extension website.
- Youth should not promote any particular product or brand name during their presentation. However, it is acceptable to have labels or brands displayed while giving the presentation. Spark Tank entries are excluded from this.
- Ingredients or supplies should be from original containers or packaging. When this isn’t practical (e.g., flour), participants should place the product in a labeled clear plastic container.
- Presentations may have been prepared during the 4-H year and given previously in school, during extracurricular activities or to service organizations; however, youth must alter the presentation to include and relate it to their 4-H projects and/or their 4-H experiences. In their delivery:
  - 4-H members must use the word “4-H” and state the specific 4-H project or program. If not, 4-H members will receive a point deduction.
  - 4-H members must state how their content teaches the listener or audience about a specific 4-H project(s) or program.
  - **EXAMPLES:** “I am enrolled in the 4-H Beef Project. Today I will tell you what I learned about proper nutrition for my market steer through my 4-H project work. I have also learned \_\_\_\_\_ in these projects.” “Today my illustrated talk on Nutrition Fact or Fiction falls under the Foods and Nutrition Project and the Health Project. I have also learned \_\_\_\_\_ in these projects.”
- 4-H Communications Projects are all timed events. In the case the presentation is under the minimum the member will receive a 3-point deduction from their overall score. If a presentation exceeds the maximum time limit, the 4-H member will receive a 3-point deduction in their overall score for the first minute over and a one-point deduction for each additional minute. See time requirements below.
- The 4-H Communications Committee will provide the following for presentation purposes: a Windows laptop, and TV screen with remote clicker. All presentations should be Windows laptop compatible. In order to alleviate technology issues and provide smooth transitions between each presenter, youth are REQUIRED to bring their digital presentation on a USB flash drive (if applicable). Internet access is not a guarantee nor is access to online cloud sharing platforms (i.e. Box, iCloud, Google Drive, etc.).
- Senior division 4-H members are required to set-up the entirety of their presentation to include supplies and digital presentation. Should they receive assistance from an adult, with the exception of extenuating circumstances determined by the event coordinator, a three-point deduction will be reflected in their overall score.
- For team presentation guidelines, visit the Communications Project Guidelines document.

### Presentation Types & Criteria

- Demonstration: Individual or Team, Minimum Length – Beginners 3 Minutes; Juniors 5 Minutes and Seniors 7 Minutes. Maximum Length: 25 minutes for all age categories. Presented before an audience, a demonstration is an accurate step-by-step process of actions and explanations that results in a finished product. Individuals or teams use actual products, material, garments, machines, plants, animals, etc., and may also share personal, family or club experiences. Demonstrations may include charts, illustrations, posters, and other types of visual aids.
- Illustrated Talk – Individual or Team, Minimum Length – Beginners 3 Minutes; Juniors 5 Minutes and Seniors 7 Minutes. Maximum Length: 25 minutes for all age categories. Presented before an audience, an illustrated talk is original, true and accurate information showing how something is accomplished using a combination of speaking about and showing one or more visual aids (e.g., Power Points, charts, pictures, slides, models, miniatures or real objects, flannel board, flip charts, chalkboard, drawings, and cutouts). Personal,

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family or club experiences may be used. In the Illustrated Talk, there is no finished product; rather, an explanation of results that is illustrated with visuals.

- **Public Speaking** – Minimum Length: 3 minutes. Maximum Length: 6 minutes – Individual  
In public speaking, a 4-H member chooses a subject or topic which relates to an aspect of 4-H (project, program, promotion, etc.). Public Speaking is telling about your experiences or what you learned about the topic to others. Public Speaking **may not** use visual aids. Participants may use brief notes, if desired. Judges are not permitted to ask questions in this presentation type.
- Spark Tank- Individual or team, minimum length – Beginners 10 minutes, Juniors 15 minutes, and Senior 20 minutes. Maximum Length – 25 minutes for all age categories. Youth will present a business plan and showcase their business or service in hopes of gaining the interest of a “Spark” to consider a fictional investment in their plan. Spark Tank presentation must include 3-5 samples youth plan to market or a flyer for their service. Spark Tanks can also include charts, visual, posters, or other visual aids.

## STEM CHALLENGE

### Committee Members

4-H Staff: Christine Wood

Committee Chair: Nathan Skadsen

### Rules and Regulations

- The event will be held on Friday, September 4, on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD. The challenge will be held in the Nordby Exhibit Hall on the State Fairgrounds.
- Registration is taken through August 1.
- Counties must register their teams by filling out the Team Registration Form found in the 2026 South Dakota 4-H STEM Challenge Packet and returning them to the Sioux Falls Regional Center – Christine Wood, [Christine.wood@sdstate.edu](mailto:Christine.wood@sdstate.edu).

## SPECIAL FOODS

### Committee Members

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Sonia Mack and Jodi Loehrer

Event Committee: Laura Alexander, Deb Lessman, Marie Weinrich, and Susan Vander Wal

Education Committee: Jane Gubrud, Susan Karels, Laina Puffer, Audrey Rider, Wendy Sweeter, and Susan Vander Wal

### Rules and Regulations

- The entry limit for Special Foods is 5, 1 per food group.
- Registration must be completed in FairEntry by August 1 at 11:59 p.m.
- Counties are responsible for collecting Special Foods paperwork and scorecards from participants. Counties are responsible for sending the paperwork and scorecards to the address listed in the 2026 Special Foods Contestant Packet postmarked by August 3. If paperwork is not postmarked by the requested date, the youth may not be allowed to participate in the event.
- Contestants will choose to make a recipe from any one of the five basic food groups (Dairy, Fruits, Vegetables, Whole Grains, or Protein Foods) of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, for more information visit [realfood.gov](http://realfood.gov). One serving of the recipe must provide one serving from the food group in which it is entered. Recipe must provide 2-6 servings.
- Example: If a casserole is entered in the dairy group, it must contain one cup of milk, 1½ ounces of hard cheese, or 2 ounces of processed cheese per serving.
- A food that falls primarily into the fats, sweets, and/or alcohol group will not be accepted.

### Special Foods Contest Challenge: Revive with 5 (or Fewer Ingredients)

- The Revive with 5 Challenge promotes healthy eating habits and encourages busy families to cook at home. By preparing quick and easy recipes that meet recommended servings and promote healthy eating patterns, families have more quality time to spend at the dinner table. It's like a recipe for a perfect family gathering! By sharing meals at home and cooking together, we build stronger bonds and make room for meaningful conversations. It's a healthy habit that nourishes both our bodies and our relationships.
- Challenge Highlights:
  - Recipe must meet the minimum requirements of the special foods contest (as outlined in the handbook and scoresheet).
  - Participating members will prepare a recipe with 5 or fewer (minimum of 3) ingredients.
  - Participants will be asked additional challenge questions with their own set of points. These points will be used to determine a top recipe from the shift and will have no impact on the 100 points associated with the contest score and ribbon placing.
- The **Revive with 5** challenges will be held during the following shifts:
  - **Shift 7**; Friday from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
  - **Shift 10**; Saturday from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Non-Revive with 5 challenge recipes** scheduled in Shift 7 or Shift 10 might be reassigned to make room for challenge participants.
- **Revive with 5** recipes entered in another shift will not be eligible for awards.
- Check with your County 4-H Office or the SDSU Extension Website for the most recent Special Foods Handbook and Special Foods Contestant Packet that will explain the contest further.

## Schedule

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- Participants in the Special Foods contest should check in at the registration table at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled shift.
- The State 4-H Office and the Special Foods Committee reserves the right to adjust the shift schedule if necessary. Changes to the selection made at registration will only be reflected on the event schedule, found on the SDSU Extension website, and not in FairEntry.

SHIFT	DAY	TIME
1	Thursday	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2	Thursday	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
3	Thursday	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
4	Friday	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
5	Friday	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
6	Friday	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
7*	Friday	2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
8	Saturday	8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
9	Saturday	10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
10*	Saturday	12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
* = Identifies Revive with 5 Challenge shift.		

### **New! Special Foods Contest Supporter: Local Dairy Partner**

- A local, farmer-owned dairy partner will support the 2026 4-H Special Foods Contest by providing a limited supply of dairy products for use by state fair contestants. Available products include:
  - 1% white milk
  - Cottage cheese
  - Sour cream
  - Cream cheese (block)
  - Half & half
  - Heavy whipping cream
- These products are locally made and farmer owned.
- An opportunity to order dairy ingredients will be available through FairEntry during the state fair registration window. Additional details will be provided as part of the registration process.
- Thank you to our local dairy partner for their generous support of the 2026 4-H Special Foods Contest. Their commitment helps ensure a positive and successful learning experience for our 4-H members.

### **Oven Sponsors**

- A big thank you to the Oven Lovin' Challenge supporters. Your generosity is fueling the future of our young 4-H Chefs! 4-H Leaders of Hutchinson County; Ann Vostad, Volga, SD; Aurora County 4-H Leaders Association; Beadle County 4-H Leaders Association; Bon Homme County 4-H; Broadland Buddies 4-H Club, Beadle County; Brookings County 4-H; Brookings County 4-H Leaders Association; Brown County 4-H Leaders Association; Codington County 4-H Leaders Association; Country Cousins 4-H Club, Lake County; Country Swingers 4-H Club, Lake County; Country Wranglers 4-H Club, Hutchinson County; Day County 4-H Leaders Association; Deb Sundem, Watertown, SD; Deuel County 4-H Leaders Association; Edmunds County 4-H Leaders Association; Feldhaus Trucking Inc., Howard, SD; Friends of Miner County 4-H Leaders Association; Grant County 4-H Leaders Association; Hamlin County 4-H Leaders Association; Hand County 4-H Leaders Association; Jason & Ginger Knutsen, Volga, SD; Jr. Busy Bee's 4-H Club, Grant County; Julie Foster, Garden City, SD; Kingsbury County 4-H Leaders Association; Lake County 4-H Leaders Association; Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association; Marshall County 4-H Leaders Association; McPherson County 4-H Leaders Association; Michael & Kari Puffer, Hitchcock, SD; Moody County 4-H Leaders Association; Prairie Winds 4-H Leaders Council, Hughes-Stanley County; Richard & Dorothy Peterson Memorial, Miner County; Roberts County 4-H Leaders Association; South Dakota State Fair Foundation; Susan VanderWal, Bruce, SD; Turner County 4-H Leaders Association; West Sioux II 4-H Club, Brookings County

### **RABBIT SKILL-A-THON**

#### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Deanna Gall and Jackie Rau

Committee Members: Rhonda Gilchrist, Kristi Sweeter, Dale Knode, Andy Jensen, Jennifer Masterson, and Amy Tieszen

The Rabbit Skill-a-thon tests youth knowledge and understanding of Rabbit Sciences and management skills. Sources include the [American Rabbit Breeders Association \(ARBA\) Standards Book \(arba.net\)](#), and the South Dakota Rabbit Showmanship score sheet ([extension.sdstate.edu](#)) Other topics that could be covered are breed identification, terms, rabbit parts, and diseases.

#### **Entry and Rules**

- Youth are limited to one entry for Rabbit Skill-A-Thon.

## Youth In Action

- Registration must be completed by August 1 in FairEntry.
- Contest times are 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 4. Registered individuals will select a time to participate in FairEntry. The committee reserves the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed.
- All 4-H members are encouraged to compete in the Rabbit Skill-a-thon.
- Youth do not need to exhibit a project animal prior to attending State Fair or qualify on the county level to compete in the Rabbit Skill-a-thon.
- Beginner, Junior, and Senior divisions will follow the age division guidelines listed.
- Youth must be current member of a South Dakota 4-H.
- Youth do not have to show a rabbit at State Fair in order to participate in skill-a-thon.
- Contestants will be scored on how well participants complete tasks within four stations. A fifth station will be used to break ties. In the event the tie is not broken, additional questions will be used. Top five youth in each age division will be recognized.

### **POULTRY SKILL-A-THON**

#### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Wendy Sweeter and Lauren Sankey

Committee Members: Joshua Johnson, Jai Walter, Mike Bosma and Joie Gjernes

- Youth are limited to one entry for Poultry Skill-A-Thon.
- Contest times are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday, September 4. Registered individuals will select a time to participate in FairEntry. We reserve the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed.
- Members must register for Poultry Skill-A-Thon and a time slot by Aug. 1 at 11:59 p.m. in FairEntry.
- Members are not required to exhibit in the poultry show in order to participate in the skill-a-thon.
- This will be an individual contest.
- Contestants are not allowed to talk during the contest.
- All age divisions will judge the same two classes. These classes may include bantam chickens, standard chickens, pigeons, game birds, ducks, geese, turkeys or commercial poultry.
- The skill-a-thon will consist of the two judging classes plus reasons or questions and can include exterior egg grading, poultry exam, bird ID (from duck, chicken, goose or turkey), breed ID, meat cuts and/or quality assurance..
- Senior and Junior contestants will be asked to give reasons on one class. Contestants should not use their notes when giving oral reasons or points may be deducted for doing so. Time will be allowed for contestants to prepare their reasons.
- Beginner contestants will answer five questions relating to birds from one of the classes.
- Ties will be broken by the highest placings score of classes with higher score earning higher placing.
- Birds will be judged in cages and may not be handled.
- Poultry skill-a-thon awards will be announced and distributed on Monday, September 7 at 10 a.m. on the west side of the poultry barn.

### **DAIRY SKILL-A-THON**

#### **Committee Members**

SDSU Extension 4-H Educator Co-Chairs: Chelsea Hutchison and Kim McGraw

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The Dairy Skill-A-Thon tests youth knowledge and understanding of Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat sciences and management skills. Sources include the Dairy Cow Unified Score Card and American Dairy Goat Association Score Card. Other topics that could be covered are breed identification, terms, dairy cattle parts, dairy goat parts, equipment, dairy food products, hay judging and feed stuffs.

#### **Entry and Rules**

- Youth are limited to one entry for Dairy Skill-A-Thon.
- Contest registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3. Contest will take place on Thursday, September 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- Registration must be completed by August 1 in FairEntry.
- Youth do not need to exhibit a project animal prior to attending State Fair or qualify on a county level to compete in the Dairy Skill-A-Thon.
- Beginner, Junior, and Senior divisions will follow the age divisions.
- Youth must be a current member of South Dakota 4-H.
- Youth do not have to show Dairy Cattle or Dairy Goat at State Fair in order to participate in Skill-A-Thon.
- Contests will be scored on how well participants complete tasks within five stations. Top five youth in each age division will be recognized.