

## AGRICULTURAL SECTION

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Superintendent and staff authority will be respected in all cases or the exhibitor will lose the privilege of showing and/or selling at the Southern Iowa Fair. All animals must be in place by **6:00 p.m. Tuesday** except advanced feeder pens & horses. **4-H/FFA members, families, etc. may see a copy of the Iowa State Fair rules and regulations at the Mahaska County Extension Office or 4-H Office during the Southern Iowa Fair.**

### ELIGIBILITY

1. To be eligible to exhibit, 4-H and FFA members must be in 4th grade through 12th grade (or that equivalent).
2. Exhibitors in 5th-12th grade are eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.
3. Exhibitors are limited to Mahaska County 4-H members and FFA members in good standing. Eligibility to be determined by the 4-H club committee and vocational agriculture council. **ENTRIES MUST BE ENROLLED AS 4-H AND/OR FFA PROJECTS.** Animals identified as part of a 4-H project cannot also be identified or exhibited as a FFA project. A 4-Her cannot identify a heifer as both a market heifer and a breeding heifer.
4. All 4-H and FFA members **must** file an Iowa 4-H Livestock Project Identification form & code of ethics form in the Mahaska County Extension Office by **May 15**.
5. Any individual who has attended college or vocational school, one semester or two quarters during the project, is not eligible to show in the county fair. Exception: Student earning credits while still in high school will be allowed to participate in the fair the summer following their high school graduation.
6. Individuals that have attended college are not eligible to compete in showmanship.

### EXHIBITING

1. All livestock must be exhibited by the owner, unless sickness prevails or two animals owned by the member are shown in one class. In either case, another member will be permitted to show for the owner. If a member assists another member exhibiting livestock both persons must wear the exhibitor number of the livestock owner. Associate members may NOT show livestock for another 4-H er.
2. Members are expected to wear a 4-H or FFA T-shirt at the time of participation/judging at the fair, unless rules state otherwise. If the T-shirt becomes too soiled to wear, a white T-shirt or blouse should be worn.
3. Assistance for younger members in show ring will be at the Superintendent's discretion.
4. All exhibitors of livestock must comply with Health Requirements of Livestock for Exhibition in the State of Iowa. In addition, all animal species will not be denied water beyond 12 hours and food beyond 24 hours.
5. No individual animal may be shown in both the purebred and market classes.
6. Should general and special rules conflict, the latter will govern.
7. **All State Fair 4-H Livestock Rules regarding handling and showing will apply.** It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA members take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animals. If assistance is needed, it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA members learn new skills and be

**done ONLY BY A FAMILY MEMBER, CLUB LEADER AND/OR ANOTHER 4-H/FFA MEMBER FROM MAHASKA COUNTY. NO VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ASSIST WITH GROOMING/FITTING.**

8. No member will be eligible for this show that does not take entire charge and care of the project in the show ring except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the livestock Superintendents in charge of the show. This show is an **educational event**. It is designed to train 4-H/FFA members to properly fit their animals and the owner will exhibit his or her animal without aid.

9. **SUBSTITUTE SHOWMAN** - Excusing a member from personally exhibiting his or her animal or animals defeats one of the important objectives of 4-H/FFA work. Hence, the management does not approve the use of substitute showmen except in extreme cases.

10. Any artificial means of removing or remedying physical defects of conformation in animals exhibited will be considered as fraud and deception. **No unnatural means of providing an animal feed, water or other fluid (i.e. stomach pump, IV) will be allowed.** All animals giving evidence of such treatment will be barred from exhibition.

11. Exhibitors will be required to keep their feed, hay, bedding equipment, etc. in the designated place. The public alleyways **must at all times be kept open and free from litter, equipment, CHAIRS, feed etc.** Stalls, pens and alleyways must be cleaned and refuse deposited where instructed by the Superintendent not later than 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day.

12. In all purebred classes the animals shall be registered. Papers must be brought to Superintendents. Registration must be in exhibitor or farm name.

13. A 4-H/FFA member exhibiting certain livestock may have one reweigh, but they **MUST** accept the second weight. To be eligible for a reweigh, the 4-H/FFA member must request an immediate reweigh before livestock has left the scale area. Superintendent's discretion will be used. There will be **NO** reweigh for beef, carcass beef, sheep, carcass sheep, advanced cattle and advanced lamb.

14. There will be three showmanship classes for livestock. Juniors are defined as youth who have completed 4, 5, 6 grade, Intermediates who have completed grades 7, 8, 9 and Seniors who have completed grades 10, 11, 12 by September 15 of the previous year (or that equivalent).

15. Only one fan per animal may be used and **no butt fans** are allowed. Butt fans will be removed by Superintendents or Fair Board Members if you have already been warned and fans are found in use again.

16. **No straw or newspaper bedding is allowed in stalls due to insurance policy.**

17. Early animal release can only be granted by approval of a Superintendent & Extension Staff. 4-Hers who take an animal off of the Fairgrounds without approval will forfeit all prizes, premiums and lose eligibility to exhibit that project the following year.

18. Each member must care for and manage their own project(s).

19. All 4-H & FFA members who show at the Southern Iowa Fair will be requested to remove all bedding at the end of the fair.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Tie out-times for 4-H/FFA livestock will be 7:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA youth will forfeit all barn prize points for the day if they go to tie-out early.**

2. No sleeping in barns overnight.

3. A complete record must be kept on each 4-H or FFA project. Records are to be turned in to leader or advisor on announced date in September.

4. **Ribbon premiums will be: purple and blue--\$2.00 each, red--\$1.00 each, white--.50 each. No premiums will be paid for showmanship, horsemanship or judging contest. Premium checks will be mailed out within two weeks of the last day of fair & must be cashed by February 1 of the following year.**

5. **Absolutely NO alcohol or tobacco is to be used by a 4-H/FFA member. If a member is caught with such, they will forfeit their premiums, be asked to leave the grounds and will have to deal with authorities.**

### **MAHASKA COUNTY PROTEST POLICY**

The Southern Iowa Fair Board, Mahaska County Extension Staff, Mahaska County Extension Council and Superintendents will not consider a protest, complaint, or appeal based upon the statement that a judge or judges are incompetent.

If an individual has a complaint to the eligibility of an exhibit to compete in any class a protest must be made in writing and filed with the Secretary (for open class), Extension Director or Youth Coordinator (for 4-H or FFA). This must be done by 9:00 p.m. the same day the show was held with the exception of swine. The deadline for swine is noon the next day. A \$50.00 cash deposit must accompany this written protest. The deposit will be forfeited if the protest is pursued but not founded. All expenses of proof will be paid by the party filing the protest. This money will not be refunded.

### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR EXHIBITION OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY AND BIRDS AT LOCAL 4-H OR FFA EXHIBITIONS.**

No official health certificates will be required on beef, sheep, swine, rabbits, or poultry exhibited as a County 4-H Show and FFA Show, but must be inspected when unloaded or shortly thereafter by an accredited veterinarian. Each County Fair must have an official veterinarian.

#### **HORSES**

Official health certificates of 30 days or less **MUST** accompany all horses on the Southern Iowa Fair grounds. No Horse will be allowed to stay or be stalled without the health certificate.

#### **SWINE**

Quarantined animals or animals from quarantined herds cannot be exhibited.

#### **EXCEPTIONS:**

a. Swine in an exhibition involves only market classes. All swine are consigned directly to a slaughter establishment from the exhibition.

#### **POULTRY**

All poultry must comply with Pullorum health requirements. If poultry are not purchased from Pullorum clear blocks or hatchery, birds must be tested for Pullorum-typhoid within 90 days of the fair.

#### **DOGS and CATS**

All dogs and cats (of age) exhibited must have a current rabies certificate.

#### **NOTE:**

Evidence of warts, ringworm, foot rot, pink eye, abscesses, or any other contagious or infectious condition will eliminate the animal from the show.

### **THE DECISION OF THE OFFICIAL SHOW VETERINARIANS WILL BE FINAL.**

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