



Agricultural Education & FFA

## **FFA Activities & Premium List**

July 17 – July 25, 2026

Minot, ND

# NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR

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## 2026 NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR (NDSF) OFFICIALS

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## FFA MISSION STATEMENT

**FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.**

**ND FFA Association Web Site: [www.ndffa.org](http://www.ndffa.org)**

**ND FFA Foundation Web Site: [www.ndffaoundation.com](http://www.ndffaoundation.com)**

## SCHEDULE OF FFA EVENTS

### Friday, July 10

5:00 p.m. – All livestock, poultry, and rabbit exhibits entered into FairEntry for stall/pen/cage placement.

### Wednesday, July 15

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Entry of Static Exhibits – Gate F (NW Gate)

### Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Final Entry of Static Exhibits – Gate F (NW Gate)

8:00 a.m. – Judging of FFA Horticulture Exhibits Begins

11:30 a.m. – Judges & FFA Advisor Meal – 4-H Hall Upper Level, Sponsor – NDSF

12:30 p.m. – Judging of FFA Static Exhibits Begins

4 – 6:30 p.m. – Tractor Operator Practice – East of 27<sup>th</sup> St. SE. – N. Side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

### Friday, July 17: Opening Day of the North Dakota State Fair

8:00 a.m. – Tractor Operator – East of 27<sup>th</sup> St. SE. – N. Side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

10:30 a.m. – Tractor Operator Awards – East of 27<sup>th</sup> St. SE. – N. Side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Check-In and Caging of FFA Poultry – Poultry Barn

### Saturday, July 18

4:00 p.m. – Entry deadline for FFA/4H Beef & Sheep in Open Classes showing Sunday.

### Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. – FFA/4H Poultry Show – Poultry Barn

1:00 p.m. – Entry deadline for FFA Beef & Sheep in Open Class showing Monday.

### Monday, July 20

12:30 p.m. – FFA Livestock & Static Livestock Superintendent Meeting – FFA Hall

6:00 p.m. – Release of FFA/4H Poultry – Release of FFA First Vegetable Show

### Tuesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Check-in and Penning of all FFA Sheep, Beef, Dairy, Goats & Swine – Expo Barn Arena

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Check-in and Penning of FFA Rabbits – Bunny Barn

11:00 a.m. – Entry Deadline for Second Show of FFA Fruits and Vegetables

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Self weigh in period for Swine

12:00 p.m. – FFA & 4-H Livestock Exhibitor Meeting – Expo Barn Arena

12:30 p.m. – Weigh FFA & 4-H Goats, Sheep & Beef

3:00 p.m. – Weigh in closes

3:30 p.m. – Swine weight cards must be submitted.

4:00 p.m. – Weigh-In for All Goats

5:00-7:00 p.m. – FFA & 4-H Exhibitors Picnic – Commercial II Building Picnic Tent

### Wednesday, July 22

9:00 a.m. – FFA/4H Dairy Goat Show – Gooseneck Arena

12:00 p.m. – FFA/4H Sheep Show – Expo Barn Main Arena

### Thursday, July 23

8:00 a.m. – FFA/4H Beef Show – All Seasons Arena

2:00 p.m. – FFA/4H Swine Show – Expo Barn Main Arena

3:00 p.m. – FFA/4H Rabbit Show – Bunny Barn

### Friday, July 24

8:00 a.m. – FFA/4H Dairy Cattle Show – Gooseneck Arena

12:00 p.m. – FFA Meat Goat Show – Gooseneck Arena

### Saturday, July 25

8:00 a.m. – FFA/4H Round Robin – NDSF Center Arena I

9:30 a.m. – FFA/4H Awards – NDSF Center Arena I

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Staggered Release of Rabbits and Livestock

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Static Exhibit Release – Gate F (NW Gate)\*\*

\*\*Paid Gate Admission & NDSF Letter for Gate Entry is Required.

### Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Complete removal of all exhibits – Gate F (NW Gate)

## 4-H & FFA EXHIBITORS PICNIC

The picnic is open to all NDSF 4-H and FFA exhibitors, parents, and FFA advisors with a ticket obtained in FFA Hall or at the Livestock Exhibitor Meeting. The picnic will be at the Commercial II Building Picnic Tent on **Tuesday, July 21** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### ENTRY OF STATIC, LIVESTOCK, & STATIC LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS

**All exhibits** must be entered by the chapter FFA advisor into FairEntry at [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com), prior to the deadline established by the FFA State Office. Exhibit tags will be printed by the chapter FFA advisor. Exhibit tags must be securely attached to each static exhibit. Static Livestock exhibit tags must be attached to the cage. Livestock do not require an exhibit tag.

Enter the NDSF through Gate F (NW Gate). Upon arrival to the NDSF, report to the Division Superintendent for placement of exhibits. The location of exhibits is listed under each department/division entry information.

All livestock and static livestock must be entered in FairEntry by the date identified in the schedule of events. No stalling or entry fees will be charged to animals entered in 4-H and FFA only.

### STATIC EXHIBIT RELEASE

Static Exhibits will be released between 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 25. Enter through Gate F (NW Gate). Paid Gate Admission & NDSF Letter for Gate Entry is Required. Complete removal of all exhibits is Sunday, July 26 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### STATIC EXHIBIT TRAILER PARKING AT THE NDSF

Due to limited parking space at the NDSF, all FFA chapters who want to leave a trailer(s) during the week of the NDSF will be required to park off grounds. The free parking lot is located east of the NDSF – East of 27<sup>th</sup> St. SE. in the Industrial Lot – North Side of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE – Same location as the Tractor Operator Contest.

### LIVESTOCK LOAD/UNLOAD PASS AND CAMPING AT THE NDSF

A Livestock Load/Unload Pass and a Camping Pass for the NDSF is available on a **reservation only** basis prior to the first day of the NDSF. Early completion of both pass requests at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com) is highly recommended. All FFA members must be accompanied by their advisor, parent, or legal guardian.

### EXHIBITING IN 4-H AND OPEN CLASS

FFA members who plan to exhibit in the Open Class Shows must submit official entry forms on the NDSF website at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com).

### ADMISSION TO THE NDSF

Special FFA rates are available. FFA membership card is required.

Season Tickets, FFA members.....	\$10
Season Tickets, Adult.....	\$25
Non-FFA Junior Season Pass.....	\$15

Season Passes may be exchanged for a wristband.

**Write:** NDSF, PO Box 1796, Minot, ND 58702 **Call:** (701) 857-7620

**Email:** [competitive@ndstatefair.com](mailto:competitive@ndstatefair.com)

### DOGS AT THE NDSF

Only livestock, poultry, rabbit, and horse exhibitors are allowed to have dogs on the NDSF property in camping areas and assigned barns. Under no circumstances are dogs allowed outside of the designated areas.

### FFA NDSF EXHIBIT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND RULES

1. ND middle and high school students enrolled in 2025-2026 agricultural education classes, or a graduate of, and are listed on the FFA membership roster are eligible to exhibit in the FFA division and participate in the Tractor Operator Contest. A

student who will be enrolled in a class and become an FFA member in the fall of 2026 is not eligible to participate if they do not meet the requirements in the previous statement. FFA members may retain active membership until the fourth National FFA Convention upon graduation from high school.

2. The FFA Code of Ethics will be followed. Use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, e-cigarettes, and illegal drugs will not be tolerated, and members are subject to disqualification and forfeiture of awards and premiums. All FFA members must be chaperoned by advisors, parents, or school officials.
3. All exhibits must be certified by the chapter advisor and entered in FairEntry. Static Exhibits may be exhibited only in FFA and not 4-H. Static Exhibits may only be shown once at the NDSF – exhibits may not be shown in 4-H one year and FFA or Open Division the next. Exhibit class designation may be changed by the Division Superintendent. Appeals concerning class placement, awards, or disqualifications must be made within 24 hours of the completion of judging. When large numbers of exhibits are entered in one class and a clear difference is evident, the class may be sub-divided. Only one item per class may be exhibited unless otherwise indicated.
4. FFA entries will be handled as a part of the NDSF. Entries are subject to the rules of the NDSF and in compliance with the general policies and regulations governing FFA activities and awards as stated in ND FFA Policy and Handbooks.
5. Precautions will be taken to safeguard exhibits, but the NDSF and ND FFA Association will not be responsible for damaged, stolen, or lost articles. FFA Hall in the NDSF Center is open 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily during the NDSF.
6. Each exhibit, except livestock, must be accompanied by a properly completed entry tag printed from FairEntry.
7. All exhibits must be housed in the designate facilities for FFA exhibits unless permission is granted by the superintendent prior to entering.
8. Removal of exhibits prior to the designated release time will result in forfeiture of premium awards to the chapter and members.

### **PREMIUMS AWARDED**

1. Premiums will be offered on all classes. As exhibits are judged, they will be placed in the "Blue", "Red", and "White" ribbon groups. Inferior quality exhibits will be disqualified and not displayed. "Stickers" will be used to indicate ribbon placing. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded to appropriate exhibits. Exhibitors who desire to receive ribbons may pick them up in FFA Hall prior to removal of exhibits from the NDSF.
2. The NDSF will distribute FFA premiums to the FFA Chapters in **September 2026**. FFA Chapters will receive one check and will distribute the premiums to each exhibitor, based upon the FairEntry report from the FFA State Office.
3. All premiums are based on funds appropriated by the state legislature. All other operational funds are derived from NDSF income. Adjustments to points/and premiums may be made by the FFA State Office and NDSF Management.
4. Cash Premiums: Static, Static Livestock (Poultry and Rabbit) premiums are \$.11 per point. Beef, dairy, goats, sheep, and swine are \$.16 cents per point.
5. Entries are assigned a point value for the basis of awarding premiums. **The points for each department/division/class are located on the next page.**

**Agricultural Produce:**

Wool, Eggs, Processed Meat	
Blue	40 points
Red	25 points
White	10 points
Vegetables, Fruit, Honey	
Blue	30 points
Red	20 points
White	10 points

**Agricultural Mechanics:**

Jumbo Projects & Tractors - 60's	
Blue	600 points
Red	400 points
White	200 points
Extra Large - 50's	
Blue	200 points
Red	100 points
White	50 points
Large - 40's	
Blue	150 points
Red	75 points
White	40 points
Medium - 30's	
Blue	80 points
Red	40 points
White	20 points
Small - 20's	
Blue	30 points
Red	20 points
White	10 points

**Educational Displays:**

Class numbers ending in 0 or 1	
Blue	30 points
Red	20 points
White	10 points
Class numbers ending in 2 or 3	
Blue	40 points
Red	25 points
White	10 points
Class numbers ending in 4, 5, or 6	
Blue	60 points
Red	40 points
White	20 points
Class numbers ending in 7	
Blue	80 points
Red	50 points
White	25 points
Class numbers ending in 8 or 9	
Blue	150 points
Red	75 points
White	40 points
Class SFJ, SFI, & SFS	
Blue	200 points
Red	100 points
White	50 points

**Field Crop:**

Sheaves & Threshed Grains	
Blue	40 points
Red	25 points
White	10 points

**Floriculture & Horticulture:**

Class numbers ending in 1, 2, or 3	
Blue	30 points
Red	20 points
White	10 points
Class numbers ending in 4 or 5	
Blue	40 points
Red	25 points
White	15 points
Class numbers ending in 6 or 7	
Blue	50 points
Red	25 points
White	15 points
Class numbers ending in 8 or 9	
Blue	80 points
Red	50 points
White	30 points
Class numbers ending in 0	
Blue	150 points
Red	100 points
White	50 points

**Livestock & Static Livestock:**

Beef & Dairy	
Blue	200 points
Red	100 points
White	50 points
Goats, Sheep, & Swine	
Blue	100 points
Red	50 points
White	25 points
Poultry & Rabbits	
Blue	50 points
Red	25 points
White	15 points

**Showmanship:**

Blue	40 points
Red	25 points
White	10 points

**Champions:**

Grand Champion	
– Additional Blue Points	
Reserve Champion	
– Additional Red Points	

**Disqualifications:**

0 points

## SPECIAL PREMIUMS AND AWARDS

The following awards are presented to chapters and individuals for outstanding performance in the various exhibit areas and competitive events. Chapter awards will be based on white, red, blue, reserve, and grand champion points earned.

### FFA SWEEPSTAKES

A traveling trophy and permanent plaque sponsored by the NDSF will be awarded to the chapter with the most points earned. Chapters earning over 5,000 total points will be eligible for the NDSF Sweepstakes drawings. Five prizes of \$200 will be drawn at the ND CTE Professional Development Conference in August. Eligibility is based upon points earned in the white, red, blue, reserve, and grand champion categories.

### BASIC TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTEST

A Baby Bison and \$250 cash award will be presented to the winner. Judging is based on the student's ability to operate a tractor safely and a written exam on tractor operation, safety, and daily maintenance. For members in grades 7 – 10 in the previous school year.

### ADVANCED TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTEST

A Baby Bison and \$250 cash award will be presented to the winner. Judging is based on the student's ability to operate a tractor safely and a written exam on tractor operation, safety, and daily maintenance. For members in grades 11 – 12 in the previous school year.

### TOP THREE WHEAT AND DURUM

A premium will be paid by the **ND Wheat Commission** for the top three Hard Red Spring Wheat and the top two Durum Grain Samples **AND** Grain Sheaves.

1<sup>st</sup> – \$40    2<sup>nd</sup> – \$30    3<sup>rd</sup> --\$25

## DEPARTMENT – AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS

*Exhibits are in FFA Hall & Theater, attached to FFA Hall.*

*Tractors are in the NDSF Center Lobby – Main Entrance*

1. Members may exhibit more than one “unlike” project per class. A list of typical projects within each class is included. **Each exhibit must be a challenging project and must have a purpose or practical use.** (NO “what-cha-may-call-its”, simple push-sticks or “do-dads, etc.”, construction must occur.
2. At the discretion of the superintendent, the classes may be divided or exhibits reassigned classes by size of project or time necessary to complete the project. All projects must be completed although accessories needed to make the exhibit functional are not necessary, i.e., hydraulic jack for a press.
3. The basic construction of the exhibit will determine class number. Class designation may be changed by the superintendent. Appeals concerning class placement, awards, or disqualifications must be made within 24 hours upon the completion of judging.
4. **Quality of construction** is a major factor in the judging of these projects. Advisors are encouraged to bring the best for the FFA NDSF display. Items that do not meet the quality standards of the project screening committee or judges will be disqualified and no ribbon placing, or premium will be awarded.
5. During transport, all large, extra-large & jumbo exhibits should be properly secured & transported according to all ND DOT load securement regulations.
6. Fuel must be drained from tractors & engines prior to entry to the NDSF Center.
7. The following classes will be offered in agricultural mechanics.

## DIVISION – RECONDITIONED/RESTORED PROJECTS

1. Reconditioned and restored exhibits must include a display board with background information, pictures, parts list, cost, and hours of self-labor.
2. A “reconditioned tractor” is a tractor returned to operating condition – may be modified from original. A “restored tractor” is a tractor returned to original or as close to original new condition as possible.
3. Fuel must be drained from tractors & engines prior to entry to the NDSF Center. Batteries must be disconnected.
4. NO automotive exhibits. Only agricultural exhibits will be accepted.

### CLASS

- 20 Small Wood – reconditioned
- 30 Medium Wood – reconditioned
- 40 Large Wood – reconditioned
- 50 Extra Large Wood – reconditioned
- 60 Jumbo Wood – reconditioned
- 26 Small Metal – reconditioned
- 36 Medium Metal – reconditioned
- 46 Large Metal – reconditioned
- 56 Extra Large Metal – reconditioned
- 66 Jumbo Metal – reconditioned tractor
- 66B Jumbo Metal – restored tractor

## DIVISION – SMALL PROJECTS

### CLASS

- 21 Finished and Non-Finished Wood – Examples:
  - Grain Box                      File Handle                      Cutting Board
  - Birdhouse - Small              Folding Stool                      Plant Press
  - Nail/Toolbox                      Shadow Box                      Cord Holder
  - Hammer Rack                      Mug Rack                      Foot Stool
  - Trellis                              Key Holder                      Name Plates
- CLASS CONT.
- 21 Plant Press                      Flower Box                      Pencil Holders
- Poultry Feeder                      Tote Box                      Shelves
- Clocks                              Planter                              Boot Jack
- Name Signs                      Spine Board                      Layered Animals
- Wood Arts projects              Small wood burned clocks or intarsia work
- 23 Metal or Concrete – Examples:
  - Chisel                              Tool Gauge                      Templates
  - Foot Scraper                      Battery Cable Puller              Poultry Feeder
  - Feed Scoop                      Splash Block                      Eye Bolts
  - Patio Blocks                      Gate Latch                      Center Punch
  - Draw Bar Pins                      Valve Puller                      Chipping Hammer
  - Branding Irons                      Funnel                              Metal Arts Projects
  - Hand Cut Plasma designs
- 24 Electrical Projects – Examples:
  - Extension Cords                      Electrode Holder                      Trouble Lights
  - Small electronics projects
- 25 Plumbing – Useful projects made from plumbing materials and plumbing materials joinery methods.
- 26 Hand Tool Projects – Wood or metal project constructed using hand tools exclusively.
- 27 Small mechanics projects made with high tech equipment. CNC projects made of metal, wood, or plastic. (Plasma cut signs, 3D projects). Others to be determined by the Screening Committee – 192 square inches and smaller (example would be 12”x16”)

## DIVISION – MEDIUM PROJECTS

### CLASS

- 31 Finished and Non-Finished Wood – Examples:
- |                    |                       |             |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Birdhouse – Martin | Shop Stool            | Workbench   |
| Sheep Panels       | Sheep Feeders         | Lawn Chairs |
| Sawhorse           | Nail and Bolt Cabinet | Chairs      |
| Head Squeeze       | Tool Cabinet          | Nightstands |
| Plant Ladders      | Multi-Board Signs     | Carvings    |
| Bookcase           | Gun Rack              | Saddle Rack |
- Cornhole Boards (entered as a set)  
Larger Wood Arts projects Home Improvement Projects  
Single line name signs that are 432 square inches or >
- 33 Metal or Concrete – Examples:
- |                |                   |                     |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Sawhorse       | Head-Squeeze      | Weight Bench        |
| Shop Stool     | Jack Stand        | Car Ramp            |
| Mineral Feeder | Planter Cart      | Trailer Ramp        |
| Post Driver    | Hydroponics Table | Portable Shop Light |
| Barrel Stove   | Oxyacetylene Cart | Tailgate            |
| C-Clamp        | Parking Bumper    |                     |
- Hand Cut Medium Plasma Designs
- 34 Electrical Projects – Portable shop lights with switches, outlets, and lights.
- 35 Art of Scrap – Table Top Sculpture (listed on FairEntry, but not book)
- 36 Medium sized Hand Tool Projects – Wood or metal projects constructed using hand tools exclusively.
- 37 Medium Sized Mechanics projects produced with High Tech Equipment. >192 square inches and <720 square inches (example would be 24”x 30”)

## DIVISION – LARGE PROJECTS

### CLASS

- 41 Finished and Non-Finished Wood – Examples:
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|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Doghouse       | Calf Stall/Pen           | Picnic Tables      |
| Skid Feed Bunk | Pickup Rack              | Pickup Storage Box |
| Hay Feeder     | Loading Chute            | Dresser            |
| Desk           | Entertainment Center     | Chest/Cedar Chest  |
| Gun Cabinet    | Waterbed Frame/Headboard | Adirondack Chair   |
- 43 Metal or Concrete – examples:
- |              |                 |                       |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Bale Mover   | Hydraulic Press | Sheep Fitting Table   |
| Bale Feeder  | Corral Panel    | Cattle Clipping Chute |
| Meat Saw     | Corral Gate     | Parts Washer          |
| Calf Stalls  | Farrowing Crate | Greenhouse Table      |
| Log Splitter | Engine Stand    | Engine Hoist          |
- Large Plasma Cut Designs
- 45 Art of Scrap – Floor Sculpture
- 46 Large Mechanics projects produced with High Tech Equipment. >720 sq. in.

## DIVISION – X-LARGE PROJECTS

### CLASS

- 51 Wood – Examples:
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|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Wagon Box        | Portable Fish house (<60 sq. ft.) |          |
| Bunk-Line Feeder | Hopper-Bottom Bin                 | Outhouse |
| Small Shed       |                                   |          |
- 52 Metal or Concrete – Examples:
- |                          |                   |                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Tandem Livestock Trailer | Hopper Bottom Bin | Self Feeder         |
| Wagon Chassis            | Swather Transport | Windrower Transport |
| A-Frame Hoist            | Concrete Bunk     | Two Horse Trailer   |

## DIVISION – JUMBO PROJECTS

### CLASS

- 61 Wood  
Large Buildings (>100 sq. ft.) Fish house (>60 sq. ft.)
- 62 Metal or Concrete  
Eight Horse Trailer                      Gooseneck Trailer

### AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE DEPARTMENT

*Products, Fruit, and Vegetables exhibits are in FFA Hall.*

*Processed Meats exhibits are in Theater, attached to FFA Hall.*

### DIVISION – AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

**Honey** – Evaluated on the following criteria: body, density, flavor and aroma, color, clarity, freedom from impurities and with suitable container of correct volume. Attach entry tag with a string tied around the neck of the pint jar.

**Eggs** – Evaluated on size, shape, color, uniformity, shell density and appearance. **Eggs should be brushed or wiped clean with cloth and all stains removed.** Do not wash eggs. Display eggs with pointed end down and rounded end up. Exhibit 1 dozen eggs in a common egg case.

**Preparation of Fleece** – Spread out the fleece on a clean table or floor, skin side down, taking care not to pull or open fleece as it is handled. The fleece will look like a pelt or hide. At this stage, before rolling or tying, remove all heavy tags, stained wool, and obvious foreign matter. Rolling the fleece takes four easy steps: (1) Begin at one side and loosely fold 8” to 10” of the edge toward the center of the fleece. (2) Do the same on the other side, but fold toward the center two times - until the twice folded portion lies on top of the first fold. (3) Fold in the head wool. (4) Roll the entire fleece from the breech toward the shoulder and long side wool. Fleece is now ready to be tied. Using paper fleece twine, wrap it in two directions and tie as you would a package. Do not use baler twine, or colored rope/string as the dye may seep into the fleece, rendering it worthless. There should be no loose ends hanging from the fleece. It should be loose enough to make judging easy yet compact enough to prevent it from falling apart when handled. Exhibit the fleece in a large brown/black/white 30-gallon plastic bag can liner.

1. Members can exhibit one item per class.
2. **Entry Description Required:** Enter brief descriptive information.

### DIVISION – AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

#### CLASS

- 11 Honey (1 pint)
- 13 Wool (1 fleece-wool or mutton breeds) rams
- 14 Wool (1 fleece-wool or mutton breeds) ewe
- 15 Eggs (brown shelled)
- 16 Eggs (white shelled)
- 17 Eggs (other)

### DIVISION – FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

There is a “First Show” and a “Second Show”. FFA Members may exhibit in either or both of the two shows. The First Show entries must be registered by **11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 16.** Second Show entries are due by **11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21.** Release of First Show will be between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Monday. Exhibits not removed at this time may be donated to a local food pantry.

1. Members are eligible to show **two** exhibits of vegetables and fruit in each class, **but only one per show.** **Entry Description Required:** “First Show” or “Second Show” must be identified. Enter the variety name, or other descriptions if known.
2. Fruit and vegetables will be judged on the following criteria: uniformity, maturity,

correct number and preparation, full size, good color and shape, firm, free of damage by insects, disease, or mechanical injury.

**Apple:** Stems removed.

**Beans:** Yellow wax or green, Exhibit 12 pods with calyx. (Stem).

**Beets:** May wash, trim tops 1 – 1-½” long, leave tap root. Exhibit 6 beets.

**Broccoli:** Over 3” head diameter, with stock 6” long. Exhibit one head. Remove all leaves.

**Cabbage:** Do not peel excessively. Two layers of sound green outer leaves should be left on. Trim root smooth with the base of the leaves. Exhibit one head. (Loose leaves should be removed).

**Carrots:** Top 1 – 1½” long, may wash and leave tap root. Exhibit 6 carrots.

**Cauliflower:** Trim leaves even with top, remove older leaves, cut stem below last remaining leaf. Exhibit 1 head.

**Celery:** Trim leaves uniformly, cut root even with stalk. Exhibit 1 plant.

**Cucumbers:** Wipe clean, leave ½” stem. Exhibit 6 pickling cucumbers (under 8”, diameter does not matter). Three slicing cucumbers (over 8”, diameter does not matter).

**Dill:** Trim to a 4” stem, exhibit 6 tied seed-bearing heads.

**Egg Plant:** Clean with soft cloth. Exhibit 1 eggplant. Keep 1” stem.

**Garlic:** 1” stem, trim root to 1” of bulb. Exhibit 6 garlic.

**Herbs:** Exhibit 3 Plants – washed roots. Wrap roots in wet paper towel, cover in plastic.

**Kohlrabi:** Use entire plant, strip off leaves. Exhibit 3. Cut root to 1”.

**Lettuce (head):** Use entire plant, trim older outer leaves, leave root, wrap root in wet paper towel and cover with plastic. Exhibit 1 plant.

**Lettuce (leaf):** Exhibit 3 plants. Discard old leaves. Wrap root in wet paper towel and cover with plastic.

**Melons:** Muskmelon stems removed. Exhibit 1 melon.

**Onions (red, yellow, or white):** Remove only one layer of skin, do not wash, leave 1 to 1-½” stem; however, do not injure bulb, trim roots to ¾”. Exhibit 6 onions or plants.

**Onions (green):** Trim tops to 3” long, remove outer covering on white bulb, overall length of 6 – 8”, trim root to ¾” from bulb. Exhibit 1 bunch (6 onions per bunch tied in the middle).

**Parsnips:** Cut tops 1 – 1-½”, leave tap root. Exhibit 3 parsnips.

**Peas:** Exhibit 12 pods with calyx (stem).

**Peppers (Bell):** Leave ½ - 1” stem. Can be green or red. Ex.) Exhibit 3 banana peppers.

**Peppers (Hot):** Leave ½” stem. Exhibit 6 peppers. Can be Chili's, Jalapeno's, etc.

**Peppers (Sweet):** Leave ½ - 1” stem. Can be green or red. Ex.) Exhibit 3 sweet peppers.

**Potatoes (red, russet, white, or yellow):** Brush or wipe off with soft cloth, can be washed but do not scrub. Exhibit 6 potatoes.

**Pumpkin:** Exhibit 1 mature pumpkin, leave 1 – 1½” stem

**Radishes (globe or icicle):** Leave ½” top growth and tap root. Exhibit 6 radishes.

**Rhubarb:** Trim so 2” of leaf blade remains attached to stalks, do not remove ends. Exhibit 1 bunch (Tie 6 stalks at each end and at center)

**Rutabaga:** Cut tops to 1 to 1½”, leave tap root. Exhibit 3 rutabaga.

**Spinach:** Plants with washed roots – 3 plants – wrap roots in wet paper towel, cover in plastic.

**Squash:** Clean with soft cloth, leave 1” stem. Summer – Zucchini type – less than 8”- exhibit 3, over 8” exhibit 1. Winter – Buttercup type - mature, exhibit 1.

**Sweet corn:** Do not remove husks, trim silk to within 1 inch of top of husk, shank 1 to 2 inches long. Exhibit 3 ears.

**Swiss Chard:** Use entire plant, trim older outer leaves, leave root, wrap root in a wet paper towel and cover with plastic. Exhibit 3 plants.

**Tomatoes:** Remove stems. Exhibit 6 large fruits or 12 cherry type. Green or ripe

**Turnips:** Cut tops to 1 – 1½”, leave tap root. Exhibit 3 turnips.

**Watermelons:** 1 – 1½” stem. Exhibit 1 melon.

**All Fruit Classes:** Exhibit 1 pint of small fruit and 12 fruits of large cherries and large

fruit. (Remove stems from all fruit except strawberries.)

## DIVISION – FRUITS

### CLASS

- 11 Juneberries (1 pint)
- 12 Gooseberries (1 pint)
- 13 Raspberries (1 pint)
- 14 Strawberries (1 pint)
- 15 Crabapples (12 crabapples)
- 16 Apples (6 fruits)
- 17 Plums (12 fruits)
- 18 Cherries all varieties (1 pint)
- 19 Choke Cherries (1 pint)
- 20 Pears (6 fruits)
- 21 Any other variety (same quantity as similar size vegetables above). Variety name and quantity must be entered in the entry description.

## DIVISION – VEGETABLES

### No Canned or Preserved Products

### CLASS

- 11 Beans, yellow wax (12 pods)
  - 12 Beans, green (12 pods)
  - 13 Beets (6 beets)
  - 14 Broccoli (1 head)
  - 15 Cabbage (1 head)
  - 16 Carrots (6 carrots)
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- 17 Cauliflower (1 head)
  - 18 Celery (1 plant)
  - 19 Cucumbers (6 pickling)
  - 20 Cucumbers (3 slicers)
  - 21 Dill (6 heads)
  - 22 Egg Plant (1 specimen)
  - 23 Garlic (6 bulbs)
  - 24 Sweet Corn (3 ears)
  - 25 Melons (1 melon) (musk or honeydew)
  - 26 Potatoes Red (6)
  - 27 Potatoes White (6)
  - 28 Potatoes Russets (6)
  - 29 Potatoes Yukon Gold (6)
  - 30 Kohlrabi (3 bulbs)
  - 31 Lettuce – head (1 head)
  - 32 Lettuce – leaf (3 plants)
  - 33 Lettuce – Romaine
  - 34 Onions – (green table bulb) (6 onions)
  - 35 Onions – White (6 onions)
  - 36 Onions – Yellow (6 onions)
  - 37 Onions – Red (6 onions)
  - 38 Parsnips (3 roots)
  - 39 Peas – Green Pods (12 pods)
  - 40 Peas – Edible Pods (12 pods)
  - 41 Peppers – Bell (3 bell peppers)
  - 42 Peppers – Hot (6 peppers)
  - 43 Peppers – Sweet (3 sweet peppers)
  - 44 Pumpkin (1)

- 45 Radish – Red (6 radishes)
- 46 Radish – White (6 radishes)
- 47 Rutabaga (3 roots)
- 48 Rhubarb (6 stalks)
- 49 Spinach (3 plants)
- 50 Squash – Summer (3)
- 51 Squash – Winter (1)
- 52 Swiss Chard (3 plants)
- 53 Tomatoes (6 large)
- 54 Tomatoes – Cherry (12)
- 55 Turnips (3 roots)
- 56 Watermelon – mature (1)
- 57 Herbs (3 plants)
- 58 Any other variety (**same quantity as similar size vegetables above**). **Variety name and quantity** must be entered in the entry description.

## DIVISION – PROCESSED AND CANNED FOODS

*Exhibits are in Theater (refrigerated items in the coolers), attached to FFA Hall.*

1. Members can exhibit one item per class.
2. **Entry Description Required:** Enter brief descriptive information.
3. All entries must be fully cooked (internal temperature of at least 155° F or 165° F for Poultry, Wild Game Birds, and Waterfowl) and ready to eat.
4. Products are to be prepared utilizing the standards of the USDA and the North Dakota Department of Agriculture quality standards.
5. Canned food items must have an official ND FFA label attached, the label template may be found at ndffa.org. All information must be included.
6. Canned exhibits must be in a standard canning jar such as a quart, pint, or jelly jar. Canning jars smaller than pints must be processed according to pint processing guidelines.
7. Preserved meats must be refrigerated at all times and must be transported frozen or packed on ice.
8. Products will not be returned to the member at the conclusion of the show.
9. All meat samples are to be displayed on a plastic plate in a clear, Ziploc bag. Minimum display size shall be:
  - a. 3 ounces of jerked meat product.
  - b. 2 Meat Sticks (min. 6” in length, max 25 mm casing diameter)
  - c. 3 ounces Summer Sausage (2-5” diameter casings)
10. A list of primary ingredients, herbs, spices, & additions **must be attached**.

## DIVISION – MEAT

### CLASS

- 11 Beef Jerky – Natural
- 12 Beef Jerky – Ground Meat
- 13 Other Meat Jerky – Natural (Including domesticated species of wildlife.)
- 14 Other Meat Jerky – Ground Meat (Including domesticated species of wildlife.)
- 15 Jerked Fish & Poultry
- 16 Wild Game Jerky – Natural (All wild species: Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, All Game Birds, etc.)
- 17 Wild Game Jerky – Ground Meat (All wild species: Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, All Game Birds, etc.)

- 21 Beef Snack Sticks
- 22 Other Meat Snack Sticks (Including domesticated species of wildlife.)
- 23 Meat & Cheese Sticks
- 24 Poultry Snack Sticks
- 25 Wild Game Snack Sticks (All Species, Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, All Game Birds, etc.)
- 31 Beef Summer Sausage
- 32 Other Meat Summer Sausage (Including domesticated species of wildlife.)
- 33 Meat & Cheese Summer Sausage
- 34 Poultry Summer Sausage
- 35 Wild Game Summer Sausage (All Species: Deer, Elk, Antelope, Moose, All Game Birds, etc.)

### **DIVISION – FRUITS**

#### CLASS

- 11 Jelly
- 12 Jam
- 13 Sauce
- 14 Juice
- 15 Freeze Dried
- 16 Dehydrated
- 17 Leather
- 18 Canned, any other

### **DIVISION – VEGETABLES**

#### CLASS

- 11 Pickles, canned, cucumbers
- 12 Pickles, canned, all other
- 13 Salsa
- 14 Relish
- 16 Dehydrated herbs
- 14 Canned, any other

### **EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

*Exhibits are in Theater, attached to FFA Hall.*

1. All exhibits must meet size requirements and be education in design and function.
2. A member or group of members from the same chapter can exhibit one item per class.
3. A member or group of members from the same chapter may prepare an educational display on any part of the Agricultural/Agriscience instructional program. Examples of displays are: pipe fitting exercise, electrical displays, livestock information, crop information, horticulture practices, model buildings, model feed lots, etc.
4. Each educational display must convey a clear message that informs the observer and be of an Agricultural Education pathway (Wedding Planner, Dentist, and Physician, etc. are not agricultural careers).
5. Front to back printing of PowerPoints, etc. is considered two pages.
6. A display board cannot be on 'poster board'. It must be on a hard-board material, bi-fold, or tri-fold.
7. If a poster display does not meet size requirements it will be dropped a ribbon or disqualified. This will be determined by the superintendent.
8. Tags must be placed on the front of a display.
9. **Educational Display Scoring Criteria:**  
Information Presented – Mounting Method Used – Time Taken to Prepare Item

**DIVISION – AGRISCIENCE, ECOLOGY &  
NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCES**

CLASS

- 10 Computer Generated Poster Displays (maximum size 22" x 28" minimum size 11" x 17"). A poster display that conveys a clear message to inform the observer. (Examples: see lot 11) Includes brochures to be exhibited.
- 10a Hand Drawn Poster Displays (maximum size 22" x 28" minimum size 11" x 17"). A poster display that conveys a clear message to inform the observer. (Examples: see lot 11) Includes brochures to be exhibited.
- 11 Notebook or Scrapbook display and Computer-Generated Identification Aids – a collection (minimum 10 pages) of information on a specific theme. Examples: domestic animals, wildlife, weeping watersheds, prairie potholes, aquatic plants, waterfowl nesting structures, habitat planning, bird and bat houses, forest production, soils, grazing management plans, insects, animal or plant anatomy, gardening plans, breeds of livestock, etc. Information must be presented to convey a clear message to the observer. No PowerPoints.
- 12 Identification Aids (10 examples) Once living material, one example per page. Items are made to assist in identifying, or as examples of type. Examples: Range, Crop or Weed mounts, Crop Pest Collections, Leaf Mounts etc. each item is individually mounted and identified.
- 13 Educational Agribusiness Set – a set of 20 or more samples and cost breakdown to assist in budgeting for a project and/or event. Examples: floral arrangements and corsage & boutonnieres examples and cost for a wedding, anniversary, funeral, etc. Landscape plants, flowers, trees, shrubs, etc. for a landscaping project. Note: Must contain 20 samples that focus on the agricultural aspect of the event/project.
- 14 Educational Aid Set – a set of once living materials, a collection of 20 or more samples. Example: set of range, crop, or weed mounts or seed sets, set of market factors for soybeans, wheat, and barley. Each sample is labeled and identified and mounted on pages or in display units less than 2' x 2'
- 15 Computer Generated Board Displays (2' x 2' or larger). Items mounted on hardboard display board(s), bi-fold or tri-fold tabletop displays, or bulletin boards. **Each must convey a clear message to the observer.**
- 15a Hand Drawn Board Displays (2' x 2' or larger). Items mounted on hardboard display board(s), bi-fold or tri-fold tabletop displays, or bulletin boards. **Each must convey a clear message to the observer.**
- 16 Wildlife Habitat Improvement Structures – exhibit item along with information on the value of this exhibit to ecology. Example: Nesting structure composed of natural or recycled materials.
- 17 3-D Displays and Models. Items created for an educational purpose. Example: Dioramas, anatomical structures, educational aids, etc.

**DIVISION – LANDSCAPE AND FARMSTEAD**

1. All plans are to be drawn on any weight paper, minimum size 11" x 17", maximum 22" x 28".
2. All designs are to include a complete key or legend identifying the materials used in the drawing, including the scale used in the drawing.
3. The evaluation of the design by the judge will be based on the following:
  - a. Neatness
  - b. Plant Selection
  - c. Plant/Building Arrangements
  - d. Completeness
  - e. Must be drawn to scale. The landscape designs must be an original design.
4. Farmstead plans should also include: Building/Enterprise Area Identification, Plant & Materials legend, and a Moderate landscape plan of all appropriate

buildings.

**CLASS**

- 20 Special Feature/Site Plan
- 21 Computer Generated Design
- 22 Landscape Design
- 23 Farmstead Plan

**DIVISION – SAFETY EXHIBITS**

**CLASS**

- 30 Poster (minimum 11"x 17" size, maximum 22" x 28") detailing agricultural safety topic such as: agricultural mechanics, food science, and animal science.
- 31 Exhibit details farm & shop safety hazards & corrective/preventive measures.
- 34 Board Display or 3-D Display (2' x 2' or larger) Items/information mounted on hardboard display board(s), bi-fold or tri-fold tabletop displays, bulletin boards. Also, may include: wiring or plumbing walls with labeling of parts, description of type of controls or pipe joinery methods, etc. Each must convey a clear message to the observer.

**DIVISION – TECHNOLOGY EDUCATIONAL**

**CLASS**

- 40 Posters (minimum 11" x 17", maximum 22" x 28") that details ag mechanics technology and informs the observer.
- 41 Computer Aided Drafted Plans – project plans prepared using a computer drafting program.
- 42 Mechanical/Computer Drafted Plans & Project Display – project plans display would consist of an exhibit that provides all the necessary information to complete this project. If it does not have all six areas, it will be judged as class 41 or disqualified if deemed it does not fit in that class. It would include:
  - a. An original, quality, draw-to-scale plan
  - b. A bill of materials with costs
  - c. A detailed set of directions to follow in construction of project.
  - d. All materials contained within a folder or scrapbook to include drawings and title based on intended use.
  - e. The finished product (if practical.)
  - f. CNC Created Items: Coding
- 44 Board Displays/Technology Displays (2' x 2' or larger) bi-fold or tri-fold, tabletop or bulletin board display of agricultural mechanics technology use, equipment etc., and must include information/instructions that inform the observer. Examples: wood types, knots, engine parts, computer components, electricity, etc.
- 47 Model Buildings – member or group of members from the same chapter may prepare and display model buildings and/or feeder lots as a part of the model buildings educational displays. Indicate scale used in construction of model buildings. Labeling of parts, itemization of costs of full-scale building, etc. is required to enhance the educational value of these displays. Judges may divide this group into sub-lots based on construction. Model footprint = 120 – 480 square inches.
- 48 Large Model Buildings – member or group of members from the same chapter may prepare and display model buildings and/or feeder lots as a part of the model buildings educational displays. Indicate scale used in construction of model buildings. Labeling of parts, itemization of costs of full-scale building, etc. is required to enhance the educational value of these displays. Judges may divide this group into sub-lots based on construction. Model footprint = greater than 480 square inches.

## **DIVISION – CHAPTER LEADERSHIP**

### **CLASS**

- 50 Poster Displays or SAE scrapbooks (minimum size 11" x 17", maximum size 22" x 28") that clearly informs the observer about FFA Activities, Ag Careers, SAE programs, etc., that are the result of a student's research, experiences, or program participation.
- 53 Proficiency or Career Presentations – members may prepare a presentation of activities associated with their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience Program) leading toward application for proficiency awards. Indicate proficiency area of interest. Career presentations may be exhibited that are the result of a student's investigation of a specific agricultural career. Presentations must be at least 10 pages.
- 58 Large Displays, Chapter Displays, or an Official Chapter Scrapbook Display showing FFA in action, that promote the local chapter, are used to recruit members, or demonstrate an aspect of agriculture, agriscience, etc. May be mounted on boards, tabletop display, and include photos, pamphlets, etc.
- 59 Chapter Educational Display - made by an FFA member or chapter that informs the public about value-adding agricultural industry in North Dakota. The display should be the result of researching and documenting a specific aspect of the ag industry, or a specific value adding company or process such as: Pasta Processing, Sugar beet Processing, Bison Processing, Potato Processing, Straw-board Manufacturing, Equipment Manufacturing, etc. (4' x 6' minimum size)

## **DIVISION – TEACHING AIDES**

### **CLASS**

- 60 Agricultural related PowerPoints containing a minimum of 10 or more subject matter content slides. In addition to, each exhibit must contain a title slide and a minimum of one correctly works cited/sources slide.
- 62 Agricultural related PowerPoints containing a minimum of 20 or more subject matter content slides. In addition to, each exhibit must contain a title slide and a minimum of one correctly works cited/sources slide.

## **DIVISION – AGRISCIENCE FAIR**

The exhibits provide the opportunity for students who are studying the application of scientific principles and emerging technologies in Agriculture to achieve recognition for their accomplishments in Agriscience. Students are provided the opportunity to display Agriscience projects that are products of their Agriscience courses and exhibit an agriculture theme. The categories represent the National FFA Agriscience Fair Categories. Specific rules/guidelines for Agriscience project displays are available on the National FFA website ([www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)). Agriscience displays must include the following: 1. Question 2. Procedure 3. Conclusion

### **CLASS**

- SF1 This class is for FFA members who have completed grades 7 and 8 in the previous school term.
- SF2 This class is for FFA members who have completed grades 9 and 10 in the previous school term.
- SF3 This class is for FFA members who have completed grades 11 and 12 in the previous school term.
- SF1T This class is for teams of two FFA members who have completed grades 7 and 8 in the previous school term.
- SF2T This class is for teams of two FFA members who have completed grades 9 and 10 in the previous school term.
- SF3T This class is for teams of two FFA members who have completed grades 11 and 12 in the previous school term.

## Categories

- A. Animal Systems
- B. Environmental Services/Natural Resource Systems
- C. Food Products and Processing Systems
- D. Plant Systems
- E. Power, Structural and Technical Systems
- F. Social Science

## Display Rules

1. The display must consist of a stable, free-standing display board on the provided table top not to exceed the provided dimensions: 36” high (from top of table to top of display), 48” wide, 30” deep (the distance from front to back). No props, logbooks, handouts, or electronics are permitted. No tablets, iPads, cell phones, or other electronic devices will be permitted.
2. A team is a maximum of two members working cooperatively on the same project. Displays must reflect the current year’s work only and shall be the result of the student(s) own efforts. Successive year projects must indicate change or growth in the project from the previous year(s) in the project log books.
3. Exhibits are to be labeled by class and category. Example: SFJ – A equals a 7 and 8 grade exhibit in Animal Systems. All projects must have the following information attached to the upper right-hand corner of the exhibit: Name of person(s) responsible for developing the project, Chapter Name, State, Class entered, and Category entered.
4. See the National FFA Agriscience Fair Handbook for required project components and display safety rules. The handbook, application etc. is located on the National FFA website ([www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org)).
5. One Grand and Reserve Champion overall Agriscience Fair Exhibit will be selected.

## **FIELD CROP DEPARTMENT**

*Crop exhibits are located in FFA Hall.*

### **DIVISION – GRAIN SHEAVES**

1. All grain sheaves must be prepared from the **2025 or 2026** crop.
2. Members can exhibit one item per class.
3. **Entry Description Required:** Enter the variety. Enter the crop and variety for the miscellaneous/other classes.

**To make a small grain sheaf** - Select uniform high-quality plants and cut them off close to the roots so as to get the full length of the straw. Spread the grain plants out in a sheltered area and allow to dry for one day. Strip off all leaves, taking care not to break the straw in handling. Form a core of 30 to 40 stems, and then place the other stems around the core to form a sheaf with a seven – nine-inch circumference (around) at a point halfway between the heads and the butt. Sheaves measuring under seven inches circumference will be disqualified. Tie the bundle firmly in at least three places, using cord which will not cut the straw. Form the crown (head) in a rounded shape by moving the core up and down. Cut off the butt squarely. Tie ribbon around the sheaf (covering the cord) and hang the sheaf with heads down until exhibited.

**To make a forage/hay sheaf/bundle** – Select the leafiest type to be found in the field and cut close to the ground. Do not strip a single leaf or branch from the stem as forage should retain its color and leaves. In making up show bundles, select those individual stems that have retained the most and best leaves with their color. Make bundles from four to six inches in diameter (across) or 9 - 12 inches in circumference (around) at a point halfway up the stem. Tie securely in three or four places. Sheaves/bundles measuring under nine inches in circumference will be disqualified. For forage judged on seed production, select stalks showing maximum seed development. Do not present samples which are excessively dry.

**Field corn, Sunflower** – corn sheaves must contain six stalks tied in four places. Sunflower sheaves must contain six stalks with leaves stripped and again tied in four places. (remove roots)

**Crambe/Canola** – displayed with lower leaves stripped, seven – nine-inch circumference, tie in three places.

**Safflower** – sheaves must contain at least 12 stalks with lower leaves stripped. Tie in three places.

**Field Beans, Soybeans, Field Peas** – Leaves should remain on the stem and the bundle should be 10 to 12 inches in circumference. Tie the bundle in three places.

**Flax** – Strip lower leaves only

## DIVISION – GRAIN SHEAVES

### CLASS

- 11 Hard Red Spring Wheat
- 12 Hard Red Winter Wheat
- 13 Durum Wheat
- 14 Flax
- 15 Barley
- 16 Oats
- 17 Rye
- 18 Field Corn (6 stalks)
- 19 Field Beans
- 20 Canola
- 21 Field Peas
- 22 Soybeans
- 23 Other Crops – **Entry Description: Enter Crop & Variety**

The following forage sheaves will be judged for forage/hay production.

### CLASS

- 31 Alfalfa
- 32 Sweet clover
- 33 Brome grass
- 34 Other grasses
- 35 Sudan grass
- 36 Miscellaneous forage production-**Entry Description: Enter Crop & Variety**

The following sheaves will be judged for seed production.

### CLASS

- 41 Alfalfa for seed
- 42 Sweet clover for seed
- 43 Grasses for seed
- 44 Sunflower (6 stalks-leaves stripped)
- 45 Miscellaneous seed production – **Entry Description: Enter Crop & Variety**

## DIVISION – THRESHED GRAIN

1. All grain exhibits must be grown in **2024 or 2025** and be prepared by the exhibitor.
2. Members can exhibit one item per class.
3. Members are eligible to exhibit grain produced as part of their SAE program. First year members and other members who did not produce grain as a part of their SAE program may prepare and exhibit one grain sample in each crop area.
4. **Entry Description Required:** Enter the variety. Enter the crop and variety for the miscellaneous/other classes.
5. Entry size: one quart

6. Ziploc bags are preferred for display. Acceptable seal bags for display must be new, clean, and clear (bag brand name is face down, clear side up with entry tag).

## CLASS

- 51 Hard Red Spring Wheat
- 52 Hard Red Winter Wheat
- 53 Durum Wheat
- 54 Flax
- 55 Malting Barley
- 56 Feed Barley (includes 2-row)
- 57 Oats
- 58 Rye
- 59 Soybean
- 60 Field Peas
- 61 Pinto Beans
- 62 White Beans, or MSC (colored) edible field beans
- 63 Black Turtle Beans
- 64 MISC Legumes (Alfalfa, Sweet clover, Lentils, Lupines, etc.)
- 65 Grasses
- 66 Millet
- 67 Shelled Corn
- 68 Sunflower (Confectionery varieties)
- 69 Sunflower (Oil varieties)
- 70 Canola
- 71 Crambe
- 72 Miscellaneous (5 or more entries constitute a separate sub-class) – **Entry Description: Enter Crop & Variety**

## FLORICULTURE DEPARTMENT

*Exhibits are in Theater, attached to FFA Hall.*

1. Live plants, either floral or foliage, may be used in making floral arrangements. Live plants may be used entirely or in conjunction with dried, artificial, or fresh cut flowers and materials. Arrangements must be prepared by the member.
2. Floral arrangements may be prepared before arrival or at the exhibit site. The flowers may be purchased or grown by the exhibitor. Dried or silk exhibits may only be shown once at the NDSF.
3. An 'arrangement' is expected to be in oasis or foam. Flowers in a vase are to be arranged loosely in the proper vase.
4. Aesthetics, wearability, functionality, and the container will be taken into placing consideration.
5. **Arrangement types need to be designated under Entry Description.** The arrangement types are: round, oval, fan, triangle, right angle, inverted-T, vertical, horizontal, diagonal, crescent, Hogarth curve.
6. If there are special instructions for live plants, please leave with the arrangement.
7. All exhibit tags **must be attached** to the container and not laid on the flowers.
8. All corsages and boutonnieres **must be displayed** in a designated clear plastic flower box or plastic floral bag. **No Ziploc plastic bags or similar brand name of a seal bag.**
9. A bud vase must include 1 single stem flower with filler and greenery or 2-3 single stem flowers with filler and greenery. A bud vase must be used.
10. Bouquets must be handheld, a bouquet displayed in a vase or jar is still a bouquet.
11. Centerpieces should be no taller than 12 inches from the bottom of the vase to the top of the arrangement and viewable from all sides.
12. Artificial includes silk, plastic, foam, and paper flowers and greenery.
13. Dried/Natural includes dried, pressed, wood, persevered flowers and greenery.

## DIVISION – DRIED/NATURAL

### CLASS

- 46 Wall Hanging
- 48 Arrangement

## DIVISION – MIXED MEDIA

### CLASS

- 53 Boutonniere
- 54 Corsage
- 55 Small Arrangement
- 56 Wall Hanging
- 57 Wristlet/Hairpiece
- 58 Large Arrangement – >10” Vase

## DIVISION – FRESH FLORAL

### CLASS

- 61 Single Bud Vase
- 62 2-3 Bud Vase
- 63 Boutonniere
- 64 Corsage
- 65 Small Arrangement
- 67 Wristlet/Hairpiece
- 68 Large Arrangement – >10” Vase

## DIVISION – ARTIFICIAL

### CLASS

- 71 Single Bud Vase
- 72 2-3 Bud Vase
- 73 Boutonniere
- 74 Corsage
- 75 Small Arrangement
- 76 Wall Hanging
- 77 Wristlet/Hairpiece
- 78 Large Arrangement – >10” Vase

## DIVISION – EVENT/SPECIALTY

### CLASS

- 80 Tropical Arrangement
- 86 Wedding Arch/Wall Hanging
- 88 Centerpiece
- 89 Bouquet

## HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

*Exhibits are in the Lower Concourse NDSF Atrium.*

1. A member may exhibit more than one significantly different project or plant in the same class. This excludes plants of the same species. Ex: Red Geraniums and White Geraniums are not significantly unlike, but Variegated Peperomia and Watermelon Peperomia are different species. All members are eligible to participate in all classes. Remove all stickers/ribbons from previous shows.
2. Chapters are limited to exhibiting 15 plants per member.
3. Tags placed on plants need to have an FFA member name & common plant name.
4. **Inspectors will evaluate plants before they are judged and placed on display.** All plants will go through a quality check point before placement on tables for judging and display. If a plant is disqualified for a quality concern and is in a flat, the entire flat that the plant was transported in will be disqualified. The plants that

do not meet the quality standards will not be allowed to remain in the NDSF Atrium and must be taken home or disposed of.

5. **Exhibits must be properly prepared and must meet the following criteria:**
  - a. Plants must be in the ownership of the member exhibiting the plants for the three months prior to the NDSF.
  - b. Pot size minimum is 3½”.
  - c. One parent plant per pot.
  - d. Plants must be well rooted in a container appropriate for the size of the plant and able to stand freely.
  - e. Plants must not be root-bound or pot-bound.
  - f. Plants must be clean of dead foliage, flowers, and stems.
  - g. Plants must be free of weeds, diseases, insects, and insect damage.
  - h. The plant exhibit is judged on the quality of the plant and display.
  - i. Plant vegetation must fill the pot according to the size of the pot.
  - j. Use 8” plastic stakes. No soda straws.
  - k. Staple the entry tag upside down and directly above the exhibitor number.
  - l. 2” of the plastic stake should be covered. Do not damage the barcode.
  - m. Align entry tags back-to-back in rows in the flats. A 3x6 flat should only have two rows of tags and a 4x5 flat should have two rows of five.
6. Project class designation may be changed by the superintendent. Appeals concerning class placement, awards or disqualifications must be made within 24 hours upon completion of judging.
7. All plants must arrive by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 16**
8. Each class may be assigned a Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbon upon the discretion of the Horticulture Superintendent.

### **DIVISION– POTTED PLANTS**

#### **CLASS**

- 11 Small Indoor Flowering (Kalanchoe, African Violet, etc. in <5.5” pot)
- 12 Small Outdoor Flowering (Geranium, Begonia, etc. in <5.5” pot)
- 14 Medium Indoor Flowering (Kalanchoe, African Violet etc. in 5.5” or > pot)
- 15 Medium Outdoor Flowering (Geranium, Begonia, etc. in 5.5” or > pot)

### **DIVISION – PATIO/DECK PLANTER**

#### **CLASS**

- 21 Single Variety Patio Pot > 8” inch pot – 1 or 2 species
- 24 Planter – Foliage or Flowering minimum 3 species & less than 115 sq. in.
- 25 Planter – Succulent minimum 3 species & less than 115 sq. in.
- 26 Large succulent, flowering, or foliage planter – minimum 4 species & more than 115 sq. in.

### **DIVISION – CACTUS & SUCCULENTS (potted)**

#### **CLASS**

- 31 Small Cactus – < 5.5” pot, < 12” vegetative total height
- 32 Small Succulents – ex. Jade – <5.5” pot
- 33 Christmas/Easter/Thanksgiving Cactus – <5.5” pot
- 34 Medium Cactus – 5.5” pot or greater, <24” vegetative total height
- 35 Large Succulents – 5.5” pot or greater
- 36 Large Cactus – 5.5” pot or greater, >24” vegetative total height
- 37 Grafted Cactus – Must be grafted by the member.

### **DIVISION – FOLIAGE PLANTS (potted)**

#### **CLASS**

- 41 Small Foliage Plants – < 5.5” pot

- 45 Medium Foliage – 5.5" – 12" pot & 12" – 24" vegetative growth  
 46 Large Foliage – > 12" pot & > 24" vegetative growth

### **DIVISION – LIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

#### **CLASS**

- 56 Terrariums  
 57 Mini Gardens (> 144 sq.in.) (ex. Fairy Gardens, minimum of 4 species, must include decorations).  
 58 Bonsai

### **DIVISION – HANGING BASKETS**

#### **CLASS**

- 64 Indoor Hanging Basket (Pothos, Spider Plant, etc. and must be able to hang)  
 65 Outdoor Flowering Hanging Basket (Ivy Geranium, Fuchsia etc. and must be able to hang)

## **LIVESTOCK & STATIC LIVESTOCK DEPARTMENT**

### **North Dakota State Fair Officials**

**FFA General Manager:** Cam Young

**FFA Assistant General Managers:** Amanda Huettl & Melissa Hansen

**4-H General Manager:** Samantha Lahman

**4-H Assistant General Manager:** Kasi Holm

#### **BEEF**

Kurt Froelich  
 Tessa Osterbauer  
 Audra Montgomery  
 Christine Fannik

#### **DAIRY**

Sarah Bedgar  
 William Fritz  
 Brooke Kunz

#### **MEAT GOAT/DAIRY GOAT**

Bailey Hawbaker  
 Rachel Gibbs  
 Kelly Leo  
 Ashley Bachmeier  
 Jason Mongeon

#### **POULTRY**

Bethany Gates  
 Jared Lovro  
 Rebecca Schmidt

#### **RABBIT**

Sara Clemens  
 Jared Lovro  
 Rebecca Sanders

#### **SHEEP**

Sam Poland  
 Ashley Ueckert  
 Travis Binde  
 Kristi Tonnessen  
 Hailey Filipek

#### **SWINE**

Emily Casner  
 Bailey Schroeder  
 Kirsten Kukla  
 Iris Dukart  
 Cora Smith

### **Membership Requirements**

1. Eligible participants must be enrolled as a 4-H member OR FFA member in the state of North Dakota.
  - a. **FFA Requirement:** Students enrolled in 2025-2026 agricultural education classes, or a graduate of, and are listed on the FFA membership roster are eligible to exhibit. A

student who will be enrolled in a class and become an FFA member in the fall of 2026 is not eligible to participate if they do not meet the requirements in the previous statement.

- b. **4-H Requirement:** Youth ages 8-18 must be enrolled as an active member in at least one club in a ND County in the 2025-2026 year.
2. The FFA and 4-H Code of Ethics will be followed. Use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, e-cigarettes, and illegal drugs will not be tolerated, and members are subject to disqualification and forfeiture of awards and premiums.

### **Entry of Livestock Entries**

#### **4-H Member**

If you are an active member of 4-H and are participating in a County Fair or Achievement Day, your livestock entries will be promoted by your NDSU Extension County Agent prior to the deadline established by the NDSF.

#### **FFA Member**

If you are an active member of an FFA chapter who is NOT participating in a 4-H division at a County Fair or Achievement Day, your livestock exhibits MUST be entered by the chapter FFA advisor into FairEntry at [www.fairentry.com](http://www.fairentry.com), prior to the deadline established by the NDSF.

### **International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics**

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

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine 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 shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and 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 show 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, confirmation 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.

### **Quality Assurance Training Requirements for Participants**

**All 4-H & FFA livestock exhibitors at the North Dakota State Fair must have completed education in a quality assurance program. This requirement may be met through the following channels:**

1. Completing an online or in-person certification for the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) yearly.
2. Completing the certification for in-person Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) on a three-year basis.
3. Completion of an industry-offered quality assurance program such as Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) or Pork Quality Assurance (PQA).
4. Member of an accredited FFA chapter and have completed a formal agricultural course in the school.

### **Exhibitor Expectations**

1. Read all general rules and guidelines for exhibitors and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics. Your entry certifies you and your parents or guardians have read, understand and agree to the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics.
2. All animal owners are responsible for the welfare of their animals. Exhibitors are expected to provide adequate feed, water, bedding and housing for the comfort of their animals. Exhibitors are responsible for making arrangements for appropriate care if they are unable to be present.
3. The humane treatment of animals is expected, and abuse will not be tolerated. The comfort and safety of the animal must be addressed throughout the fair. Non-stressed animals will perform better for the handler. Exhibitors are expected to handle their animals in a gentle and calm manner and not create undue excitement in the vicinity of other livestock or people.
4. Exhibitors must check-in with division superintendents during the posted time in the 4-H & FFA schedule of events.
5. Livestock must be owned by and entered in the name of the individual, the individual's immediate family or the individual's immediate family's ranch name.
6. Copies of registration papers must be presented at check-in with the superintendent. Exhibitors not providing documentation must show animals in a 'crossbred', 'commercial' or 'grade' class.
7. Individuals showing without ownership must present a copy of their SAE agreement from their SAE record book or their 4-H lease.
8. Animals must be shown by the exhibitor unless permission is granted by the division superintendent prior to the show. **Substitute show people must be 4-H or FFA members exhibiting livestock at the NDSF in a 4-H/FFA division and follow dress code.**
9. All participants must wear their exhibitor number during their livestock show and showmanship contests.
10. The 4-H & FFA Livestock Committee has the authority to disqualify exhibitors and entries and not award premiums for entries that are inferior

or unworthy, not properly cared for, miss show times, miss weigh-in times, and do not follow NDSF & 4-H & FFA policies.

11. Exhibitors at the ND State Fair commit to the schedule and timeframe of exhibition as documented in the NDSF open class exhibit list. There will be no early releases without approval from veterinarian and state staff. All livestock exhibits must be in place and stay through the appropriate scheduled time found in the schedule of FFA & 4-H events unless arrangements are otherwise made and approved by the NDSF management.

### **Dress Code**

All livestock exhibitors (beef, dairy, dairy goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine) will be provided one exhibitor show shirt. Additional shirts will be available for purchase on a first come, first serve basis once all exhibitors have received their allotted shirt. This shirt is required to be shown during each 4-H/FFA show.

For safety, rabbit and poultry exhibitors may choose to wear a long sleeve shirt under their provided show shirt or may wear a white show coat/jacket with their provided show shirt underneath.

### **Animal Ownership**

Animals must be owned or leased and managed by the 4-H/FFA member who enters the animal.

1. Market beef animals must be owned or leased, with daily management by the exhibitor, by **March 1** of the current year.
2. Beef breeding animals and all dairy, swine, sheep and goat exhibits must be owned or leased, with daily management, by **May 1** of the current year. Any animal born after May 1 must be a progeny animal owned from the date of its birth by the exhibitor.
3. FFA Members showing animals as part of their placement SAE (without ownership) must present a copy of their SAE agreement at registration.
4. An ownership date is not established for poultry and rabbits; however, exhibitors must have the animals in their possession a minimum of 30 days before their county show or the State Fair show, whichever is held first. A May 1 guideline is suggested for all rabbits and poultry, except for those that would not be of appropriate age at that time.
5. Registered animals must be registered in the exhibitor or family's name or have a lease on file in 4hOnline or an SAE agreement on file with their chapter advisor.
6. The same animal of any livestock species may be exhibited **only once in the 4-H & FFA show (showmanship not included)**. Example: a market gilt cannot also be shown as a breeding gilt in the 4-H & FFA swine show, regardless of who is showing.
7. All livestock must be entered by May 1 by either 4-HOnline or a completed form to their FFA advisor. Those who plan to show animals in their county fair or achievement day in a 4-H division **MUST** enter their animals in 4-HOnline.

### **Trailer Loading/Unloading & Parking**

**Families exhibiting livestock in only 4-H/FFA:** A valid vehicle pass is required for gate entry to load/unload animals. Passes must be requested in advance of the first day of the fair and will not be available for purchase at the gate. The vehicle pass will only be used to load/unload livestock and tack during entry and release times. Vehicles in the loading/unloading area without passes will be towed at the owner's expense. Livestock load/unload vehicle passes will be limited to one per family and can be requested on the [ndstatefair.com](http://ndstatefair.com) website. Livestock trailers and livestock vehicles will be required to park off grounds. Tack stored off grounds can only be unloaded from 6 to 10 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Camper vehicles can park

in assigned camping lot with appropriate passes purchased in advance.

A Livestock Load/Unload Pass and a Camping Pass for the NDSF is available on a reservation only basis prior to the first day of the NDSF. Early completion of both pass requests at [www.ndstatefair.com](http://www.ndstatefair.com) is highly recommended.

All 4-H & FFA members must be accompanied by their advisor, agent, parent, or legal guardian.

Due to limited parking space at the NDSF, all FFA chapters who want to leave a trailer(s) during the week of the NDSF will be required to park off grounds. The free parking lot is located east of the NDSF – East of 27th St. SE. in the Industrial Lot – North Side of 4th Ave. SE.

### Stalls, Pens and Cages

Participants are responsible for registering livestock for Open/Jr. classes, either online or with a paper entry form. For animals showing in **both** 4-H/FFA and Open/Jr. classes, you must **check the 4-H/FFA box** and **list the class number** on the open class registration/stall reservation form. This will ensure your animal's stall throughout the 4-H/FFA show as well.

1. Livestock exhibited in the 4-H/FFA division must be housed in the facilities provided for 4-H/FFA livestock exhibits unless permission is granted by the division superintendent prior to entering. Upon arrival at the fair, check in at the Livestock Expo barn, rabbit barn office or poultry barn superintendent table to get stall or pen assignments.
2. No fans or fan stands of any type are allowed in the barn aisles.
3. Exhibitors furnish all feed and bedding (except for rabbit and poultry). Hay and straw may be purchased on the grounds.
4. Livestock tie-out is at 6:30 p.m. Livestock must be back in the barns by 8:00 a.m.
5. Hay and straw may be purchased at the NDSF. Beef stalled in the Expo Barn must use wood chip or sand bedding provided by the NDSF for 4-H/FFA Exhibitors. No straw will be allowed in beef stalls.

### Veterinary Inspection

1. All animals will be inspected by the NDSF veterinarian prior to exiting the trailer.
2. Animals showing evidence of infectious eye or skin lesions will be dismissed at any time during the fair. Warts and ringworm are contagious diseases, and the North Dakota State Fair does not allow participation of these animals unless they are fully recovered. Animals presented with warts or ringworm will not be allowed to unload.
3. No health certificate is required for in-state sheep. Rams 12 months of age and older that have crossed state lines must have an approved Brucella ovis test or the flock of origin must have a negative Brucella ovis status. All sheep except market wether lambs must have a scrapie identification tag. For complete health requirements, see the open class exhibit list.
4. North Dakota residents: A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for all animals being purchased or transported from outside of North Dakota at the time of their importation.
5. Non-North Dakota residents: A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required to be issued within 30 days of travel for all livestock intending to exhibit at the NDSF that are coming from outside the state of North Dakota. Further requirements for entry into North Dakota (including accepted forms of identification) can be found at the North Dakota State Board of Animal Health (BoAH) website at [Animal Movement and Importation Requirements](#) | North Dakota Department of Agriculture or call 701-328-2655. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to adhere to any and all requirements set forth by the BoAH for animals entering North Dakota.

a. **Decisions made by the fair veterinarian are final.**

**NDSF Drug Policy**

The Drug Screen Policy will be enforced at the 2026 State Fair. Grand and Reserve Champion market beef, swine, lamb and goats will be subjected to a drug screen immediately following completion of judging. This drug screen may include tests for detection of the following: (1) Steroids (2) Tranquilizers (3) Antibiotics (4) Diuretics (5) Sulfas (6) Non-Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) (7) Stimulants. Any animal with a positive test will be deemed unworthy and penalized as follows:

First Offense: Withholding of premiums and one-year suspension from show that was tested in

Second Offense: One-year suspension from showing the affected species and premiums withheld

Third Offense: Grounds for permanent removal from exhibition privileges for the following year with premiums withheld

If for some reason an exhibitor has an animal that has been administered any drug within 45 days of the show, the exhibitor must present a veterinarian's signed statement to the specie superintendent at arrival check in. This statement must include:

- (1) Reason for treatment
- (2) Antibiotics used plus dosage and frequency
- (3) Date of last treatment.

**4-H/FFA Livestock ID Requirements**

Registered animals MUST show registration papers at the time of livestock check-in. Registered animals without papers will be shown as commercial.

**BEEF PROJECT**

Type of Beef	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Breeding Heifer Calves or Yearlings	None	Varies by class	- Individual Official USDA 840 ear tag <u>or</u> - Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (If registered). - Entered in 4-HOnline or with FFA Advisor
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)			
Spring Bull Calf			
Spring Steer Calf			
Market Steers & Heifers, or Dairy Steers	Recommended minimum weight of 1000 lbs. Recommended maximum of 1500 lbs for market beef and 1600 lbs for dairy steer		

**DAIRY CATTLE PROJECT**

Type of Dairy Cattle	Show Weight Expectation	ID Required for NDSF Participation
All Dairy	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual Official USDA 840 ear tag or USDA Silver tag <u>or</u></li> <li>- Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (If <u>registered</u>).</li> <li>- Entered in 4-HOnline or with FFA Advisor</li> </ul>

### GOAT PROJECT

Type of Goat	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Dairy Doe, Yearling, Milker, or Dry	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Does &amp; bucks official scrapies ID tattoo <u>or</u> scrapies tag</li> <li>*Breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS may use their 'breed registration tattoo' in lieu of a scrapie tag.</li> <li>- Wethers require either an official scrapies ID tattoo or tag or an official USDA 840 ear tag (not required to be scrapies)</li> <li>- Entered in 4-HOnline or with FFA Advisor</li> </ul>
Dairy Buck			
Market Wether	Required minimum weight of 40 lbs. Required maximum weight of 110 lbs.	Less than 1 year of age at time of show" *market does and wethers must have all 8 temporary incisors ("milk teeth")	
Meat Doe, Yearling or Two-year-old	None	Varies by class	
Meat Buck	None		

### POULTRY PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Suggestions	Hatch Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Poultry— All	Market Chicken maximum weight should not exceed 10 pounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Market poultry <u>except</u> market chickens - Suggested hatch of February 1 or later</li> <li>- Market chickens recommended to be shown at 7-9 weeks of age</li> <li>- Egg production chickens - Suggested that birds are at or near production</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Leg or wing band with ID number (likely will receive band at county fair)</li> <li>ALL POULTRY MUST</li> <li>1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock <u>or</u></li> <li>2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions <u>or</u></li> <li>3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a</li> </ul>

			Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329). - Optional to enter in 4-HOnline
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### RABBIT PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Suggestions	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Breeding Bucks & Does	None	Varies by class	-Tattoo, Left ear -Optional to enter in 4-HOnline
Market Rabbit	Suggested minimum weight of 3.5 lbs.	Please refer to each market lot for weight suggestions and requirements.	-*Rabbit without tattoos that best fit the criteria of a pet should be shown in the Pet class

### SHEEP PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Expectation Suggestions	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Ewes & Ewe Lambs	None	- Ewes and Rams official scrapies ID tattoo <u>or</u> scrapies tag (with animal # & flock #) - Wethers require either an official scrapies ID tattoo or tag or an official USDA 840 ear tag (not required to be scrapies)
Rams & Ram Lambs		
Market Ewe & Wether Lamb	Suggested minimum weight of 105 lbs. Suggested maximum of 170 lbs.	- Entered in 4-H Online or with FFA Advisor

### SWINE PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	State Show Weight Requirements	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation
Breeding Gilts	Crossbred gilts maximum weight of 385 lbs.	Varies by class	- Official USDA 840 ear tag - Ear notches in both ears utilizing Universal Ear Notch System matching registration papers (if registered) - Entered in 4-H Online or with FFA Advisor
Market Gilts & Barrows	Required minimum weight of 220 lbs. Required maximum weight of 300 lbs.		

## Showmanship & Round-Robin Showmanship Contest

All exhibitors may enter the showmanship competition.

1. Exhibitors must show their own animals in showmanship classes, and the animals also must be shown in another 4-H/FFA class.
2. The animal that is shown in the original heat of their showmanship class must continue to be shown throughout the remainder of the showmanship competition. Superintendents have the right to make executive decisions on animal substitutions when the safety and welfare of the animals are in questions. Example: extreme heat.
3. **Showmanship will be held at the beginning of each species show. The order will be Legacy, Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and then Advanced.**
4. The animal shown in showmanship classes and the round robin must be the same animal shown by the exhibitor winning their respective division.
5. Two participants will be selected from each age division for the round-robin contest.
6. Round Robin Showmanship contestants will be divided into lots by age in advanced, senior, intermediate and junior divisions.
  - a. Advanced: 17-19
  - b. Senior: 14-16
  - c. Intermediate: 11-13
  - d. Junior: 8-10

**\*Age is determined by their age as of September 1 the previous year.**

7. A round-robin showmanship contest will be held for each age division as noted in the schedule. Two participants will be selected for the round-robin contest from each of these shows: beef, dairy, dairy goat, goat, sheep and swine.
8. An exhibitor qualifying in more than one species must declare which will be used for the round-robin.

## Premiums

Premiums are paid on classes in the exhibit list on the basis of points as outlined below.

Premiums will be paid and mailed in September. Adjustment to points/premium will be made when necessary as determined by 4-H/FFA and State Fair management.

Premiums are based on the funds appropriated by the North Dakota Legislature. The state provides only the premiums at the State Fair; all other operational funds are derived from the fair's income.

## Livestock Premiums

Premiums will be awarded for blue, red and white ribbons. Additional premiums will be awarded to those placing first in market classes and breeding animals receiving champion or reserve champion.

Showmanship premiums also will be awarded on blue, red and white ribbons.

Premium amounts will vary between species and animal type.

## Special Premiums and/or Awards

**The Herdsman Award** provides participants with the opportunity to be recognized for their outstanding agricultural ambassador characteristics, responsible behavior, mentorship, sportsmanship and high-quality work while taking care of their animals.

**The National Swine Registry**, 2639 Yeager Road, West Lafayette, Ind. 47906, is a consolidation of the American Yorkshire Club, Hampshire Swine Registry and United Duroc Swine Registry. The National Swine Registry offers \$100 to the owner of the champion barrow overall breeds in the on-foot show, provided the barrow is a registered Duroc, Hampshire, Landrace or Yorkshire and is from a recorded litter. The owner must provide proof of registration and a picture to

receive the award. All award winners must submit proof of registry and supply an appropriate picture to the National Swine Registry within 60 days of the show to receive their award.

**The Poland China Record Association**, Box 9758, Peoria, Illinois 61612, phone 309-691-0151, offers \$50 to the exhibitor of the champion barrow over all breeds if it is from a recorded Poland China litter and a picture of the winning entry is provided.

**The North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association** provides awards to the champion and reserve champion junior and intermediate round-robin showman.

**ND FFA Foundation** provides awards to the champion and reserve champion senior and advanced round-robin showman.

**The North Dakota Stockmen's Association** offers the champion 4-H/FFA beef showmanship awards.

**IBAND** offers the champion beef animals in the market, breeding, and cow/calf divisions a belt buckle.

## Protests

1. All protests must be made to the show management in writing by the **youth exhibitor** within four hours after the conclusion of the show or after scores are posted. Protests made prior to the show must be brought to the superintendent of the show at least two hours before the show to provide the superintendent with time to address the concern. Protests after four hours will not be considered. Show management will respond to the protest within two hours. Their decision in all cases is **final**.
2. All protests must be accompanied by a deposit of \$25 in the livestock department and \$10 in all other departments, which shall be returned to the complainant if sustained, and if the protest is not sustained, then said sum shall be forfeited.
3. No protest or appeal based upon the statement that the judge or judges are incompetent or have overlooked an animal or article will be considered by the show management.
4. Protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, with specific charges and recital of facts relied upon or the rule violated, naming witnesses by whom proof is to be made and their addresses.
5. All questions in dispute or differences not covered by these rules shall be referred to the officials of the 4-H/FFA show, whose decisions shall be final.
6. Specific reports of areas of concern should be brought to the attention of the State Fair manager.

## Animal Shows

### Division 11: 4-H/FFA Beef Cattle

1. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 12 entries per exhibitor.
2. Beef breeding classes for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. Show papers at check-in.
3. Breeds with fewer than three entries will be shown in an All Other Breeds (AOB) group.
4. Breeding classes may be split by age (if entries merit).
5. Crossbreeds, grade females of all breeds and purebred animals without registration papers will be shown as commercial heifers.
6. Calves from class 1131 also may be shown in class 1111, 1120 or 1150 but will be considered one of 12 entries for the exhibitor.

7. A champion and reserve champion heifer may be selected for each breed. A supreme overall heifer and supreme overall cow/calf pair may be selected.
8. Market steers/heifers will be shown as finished.
9. Show management will determine groupings in market classes based on weight. Following weigh-in, management will determine the groups according to weight distribution and number of animals, with no more than 10 in a group. Group divisions will be posted the evening prior to the show. Check the schedule for weigh-in times.
10. Champion and reserve champion 4-H/FFA market beef animals will be selected from those standing first or second in their weight groups.

### **Showmanship Classes**

- 1101 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1102 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1103 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1104 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1105 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Breeding Classes**

- 1111 1112 Junior heifer calf, born in 2026  
Winter heifer calf, born in November or December 2025
- 1113 Fall heifer calf, born in September or October 2025
- 1114 Late summer yearling heifer, born in July or August 2025
- 1115 Early summer yearling heifer, born in May or June 2025
- 1116 Spring yearling heifer, born in March or April 2025
- 1117 Junior yearling heifer, born in January or February 2025
- 1118 Senior yearling heifer, born September – December 2024
- 1120 Spring bull calf, born in 2026
- 1121 Bull, born 2025 or prior (Exhibitor must be 13 yrs +)
- 1131 Cow-calf pair (cow any age, calf must be born in 2026)

\*Market heifers cannot be shown in beef breeding classes.

### **Prospect Steer and Market Classes**

- 1150 Spring steer calf, born in 2026
- 1151 Market beef heifer
- 1152 Market beef steer
- 1153 Registered market beef steer

### **Division 12: 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle**

1. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 12 animals per exhibitor.
2. A champion and reserve champion female may be selected for each breed. A junior champion may be selected if five or more animals are entered in a breed from classes 1211 through 1218.
3. Dairy classes for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. Papers are required to be shown at check-in.
4. Registered breeds and multi breed crossbreeds with fewer than three entries will be shown in an All Other Breeds (AOB) group.
5. Grade females of all breeds will be shown as commercial entries.
6. Breeding classes may be split by age (if entries merit) or combined (if fewer

- than three entries) upon show manager discretion.
7. For safety concerns, all animals must be dehorned.

### **Showmanship Classes**

- 1201 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1202 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1203 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1204 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1205 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Breeding Classes**

- 1211 Spring heifer calf, born March 2026 or later
- 1212 Winter heifer, born December 2025 through February 2026
- 1213 Fall heifer, born September through November 2025
- 1214 Summer yearling heifer, born June through August 2025
- 1215 Spring yearling heifer, born March through May 2025
- 1216 Winter yearling heifer, born December 2024 through February 2025
- 1217 Fall yearling heifer, born September through November 2024
- 1218 Two-year-old, born September 2023 through August 2024
- 1219 Two-year-old in milk, born September 2024 through August 2025
- 1220 Lactating cows more than 3 years old, born before Sept. 1, 2023
- 1221 Dry cows more than 3 years old, born before Sept. 1, 2023

### **Division 13: 4-H/FFA Goats**

1. Breeding goats will be divided into two shows: 1) meat, fiber, pygmy; 2) dairy.
2. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 12 animals per exhibitor for the dairy goat show and 12 animals for the meat/fiber goat show.
3. The top two dairy goat exhibitors in showmanship and the top two meat goat exhibitors in showmanship will advance to the round-robin livestock showmanship contest.
4. Goat classes for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. Papers are to be shown at check-in. Breeds with fewer than three entries will be combined in an All Other Breeds (AOB) group.
5. Goat classes for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. Papers are to be shown at check-in.
6. Registered breeding classes may be split by age (if entries merit) or combined (if fewer than three entries) upon show manager discretion.
7. Grade animals and registered animals without papers will be shown as commercial.
8. All commercial does will be shown in heats by weight.
9. All commercial does will be weighed during market goat weigh-in.
10. Age verification on market goats will be done at the official market goat weigh-in by checking for milk teeth prior to or during the show at the superintendent's discretion.
11. A champion male and female per breed may be selected, and a junior female champion in the dairy goat division may be selected if five or more animals are entered from class 1331 through 1334.
12. Horns are not allowed on dairy goats.

### **Meat Goat Breed Show**

### **(includes fiber, pygmy and other goat types)**

Registered Boer breed classes will be divided into:

- Registered full-blood/purebred (93.75% for does and 96.875% for bucks)
- Registered percentage (minimum of 25% and less than 93.75% for does and minimum of 50% and less than 96.875% for bucks).

Guidelines are available through the ABGA.

### **Meat/Other Goat Showmanship**

Goats of other types (fiber, pygmy, etc.) will be shown with meat goats for showmanship in the exhibitor age divisions.

1301 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1302 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1303 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1304 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1305 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Classes (Other Goat)**

1309 Buck not considered meat or dairy (pygmy, fiber, etc.)

1310 Doe not considered meat or dairy (pygmy, fiber, etc.)

### **Classes (Meat Goats)**

1311 Registered doe, born on or after March 1, 2026

1312 Registered doe, born January through February 2026

1313 Registered doe, born August through December 2025

1314 Registered yearling doe, born August 2024 through July 2025

1315 Registered 2-year-old doe

1316 Registered doe more than two years old

1317 Commercial doe, any age

1320 Buck, born on or after March 1, 2026

1321 Buck, born January through February 2026

1322 Buck, born August through December 2025

### **Dairy Goat Breed Show**

Dairy goat breeds recognized by the American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) and registered commercial goats will be shown as a breed, provided at least three are entered.

### **Showmanship Classes**

1306 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1307 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1308 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1309 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1310 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Classes (Dairy Goats)**

1331 Doe, born on or after March 1, 2026

1332 Doe, born January through February 2026

1333 Doe, born August through December 2025

1334 Yearling doe born August 2023 through July 2025

\*Classes 1331 through 1334 consist of does less than 24 months of age that are

not in milk and never have freshened.

1335 Milker, under 2 years old

1336 Milker, 2 years old

1337 Milker, 3 and 4 years old

1338 Milker, 5 years and older

\*Classes 1335 through 1338 consist of any doe that is in milk.

1339 Dry doe more than 2 years old

1340 Buck, born on or after Aug. 1, 2025

### **Market Goat Show**

1. Market wether and market doe classes will be shown on the basis of weight. Following weigh-in, show management will determine the weight groups according to distribution and number of animals, with no more than 10 in each group.
2. Class weight groups will be posted. Goats standing first and second in each weight group will be considered for champion and reserve champion 4-H/FFA market goat.
3. Age verification on market goats will be done at official market goat weigh-in by checking for milk teeth prior to or during the show at the superintendent's discretion.

### **Classes (Market Goats, all breeds and types)**

1350 Market doe, any breed or crossbred (under 1 year of age at time of show)

1351 Market wether, any breed or crossbred born (under 1 year of age at time of show)

### **Division 16: 4-H/FFA Poultry**

1. Entries are limited to four per class per breed and a total of 24 entries per exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors must be present during judging. Animals will be brought to the table for show. Exceptions may be made by the judge or show superintendent.
3. Birds entered as singles will not be allowed to enter as pairs, trios, pens, etc. Market animals may not be shown in breeding classes.
4. If 5 birds in an American Poultry Association Class are registered, that class may be broken into additional groups: American, Asiatic, Continental, English, Mediterranean, All Other Standard Breeds, and Bantam.

### **Showmanship Classes**

1601 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1602 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1603 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1604 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)

1605 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Chickens – Breeding Bantams**

1611 Cockerel

1612 Pullet

1613 Trio of young birds – one male, two females

1616 Cock, more than 1 year old

1617 Hen, more than 1 year old

1618 Trio of birds, more than 1 year old – one male, two females

### **Chickens – Breeding Standard Breeds**

1621 Cockerel

- 1622 Pullet
- 1623 Trio of young birds – one male, two females
- 1626 Cock, more than 1 year old
- 1627 Hen, more than 1 year old
- 1628 Trio of birds, more than 1 year old – one male, two females

### **Chickens – Egg Production**

- 1641 Three pullets
- 1642 Three hens, more than 14 months of age

### **Chickens – Market**

- 1651 Three lightweight chickens less than 4 months of age, under 5 pounds each
- 1652 Three heavyweight chickens less than 4 months of age, more than 5 pounds each
- \*Market animals may not be shown in breeding classes.
- 1653 Single market chicken less than 4 months of age

### **Turkeys**

- 1661 Male
- 1662 Female
- 1663 Breeding pair
- 1664 Market, one bird under 1 year old

### **Geese**

- 1671 Male
- 1672 Female
- 1673 Breeding pair
- 1674 Market, one bird under 1 year old

### **Ducks**

- 1681 Male
- 1682 Female
- 1683 Breeding pair
- 1684 Market, one bird under 1 year old

### **Guineas/Hobby**

- 1691 Male
- 1692 Female

### **Pigeons**

- 1695 Male
- 1696 Female
- 1697 Breeding pair

### **Division 17: 4-H/FFA Rabbits**

1. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 24 entries per exhibitor.
2. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. **Exhibitors must be present or make arrangements to feed, water and clean cages for the animals every day until they are released at the end of the fair.** Failure to take care of your rabbit will disqualify you for the Herdsmanship Award, and there may be further consequences.
3. One rabbit per cage, unless it is a pen of three in a market class.
4. Crossbred rabbits may be entered only in market classes.
5. Champions and reserve champions may be selected in breeds with at least five entries or at the discretion of the judge. Judge may be able to select more than one animal to go on to champion drive at their discretion.

6. Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show will be selected from breed champions.
7. Use the following class codes for breeds for consistency with the other divisions. Example: 6A – American
8. Rabbits shown in the 4-H rabbit show are **NOT** to leave before rabbit checkout on Saturday, July 26. **Exhibitors leaving before designated check out will forfeit premiums.**

#### **Code Class 6 Breeds**

- 6A American
- 6B American Chinchilla
- 6C Beveran
- 6D Californian
- 6E Champagnes D'Argent
- 6F Checkered Giant
- 6G Cinnamon
- 6H Crème D'Argent
- 6I English Lop
- 6J Flemish Giant
- 6K French Lop
- 6L Giant Chinchilla
- 6M Giant Angora
- 6N Hotot
- 6O New Zealand
- 6P Palomino
- 6Q Satin
- 6R Silver Fox
- 6S All Other Class 6 Breeds (AOB)

#### **Code Class 4 Breeds**

- 4A American Fuzzy Lop
- 4B American Sable
- 4C Belgian Hare
- 4D Britannia Petite
- 4E Dutch
- 4F Dwarf Hotot
- 4G English Angora
- 4H English Spot
- 4I Florida Whites
- 4J French Angora
- 4K Harlequin
- 4L Havana
- 4M Himalayan
- 4N Holland Lop
- 4O Jersey Wooly
- 4P Lilac
- 4Q Mini Lop
- 4R Mini Rex
- 4S Netherland Dwarfs
- 4T Polish
- 4U Rex
- 4V Rhinelander
- 4W Satin Angora

4X Silver Martin						
4Y Silvers						
4Z Standard Chinchilla						
4AA Tans						
4BB Thrianta						
4CC Mini Satin						
4DD Lionhead						
4EE	All	Other	Class	4	Breeds	(AOB)

### Showmanship Classes

All exhibitors may enter the showmanship competition. Exhibitors must show their own animals in showmanship, and the animal also must be shown in another class.

- 1701 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1702 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1703 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1704 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1705 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### Breeding Rabbits – Class 6 Breeds

- 1711 Junior buck, 3 to 5 months
- 1712 Intermediate buck, 6 to 8 months
- 1713 Senior buck, more than 8 months
- 1721 Junior doe, 3 to 5 months
- 1722 Intermediate doe, 6 to 8 months
- 1723 Senior doe, more than 8 months

### Breeding Rabbits – Class 4 Breeds

- 1731 Junior buck, under 6 months
- 1732 Senior buck, 6 months and older
- 1741 Junior doe, under 6 months
- 1742 Senior doe, 6 months and older

### Market Rabbits

- 1751 Individual small fryer – 2½ to 4 pounds, up to 65 days
- 1752 Pen of three small fryers – 2½ to 4 pounds, up to 65 days
- 1753 Individual large fryer, 4 to 5½ pounds
- 1754 Pen of three large fryers, 4 to 5½ pounds
- 1755 Individual roaster, more than 5½ pounds, less than 8 months
- 1756 Individual stewer, more than 5½ pounds, more than 8 months

\*Market animals may not be shown in breeding classes.

### Division 18: 4-H/FFA Sheep

1. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 12 entries per exhibitor.
2. Sheep breeding classes for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. You must show papers at check-in. Breeds with fewer than three entries will be combined in All Other Wool Breeds (AOWB) or All Other Meat Breeds (AOMB) groups. A champion and reserve champion ewe and champion and reserve champion ram for each breed may be selected.
3. Registered breeding classes may be split by age (if entries merit) or combined (if fewer than three entries) upon show manager discretion.
4. Crossbreds, grade animals of all breeds and registered animals without papers will be shown as commercial. A crossbred is any animal that is the result of mating two or more different breeds.

5. All commercial ewes will be shown in heats by weight.
6. All commercial ewes will be weighed during sheep weigh-in.
7. Market lambs must be shorn before weigh-in and come to the scale dry and bare.
8. Market wether lamb and market ewe classes will be shown on the basis of weight. Following weigh-in, show management will determine the weight groups according to distribution and number of animals, with no more than 10 in each group. Class weight groups will be posted. Lambs standing first and second in each weight group will be considered for champion and reserve champion 4-H/FFA market lamb.
9. Market wether/ewe lambs will be shown as finished and must weigh at least 90 pounds champion consideration. Miniature breeds (such as Babydoll Southdown) will have a separate weight group eligible for champion consideration. Underweight lambs will be shown in a premier class and will not be considered for champion market lamb.
10. Muzzles: Exhibit animals will not be muzzled while on the fairgrounds.
11. No lifting or slapping of lambs. A quick lift to set the front legs is permitted.
12. A second 4-H/FFA member is allowed to set legs in breeding classes only. A second member is not allowed in market classes or showmanship. The second member must follow the dress code.

### **Showmanship Classes**

- 1801 Junior showmanship, (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)  
 1802 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)  
 1803 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)  
 1804 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)  
 1805 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Sheep Breeding**

- 1811 Registered spring ewe lamb, born January 2026 or later  
 1812 Registered fall ewe lamb, born September through December 2025  
 1813 Registered yearling ewe, born September 2023 through August 2025  
 1814 Commercial ewe lamb, born on or after August 1, 2025  
 1815 Commercial yearling ewe, born September 2024 through August 2025  
 1821 Spring ram lamb, born January 2026 or later  
 1822 Fall ram lamb, born September through December 2025  
 1823 Yearling ram, born September 2024 through August 2025  
 \*Market ewe lambs cannot be shown in breeding sheep classes.

### **Market Sheep**

- 1851 Market ewe lamb  
 1852 Wether lamb

### **Division 19: 4-H/FFA Swine**

1. Entries are limited to two per class per breed and a total of 12 animals per exhibitor.
2. Swine breeding lots for registered animals with papers will be subdivided by breed. You must show papers at check-in. Breeds with fewer than three entries will be combined in an All Other Breeds (AOB) group.
3. Breeding classes may be split by age (if entries merit) or combined (if fewer than three entries) upon show manager discretion.
4. A champion and reserve champion gilt and barrow for each breed may be selected.
5. Crossbreds, grade animals of all breeds and registered animals without

- papers will be shown as commercial.
6. Market hogs will be shown as finished. If a pig falls below the minimum weight of 220 pounds, it automatically will be placed in the premier market hog class and will not be eligible for consideration for champion or reserve champion overall market hog selection. If a pig weighs more than 300 pounds, it will be placed in an overweight class and will not be eligible to return for consideration for champion or reserve champion overall. Each of the market barrow and gilt divisions will be shown on the basis of declared weight.
  7. The swine show will operate under a declare-your-weight process for market animals as well as crossbred breeding gilts. This means exhibitors are responsible for weighing their own hogs during the weigh-in period on Tuesday, July 21. The weigh-in period will run from noon until 3:30 p.m. Weight cards will be available Tuesday morning for exhibitors to pick up to record their pig's weight and other required information. The cards will be in triplicate form. The first copy must be submitted to 4-H/FFA, the second copy will be turned in to the open class superintendent and the third copy will be for the exhibitor's records. Required information will be the exhibitor's name; exhibitor's number; pig tag and notches; whether the animal is a barrow or gilt and market or breeding gilt; and pig weight on the 4-H/ FFA card. All weight cards must be submitted to the appropriate superintendents by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21. If weight cards are not turned in by the 3:30 p.m. deadline, those animals will not be eligible to show in their respective shows. Along with declaring each pig's weight, a weigh-back is required for each of the shows.
  8. The top two animals in each class will be weighed immediately following their class to determine if they are eligible to return for the overall drive. If a pig does not weigh within the allotted 15-pound weight allowance, it will be dropped to a red ribbon placing and will not be eligible for champion and reserve champion market hog competition. The next pig in the lineup will move up in class and be called to the scale for a weight check. Following the weigh-in time period and declaration of weight, the management will determine the division of the classes according to the weight distribution and number of animals, with no more than 10 in a group. Class weight breakdowns will be posted.

### **Showmanship Classes**

- 1901 Junior showmanship (exhibitor age 8 to 10 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1902 Intermediate showmanship (exhibitor age 11 to 13 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1903 Senior showmanship (exhibitor age 14 to 16 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1904 Advanced showmanship (exhibitor age 17 to 19 before Sept. 1, 2025)
- 1905 Legacy showmanship (exhibitor age 20 to 21 before Sept. 1, 2025)

### **Swine Breeding**

- 1911 Registered, breeding gilt, born January 2026 or later
- 1912 Registered, breeding gilt, born July through December 2025
- 1913 Registered, breeding gilt, born January through June 2025
- 1914 Crossbred or grade breeding gilt, maximum weight 385 pounds and follows market hog weigh rules

\*Market gilts cannot be shown in swine breeding classes.

### **Market Swine**

- 1956 Market gilt
- 1957 Market barrow
- 1958 Registered market barrow