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4-H Division Exhibit List

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Admissions

4-H season tickets\$10
*(Available at fair gates; proof of 4-H membership is required.
4-H members are required to bring membership card to the gate.)*
Juniors (ages 7 to 12) \$5
Adults.....\$12
Age 6 and younger Free
Adult – 9 days \$25
Junior – 9 days\$15
Livestock vehicle pass\$5/day
Horse vehicle pass \$10/day
*(One pass per family; all towed vehicles must be
parked in the West Lot; passes not available at the gate.)*
Parking East LotFree
(Camping in West Lot by reserved space assignment only. See center insert.)

Families exhibiting livestock in only 4-H or 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 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 pass purchased in advance.

4-H Static Exhibits Viewing – 4-H Hall

North Dakota State Fair Center, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily during the fair
The Livestock Expo Barn will open at 7:30 a.m. daily during the fair.

4-H Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 1

Open class and 4-H/FFA entry forms and stall/pen/cage reservation forms for beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, horse and open class/breed shows for horse due in state fair office.

Monday, July 6

Registration due in FairEntry for Project Expo, Clothing Revue and Communication Arts

Saturday, July 11

12 to 5 p.m. Entry of static exhibits for families and a limited number of counties, 4-H Hall

Monday, July 13

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry of static exhibits for counties -- 4-H Hall

Tuesday, July 14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry of static exhibits for counties -- 4-H Hall
6 to 9 p.m. Judging of 4-H static exhibits (food, photography, drawing and painting) – 4-H Hall

Wednesday, July 15

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Judging of 4-H static exhibits

Thursday, July 16

9 a.m. to Noon Judging of 4-H static exhibits

Friday, July 17

8 a.m. State Fair opens
5 to 8 p.m. Penning of ALL Poultry – Poultry Barn

Saturday, July 18

11 a.m. Check-in begins for 4-H Communication Arts contest – Upper Atrium, State Fair Center
Noon 4-H Communication Arts contest (awards to follow at approximately 3:30 p.m. – Upper Atrium Stage, State Fair Center)
4 p.m. Late arrival for open-class sheep and beef showing on Sunday and staying for 4-H/FFA

Sunday, July 19

8 a.m. 4-H/FFA Poultry Show – Poultry Barn
12 to 6 p.m. Entry and stalling of 4-H horses – 4-H Horse Office
1 p.m. Late arrival for Open class breeding Sheep & Beef showing Monday and staying for 4-H/FFA

Monday, July 20

8 a.m. 4-H Horse Show – Arena II
• Hunter under saddle (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Hunt seat equitation (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Hunter hack (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Equitation over fences (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Reining (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
10-10:30 a.m. 4-H Project Expo and Clothing Revue registration – Upper Atrium, State Fair Center
10:30 a.m. Clothing Revue participants orientation
10:45 a.m. Judging begins for Project Expo and Group A of Clothing Revue
3 p.m. Project Expo awards
3:30 p.m. 4-H Clothing Revue Fashion Show – Upper Atrium (State Fair Center)
4:15 p.m. Clothing Revue Fashion Show awards
6 p.m. Release of Open class Beef & Poultry, 4-H/FFA Poultry

Tuesday, July 21

8 a.m. 4-H Horse Show – Arena II
• Showmanship (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Western pleasure (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Western horsemanship (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
8 a.m. 4-H horse show – All Seasons Arena
• Trail class (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Ranch riding (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
8 to 11 a.m. Entry of 4-H/FFA Sheep, Beef, Swine, Dairy Cattle and Goats; Open class Dairy Cattle, Goats and Swine; and All Junior Shows
8 to 11 a.m. Check-in/penning Open class, 4-H/FFA Rabbits
12 p.m. 4-H/FFA Exhibitor Meeting – Expo Arena
12 to 3 p.m. Weigh-in for Open class, Jr. Shows, 4-H/FFA Swine
12:30 p.m. Weigh-in for all Sheep and Beef
3:30 p.m. Swine Declare Weight Card Turn in Deadline-Expo Barn
4 p.m. Weigh-in for all Goats
5 to 7 p.m. 4-H/FFA exhibitors' picnic – north of Commercial II

Wednesday, July 22

8 a.m. 4-H Horse Show – Arena II
• Barrel racing (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Pole bending (ages 15-18, 12-14, 8-11)
• Keyhole race (ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18)
• Flag Race (ages 8-11, 12-14, 15-18)
9 a.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show – Gooseneck Arena
12 a.m. 4-H/FFA Sheep Show – Expo Barn

Thursday, July 23

8 a.m. 4-H Beef Show – All Seasons Arena
2 p.m. 4-H/FFA Swine Show – Expo Barn
3 p.m. 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show – Rabbit Barn

Friday, July 24

8 a.m. 4-H/FFA Dairy Cattle Show – Gooseneck Arena
12 p.m. 4-H/FFA Meat Goats Show – Gooseneck Arena
TBD 4-H Leader Showmanship – All Seasons

Saturday, July 25

8 a.m. 4-H/FFA Round Robin – All Seasons Arena
9:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Awards – All Seasons Arena
3 to 6 p.m. Staggered release of all 4-H/FFA Livestock
5 to 9 p.m. Release of static exhibits

Sunday, July 26

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Static exhibits may be picked up

State Fair Rules Regarding Dogs on the Fairgrounds

Only livestock or horse exhibitors will be allowed to have dogs on the fairgrounds in camping areas only. Under **no** circumstances will dogs be allowed south of the barns.

4-H Division Static Exhibits

4-H static exhibits will be grouped for display by project area in the 4-H Hall of the North Dakota State Fair Center.

4-H Offices – North Dakota State Fair Center

The mission of 4-H youth development is to help youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills and form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society. 4-H programs are organized and conducted in communities by adult volunteers and supported by cooperating counties, North Dakota State University, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and private sources. 4-H programs are offered to all people without regard to race, creed, color, handicap, sex or national origin.

Phone numbers available during days of the fair only

4-H office 701-852-4974

General Rules and Guidelines for All 4-H Exhibitors

Rules in this 4-H exhibit list apply to the 4-H events at the North Dakota State Fair. These rules supersede other rules printed in project manuals or are otherwise assumed. Show management has the right to make decisions regarding the operation of a show as needed.

1. 4-H activities will comply with rules of the state fair.
2. 4-H classes are open to youth enrolled in 4-H programs in North Dakota through the 4-H Online system. Eligible youth must have been ages 8 to 18 before Sept. 1, 2025. **Cloverbud members are not eligible to exhibit at the State Fair.**
3. Only static exhibits receiving a blue ribbon or higher at county achievement days or fairs under the supervision of NDSU Extension may be exhibited at the state fair. All exhibits must be entered by the county NDSU Extension office.
4. In some cases, 4-H members who qualify to exhibit may substitute a similar exhibit within the same class (Example: perishable items such as vegetables and foods).
5. Exhibits may be entered only once in a youth division.
6. Static exhibits must have a properly completed North Dakota State Fair 4-H exhibit label.

7. 4-H exhibits will be accepted according to the times listed in the 4-H schedule. Mailed or shipped exhibits should be sent early so they arrive at the state fair by the entry times for the exhibits. Mailed exhibits must have carrying charges prepaid. Address all exhibits to the 4-H Department, North Dakota State Fair, 2005 Burdick Expressway E., Minot, ND 58701.

Counties must designate, in writing, instructions for return shipping for all mailed exhibits. Please designate the carrier and include a check for the costs of return shipping equal to the cost of sending the exhibit to the fair. If these procedures are not followed, return shipping may be delayed and may cost more. If county achievement days closely follow the state fair, please indicate the date needed for return.

8. Static exhibits will not be released until after 5 p.m. of the last Saturday of the fair. However, exhibitors are encouraged to wait until after the fair is over. The fair charges admission fees to everyone and allows only vehicles with credentials to have access to the grounds through the last Saturday of the fair. Free fair admission is not provided to those picking up exhibits, and their vehicles must have proper credentials to enter the grounds. Exhibits may be picked up during the following times:
Saturday, July 25, 5 to 9 p.m. (admission is charged)
Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If circumstances necessitate exhibit pickup outside the designated times, exhibitors must notify June Woodall at 701-340-4908 before Saturday, July 25, to make arrangements.

9. Exhibitors assume all responsibility for items sent to state fair. Staff will make every effort to handle all exhibits with care, but the state fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or unclaimed exhibits.
10. Parents are responsible for chaperoning or obtaining chaperones for 4-H members who participate and attend the state fair.
11. Dress code: All members participating in North Dakota State 4-H competitive events (except Clothing Revue) will be neatly dressed and must wear a solid-colored white, yellow, gray or green shirt or blouse with the 4-H emblem prominently displayed and securely fastened on the front.
Participants and exhibitors should wear dark jeans/slacks/skirts. Boots or protective shoes also are recommended for safety. No tennis shoes are allowed in the show ring.
Participants in the 4-H horse show have additional dress code requirements. Please see the horse show rules. Exhibitors not following the dress code will receive reduced premiums equivalent to one ribbon placing.
12. Open-class shows: 4-H members are encouraged to compete in the state fair's open-class competitions.
Livestock projects may be shown in open and 4-H/FFA shows. Static exhibits must have separate items displayed in each division. 4-H members who plan to exhibit in the open-class shows at the North Dakota State Fair must make entry on the official entry blanks and pay entry fees.
13. By entering in a 4-H event, exhibitors and their parent or guardian are acknowledging they have read the below code of ethics statement and consent to the statements within the code.



2026 North Dakota State Fair

4-H/FFA Division Livestock Exhibit List

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Sara Clemens
Jared Lovro
Rebecca Sanders

DAIRY

Sarah Bedgar
William Fritz
Brooke Kunz

SHEEP

Sam Poland
Ashley Ueckert
Travis Binde
Kristi Tonnessen
Hailey Fllipek

MEAT GOAT/DAIRY GOAT

Bailey Hawbaker
Rachel Gibbs
Kelly Leo
Ashley Bachmeier
Jason Mongeon

SWINE

Bailey Schroeder
Emily Casner
Kirsten Kukla
Iris Dukart
Cora Smith

POULTRY

Ashley Kjellberg
Bethany Gates
Jared Lovro
Rebecca Schmidt

Membership Requirements

- Eligible participants must be enrolled as a 4-H member OR FFA member in the state of North Dakota.
 - 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.
 - 4-H Requirement:** Youth age 8-18 must be enrolled as an active member in at least one club in a ND County in the 2025-2026 year.
- The FFA and 4-H Code of Ethics will be followed. Use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping, ecigarettes, 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 North Dakota State Fair (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, 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:

- 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.
- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 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 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 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 parent or guardian 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 and 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 4-H/FFA events unless arrangements are otherwise made and approved by the NDSF management.
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 4-HOnline 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 and 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 and 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 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 pass 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 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.

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.

- No fans or fan stands of any type are allowed in the barn aisles.
- Exhibitors furnish all feed and bedding (except for rabbit and poultry). Hay and straw may be purchased on the grounds.
- Livestock tie-out is at 6:30 p.m. Livestock must be back in the barns by 8:00 a.m.
- 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.

State Board of Animal Health (BoAH) website by scanning the QR code 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.**

Veterinary Inspection

- All animals will be inspected by the NDSF veterinarian prior to exiting the trailer.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

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:

- Reason for treatment
- Antibiotics used plus dosage and frequency
- 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. ****Weights listed below are for the NDSF. Counties should adjust their weight suggestions and requirements to meet their dates of show(s).***

BEEF PROJECT

Type of Beef	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Breeding Heifer Calves or Yearlings	None	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Individual Official USDA 840 ear tag or → Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (<i>If registered</i>). → Entered in 4-HOnline or with FFA Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → USDA 840 tag number → Legible tattoo (for registered animals) → Breed → Birthdate → Optional photos
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)				
Spring Bull Calf				
Spring Steer Calf	Recommended minimum weight of 1000 lbs. Recommended maximum of 1500 lbs for market beef and 1600 lbs for dairy steer.			
Market Steers and Heifers, or Dairy Steers				

DAIRY CATTLE PROJECT

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

GOAT PROJECT

Type of Goat	Show Weight Expectation	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Dairy Doe, Yearling, Milker or Dry	None	Varies by class	→ Does and bucks official scrapies ID tattoo or scrapies tag *Breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS may use their 'breed registration tattoo' in lieu of a scrapie tag. → Wethers require either an official scrapies ID tattoo or tag or an official USDA 840 ear tag (not required to be scrapies)	→ Scrapies tag/tattoo → or USDA 840 tag number for wethers → Legible tattoo (for registered animals) → Breed → Birthdate → Optional photos
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")	→ Entered in 4-HOnline or with FFA Advisor	
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	4-HOnline Requirements
Poultry — All	Market Chicken maximum weight should not exceed 10 pounds.	→ Market poultry except market chickens – Suggested hatch of February 1 or later → Market chickens recommended to be shown at 7-9 weeks of age → Egg production chickens – Suggested that birds are at or near production	→ Leg or wing band with ID number (likely will receive band at county fair) → ALL POULTRY MUST: 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock or 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions or 3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329). → Optional to enter in 4-HOnline	→ Optional breed → Optional hatch date

RABBIT PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Suggestions	Birth Dates	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Breeding Bucks and Does	None	Varies by class	→ Tattoo, Left ear → Optional to enter in 4-HOnline	→ Optional breed → Optional birthdate
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 a Pet show	

SHEEP PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Weight Expectation Suggestions	ID Required for NDSF Participation	4-HOnline Requirements
Ewes and Ewe Lambs	None	→ Ewes and Rams official scrapies ID tattoo or 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) → Entered in 4-H Online or with FFA Advisor	• Scrapies tag/tattoo • or USDA 840 tag number for wethers • Legible tattoo (for registered animals) • Breed • Birthdate • Optional photos
Rams and Ram Lambs			
Market Ewe and Wether Lamb	Suggested minimum weight of 105 lbs. Suggested maximum of 170 lbs.		

SWINE PROJECT

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

Showmanship and 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 Awards

The **Herdsmen 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.

Youth Exhibitor Picnic

The youth exhibitor picnic will be Tuesday, July 21, 5-7 p.m., north of Commercial II building and is open to State Fair 4-H/FFA exhibitors, 4-H/FFA volunteer leaders and county extension staff. Tickets are limited and distributed by NDSF ONLY on the day of the picnic.

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.

■ Live 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. Crossbreds, 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 Junior heifer calf, born in 2026
- 1112 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 crossbreds 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 2023 through August 2024
- 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)

Class (Other Goat)

- 1309 Buck not considered meat or dairy (pygmy, fiber, etc.)
- 1310 Doe not considered meat or dairy (pygmy, fiber, etc.)

Class (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 2 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.

Dairy Goat Showmanship

- 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)

Class (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.

Class (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)

Chicken – 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

Chicken – 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

Guinea

- 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 Woolly
- 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



Division 14: 4-H ONLY Horse Show

These rules apply to the 4-H horse show at the North Dakota State Fair and are in addition to the general rules for 4-H exhibitors and the International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) National Code of Show Ring Ethics.

Rules in this exhibit list supersede other rules that may be printed in project manuals or are otherwise assumed.

1. Because several 4-H horse shows are held after the entry date, enter those events in which you anticipate qualifying and participating. You may bring an updated copy of the entry form with you to registration/check-in at the North Dakota State Fair. Your Extension agent or the horse show superintendent must sign the updated form.
2. Stalls and exhibit areas must be kept neat and clean at all times. Exhibitors are expected to clean their own stalls and area prior to leaving the grounds. A 4-H member is limited to three animals (horses, draft horses or mules) for the state 4-H horse show. Exhibitors are encouraged to decorate their stalls. These criteria are judged for the individual and county herdsman award.
3. Exhibitors must enter classes based on age before Sept. 1, 2025.
4. Exhibitors may enter each class appropriate for their age if they received a blue ribbon in this event in a county 4-H show since Aug. 1, 2025 and it is with the same horse.
5. If a change in horse entries occurs due to an injury or illness, the 4-H'er may substitute another horse that they ID'd in 4-HOnline. Substitutions will not be allowed without previous notice.
6. Any surgical procedure, injection of any foreign substance or drug, or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant or similar substance) that 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.
7. Stalls are being used by exhibitors in other horse shows and will not be available until Sunday afternoon. No stalls will be available for the open show. 4-H horses are to be stalled between noon and 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, or by 8 a.m. on Monday, July 20. Horses with stalls must remain on the fairgrounds until your classes finish on Tuesday or Wednesday.
8. **No riding in the barns is allowed.** This is a safety issue. Premiums may be withheld and expulsion from the fairgrounds may result from violation of this rule.
9. Exhibitors are required to purchase a trailer pass in advance. The pass must remain on the trailer while it is parked on the state fairgrounds. Parking passes for horse show exhibitors will be given only for days the exhibitor is entered in a horse show. Camping passes must be pre-purchased because limited camping facilities are available on the grounds.
10. The rules and guidelines in GBH092, "North Dakota Horse Show Rules" (dated 2020, blue), will apply. Show management reserves the right to interpret the rules as necessary for issues not clearly defined.
11. Dress code: All exhibitors will be neatly dressed and must wear a long-sleeved, solid white shirt with a 4-H emblem on the front left side of shirt. In addition, exhibitors must wear ASTM-SEI approved harness helmets for all mounted events (Western hats are permitted for showmanship), Western boots, blue or black jeans (dark colored) and a belt. For English events: conservative-colored coat, breeches or jodhpurs, and boots appropriate for hunter classes. Colored shirts are permissible. Conservative-colored ASTM helmet with harness securely fastened must be worn when mounted. Gloves are permitted only in English events. Non-blinged chaps are allowed in all classes except Showmanship.
12. Exhibitor numbers must be clearly visible on both sides of the saddle pad in all classes. Exception: In showmanship at halter,

one number can be clearly displayed on the 4-H'ers back. Do not cut or trim the exhibitor number. Officials may reduce ribbon placing if the exhibitor numbers are not displayed correctly.

13. If an adult is present and nothing is going on in Arena II, horses may be warmed and exercised prior to and after the show. For more information about riding times, please see posted announcements. Riding or exercising in the cattle tie-out area is not permitted.
14. Entrants must be ready at the time they are called. Equipment failures or horse injuries will forfeit the entry. Let the gate person know of potential conflicts, such as showing in the other arena on Tuesday or participating in another 4-H show. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate schedules.
15. If a horse becomes unruly in the arena or on the premises, the horse and exhibitor shall be dismissed from the ring or premises.
16. Unsportsmanlike conduct or abusive language or actions on the part of any 4-H exhibitor, parent, family member or leader may result in penalization determined by the 4-H horse show committee.
17. Only exhibitors and show officials will be allowed in the ring while the show is in progress. Exhibitors wishing to discuss any matter with the judge must contact the ring steward (after completion of the class), who will arrange an appointment if the judge approves. The judge's decision in all classes is final.
18. The 4-H horse show schedule is combined with the 4-H schedule at the beginning of this exhibit list. The starting time is listed for the first event of the day. Other classes will follow in sequence as much as possible. Exhibitors should be ready in the event that schedule changes are necessary. Show management has the right to make schedule adjustments if needed to meet time requirements.
19. A belt buckle high-point award will be presented to the top exhibitor in each age group at the end of the show. Points are determined by place and ribbon in each lot/event.
20. An exhibitor may enter once per class.

Class Showmanship

- 1401 Showmanship at halter, 8 through 11 years
- 1402 Showmanship at halter, 12 through 14 years
- 1403 Showmanship at halter, 15 through 18 years

Western Events

- 1411 Western horsemanship, 8 through 11 years
- 1412 Western horsemanship, 12 through 14 years
- 1413 Western horsemanship, 15 through 18 years
- 1416 Western pleasure, 8 through 11 years
- 1417 Western pleasure, 12 through 14 years
- 1418 Western pleasure, 15 through 18 years
- 1421 Ranch Trail, 8 through 11 years
- 1422 Ranch Trail, 12 through 14 years
- 1423 Ranch Trail, 15 through 18 years
- 1431 Ranch riding, 8 through 11 years
- 1432 Ranch riding, 12 through 14 years
- 1433 Ranch riding, 15 through 18 years
- 1441 Reining, 8 through 11 years
- 1442 Reining, 12 through 14 years
- 1443 Reining, 15 through 18 years

Timed Events

- 1451 Pole bending, 8 through 11 years
- 1452 Pole bending, 12 through 14 years
- 1453 Pole bending, 15 through 18 years
- 1456 Keyhole race, 8 through 11 years
- 1457 Keyhole race, 12 through 14 years
- 1458 Keyhole race, 15 through 18 years
- 1461 Barrel racing, 8 through 11 years
- 1462 Barrel racing, 12 through 14 years
- 1463 Barrel racing, 15 through 18 years
- 1466 Flag Race, 8 through 11 years
- 1467 Flag Race, 12 through 14 years
- 1468 Flag Race, 15 through 18 years

English Events

- 1471 Hunt seat equitation, 8 through 11 years
- 1472 Hunt seat equitation, 12 through 14 years
- 1473 Hunt seat equitation, 15 through 18 years
- 1476 Hunter hack, 8 through 11 years
- 1477 Hunter hack, 12 through 14 years
- 1478 Hunter hack, 15 through 18 years
- 1481 Equitation over fences, 8 through 11 years
- 1482 Equitation over fences, 12 through 14 years
- 1483 Equitation over fences, 15 through 18 years
- 1491 Hunter under saddle, 8 through 11 years
- 1492 Hunter under saddle, 12 through 14 years
- 1493 Hunter under saddle, 15 through 18 years

■ 4-H Static Exhibits

A **non-living** item or display that relates to a project area of study in which you are enrolled. The exhibit showcases what was learned throughout the year of study.

Champions

Champion and reserve champion and award of excellence may be selected in each project at the discretion of the judges.

Champion, reserve champion and award of excellence exhibits will receive physical ribbons at state fair. Exhibits receiving blue, red and white will receive premiums only.

General Guidelines

1. These guidelines apply to exhibiting in the North Dakota State Fair 4-H Department. County fairs and achievement days may have different requirements, guidelines or rules.
2. Exhibit guidelines and labels referred to in this document can be found on the 4-H Google Drive. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile.
3. Posters: Maximum size of display boards allowed is 36 by 48 inches and maximum size of posters is 14 by 22 inches (half sheet of standard poster board).
4. **IMPORTANT:** There are no interviews at the state fair so judges must make their decision on the item and any additional information provided. If an exhibit could fit into more than one class or if there is information about a project you want the judge to know, please use a 3-by-5-inch note card to share additional information including what you were trying to learn, and the specific aspects of the exhibit you want the judge to evaluate.
5. If 4-H exhibitor age is not specified in the class, all ages will be judged together.
6. For management purposes, some projects or exhibit areas have been divided into groups. This helps judges and recordkeeping.
7. Record books may be included as part of a display if they support the education in the display. Record books as an entire exhibit will not be judged or receive a premium at the state fair.
8. No knives or cutting tools should be included with projects. In place of these items, provide a photo and an index card stating these items were included in the exhibit.
9. Exhibits may not contain live ammunition or a functional gun, bow or other potentially dangerous item.

10. **IMPORTANT:** Unless otherwise noted in other sections of this book, the exhibitor is limited to two different exhibits in one project area, group or subgroup, whichever is the lowest level for the exhibit (Exception: Photography). County rules may be different.



11. Citations are important to give credit when material in your work came from another source. In addition, citations give your readers sources to find more information while showing the 4-H'er's credibility. Please list the sources that helped you complete your project.
12. All exhibits must be 4-H appropriate. No reference to violent actions or language, no profanity, drugs or alcohol.
13. Exhibitors assume all responsibility for exhibits sent to state fair. North Dakota State Fair staff will make every effort to handle all items with care, but the state fair is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or unclaimed exhibits.

■ Animal Science Project Area

Exploration of animal production, domestic animals and veterinary science

Division 20: Animal Science Project, Other

Class

- 2000 Animal Science exhibit that does not fit in any other Animal Science Projects (Divisions 21-35).

Division 21: Alpacas/Llamas Project

Domesticated camelid

Class

- 2101 Alpacas/llamas, age 8 to 12
- 2102 Alpacas/llamas, age 13 to 18

Division 22: Animal and Meat Evaluation Project

Learning about horse judging, livestock evaluation, dairy judging and meat quality evaluation

Class

- 2201 Animal and meat evaluation, age 8 to 12
- 2202 Animal and meat evaluation, age 13 to 18

Division 23: Cat Project

Domesticated feline animals most commonly referred to as house cats

Class

- 2301 Cats, age 8 to 12
- 2302 Cats, age 13 to 18

Division 24: Cattle, Beef Project

Bovine raised for the efficient production of red meat

Class

- 2401 Beef cattle, age 8 to 12
- 2402 Beef cattle, age 13 to 18

Division 25: Cattle, Dairy Project

Bovine bred and developed for milk production

Class

- 2501 Dairy cattle, age 8 to 12
- 2502 Dairy cattle, age 13 to 18

Division 26: Dog Project

Domesticated canine related to foxes and wolves and raised in a wide variety of breeds

Class

- 2601 Dogs, age 8 to 12
- 2602 Dogs, age 13 to 18

Division 27: Goats, Dairy Project

Goats bred and developed for milk production

Class

- 2701 Dairy goats, age 8 to 12
- 2702 Dairy goats, age 13 to 18

Division 28: Goats, Meat and Fiber Project

Goats bred and developed for meat, fiber and hair

Class

- 2801 Meat and fiber goats, age 8 to 12
- 2802 Meat and fiber goats, age 13 to 18

Division 29: Horse Project

Equine breeding, care, and training for riding, pleasure and/or draft purposes

Class

- 2901 Horse, age 8 to 12
- 2902 Horse, age 13 to 18

Division 30: Poultry/Poultry Science/Embryology Project

Domestic birds, chickens, pigeons, waterfowl and other warm-blooded feathered animals. This project includes poultry science, which is the discipline of domesticated birds kept for eggs or meat, and embryology, which is the branch of biology dealing with poultry embryos and their development. Eggs are to be from your production in the poultry project.

Class

- 3001 Poultry, poultry science, embryology, age 8 to 12
- 3002 Poultry, poultry science, embryology, age 13 to 18
- 3003 White chicken eggs, 1 dozen
- 3004 Brown chicken eggs, 1 dozen
- 3005 Colored chicken eggs, 1 dozen
- 3006 Eggs from other poultry, 6 eggs

Division 31: Rabbit Project

Any of several small, domesticated mammals related to ordinary hares

Class

- 3101 Rabbits, age 8 to 12
- 3102 Rabbits, age 13 to 18

Division 32: Sheep Project

Small ruminant mammals bred for the production of meat or wool

Class

- 3201 Sheep, age 8 to 12
- 3202 Sheep, age 13 to 18

Division 33: Small Animals/Pocket Pets Project

Small, domesticated animals raised and cared for that are not listed in any other category. Includes caviae (guinea pigs), fish, reptiles and other small, domesticated animals kept as pets, including extra small birds.

Class

- 3301 Small animals/pocket pets, age 8 to 12
- 3302 Small animals/pocket pets, age 13 to 18

Division 34: Swine Project

Pig or hog bred for the production of meat

Class

- 3401 Swine, age 8 to 12
- 3402 Swine, age 13 to 18

Division 35: Veterinary Science Project

The study of prevention, alleviation or cure of animal diseases and injury

Class

- 3501 Veterinary science, age 8 to 12
- 3502 Veterinary science, age 13 to 18

■ Civic Engagement Project Area

Preparation for roles in society, legal proceedings, public policy and relationships

Please provide a notecard explaining how the exhibit achieves this goal.

Division 40: Civic Engagement Project, Other

Class

- 4000 Civic Engagement exhibit that does not fit in any other Civic Engagement Projects (Divisions 41–44).

Division 41: Civic Education (Local, State, National) Project

Understanding government and active participation in community life and community problem-solving

Class

- 4101 Civic education, age 8 to 12
- 4102 Civic education, age 13 to 18

Division 42: Global and Cultural Education Project

Projects designed to build knowledge and skills related to global and cultural competency, including global and cultural awareness or connectedness, language, family traditions, genealogy and heritage. This division includes Family Story exhibits and addressing community issues such food insecurity.

Class

- 4201 Global and cultural education, age 8 to 12
- 4202 Global and cultural education, age 13 to 18

Division 44: Volunteerism and Service-Learning Project

Volunteerism is learning about the importance and nature of service done of one's own free will for the benefit of others. Service-learning is acquiring personal skills and knowledge by serving others through organized school-based or community-based programs. Volunteerism and service-learning include intentional planning followed by personal reflection.

Class

- 4401 Volunteerism and service-learning, age 8 to 12
- 4402 Volunteerism and service-learning, age 13 to 18

■ Communication and Expressive Arts Project Area

Skills of expressing, imparting and conveying information to others

Division 50: Communication Arts Project, Other

The interchange of thought or information as a verbal or written message

1. The exhibit may include original works, written material, websites, poster, etc. Choose which method best illustrates what you have learned and achieved.
2. Remember to cite sources for all materials that are not your own such as a photo taken from a website.

Class

5000 Communication Arts exhibit that does not fit in any other Communication Arts Projects (Classes 5101-5105).

Division 51: Communication Arts Project

Group 1: Speaking/Radio/TV

The study of verbal communication to effectively articulate messages, information and ideas

1. The primary exhibit is a visual display, folder or notebook illustrating what you have learned and achieved.
2. Exhibit must include a 2 to 4 minute sample accessible through a valid QR code. Entries without a valid QR code will not receive a premium. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the 4-H home page: www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, 4-H Members & Volunteers, select the N.D. State Fair tile, "How to Make a Permanent QR Code".
3. Must be 4-H appropriate topics and actions. No violent actions or language, no profanity, drugs or alcohol in the performance.



Class

5101 Speaking/Radio/TV, age 8 to 12

5102 Speaking/Radio/TV, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Writing/Print

The study of written communication to effectively articulate messages, information and ideas

1. Define the type of poetry, such as haiku, limerick or sonnet.
2. Works are limited to **no more than 5 pages** of text, measured in Times New Roman, 12-point font and double-spaced. Excerpts from larger works are accepted.
3. Illustrations do not count towards the page limit.
4. Only original work by exhibitor. **No AI** generated material accepted.

Class

5103 Journalism, Written Communication, Creative Writing, Poetry, age 8 to 12

5104 Journalism, Written Communication, Creative Writing, Poetry, age 13 to 18

Group 3: 4-H Banner

Communicating a message about 4-H and 4-H ideals. It may identify a group or club and should publicize a cause or promote the 4-H program.

1. Any enrolled 4-H member, group or club may enter one banner.
2. Banner size should be 32 by 48 inches and fitted with a 36-inch dowel and rope for hanging.
3. Copyrighted material not accepted.

4. The banner will be evaluated on workmanship and how effectively the message is communicated.
5. Ribbon and premium will be awarded according to judges' discretion.

Class

5105 4-H Banner

Division 52: Performing Arts Project

Forms of creative activity that are performed in front of an audience, such as dance, drama, music

1. The exhibit must include original works, objects, websites, posters or sample digital presentations of performances by the exhibitor which may include but not limited to recitals, dance, music, vocal, clowning, or other performing or theater arts activity. Choose which method best illustrates what you have learned and achieved.
2. **The primary exhibit is a visual display, folder or notebook with printed explanations that will remain on display.**
3. Exhibit must include a sample (2 to 4 minutes) accessible through a valid QR code. Exhibitor should be the performer. Entries without a valid QR code will not receive a premium. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the 4-H home page: www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, 4-H Members & Volunteers, select the N.D. State Fair tile, "How to Make a Permanent QR Code".
4. Remember to cite sources for all materials that are not your own such as a music score.
5. Must be 4-H appropriate topics and actions. No violent actions or language, no profanity, drugs or alcohol in the performance.



Class

5200 Other Performance Arts exhibit that does not fit in any other Performance Arts groups (Classes 5201-5206)

Group 1: Dance/Movement

Rhythmic and harmonized body movement, spontaneous or controlled

Class

5201 Dance/Movement, age 8 to 12

5202 Dance/Movement, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Clowning/Drama/Theater

Performance and appreciation of acting. Includes improvisation

Class

5203 Clowning/Drama/Theater, age 8 to 12

5204 Clowning/Drama/Theater, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Music/Sound

Vocal and instrumental performance, appreciation or theory

Class

5205 Music/Sound, age 8 to 12

5206 Music/Sound, age 13 to 18

Division 53: Visual Arts Project

Visual art has the primary intent of expressing emotion or showcasing beauty using line, color, form, pattern and texture in two and three dimensions. All exhibits must be 4-H appropriate.

No references to profanity, alcohol or violence. Please provide as much detail about your exhibit as possible in your online registration.

Class

5300 Visual Arts exhibit that does not fit in any other Visual Arts groups (Classes 5301-5378) **NO** LEGO kits

Group 1: Arts and Crafts

Knowledge or skill requiring some degree of manual dexterity in the production of an aesthetic object

SUBGROUP A: Flower Arranging

Learning techniques related to the aesthetic art of flower arranging. Exhibits may be made of fresh flowers, dry or silk materials or a combination of materials. No potted flowers or plants. Fairy gardens with live plants should be exhibited in Horticulture class 11351.

Class

- 5301 Floral arrangement, including fairy garden, age 8 to 12
- 5302 Floral arrangement, including fairy garden, age 13 to 18
- 5303 Corsage, bouquet or miscellaneous arrangement, age 8 to 12
- 5304 Corsage, bouquet or miscellaneous arrangement, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP B: Cake Decorating

The art of decorating a cake, cupcakes or cookies for special occasions such as birthdays or weddings

1. Add a notecard to the entry tag indicating a cake form was used so it will not be discarded at the fair. Generally, cakes will be discarded before the fair is completed to keep exhibits visually appealing.

Class

- 5305 Decorated gingerbread houses, all ages (may be divided if there are sufficient entries)
- 5306 Beginner Cake Decorating, a single-layer cake or form or three cupcakes or three cookies using two basic decorating techniques, age 8 to 12
- 5307 Beginner Cake Decorating, a single-layer cake or form or three cupcakes or three cookies using two basic decorating techniques, age 13 to 18
- 5308 Intermediate Cake Decorating, plastic foam two-layer forms only, using at least two intermediate techniques, age 8 to 12
- 5309 Intermediate Cake Decorating, plastic foam two-layer forms only, using at least two intermediate techniques, age 13 to 18
- 5310 Advanced Cake Decorating, plastic foam forms only, stacked or tiered, using at least two advanced techniques, age 8 to 12
- 5311 Advanced Cake Decorating, plastic foam forms only, stacked or tiered, using at least two advanced techniques, age 13 to 18
- 5312 Master Cake Decorating, plastic foam forms only, design your own project using skills learned, age 8 to 12
- 5313 Master Cake Decorating, plastic foam forms only, design your own project using skills learned, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP C: Glue Solution

The study of types and functions of glue to construct a project. Construction of an exhibit using liquid or solid glue forms or materials.

Include a card identifying:

1. type of glue used
2. why the type of glue was used for this item

Class

- 5314 Glue solution, age 8 to 12
- 5315 Glue solution, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP D: Jewelry Making

Creating ornamental pieces worn for personal decoration or adornment made from a variety of materials including stone, beads, metals, acrylic, clay, crystal, glass, paper, resin and wood. In your online registration, please include a **detailed description** including the type of jewelry (bracelet, earrings, etc.), color, and design details. Kits are allowed **ONLY** for age 8 to 12.

Exhibits will be judged on workmanship and technique, general appearance, creativity, difficulty of design and selection of materials

Class

- 5316 Jewelry, age 8 to 12
- 5317 Jewelry, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP E: Leathercraft

Craftsmanship in leather; leatherworking, including carving

Class

- 5318 Leathercraft, age 8 to 12
- 5319 Leathercraft, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP F: Metal Arts

Original works of decorative or constructed artwork made from manipulating or altering various metals including iron, bronze, lead, silver and gold. Including, but not limited to, laser cutting, soldering or welding, tin punch, engraving, etching or sculpting. The focus is on the decorative and expressive aspects of the exhibit. No knives or cutting tools should be included. In place of these items, provide a photo and an index card stating these items were included.

Class

- 5320 Metal arts, age 8 to 12
- 5321 Metal arts, age 13 to 18
- 5322 Other metal art such as blacksmithing, bladesmithing, forging, foundry, etc., age 8 to 12
- 5323 Other metal art such as blacksmithing, bladesmithing, forging, foundry, etc. age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP G: Prepackaged Kit

A kit that includes most materials needed to complete the craft. Examples include latch hook, wood kits, diamond art and stained glass.

LEGO kits allowed **ONLY for age 8 to 12**. (See Division 122 for other LEGO exhibit options) Exhibitors assume all responsibility for exhibits sent to the state fair. North Dakota State Fair is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.

Class

- 5324 Item made from prepackaged kit, age 8 to 12
- 5325 Item made from prepackaged kit, age 13 to 18
- 5326 Diamond art, age 8 to 12
- 5327 Diamond art, minimum size 8 by 10 inches, ages 13 to 18

SUBGROUP H: Scrapbooking

A method of preserving, presenting and arranging personal experiences and memories

Class

- 5328 Scrapbook, 6 pages minimum, 12 sides front and back, age 8 to 12
- 5329 Scrapbook, 10 pages minimum, 20 sides front and back, age 13 to 18
- 5330 Digital scrapbook, 6 pages minimum, 12 sides front and back, age 8 to 12
- 5331 Digital scrapbook, 10 pages minimum, 20 sides front and back, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP I: Wood Arts (decorative, not construction)

The use of wood to create a decorative or practical object, including carving, sculpting, sanding, painting, varnishing, and wood burning

Class

- 5332 Wood arts, age 8 to 12
- 5333 Wood arts, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP J: String Art

Weaving of colored string, wool, wire or yarn between hammered nails or points to make geometric patterns or representational designs

Class

- 5334 String Art, age 8 to 12
- 5335 String Art, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Drawing and Painting, Carving and Sculpting, Ceramics and Plasterware

SUBGROUP A: Drawing and Painting

Drawing is the study and application of different drawing media, methods and techniques. Painting is the study and use of acrylics, oils, pastels and mixed media.

1. It is strongly recommended to legibly print the exhibitor's name on the back of the exhibit. This is an additional measure to help identify an exhibit if the tag falls off.
2. Exhibits must be the original work of the exhibitor. Exhibit a scene, series of drawings, still life, animal(s), abstract, nature, landscapes, building or human figures.
3. Do not use a hanger on the back. However, if a hanger is attached because it is needed for your county show, please use hanger types that will not scratch or damage other exhibits.
4. Matting is recommended for paper exhibit but not required. To protect other exhibits, please do not frame.
5. No use of copyrighted original works is allowed. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the ND 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, 4-H Members & Volunteers, navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile, "Use of Copyrighted/Trademarked Material" in 4-H Fair Exhibits and Activities." Examples include cartoon characters, Mickey Mouse and notable artwork.
6. Work can be done on paper, canvas or solid form.
7. Please provide a detailed description of the drawing or painting in your online registration.
8. A maximum of two exhibits are allowed per Subgroup A
9. Exhibit should be entered in the class of the majority medium utilized. Example: 70% Watercolor 30% Ink Drawing would be placed in a Watercolor class and judged on that medium.



Class

- 5336 Drawing, age 8 to 12
- 5337 Drawing, age 13 to 18
- 5338 Watercolor painting, age 8 to 12
- 5339 Watercolor painting, age 13 to 18
- 5340 Painting with oils or acrylics, age 8 to 12
- 5341 Painting with oils or acrylics, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP B: Carving and Sculpting

Carving involves using a cutting tool to carve a form out of existing material such as bone, mixed media, paper or stone. Sculpting involves forming, shaping or manipulating material into an art form. It may or may not involve a cutting tool. (Wood carvings or sculptures exhibit in Wood Arts classes 5330 and 5331; metal carving or sculptures exhibit in Metal Arts classes 5320 and 5321)

Class

- 5345 Stone, bone carved/sculpted item, age 8 to 12
- 5346 Stone, bone carved/sculpted item, age 13 to 18
- 5349 Paper carving/sculpture, age 8 to 12
- 5350 Paper carving/sculpture, age 13 to 18
- 5351 Mixed-media carving/sculpture, age 8 to 12
- 5352 Mixed-media carving/sculpture, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP C: Ceramics and Plasterware

Ceramic objects are formed with clay and hardened by firing. Plasterware objects are formed with plaster. Decorating and glazing are optional.

1. The bottom seams should be cleaned and finished the same as the whole piece.

Class

- 5353 Ceramic item – poured from mold, age 8 to 12
- 5354 Ceramic item – poured from mold, age 13 to 18
- 5355 Ceramic item – created by hand, age 8 to 12
- 5356 Ceramic item – created by hand, age 13 to 18
- 5357 Plasterware item, age 8 to 12
- 5358 Plasterware item, age 13 to 18
- 5359 Purchased/precleaned item of clay or plasterware, age 8 to 12
- 5360 Purchased/precleaned item of clay or plasterware, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Graphic Arts and Design

Graphic art is a visual art based on line and tone including printmaking, etching and computer graphics. Graphic design is a visual communication technique that relies on the creation and use of images and text to represent an idea or convey a message.

Class

- 5361 Graphic arts, age 8 to 12
- 5362 Graphic arts, age 13 to 18
- 5363 Graphic design, age 8 to 12
- 5364 Graphic design, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Photography

Photography is the art or practice of taking and editing photos

All photos must be taken by the exhibitor.

1. 4-H members may enter **two exhibits** in state fair 4-H photography. County rules may be different.
2. **No hangers or frames are allowed.** All photos are recommended, but not required, to be **in a plastic sleeve** or zip-top plastic bag to prevent damage.
3. **All photos are required to have a 4-H photo exhibit label** to provide judges with key information. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources, navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile, Photography Exhibit.



4. Photos in plastic sleeves or zip-top bags: FairEntry exhibit card and photo exhibit label should be securely attached to the **OUTSIDE** of the plastic sleeve.
5. 8-by-10-inch photos are required for the enlargement classes. All other photos are recommended to be 5-by-7-inch photos. Original photos exhibited in computer-enhanced subgroups must be 4-by-6 inches.
6. Prints may be cropped to improve composition but must meet sizes indicated above.
7. **Exhibits with multiple photos** must be mounted on the same board, not to exceed 16 by 20 inches. Please **label each photo in the exhibit** (e.g. 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).
8. Slight computer editing is permissible with any photo exhibit. For example, cropping, eliminating red eye, and changing the saturation brightness and contrast.

SUBGROUP A: Computer-Enhanced Photos

Display of the original 4-by-6-inch photo and the enhanced and enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo must be mounted on the same board, not to exceed 16-by-20 inches. Describe edits or changes made to photo on the required photo tag as mentioned in #3 above.

Class

- 5365 Before-and-after photo – computer enhanced, age 8 to 12
- 5366 Before-and-after photo – computer-enhanced, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP B: Enlargement

Evaluated for esthetics, composition and impact

Class

- 5367 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Animals, age 8 to 12
- 5368 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Animals, age 13 to 18
- 5369 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Nature, age 8 to 12
- 5370 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Nature, age 13 to 18
- 5371 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, People, age 8 to 12
- 5372 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, People, age 13 to 18
- 5373 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Structures, age 8 to 12
- 5374 Enlarged 8-by-10-inch photo, Structures, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP C: Photo Story, Collection or Book

Evaluated for composition, photo quality and impact. Titles and captions are permitted. Photos must be 5-by-7 inches and mounted on the same board, not to exceed 16-by-20 inches. The book may be any size.

Class

- 5375 Photo story is four to six photographs (examples: before/ during/after or same scene, different times or conditions, etc.), age 8 to 12
- 5376 Photo story is four to six photographs (examples: before/ during/after or same scene, different times or conditions, etc.), age 13 to 18
- 5377 Photo book, age 8 to 12
- 5378 Photo book, age 13 to 18

Environmental Education Project Area

General studies of human life and its relationship to other life forms on earth

Division 60: Environmental Education Project, Other

Class

- 6000 Environmental Education exhibit that does not fit in any other Environmental Education Project (Divisions 61, 63-66).

Division 61: Energy Project

Exploration of the basic principles of thermodynamics and physics and how these principles apply to energy use in a variety of settings including home, farm and transportation -- for example, exhibits in solar, wind and biofuels

Class

- 6101 Energy, age 8 to 12
- 6102 Energy, age 13 to 18

Division 62: Entomology/Bee Project

The discipline of zoology that deals with insects and their habitats including bees and beekeeping, which is defined as breeding bees especially for honey

1. **REQUIRED: Insect Habitat Classes** 6201-6204, include a minimum of one written page explaining how habitat was constructed, identify insects and explain why those specific insects were targeted.
2. Follow Entomology exhibit guidelines found on the North Dakota 4-H Google Drive by scanning the QR code. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile.



Class

- 6201 Class I: Beginner Insect Habitat, age 8 to 12
- 6202 Class I: Beginner Insect Habitat, age 13 to 18
- 6203 Class II: Advanced Insect Habitat, age 8 to 12
- 6204 Class II: Advanced Insect Habitat, age 13 to 18
- 6205 Insect collection, age 8 to 11
- 6206 Insect collection, age 12 to 14
- 6207 Insect collection, age 15 to 18
- 6208 Beekeeping, age 8 to 12
- 6209 Beekeeping, age 13 to 18
- 6210 Other item or display related to entomology, age 8 to 12
- 6211 Other item or display related to entomology, age 13 to 18

Division 63: Environmental Stewardship Project

Cultivation of a personal commitment to responsible resource management that contributes to the quality of life for present and future generations. This relates to knowing about and caring for the environment and applying this concern through responsible.

Group 1: Composting

Transformation of organic waste to a useful mulch or soil amendment

Class

- 6301 Composting, age 8 to 12
- 6302 Composting, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Recycling

Converting used materials to a new purpose with the goal of reducing energy use, reducing consumption of natural resources, and decreasing waste going to landfills and incinerators

1. Attach an index card explaining:
 - Previous use of the item
 - How it was recycled or repurposed and why

Class

- 6303 Recycled or reused material or scrap pieces, age 8 to 12
- 6304 Recycled or reused material or scrap pieces, age 13 to 18

Division 64: Forests, Rangeland and Wildlife Project

Studies of renewable natural resources, mostly on non-cultivated and non-urban lands

Group 1: Forestry

Study of forested lands used for timber production, recreation, wildlife habitat and watershed

Class

- 6401 Forestry, age 8 to 12
- 6402 Forestry, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Range Science

Study of wildlands used for grazing of domestic livestock, wildlife habitat, timber, watershed and recreation. Rangelands are generally too rocky, steep or arid for cultivation.

Class

- 6403 Range science, age 8 to 12
- 6404 Range science, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Wildlife and Fisheries

Study of wildlife, birds, and fish species in terms of life history, geographic distribution, biodiversity, habitat, human utility, management and aesthetic values. Includes bird-watching, aquarium projects and marine science, which is the discipline relating to sea life and its management.

SUBGROUP A: Bird-watching

- 6405 Bird-watching in North Dakota, age 8 to 12
- 6406 Bird-watching in North Dakota, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP B: Wildlife

- 6407 Wildlife, age 8 to 12
- 6408 Wildlife, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP C: Fisheries

- 6409 Fisheries, age 8 to 12
- 6410 Fisheries, age 13 to 18

Division 65: Outdoor Education/Recreation Project

Projects that involve using and enjoying the natural environment

1. Do not include knives or cutting tools in exhibits. In place of these items, provide a photo and an index card stating these items were included in the project.
2. Exhibits may not contain live ammunition or a functional gun, bow or other potentially dangerous item.

Group 1: Adventure Challenge

Outdoor activities that challenge the human spirit and body, such as hiking, primitive camping, survival training, orienteering and ropes courses

Class

- 6501 Camping, hiking or other outdoor adventures demonstrating basic knowledge, age 8 to 12
- 6502 Camping, hiking or other outdoor adventures demonstrating advanced knowledge and/or application of knowledge, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Hunting and Sportfishing

Equipment or activity of hunting wild game and harvesting of fish, especially for food or sport

Class

- 6503 Fishing demonstrating basic knowledge, age 8 to 12
- 6504 Fishing demonstrating advanced knowledge and/or application of knowledge, age 13 to 18
- 6505 Hunting demonstrating basic knowledge, age 8 to 12
- 6506 Hunting demonstrating advanced knowledge and/or application of knowledge, age 13 to 18

Division 66: Shooting Sports

Use of firearms and archery equipment to facilitate personal goal setting, sportsmanship, confidence and safety

1. Exhibits may not contain live ammunition or a functional gun, bow or other potentially dangerous item.

Class

- 6601 Shooting sports, age 8 to 12
- 6602 Shooting sports, age 13 to 18

■ Family and Consumer Science Project Area

Development of consumer-oriented, family-related skills

Division 70: Family and Consumer Science Project, Other

Class

- 7000 Family and Consumer Science exhibit that does not fit in any other Family and Consumer Science Projects (Divisions 71-74)

Division 71: Child Development and Child Care Project

Projects focused on the developing child and care for children including babysitting, parenting and family life education

1. **REQUIRED:** Attach a notecard explaining **why** the exhibit is appropriate for the age of the child.
2. If the exhibit includes a game or activity, please include rules or directions on a notecard.

Class

- 7101 Infant or toddler child, age 8 to 12
- 7102 Infant or toddler child, age 13 to 18
- 7103 Preschool/kindergarten child, age 8 to 12
- 7104 Preschool/kindergarten child, age 13 to 18
- 7105 School-age child, age 8 to 12
- 7106 School-age child, age 13 to 18
- 7107 Child with special needs, age 8 to 12
- 7108 Child with special needs, age 13 to 18

Division 72: Consumer Education and Money Management Project

Projects related to personal money management and wise consumer purchasing

Including but not limited to posters, portfolios and displays.

Class

- 7201 Consumer education and money management, age 8 to 12
- 7202 Consumer education and money management, age 13 to 18

Division 73: Home Environment Project

The art and science of understanding people's behavior to create functional living spaces that are aesthetically pleasing

1. Attach a notecard explaining what you did and why you changed the design and environment; include details of why your design works for you, the features in it and the type of décor you would use.

Class

- 7301 Folder or display showing room designed by you pre- and post-design, age 8 to 12
- 7302 Folder or display showing room designed by you pre- and post- design, age 13 to 18

Division 74: Sewing and Textiles Project

Projects related to clothing construction, fabric selection and design, including fiber arts. A garment is an item of clothing. A personal accessory is an item used to contribute to a wearer's outfit. A home accessory is an item used to enhance a room or interior space.

1. Pattern, instructions or directions are optional.
2. Exhibits should be clean and pressed.

Group 1: Foundations of Sewing and Textiles

- 7401 Beginning cutting and measuring exhibit (examples: tied fleece blankets, simple scarf, hat), age 8 to 12 or first year in project

Group 2: Displays on Sewing or Textiles

Class

- 7402 Display, portfolio or folder on clothing, sewing and textiles topic, age 8 to 12
- 7403 Display, portfolio or folder on clothing, sewing and textiles topic, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Embellishment/Repurposing

An embellishment is added to a garment or accessory to personalize it or make it more attractive. Repurposing implies the garment, personal or home accessory is given a different purpose than the one originally intended. All accessories must be made with fabric or fibers.

Class

- 7404 Embellished garment or accessory, age 8 to 12
- 7405 Embellished garment or accessory, age 13 to 18
- 7406 Embellished home accessory, age 8 to 12
- 7407 Embellished home accessory, age 13 to 18
- 7408 Repurposed garment or accessory, age 8 to 12
- 7409 Repurposed garment or accessory, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Original Design

An original design is created from the exhibitor's own ideas, without use of a provided pattern, and made from textiles.

Class

- 7410 Original designed item, age 8 to 12
- 7411 Original designed item, age 13 to 18

Group 5: Sewing

A garment, personal or home accessory that is sewn by hand or machine

Class

- 7412 Garment age 8 to 12
- 7413 Garment age 13 to 18
- 7414 Sewn personal accessory, age 8 to 12
- 7415 Sewn personal accessory, age 13 to 18
- 7416 Sewn home accessory, age 8 to 12
- 7417 Sewn home accessory, age 13 to 18

Group 6: Crochet

A fiber art item created by looping yarn with one hooked needle to make a garment or accessory

Class

- 7418 Crochet, age 8 to 12
- 7419 Crochet, age 13 to 18

Group 7: Embroidery

Embroidery is the art of decorating a material with needle and thread, and it involves a variety of stitches, embellishments, styles and methods. Cross-stitch is a type of hand embroidery that uses the basic X-shape stitch. Needlepoint is a surface embroidery technique that covers the top of the fabric or plastic canvas and may use multiple stitch types.

Class

- 7420 Hand-embroidered item, age 8 to 12
- 7421 Hand-embroidered item, age 13 to 18
- 7422 Cross-stitch hand embroidered item, age 8 to 12
- 7423 Cross-stitch hand embroidered item, age 13 to 18
- 7424 Machine-embroidered item, age 8 to 12
- 7425 Machine-embroidered item, age 13 to 18
- 7426 Needlepoint item on fabric or plastic canvas, age 8 to 12
- 7427 Needlepoint item on fabric or plastic canvas, age 13 to 18

Group 8: Felting

The process of producing a textile or fabric by combining and compressing the loose fibers of wool or hair. Needle felting uses a specialized felting needle and wool fibers to create an endless array of shapes and objects.

Class

- 7430 Felting, age 8 to 12
- 7431 Felting, age 13 to 18

Group 9: Knitting

A fiber art project created by interlacing yarn or thread in a series of connected loops with a pair of needles to make a garment or accessory

Class

- 7432 Traditional knit item, age 8 to 12
- 7433 Traditional knit item, age 13 to 18
- 7434 Nontraditional knit item (such as arm knitting, finger knitting), age 8 to 12
- 7435 Nontraditional knit item (such as arm knitting, finger knitting), age 13 to 18

Group 10: Macramé

A fiber art item made by knotting cord or string in patterns to make decorative articles

Class

- 7436 Macramé item, age 8 to 12
- 7437 Macramé item, age 13 to 18

Group 11: Quilting


The process of joining a minimum of three layers of fabric together either through stitching manually using a needle and thread, or mechanically with a sewing machine or specialized longarm quilting system. An array of stitches is passed through all layers of the fabric to create a three-dimensional padded surface. The three layers are typically referred to as the top fabric or quilt top, batting or insulating material, and backing.

Class

- 7438 Quilt or quilted item, quilted, age 8 to 12
- 7439 Quilted or quilted item, quilted, age 13 to 18
- 7442 Quilt or quilted item, tied or finished in other manner, age 8 to 12
- 7443 Quilt or quilted item, tied or finished in other manner, age 13 to 18
- 7446 Quilt or quilted item, professionally quilted, age 8 to 12
- 7447 Quilt or quilted item, professionally quilted, age 13 to 18

■ Foods and Nutrition Project Area

The study of food and how it works in the body

1. Food exhibit guidelines can be found by scanning the QR code (Reference Food Exhibits, "Appropriate Food Exhibits for North Dakota 4-H Fairs.") To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile. 
2. All food exhibits must be safe to eat. **Items requiring refrigeration are not accepted.**
3. Securely fasten exhibit tags to the covering of the products.
4. Remove baked items from pans. Place on cardboard or heavy paper plates and place in sealable plastic bags of appropriate size. If your item does not fit in a plastic bag, please secure the plastic wrap.
5. All foods are to be made from scratch. For ages 8 to 12, one ingredient may be a cake mix.
6. Exhibit whole food items unless other specific information is given. Use smaller size pans when possible -- small loaf of bread, small cake, small pie.
7. Do not frost, ice or glaze any food item
8. Cut bars in uniform size about 2-inch square.
9. Place the cake bottom side up on a covered cardboard or paper plate. Do not slice the top of the cake off. Coffee cake may be displayed according to the recipe.
10. Perishable items will be disposed of at the first signs of deterioration after judging. Containers will not be returned.
11. Include a typed copy of the recipe and cite the source: NO handwritten recipes. Other information you wish to share with the judge may be written on a notecard. Recipes may be taken from any source.
12. Cake decorating is to be entered in the Communication and Expressive Arts Project Area, Visual Arts Project, Group B.
13. Sourdough bread: Starter can be commercial or homemade using ONLY flour and water. Friendship bread or sourdough starters using milk are NOT allowed.

Division 80: Foods and Nutrition Project, Other

Class

- 8000 Foods and Nutrition exhibits that do not fit in any other Foods and Nutrition Projects (Divisions 81-83)

Division 81: Baking and Cooking Project

Preparation of food and the act of being nourished by wholesome and sustaining food

Group 1: Breads, Yeast

Class

- 8101 Loaf of bread, white or whole grain, age 8 to 12
- 8102 Loaf of bread, white or whole grain, age 13 to 18
- 8103 Rolls or bread sticks, 4 of a kind, age 8 to 12
- 8104 Rolls or bread sticks, 4 of a kind, age 13 to 18
- 8105 Bread mixed and baked with a bread machine, 1 loaf, age 8 to 12
- 8106 Bread mixed and baked with a bread machine, 1 loaf, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Breads, Other (Including Quick Breads)

Class

- 8107 Other bread, including specialty or nationality breads, 1 loaf or 4 of a kind, age 8 to 12
- 8108 Other bread, including specialty or nationality breads, 1 loaf or 4 of a kind, age 13 to 18
- 8109 Vegetable, fruit and nut breads, age 8 to 12
- 8110 Vegetable, fruit, nut breads, age 13 to 18
- 8111 Biscuits, scones, doughnuts, age 8 to 12
- 8112 Biscuits, scones, doughnuts, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Brownies/Bars/Cookies

Class

- 8113 Brownies, granola bar or other bars, including protein balls, energy bites and crisp cereal balls, 4 of a kind, age 8 to 12
- 8114 Brownies, granola or other bars, 4 of a kind, age 13 to 18 (NO protein balls, energy bites or crisp cereal balls)
- 8115 Cookies, 4 of a kind, age 8 to 12
- 8116 Cookies, 4 of a kind, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Cakes/Cupcakes/Muffins

Class

- 8117 Muffins, 4 of a kind, no paper baking liner, age 8 to 12
- 8118 Muffins, 4 of a kind, no paper baking liner, age 13 to 18
- 8119 Angel food cake, age 8 to 12
- 8120 Angel food cake, age 13 to 18
- 8121 Cake, 1 layer of a square, oblong or round, age 8 to 12
- 8122 Cake, 1 layer of a square, oblong or round, age 13 to 18
- 8123 Other cake, including cupcake without paper baking liner, sponge cake, jelly roll, etc., age 8 to 12
- 8124 Other cake, including cupcake without paper baking liner, sponge cake, jelly roll, etc., age 13 to 18

Group 5: Candy/Pies

Class

- 8125 Candy, age 8 to 12
- 8126 Candy, age 13 to 18
- 8127 Pie, age 8 to 12
- 8128 Pie, age 13 to 18

Group 6: Food and Kitchen Safety

Including equipment basics, knife skills and safe food storage

Class

- 8129 Food or kitchen safety, age 8 to 12
- 8130 Food or kitchen safety, age 13 to 18


Group 7: Microwave Cooking

Class

- 8133 Microwave cooking, age 8 to 12
- 8134 Microwave cooking, age 13 to 18

Division 82: Food Preservation Project

Applying science-based knowledge to prevent deterioration and spoilage of food products

1. Canned food labels are available on the ND 4-H Google Drive by scanning the QR code. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile. 
2. Canned exhibits must have been preserved in the past 12 months.
3. The exhibit must be put in a standard canning jar such as quart, pint or jelly jar. If canning jars smaller than a pint are used, processing should be done according to pint processing guidelines. A jar ring should remain on the jar.
4. Canned foods must have a label attached to the neck of the jar. The label must include the name of the product, date, method of processing, length of processing time, altitude and exhibitor's name.
5. Labels for vegetables, fruits, meats, pickles and mixes also should include the type of pack and pounds of pressure used.
6. Canned goods must follow U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines. The USDA does not approve of the inversion method of sealing canned goods; therefore, all exhibits must be processed.
7. All products must be made using research-based recipes only. (recipes from the USDA or Kerr).
8. Each exhibitor may enter two different products per class, with a maximum of four exhibits in food preservation.
9. Include published directions: include a photo or copy of the recipe or print it from the website.
10. NO handwritten recipes are allowed.

Group 1: Canned Fruits

Class

- 8201 Fruits, fruit juice, fruit sauce or syrup, age 8 to 12
- 8202 Fruits, fruit juice, fruit sauce or syrup, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Canned Jams/Jellies

Class

- 8203 Jams, preserves, jelly and fruit butters, age 8 to 12
- 8204 Jams, preserves, jelly and fruit butters, age 13 to 18
- 8205 Cooked reduced-sugar fruit spread, age 8 to 12
- 8206 Cooked reduced-sugar fruit spread, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Canned Pickles/Relishes

Class

- 8207 Pickles, relishes or non-tomato sauces made with vinegar, age 8 to 12
- 8208 Pickles, relishes or non-tomato sauces made with vinegar, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Canned Tomato Products

Class

- 8209 Tomato or tomato/vegetable-blend juice, or tomato products (whole, crushed, sauce, ketchup or salsa), age 8 to 12
- 8210 Tomato or tomato/vegetable-blend juice, or tomato products (whole, crushed, sauce, ketchup or salsa), age 13 to 18

Group 5: Other Food Preservation Methods and Displays

Class

- 8211 Fruit leather or other dehydrated fruit, dehydrated vegetables or herbs, age 8 to 12
- 8212 Fruit leather or other dehydrated fruit, dehydrated vegetables or herbs, age 13 to 18
- 8213 Beef jerky and other dehydrated meats, age 8 to 12
- 8214 Beef jerky and other dehydrated meats, age 13 to 18

- 8215 Other dehydrated or freeze-dried product, age 8 to 12
- 8216 Other dehydrated or freeze-dried product, age 13 to 18
- 8217 Display on a food preservation method, age 8 to 12
- 8218 Display on a food preservation method, age 13 to 18

Group 6: Pressure-Canned Products

Class

- 8219 Jar of pressure-canned vegetables, meat or combination product, such as soup, stew or spaghetti sauce, age 8 to 12
- 8220 Jar of pressure-canned vegetables, meat or combination product, such as soup, stew or spaghetti sauce, age 13 to 18

Division 83: Food Science and Nutrition Project

The study of nutrients in foods that nourish, sustain or supply humankind, including the study of animal tissue used for human consumption. Includes nutrition displays such as food insecurity, food budgeting, measuring basics and food labeling.

Class

- 8301 Food science or nutrition displays, age 8 to 12
- 8302 Food science or nutrition displays, age 13 to 18

■ Healthy Living Project Area

Studies related to a way of living or state of health for mind and body

Division 90: Healthy Living Project, Other

Class

- 9000 Healthy Living exhibits including soaps and scented candles intended to promote physical, mental or emotional health that do not fit in any other Healthy Living Projects (Divisions 91-93). Please include a list of ingredients.

Division 91: Mental and Emotional Health Project

Exhibits related to self-understanding, self and stress management, and interpersonal relationships. Could include chemical health defined as the effects of chemical substances on one's physical or mental well-being.

Class

- 9101 Mental and emotional health, age 8 to 12
- 9102 Mental and emotional health, age 13 to 18

Division 92: Personal Safety Project

Exhibits related to being secure or protected from hurt, injury, harm or loss. Includes ATV safety, automotive and bicycle safety, emergency preparedness, tractor safety education, farm safety, chemical or pesticide safety, water safety and snowmobile safety.

Class

- 9201 Personal safety, age 8 to 12
- 9202 Personal safety, age 13 to 18

Division 93: Physical Health Project

Exhibits related to the body's well-being, maintenance of well-being, and learning about and participating in exercise of any kind. Includes fitness and sports, growth development, disease and first aid/CPR.

This division includes a Healthy 4-H Club Display that should be entered in class 9303.

- The Healthy 4-H Club Display is a group project and is limited to one entry per club in class 9303. Only one 4-H club member may register the exhibit through FairEntry.
- Class 9303 should be a portfolio or display showing what the club has done during the year. Display is not judged but receives 100 premium points.

Class

- 9301 Physical health, age 8 to 12
- 9302 Physical health, age 13 to 18
- 9303 Healthy 4-H Club Display

Division 94: Understanding Physical and Intellectual Development Project

Understanding the spectrum of physical and intellectual development through relating, connecting and showing compassion for a range of abilities

Class

- 9401 Understanding physical and intellectual development, age 8 to 12
- 9402 Understanding physical and intellectual development, age 13 to 18

■ Personal Development and Leadership Project Area

Relating to individual influence, excellence, conduct, motives, characteristics, traits, attitudes or habits along with employability skills

Division 100: Personal Development and Leadership Project, Other

Class

- 10000 Personal Development and Leadership exhibit that does not fit in any other Personal Development and Leadership Projects (Divisions 101-104)

Division 101: Career Exploration and Workforce Preparation Project

Learning about jobs, callings and professions, as well as the expectations and rewards of each interest, along with workforce preparation and employability skills

Class

- 10101: Portfolio, report or display on career investigation completed for two or more career areas, career shadowing, career analysis study, comparison of colleges or training programs, or job-seeking portfolio, age 8 to 12
- 10102: Portfolio, report or display on career investigation completed for two or more career areas, career shadowing, career analysis study, comparison of colleges or training programs, or job-seeking portfolio, age 13 to 18

Division 102: Economics/Business/Marketing Project

The study of the principles underlying commerce, merchandising and entrepreneurship

Class

- 10201 Economics/business/marketing, age 8 to 12
- 10202 Economics/business/marketing, age 13 to 18
- 10203 Entrepreneurship display, age 8 to 12
- 10204 Entrepreneurship display, age 13 to 18

Division 103: Leadership Project

The development of qualities necessary to work with and through others to accomplish goals. Includes communication styles, conflict management, decision-making, facilitation, planning, goal setting, problem-solving, inclusion, diversity and self-confidence.

Class

- 10301 Leadership, age 8 to 12
- 10302 Leadership, age 13 to 18

Division 104: Personal Development Project

Expanding knowledge of self and expanding capabilities, personal growth, increased self-awareness and expanding personal capacity. Includes character education and general life skills development.

Class

10401 Personal Development, age 8 to 12

10402 Personal Development, age 13 to 18

■ Plant Science Project Area

The study of plants and how they grow including plant genetics, reproduction and plant responses to the environment. Plants include living fruits, vegetables, crops, herbs, greenery or foliage, trees, vines and shrubs.

Division 111: Agronomy Project

Projects related to crops, weeds, pest management, soils and soil conservation

1. Each exhibitor may enter once per class.
2. Please list the variety name on the label. Your exhibit is an opportunity to teach the public about crops in North Dakota; providing the variety name helps education.
3. Entry size is one quart for all classes of harvested grain and seed from the most recently harvested cropping season. Exhibits will be placed in display boxes at the state fair. Zip-top bags work well for delivery to the fair. Please do not send exhibits in heritage-type jars or any container you want returned.
4. Grain samples need not be grown by the 4-H member. If grain is not grown by the 4-H member, the member must receive permission from the farmer.
5. Champions may be selected from each subgroup if the quality and quantity merit. Champions may be selected in wheat classes because special premiums are provided by the North Dakota Wheat Commission for wheat seed classes and wheat sheaves.
6. The North Dakota Crop Improvement and Seed Association will provide an additional premium for the top exhibitor in Division 111: Agronomy Project based on a formula of quality and quantity of exhibits in classes beginning with 11101.
7. Because the timing of fairs varies, exhibitors may enter in different classes at the state fair than were entered at the county fair. In such cases, county extension staff must make the class correction in FairEntry and print a new exhibit tag before sending on to the state fair.
8. Follow exhibit guidelines in Publication GCA091, "Preparing Crop Sheaves and Threshed Grain for Exhibit" located on the 4-H Google Drive in the Plant Science folder by scanning the QR code. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakotas 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile.



Group 1: Crop Production

A plant product grown and harvested for profit or consumption. For classes 11102 through 11127 the seeds of these crops will be displayed.

Class

11101 Crop production display, other

SUBGROUP A: Wheat

Class

11102 Hard red spring wheat

11103 Durum wheat

11104 Winter wheat, white wheat, other wheat types

SUBGROUP B: Other Cereal Grains

Class

11105 Oat

11106 Barley

11107 Rye

SUBGROUP C: Soybean

Class

11108 Natto

11109 Soybean

SUBGROUP D: Pulse Crops

Class

11110 Black bean

11111 Chickpea

11112 Lentil

11113 Navy bean

11114 Pea, green

11115 Pea, yellow

11116 Pinto

11117 Other

SUBGROUP E: Other Large-seeded Crops

Class

11118 Sunflower, oil

11119 Sunflower, non-oil

11120 Corn, 1-quart grain

11121 Corn, 10 ears

11122 Safflower

11123 Other

SUBGROUP F: Other Small-seeded Crops

Class

11124 Canola

11125 Flax

11126 Millet

11127 Alfalfa

11128 Other

SUBGROUP G: Small-grain Sheaves

1. Small-grain sheaves should be stripped of leaves if headed, and roots should be removed.
2. Small-grain sheaves should measure 2½ to 3 inches in diameter or 7 to 9 inches in circumference halfway between the butt and the head.
3. Sheaves should be tied firmly and securely in three to four places.

Class

11129 Sheaf of wheat or durum

11130 Sheaf of barley, oat, rye or other similar cereal grain

11131 Sheaf made of other grass plant species, flax, millet, etc.

SUBGROUP H: Forage Sheaves

1. Forage sheaves should be 3 to 4 inches in diameter or 9 to 11 inches in circumference at the point halfway from the base.
2. Tie the sheaf in 2 to 4 places as needed.
3. Legume sheaves are best shown fresh (not wet).

Class

11132 Sheaves made of alfalfa, sweet clover or similar forage species

SUBGROUP I: Other Sheaves and Plant Exhibits

1. Display with leaves on and roots removed.
2. Tie stems in 3 to 4 places as needed.
3. These sheaves or collections of stalks are best shown in a freshly cut condition.

Class

11133 Sheaves made of soybean, pulse crops, or other small seeded crops, 8 plants

11134 Corn, 6 stalks

11135 Sunflower, 6 stalks

11136 Sugarbeet, 3 beet roots, cutting to 1 to 2 inches

11137 Field Potato, 6 tubers

11138 Other large seeded crops

Group 2: Pest Management

The method of reducing or eliminating any type of unwanted pest in agricultural production

Class

- 11139 Pest management, age 8 to 12
- 11140 Pest management, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Soils and Soil Conservation

Science concerned with the formation, nature, ecology, classification and conservation of soil

Class

- 11141 Soils and soil conservation, age 8 to 12
- 11142 Soils and soil conservation, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Weeds

Plants that interfere with the growth and production of desirable plants

1. Exhibits in this group may include pressed weed plant mounts, weed seed collections, weed biology posters or anything else not pertaining to weed management. Exhibits related to weed management should be exhibited in pest management classes 11138 or 11139.

Class

- 11143 Weeds, age 8 to 12
- 11144 Weeds, age 13 to 18

Division 112: Botany Project

The study of plants and how they grow. This might include plant genetics, reproduction, taxonomy and plant responses to the environment.

Class

- 11201 Botany, age 8 to 12
- 11202 Botany, age 13 to 18

Division 113: Horticulture Project

Projects related to flowers, indoor plants, fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants and herbs

1. Please list the variety name on the label. Your exhibit is an opportunity to teach the public about crops in North Dakota; providing the variety name helps education.
2. All produce must be grown or harvested in the current year
3. Because the timing of fairs varies, exhibitors may enter in different classes at the state fair than were entered at the county fair. In such cases, county extension staff must make the class correction in FairEntry and print a new exhibit tag before sending on to the state fair.
4. Exhibitors may enter only once per class.

Group 1: Fruits/Herbs/Vegetables

Desirable plants cultivated for their production of edible herbs, fruits, flowers or vegetables

1. The state fair will provide exhibit containers for garden produce.
2. Follow exhibit guidelines in publication GCC901, "Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit" located on the 4-H Google Drive in the Plant Science folder by scanning the QR code. To access the 4-H Google Drive from the North Dakota 4-H home page at www.ag.ndsu.edu/4H, select 4-H Google Drive: Member and Volunteer Resources and navigate to the N.D. State Fair tile.
3. Vegetables will be judged on uniformity, maturity, correct number and preparation, full size, color and shape, firmness, and whether they are free of damage from insects, disease or mechanical injury.
4. If quality merits, champions may be selected from each subgroup.



SUBGROUP A: Fruits

Class

- 11302 Apple, 6 fruits
- 11303 Cherry, 1 pint
- 11304 Chokecherry, 1 pint
- 11305 Crabapple, 12 fruits
- 11307 Juneberry, 1 pint
- 11308 Plum, 12 fruits
- 11309 Raspberry, 1 pint
- 11310 Strawberry, 1 pint, caps on
- 11311 Other fruit grown as part of 4-H project (exhibit amount as similarly sized fruit above)

SUBGROUP B: Greens and Leafy Vegetable

Class

- 11312 Broccoli, exhibit 1 head; remove all leaves below the head, minimum diameter of head 3 inches, stalk and head should be 6 to 8 inches long
- 11313 Cabbage, exhibit 1 head with 1 or 2 green wrapper leaves; remove loose leaves, trim root smooth with the base of leaves
- 11314 Kale, 3 plants; wrap roots in wet paper towel and cover with plastic
- 11316 Kohlrabi, exhibit 3; remove root at base, cut off all leaves to 1 to 1½ inches of the bulb
- 11317 Lettuce, exhibit 1 head (remove outer leaves that show yellowing) or 3 leaf lettuce plants; wrap roots in wet paper towel and cover with plastic
- 11318 Spinach plants, show 3; with washed roots, wrap roots in wet paper towel and cover with plastic
- 11319 Swiss chard plants, show 3 plants; trim older leaves, leave root, wrap root in wet paper towels and cover with plastic
- 11320 Other greens or leafy vegetable not listed in classes 11312-11319; exhibit 3

SUBGROUP C: Onion and Garlic

Class

- 11321 Onion, green, 6 plants; remove outer covering on bulb, trim tops so overall length is 6 to 8 inches, trim roots to about ¾ inch
- 11322 Onion, mature bulbs, any color, exhibit 6 bulbs; show with outer scale on, tops 1 inch long, trim roots to 1 inch in length
- 11323 Garlic, 6 bulbs; 1 inch stem, trim roots to 1 inch of bulb

SUBGROUP D: Pea and Bean

Class

- 11324 Bean, green or yellow; 12 pods with calyx
- 11325 Pea; 12 pods with calyx

SUBGROUP E: Peppers, Tomatoes and Eggplants

Class

- 11328 Pepper, any color, exhibit 3 fruits; leave ½ inch stem
- 11329 Tomato, 6 larger fruits or 12 cherry types; remove stems
- 11330 Eggplant, any color, exhibit 1 fruit; leave 1 inch of stem
- 11331 Tomato, slicing, 6 fruits; remove stems
- 11332 Other edible nightshade species, exhibit 3 fruits

SUBGROUP F: Dill, Rhubarb, Sweet Corn and Herbs

Class

- 11334 Dill, trim to a 4-inch stem; tie 3 seed-bearing heads together near lower end of stems and again just below seed heads
- 11335 Rhubarb, exhibit 6 stalks; trim so 2 inches of leaf blade remain attached to the stalks, do not remove ends, tie stalks at both ends.
- 11336 Sweet corn, exhibit 3 ears; do not remove husks, trim silk to within 1 inch of the top husk and trim shank to 1 to 2 inches long
- 11337 Asparagus, 6 stems; including bud at 6 to 8 inches in length, tied 2 times about 2 inches from top and 2 inches from bottom
- 11338 Herb garden planted in a container

SUBGROUP G: Potato

Class

11340 Potato, any color from garden; exhibit 6 tubers

SUBGROUP H: Root Crops

Class

11341 Beet, exhibit 6; tops 1 to 1½ inches long, may wash, leave root

11342 Carrot, exhibit 6; 1 to 1½ inch tops; may wash

11343 Radish, any edible type, exhibit 6; show with 1 to 1 ½ inch tops and tap root

SUBGROUP I: Vine Crops

Class

11344 Cucumber, pickling, 6 fruits; with ½ inch long stem or 3 slicing, 6 to 8 inches in length

11345 Cucumber, snack, 6 fruits; no stem

11346 Squash, zucchini type, exhibit 3; no more than 8 inches long, stem attached

11347 Squash, any other non-zucchini type, exhibit 2; with 1 inch stem

Group 2: Flower Gardening/Indoor Plants

Desirable live plants cultivated for their appearance and/or ornamentation either outdoors, indoors in or out of containers, either as a hobby or business. Fairy gardens without live plants should exhibit in Visual Arts classes 5301-5302.

Class

11348 Poster or folder of flower bed plan, color combinations, description of project and photos of flower bed

11349 Cut flower from your garden; exhibit 3 of 1 species (no daylilies), not in a floral arrangement

11350 Potted plant, single potted indoor plant, 1 species, in appropriate container

11351 Fairy, dish or miniature garden (Fairy garden with non-living plants exhibit in Division 53 Visual Arts, classes 5301 or 5302)

11352 Mixed plant species container

Group 3: Ornamental Horticulture

Plants cultivated primarily for landscaping and/or pollinators

Class

11353 Poster or folder of landscaping plan, color combinations, description of project or photos of landscaping, age 8 to 12

11354 Poster or folder of landscaping plan, color combinations, description of project or photos of landscaping, age 13 to 18

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math Project Area

Division 120: STEM Project, Other

Class

12000 STEM exhibit that does not fit in any other STEM Projects (Divisions 121-124)

Division 121: Digital Technology Project

The branch of scientific or engineering knowledge that deals with the creation and practical use of digital or computerized devices, methods and systems

1. Exhibitor may enter two exhibits per group.
2. For computer exhibits, attach a card with information on software used, an explanation of work completed and what kind of printer (preprogrammed, 3-D printing, etc.) was used. Music and other materials with copyrights may not be used unless permission has been granted and is acknowledged. A copy of the permission must be attached to the exhibit.

Group 1: Computer and Digital Technology

The applied science and engineering related to or concerned with programmable electronic devices that can store, retrieve and process data. Includes use and integration of computers and established or emerging digital technologies (QR codes, tablets, smartphone apps, digital game design) as tools for science discovery, engineering design and 4-H projects. The Computer Project involves learning about computer components and operating systems. Digital Technology involves learning about the use of electronic devices, software, and digital tools to create a product or perform a task. Products can include 3D printed items, metal art created by a programmed machine, app creation and use of artificial intelligence.

Class

12101 Computer, age 8 to 12

12102 Computer, age 13 to 18

12103 Digital technology, age 8 to 12

12104 Digital technology, age 13 to 18

Group 2: GPS/GIS

Exhibits related to the use of Global Positioning System or Geographic Information System (GPS/GIS) technologies and skills with application in real-world settings to enhance the understanding of our world and solve problems. Includes exhibits related to geocaching.

1. If the exhibit is a geocache, the cache should be in a durable, watertight container, include a logbook and pencil (also may include trinkets, geo-coins or other trade items), and have a title, teaser description and the geographic coordinates of intended placement. If the site is to be registered with a registry such as geocaching.com, include a printout of its listing.

Class

12105 GPS/GIS, age 8 to 12

12106 GPS/GIS, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Robotics

Relating to or utilizing devices constructed or working by the methods of physics. This includes design, construction, operation and application of robots and computer systems for their control, sensory feedback and information processing. Includes LEGO robotics (NOT from a kit) and drones.

Class

12107 Robotics, age 8 to 12

12108 Robotics, age 13 to 18

Division 122: Engineering Project

The practice of using science, math and the engineering design process to solve problems

Group 1: Aerospace Engineering

The branch of engineering that deals with flight, the earth's atmosphere and space

1. Remove engines from rockets or planes before exhibiting.

Class

12201 Aerospace, age 8 to 12

12202 Aerospace, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Chemical Engineering

The branch of engineering that deals with the manufacture of products through chemical processes. These products include, among others, pharmaceuticals, pulp and paper, petrochemicals, microelectronic devices, polymers, and products used in food processing and in biotechnology.

Class

12203 Chemical engineering, age 8 to 12

12204 Chemical engineering, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Civil Engineering and Architecture

The branch of engineering dealing with the design and construction of projects such as highways, bridges, tunnels, waterworks, harbors and buildings. Includes non-robotic LEGO construction not from a prepackaged kit. (packaged LEGO kits exhibit in Visual Arts Project/Group 1/Subgroup G)

Class

12205 Civil engineering and architecture, age 8 to 12
12206 Civil engineering and architecture, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Electrical Engineering

The branch of engineering that is concerned with the study, design and application of equipment, devices and systems that use electricity, electronics and electromagnetism

Class

12207 Electrical engineering, age 8 to 12
12208 Electrical engineering, age 13 to 18

Group 5: Mechanical Engineering

The branch of engineering that specializes in the design, production and uses of machines. The physics of mechanics is widely used in mechanical engineering. Includes LEGO simple machines.

Class

12209 Mechanical engineering, age 8 to 12
12210 Mechanical engineering, age 13 to 18

Division 123: General Sciences and Math Project

Study of the physical world

Group 1: Earth Science—Earth, Water, and Air

Studies that address physio-chemical aspects of the environment, including Earth water and air systems. Topics include the lithosphere (geology and minerals), the hydrosphere (water supply, use and quality), and the atmosphere (weather and climate patterns over short- and long-term periods).

Class

12301 Earth, age 8 to 12
12302 Earth, age 13 to 18
12303 Water, age 8 to 12
12304 Water, age 13 to 18
12305 Air, age 8 to 12
12306 Air, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Life Science

The discipline and knowledge base applied to life and living processes

Class

12307 Life science, age 8 to 12
12308 Life science, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Mathematics

The science of numbers and their operations

Class

12309 Mathematics, age 8 to 12
12310 Mathematics, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Physical Science – Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics

Astronomy is the science that deals with celestial bodies. Chemistry is the science that deals with the composition, structure and properties of substances and of the transformation that they undergo. Physics is the science that deals with matter and energy and their interactions in the fields of mechanics, acoustics, optics, heat, electricity, magnetism, radiation, atomic structure and nuclear phenomena.

Class

12311 Astronomy, age 8 to 12
12312 Astronomy, age 13 to 18
12313 Chemistry, age 8 to 12
12314 Chemistry, age 13 to 18
12315 Physics, age 8 to 12
12316 Physics, age 13 to 18

Division 124: Industrial Technology Project

The study related to the design, building and use of engines, machines and structures

Group 1: Bicycle

Exhibits related to human-powered two-wheeled vehicles

Class

12401 Bicycle, age 8 to 12
12402 Bicycle, age 13 to 18

Group 2: Electricity

Exhibits related to circuits, wiring and flow of electrical power

Class

12403 Electricity, age 8 to 12
12404 Electricity, age 13 to 18

Group 3: Engines, Tractors and Field Equipment

Exhibits related to equipment used for transportation, agricultural production, and lawn or garden applications, including automotive

Class

12405 Engines, tractors and field equipment, age 8 to 12
12406 Engines, tractors and field equipment, age 13 to 18

Group 4: Welding

Exhibits related to building, modifying or repairing steel-based objects by heating the surfaces to the point of melting using a blowtorch, electric arc or other means, and uniting them by pressing or hammering.

1. Welds should not be ground unless needed for functionality.
2. No knives or blades may be displayed; instead, a photograph may be used to show the exhibit. Please submit a note with the photograph to explain what was learned.

SUBGROUP A: Arc Welding

Class

12407 Arc welding, age 8 to 12
12408 Arc welding, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP B: Oxyacetylene Welding

Class

12409 Oxyacetylene welding, age 8 to 12
12410 Oxyacetylene welding, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP C: Brazing or Soldering

Class

12411 Brazing or soldering, age 8 to 12
12412 Brazing or soldering, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP D: MIG (metallic inert gas) Welding

Class

12413 MIG welding, age 8 to 12
12414 MIG welding, age 13 to 18

SUBGROUP E: Other Welding

Display made for your welding project or item made with other types or multiple types of welding

Class

12415 Other welding, age 8 to 12
12416 Other welding, age 13 to 18

Group 5: Woodworking

Exhibits related to the skill of designing, constructing or repairing objects from wood and the activity of becoming familiar with woodworking tools and machines. (Exhibits intended to be judged on the artistic expression aspect on or with wood instead of the construction techniques will exhibit in Wood Arts classes 5330-5331.)

Class

- 12417 Woodworking, age 8 to 12
- 12418 Woodworking, age 13 to 18

■ Living Exhibits

1. Communication Arts

1. Communication Arts participants must be registered by the participants' NDSU Extension county office.
2. An exhibitor must have placed first in the category at the district Communication Arts contest.
3. Exhibitors may participate in a maximum of two QUALIFIED presentations at the state fair contest. (see #2) An individual may enter a maximum of one team event and one individual event. An individual may enter only once in a category, either as an individual or team.
4. Junior division is youth 4-H age 8 to 12 and senior division is youth 4-H age 13 to 18 as of Sept. 1, 2025.
5. Only categories that are connected to national contests will be placed with first, second or third place (Senior Prepared and Senior Impromptu Speech). For all other categories, participants will receive a green ribbon (100 points state contest qualifier) or an Award of Excellence (50 additional points) and judges' comments on areas of excellence or suggestions for improvement.
 - Participants interested in going on to nationals for Prepared and Impromptu Speech must be between 14 and 19 years old as of January 1 the year following the state fair.
6. For more information, scan the QR code.

Class

- 9501 Demonstration, junior division
- 9502 Demonstration, senior division
- 9503 Illustrated talk, junior division
- 9504 Illustrated talk, senior division
- 9505 Speech, junior division
- 9506 Speech, senior division
- 9507 Interpretive reading, junior division
- 9508 Interpretive reading, senior division
- 9509 Drama, junior division
- 9510 Drams, senior division
- 9511 Mass media, junior division
- 9512 Mass media, senior division
- 9513 Electronic, junior division
- 9514 Electronic, senior division
- 9515 Fish tank, junior division
- 9516 Fish tank, senior division



96: Clothing Revue

1. Clothing Revue exhibitors must be registered through the participants' NDSU Extension county office.
2. An exhibitor may enter one class in Clothing Revue if enrolled in a Clothing and Textiles project or Consumer Management project. Sew and Show and Decorate Your Duds exhibitors must be enrolled in a Clothing and Textiles project. Buy and Show participants may be enrolled in either a Clothing and Textiles project or Consumer Management project.
3. Counties may enter any number of participants in any combination in the following divisions: Junior Buy and Show, Senior Buy and Show, Junior Sew and Show, Senior Sew and Show, Junior Decorate Your Duds and Senior Decorate Your Duds.
4. Junior division is youth 4-H age 8 to 12 and senior division is youth 4-H age 13 to 18 as of Sept. 1, 2025.
5. ONLY categories connected to national contests will be placed first, second and third. For all other categories, participants will receive a state qualifier award or an award of excellence and judges' comments on areas of excellence or suggestions for improvement.
 - One youth in Sr. Sew and Show and one youth in Sr. Buy and Show will be eligible to attend the national contest.
6. For more information, scan the QR code.

Class

- 9603 Buy and Show – junior division, age 8 to 12
- 9604 Buy and Show – senior division, age 13 to 18
- 9605 Sew and Show – junior division, age 8 to 12
- 9606 Sew and Show – senior division, age 13 to 18
- 9607 Decorate Your Duds – junior division, age 8 to 12
- 9608 Decorate Your Duds – senior division, age 13 to 18



97: Project Expo

1. Project Expo participants must be registered by the participants' NDSU Extension county office.
2. An exhibitor may enter one exhibit in Project Expo (enrolled in any project).
3. The county may enter any number of participants.
4. Junior division is youth 4-H age 8 to 12 and senior division is youth 4-H age 13 to 18 as of Sept. 1, 2025.
5. No live animals allowed.
6. If your display includes a poster or trifold display, refer to Guidelines for Posters located on the 4-H Google Drive by scanning the QR code.
 - For more information about Project Expo, scan the QR code.

Class

- 9701 Project Expo, junior division
- 9702 Project Expo, senior division





4-H Ribbons Defined

“To make the best better” is the 4-H motto. The project judging experience helps 4-H members evaluate their progress and reflect on how they can improve. The goal is to help young people develop life skills and explore careers.

Consider the following when viewing 4-H projects:

- Judges evaluate each project against a national standard, not against other entries.
- The evaluation system focuses on the development of each 4-H member, not on blue-ribbon projects.
- At each level, youth learn to reflect on their accomplishments and consider how to challenge themselves in the future.



Champion (Purple) – Superior

- First place.
- The exhibit or workmanship is outstanding with minimal flaws. *Keep in mind that superior does not mean perfect!*



Reserve Champion (Lavender) – Above Average

- Second place.
- Exhibit or workmanship is very good with minimal flaws.



Award of Excellence (Orange) – Above Average

- Exhibits that were considered for the champion rosettes.
- Exhibit or workmanship is good with minimal flaws.



Blue – Excellent

- Meets or exceeds the average standard.
- May have one minor fault with little improvements needed.
- Youth set new goals to challenge themselves differently.



Red – Good

- Meets or is slightly below the average standard.
- May have some minor and major flaws.
- Youth reflect on what they could change, navigate corrective feedback and establish new goals.



White – Fair

- Does not meet the average standard.
- Has multiple minor or major flaws.
- Youth practice a growth mindset, reflect on what they could change, navigate corrective feedback, and establish new goals.



Green – Living Exhibits

- State Qualifier for Communication Arts and Project Expo.
- State Fair Participant, Clothing Revue.



4-H Leaders Choice Award

State leaders who participate in the North Dakota State Fair Leaders Showmanship Event are invited to view 4-H exhibits. Each leader receives a “Leaders Choice” rosette to place on the exhibit of their choice.

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Graduating Class Scholarship: Supports high school seniors who have actively participated in 4-H or FFA at the North Dakota State Fair. This scholarship can be used at any accredited college, university or trade school. **Application Deadline: June 1, 2026**

Hess Corporation Scholarship: Offers eight scholarships, including three \$10,000 awards and five \$2,000 awards. These scholarships are designated for students pursuing careers related to the oil and gas industry or community support roles, with a preference for those entering relevant trade or four-year programs. **Application Deadline: March 15, 2026**

Applicants must be present at the scholarship drawing on July 23, 2026, at the North Dakota State Fair to be eligible.



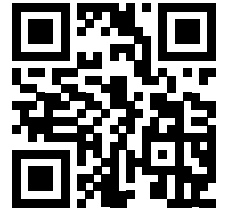
2026 application and details are available at ndstatefair.com/scholarships-grants

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- May 31-June 4 **Head & Heart Resilience Camp**.....Ages 8-12
- May 31-June 4 **Creative Arts**.....Ages 10-12
- June 4-5..... **Clover Camp I**.....Ages 5-9
- June 6-7..... **Advanced Archery Camp**.....Ages 12-18
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