



Minnesota 4-H AnSci Updates for 2019

Required Show Attire: Official 4-H show shirts are required to be worn by all exhibitors. This is for state fair shows only. Species specific show attire information is available at z.umn.edu/showringattire.

Reminder: Official Minnesota Board of Animal Health Ruling

All cattle and bison, goat, sheep and swine at exhibitions must be officially identified using Minnesota Board of Animal Health acceptable official ID. For complete 2019 Exhibition Entry Requirements and acceptable official ID, visit this link: www.bah.state.mn.us/exhibitions.

Beef Project updates

Crossbred Dairy Steers

Revised rules and requirements for the Crossbred Dairy Steer Division

- Crossbred Dairy Steers will show in a separate division.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Dairy Steers are eligible for the 4-H Auction, provided there is a minimum of eight entries in the division, and the exhibits receive a purple ribbon.
- The Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Dairy Steers will compete in the Market Beef Championship for Grand and Reserve Champion, and Top 5 Overall Market Beef.
- Crossbred Dairy Steers must be at least 50% from the acceptable breeds listed for the Pure Breed Dairy Steer division, with the balance being from any other beef or dairy breed; however, the steers must show adequate dairy steer characteristics, as determined by the screening committee. Exhibitors should be prepared to identify the breeds of their crossbred dairy steer.

4-H Beef Show Color Rule

No artificial color of any kind will be allowed on 4-H Market Beef, Prospect Calves, Cow Calf Pairs, and Breeding Heifer exhibits that is applied above the flank of the animal, except for the tailhead. Coloring materials are acceptable to be applied to the legs and hooves of the animal. All 4-H beef exhibits, except dairy steers, will be checked for artificial color and may be checked anytime during the show. Any animal that displays artificial color cannot receive a purple ribbon, or be named Division Champion or Reserve Champion, or be selected for the 4-H Auction.

Registration Papers & ID Information

- All registration papers must be originals. Photocopies, faxes, or on-line papers will not be accepted. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Required registration papers must be presented at the time of verification or weigh-in on entry day and the ear tattoo in the animal must match the tattoo number on the registration paper. Registered beef animals without registration papers will be placed in an appropriate division.
- All market beef dairy steers, prospect calves, commercial heifers and cow/calf pairs must be identified with a 4-H ear tag.
- Any beef exhibit not meeting the registration paper or 4-H ear tag requirement can place no higher than a blue ribbon and is not eligible for championship awards or the 4-H Purple Ribbon Auction.
- 4-H market beef, dairy steer and prospect calf weigh-in and breeding beef I.D. will occur on Wednesday from 1 - 6 p.m. Entry deadline is Wednesday at 6 p.m.

New 4-H Beef Show Ribbon System for 2019

The 4-H Beef Show will “pilot” a new type of ribbon system for State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows

- A numerical ribbon system (1st through 10th place) will be used for all classes in all 4-H Beef Show Divisions in 2019. (This will replace the blue, red & white ribbon system.)
- Purple ribbons will be awarded to deserving exhibits in each class, similar to previous years. The Show Judge will determine how many purple ribbons will be awarded in each class; however, it is not required to award any purple ribbons in a class.
- Purple ribbons are not required to be named a Division Champion or Reserve Champion.
- Market Beef and Dairy Steers must receive a purple ribbon to be eligible for the 4-H Auction.

Dairy Project updates

Red & white breed show update — 2019

- A. May be either registered or grade.
- B. Must be true red with no black or brindle. Show management reserves the right to deny any animal with a questionable hair coat.
- C. Dairy ID data should show animal’s breed as red & white on the May 15th deadline. Animals cannot switch between Holstein and red & white classes after ID verification.

4-H Dairy Show information

- a. The Minnesota State Fair Dairy show will start all cow classes before moving on to heifers. Approximate show times and net merit information will be posted outside dairy office by 7 p.m. on Thursday.
- b. Breeds with less than 10 exhibitors will be shown in 2 classes — heifers and cows.
- c. Dairy showcase will be held at 10:30 am in the Compeer Arena, with brunch at 9:30 a.m.
- d. Watch for information on the [Dairy Showcase at z.umn.edu/4h-dairy-showcase](http://z.umn.edu/4h-dairy-showcase)

Dairy Goat Project updates

- Reminder: Dairy Goats DO NOT need to be ID’d prior to first freshening. Dairy Goats can be identified for the first time at any age.
- Showmanship classes: Junior (6-7th grade), Intermediate (8-10th grade), Senior (11+grades)
- For herdsmanship, plywood or hay bale storage bags from farm store will greatly help herdsmanship
- No muzzles are allowed

Lama Project updates

You can show multiple lammas at county fair but the animal shown in showmanship class at county level is the animal eligible for state fair trip.

Changes to Poster Contest:

- Winning promotional poster will be the cover for the next year’s show catalog.
- No t-shirt will be printed.
- Textile Center of MN Award for Lama Costume Show. Textile Center of MN will present one \$100.00 Award to the outstanding lama costume that meets the criteria of creativity as well as best use of fabric

and materials. A team from Textile Center of MN will select 2 or 3 costumes per class, then announce their final selection from this group.

Meat Goat Project updates

State fair showmanship:

Age divisions: intermediate (grades 6–7), senior (grades 8–10), advanced (grade 11+)

Meat breeding doe yearling birth dates have changed:

Senior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)

Dec 1, 2017 – Feb 28, 2018

Junior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)

March 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018

Fall yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)

June 1, 2018 – Nov 30, 2018

Senior meat breeding doe kid

Dec 1, 2018 – Feb 28, 2019

Junior meat breeding doe kid

Mar 1, 2019 – May 31, 2019

- Must have an official 4-H ear tag and official scrapie tag (4-H tags DO NOT serve as scrapies tags). Exception: Animals with gopher or elf ears must be tattooed with unique ID number AND Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) scrapie ID number in the tail web by May 15th. Contact BAH for abbreviated BAH number.
- Breeding does must be tattooed with a unique animal ID tattoo AND scrapie tag or scrapie tattoo. NOTE: 4-H tags ARE NOT a valid animal ID for breeding does.
- No muzzles are allowed.

Poultry Project updates

- State Fair Herdsmanship: Bring your own feed, small broom and dustpan to maintain cleanliness of pen
- State fair poster contest has no additional program fee

Rabbit updates

- 4-H Rabbit Carcass Show will be held at Animal Arena (UMN St Paul Campus), 1888 Carter Ave, St. Paul, MN on Sunday August 25th

Sheep updates

- No muzzles are allowed

Swine updates

- No updates for 2019

Leasing of breeding animals

New for the 2018-2019 year, Minnesota 4-H will be changing the management and recording of leased animals (Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf pairs, Prospect Calves, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Swine, Meat Breeding Does, Dairy and Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Breeding Poultry, Lama and Breeding Rabbit).

Please refer to z.umn.edu/mn4h-LeaseInfo after February 1, 2019 for updated leasing information.

Herdsmanship update

Please refer to the 2019 Minnesota 4-H Premium Book for rules and updates.

Herdsmanship: Speaking up for animal agriculture activities

A critical component of herdsmanship is the way exhibitors positively interact with fair goers.

Minnesota 4-H will continue the program launched in 2007 in cooperation with Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association and the Minnesota State Fair. We will use the program to provide training and support to help 4-H exhibitors continue to showcase a positive image of animal agriculture at the fair. The program will consist of three components: (1) specialized training for 4-H livestock delegations (2) coaching for exhibitors as they interact one-on-one with fair visitors during the fair and (3) evaluation and competition for 25 bonus points to be added to the county's total herdsmanship score.

State fair interview process

In 2008, the swine and sheep project members exhibiting at the state fair were offered an exciting opportunity as they participated in their livestock interviews. Combining the knowledge of experts in the industry, hands-on workshops on popular topics within the species area and an interaction with technology through computer-based quizzes, 4-H'ers learned more than ever before! Because of this success, the interview process will again cover all the species at the 2019 Minnesota State Fair. The process will consist of age appropriate interactive workshops with industry experts, a computer-based quiz following the session and a one-on-one interview for those scoring in the top percentage on the quiz will be used to determine interview winners. These interviews (workshop and online quiz) will be held on the St. Paul campus.

Livestock quality assurance (LQA)

All youth participating as a Minnesota State Fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat goat, dairy goat and lama must have completed a livestock quality assurance and ethics training, for which there are two training options 1) a three hour in-person workshop (LQA&E) or 2) a one hour online training (YQCA). Youth completing either quality assurance training option will receive a certificate of completion.

The full policy, YQCA info and LQA&E youth certification dates for counties around the state can be found at:

<http://z.umn.edu/lqa-policy>

State fair livestock weekend — New livestock entry schedule

NEW: All 4-H livestock must arrive Wednesday, August 21 between 2 a.m. and 6 p.m.

- No livestock will be allowed on the grounds before 2 a.m. and must be on the grounds by **6 p.m.**
- The 11 p.m. curfew WILL BE MAINTAINED for Wednesday evening.
- Livestock weekend lodging in University halls: due to freshman orientation at the University, all rooms must be vacated by 8 a.m. on Sunday morning of livestock weekend.

Livestock demonstrations

Again in 2019: The Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association is providing \$30 cash awards to each 4-H'er who completes a 4-H livestock demonstration during 4-H Livestock Weekend at the Minnesota State Fair.

Consult your local 4-H staff for details and start planning those exciting livestock demonstrations today!

Science of animal educational exhibits — livestock weekend

Again in 2019: The 4-H Science of Animals Educational Exhibits will be back livestock weekend.

- Exhibit suggestions: 1) Items constructed (such as feeding systems or show equipment) or science exhibits focusing on animal species area of choice. 2) These projects may be enhanced with 3-dimensional displays, posters or notebooks.
- Exhibits will be judged during livestock weekend and 4-H'ers may exhibit both an animal and a 4-H Science of Animal Educational Exhibit.

4-H Purple Ribbon Auction reminder

20% of all Minnesota State Fair auction premiums will be deducted and will be used for a variety of animal science activities at the state level, including 4-H Auction Scholarships.

Check out the [purple ribbon website at mnpurpleribbonauction.org/](http://mnpurpleribbonauction.org/).