

4-H Fair Registration Information

All registrations are due by Monday, July 1.

Fair registration will be done online in the *FairEntry* online registration system. Any entries not submitted by 11:59 on July 1 will have to be submitted to the Extension Office and will not be eligible for a placing higher than a blue, or eligible for State Fair. If you do not have access to a computer and internet at home, you can stop by the Extension Office, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or utilize computers at your local library. If you are unable to make any of these work, please contact the Extension Office (320-693-5275) and we will assist you.

To register online, visit meeker.fairentry.com and log-in with your family's 4HOnline account information.

For additional fair related information, please visit z.umn.edu/meekerfair19.

Open Class Registration Information

For more information, please visit www.meekerfair.com or pick up an Open Class Premium Book at:

Cosmos: Casey's

Dassel: Casey's

Eden Valley: Jack's or Ugly Tom's

Grove City: Schmidty's

Kingston: Kingston Mini Mart

Kimball: Casey's

Litchfield: Casey's, Central Counties Co-op, Family Fare, Holiday, Independent Review, Runnings, or Walmart

Watkins: Jack's Standard

Pre-Fair 4-H Competitive Events

Tuesday, July 16

1:00 p.m. Fashion Revue Judging (public review to be held on Sunday of County Fair)

Monday, July 22

5:00 p.m. County Fair Clean Up Night

7:00 p.m. (approx.) Federation Meeting to Follow

7:00 p.m. (approx.) Ambassador Meeting to Follow

7:30 p.m. (approx..) Livestock Superintendent Meeting

Saturday, July 27

8:00 a.m. 4-H Dog Show – *Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield*

9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show – *Meeker County Fairgrounds, Litchfield*

9:00 a.m. Training

9:30 a.m. Pleasure

12:00 p.m. Cloverbud

1:00 p.m. Games

2019 Meeker County Fair 4-H Schedule

Wednesday, July 31

1:00 p.m.	4-H Judges Assistant Registration
1:30 p.m.	4-H Judges Assistant Training - <i>Bandshell</i>
1:30 p.m.	4-H Cloverbud Registration Begins (4-H Members – K-2)
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	4-H Judges Assistant Judging – <i>4-H Building/Bandshell</i>
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	4-H Cloverbud Judging – <i>4-H Building/Bandshell</i>
2:30 p.m.	4-H Exhibitor Registration Begins (4-H Members Grades 3+)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	4-H Cloverbud & General Exhibit Judging - <i>4-H Building/Bandshell</i>
3:00-6:00 p.m.	4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thons – <i>Fair Conference Room</i> (Preference to Beef, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, & Rabbit Exhibitors)
3:00-6:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Interviews – <i>Dairy Barn</i>
4:00 p.m.	4-H Club Exhibits due at 4-H Building (<i>excluding scrapbooks & community pride</i>)
5:00 p.m.	ALL Poultry & Rabbit in place
6:00 p.m.	ALL Sheep in place
7:00 p.m.	ALL Beef & Goats in place
8:00 p.m.	ALL Swine in place

Thursday, August 1

7:00 a.m.	ALL Dairy & Horse in place
8:00 a.m.	4-H Rabbit Show - <i>Steffes Arena</i>
8:00-11:00 a.m.	4-H Livestock Skill-a-Thons – <i>Fair Conference Room</i> (Preference to Dairy Goat, Dog, Sheep, & Swine Exhibitors)
10:00 a.m.	4-H Horse Activity/Demonstration – <i>Horse Arena</i>
11:00 a.m.	4-H Meat Goat Show – <i>Old Show Arena</i>
1:00 p.m.	4-H Poultry Show – <i>AgCountry Arena</i>
2:00 p.m.	4-H Horse Activity/Demonstration – <i>Horse Arena</i>
5:00 p.m.	4-H Beef Show – <i>Steffes Arena</i>
8:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Auction Participant Meeting & Picture (<i>Mandatory</i>) – <i>Steffes Arena</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i>

Friday, August 2

8:30 a.m.	4-H Swine Show – <i>Old Show Arena</i>
9:00 a.m.	4-H Dairy Show – <i>Steffes Arena</i>
10:00 a.m.	4-H Horse Activity/Demonstration – <i>Horse Arena</i>
11:00 a.m.	4-H Lamb Lead Interviews – <i>Fair Conference Room</i>
	4-H Lamb Lead Show to follow – <i>Sheep Area</i>
	4-H Sheep Show to follow – <i>Sheep Area</i>
2:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Goat Show – <i>Old Show Arena</i>
2:00 p.m.	4-H Horse Activity/Demonstration – <i>Horse Arena</i>
4:00 p.m.	4-H Market Livestock Auction Registration Deadline – <i>Strict Deadline</i>
5:00 p.m.	4-H Arts In Performance – <i>NEW 4-H Stage</i>
8:00 p.m.	4-H Dairy Auction Registration Deadline - <i>Strict Deadline</i>

Saturday, August 3

9:00 a.m.	4-H Horse Fun Show – <i>Horse Arena</i>
10:30 a.m.	Deadline to Declare 4-H State Fair Trips – <i>Strict Deadline</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i>
11:00 a.m.	4-H State Fair Meeting – <i>Fair Conference Room</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i> <i>REQUIRED for First Time Participants, Recommended for Veteran Participants</i>
11:30 a.m.	4-H Arts In Performance – <i>NEW 4-H Stage</i>
1:30 p.m.	4-H Pet Show – <i>AgCountry Arena</i>
4:30 p.m.	4-H Market Livestock Auction Participant Picture – <i>Location TBD</i>
4:00 p.m.	4-H Blue Ribbon Dairy Auction – <i>Steffes Arena</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i>
5:00 p.m.	4-H Market Livestock Auction - <i>Steffes Arena</i>
7:00 p.m.	4-H Arts In Performance – <i>NEW 4-H Stage</i>
10:00 p.m.	4-H State Fair Packets/Registrations Due - <i>Strict Deadline</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i>

Sunday, August 4

10:30 a.m.	4-H Round Robin Exhibitor Test & Deadline – <i>Conference Room</i> – <i>NEW TIME</i>
11:30 p.m.	4-H Livestock State Fair Exhibitor Meeting – <i>Steffes Arena</i>
12:00 p.m.	4-H Arts-In Performance – <i>NEW 4-H Stage</i>
1:00 p.m.	4-H Fashion Revue Showcase
2:00 p.m.	4-H Round Robin Showmanship Contest - <i>Steffes Arena</i>
4:00 p.m.	4-H Livestock Demonstrations – <i>AgCountry Arena</i>
6:00 p.m.	Livestock (Excluding Dairy, Horse w/trailers, & Sheep) & General Exhibits Released
6:30 p.m.	Dairy, Horse & Sheep Released

IMPORTANT!

STATE FAIR MEETING

Saturday, August 3

11:00 a.m.

Fair Conference Room

Plan to attend this important meeting! It is **REQUIRED** for first time **State Fair** attendees, and **RECOMMENDED** for veteran participants. We will be sharing general trip information, changes for this year, answering questions, handing out registration information, and more!

If you are not able to attend due to a conflict, please see Cassidy or Kayla at the 4-H Fair Office.

ANIMAL CHECK-IN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

5:00 p.m.

ALL Poultry & Rabbit in place.

6:00 p.m.

ALL Sheep in place.

7:00 p.m.

ALL Beef & Goats in place.

8:00 p.m.

ALL Swine in place

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 a.m.

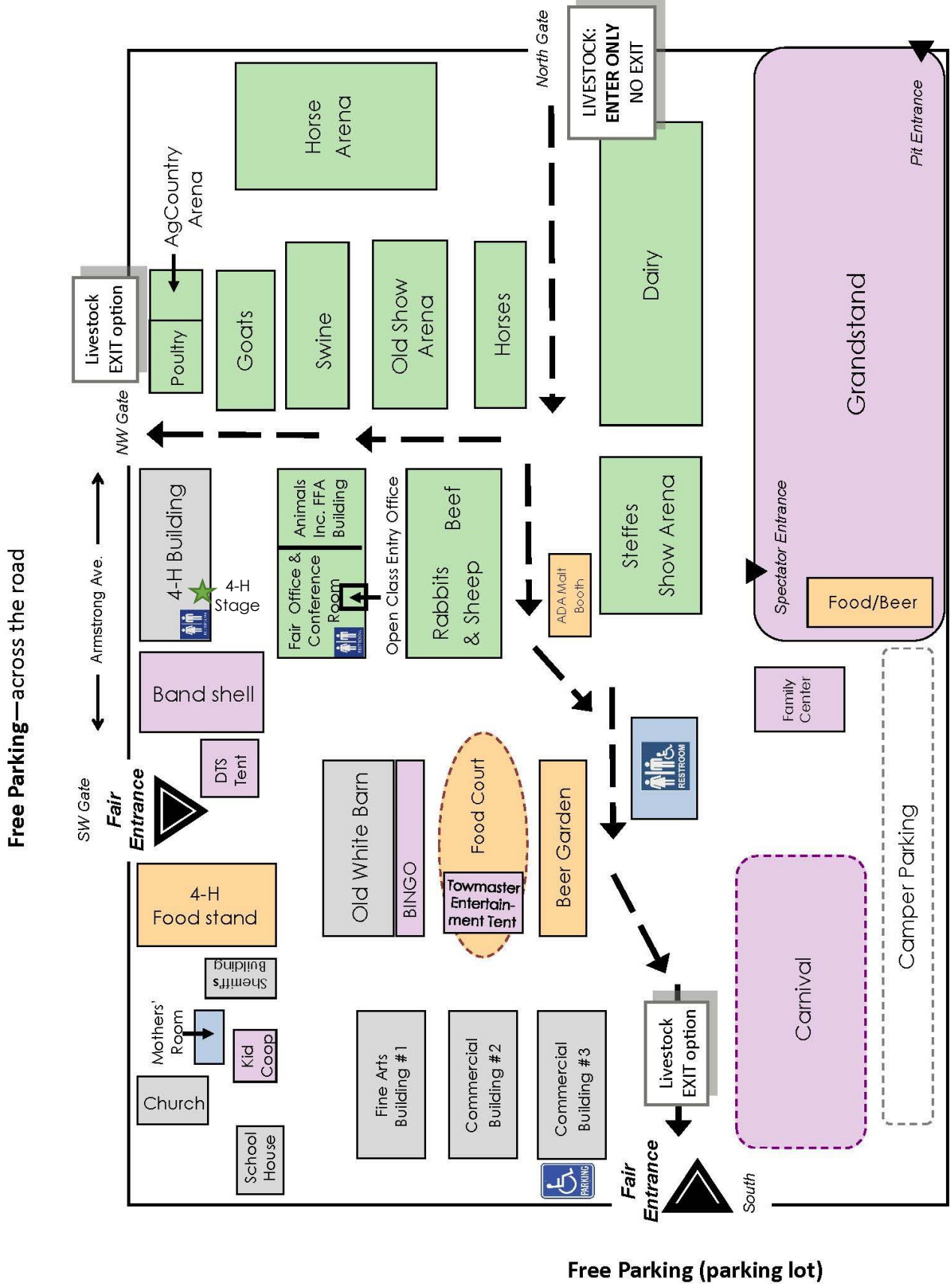
ALL Dairy & Horse in place.

Animal ID verification will be done by the 4-H Superintendents, Fair Board members, AND Extension Staff!

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Changes for 2019 – PLEASE READ

1. ***State Fair participant meeting time has been moved to Saturday, August 3 at 11:00 a.m. – p. 2***
2. ***State Fair trip acceptance deadline has been moved to Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m. – p. 2***
3. ***New State Fair trip claiming policy – p. 11***
4. ***Dairy Auction changes:***
 - a. ***Auction will be on Saturday August 3 at 4:00 p.m. – p. 14***
 - b. ***Group information meeting and photo will be on Thursday, August 1st at 8:00 p.m. – p. 2***
5. ***Livestock Skill-A-Thon:***
 - a. ***These will be on computers this year, and will be done in the Fair Office Conference Room – p. 9***
 - b. ***Additional times have been added for Livestock Skill-A-Thon's. They will be held on Wednesday, July 31 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (with preference to Beef, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, & Rabbit exhibitors), and Thursday, August 1 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (with preference to Dairy Goat, Dog, Sheep, & Swine exhibitors) – p. 9***
6. ***Meat Goat birthdates have been updated – p. 18***
7. ***Cloverbud posters have been added for each species – p. 29 (or see each species section)***
8. ***Club Scrapbook requirements have been updated – p. 46***
9. ***Dog project changes:***
 - a. ***There will be no demonstration during county fair starting this year. We are asking all Dog Show participants to complete a poster with a photo and summary of participation – p. 19***
 - b. ***Addition of a Limited Agility Class – p. 19***
10. ***Addition of Horseless Horse Walk/Trot class – p. 21***
11. ***Clothing & Fashion Revue changes:***
 - a. ***Clothing projects (clothes you make, clothes you buy, non-wearable) will be judged with general exhibit projects on Entry Day, July 31 – p. 32-33***
 - b. ***Fashion Revue projects will be judged on July 16 at the Meeker County Extension Office, and the public review will be held during fair on Sunday, August 4 at 1:00 p.m. – p. 33***
12. ***New Agronomy classes added or updated – p. 30-31***
13. ***New Horticulture classes added or updated:***
 - a. ***Flower Gardening – p. 36-37***
 - b. ***Fruit – p. 38***
 - c. ***Indoor Gardening – p. 39***
 - d. ***Potatoes – p. 42***
 - e. ***Vegetable & Herb Gardening:***
 - i. ***Vegetable Gardening – p. 44***
 - ii. ***Herb Gardening – p. 44***
 - iii. ***Vegetable Gardening Plate – p. 44***
 - iv. ***Vegetable Gardening Display – p. 44***

4-H Exhibit Rules

ELIGIBILITY

1. The 4-H division of the Meeker County Fair is open to all youth currently enrolled in 4-H with University of Minnesota Extension Meeker County.
2. All 4-H exhibits must be registered in advance of the fair. **REGISTRATION MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY JULY 1.** Late registrations can still exhibit at County Fair, however, will result in no ribbon placing higher than a blue, no participation in the market livestock or dairy auctions, and projects are not eligible for state trips. Any projects added after this date are considered late. Late projects will receive premiums earned.
3. 4-H members exhibiting must register with the 4-H Staff or volunteers at the designated 4-H registration desk on Wednesday, July 31, between 2:30-6:00 p.m. Judges Assistants **ONLY** may register beginning at 1:00 p.m. (prior to Judges Assistant training) and Cloverbuds **ONLY** may register beginning at 1:30 p.m. Judging begins at 2:00 p.m. for Judges Assistants and Cloverbuds and 3:00 p.m. for all other exhibitors.
4. **IN ALL LIVESTOCK SHOWS, ONLY REGISTERED 4-H MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO SHOW ANIMALS.** This includes classes where one exhibitor has more than one animal being exhibited and during State Fair line-up. The only exception would be for Cloverbud exhibitors.

REGISTRATION

1. 4-H County Fair registration will be done online at meeker.fairentry.com the third Monday in May through July 1.
2. All exhibits must be registered in advance of the fair. **Pre-registration for all exhibits is required by midnight on July 1.** Late registrations can still exhibit at County Fair, however, will result in no ribbon placing higher than a blue, and projects are not eligible for state trips. Late projects will receive premiums earned. Any projects added after this date are considered late.
3. Youth are allowed to bring 2 exhibits for each class, unless otherwise noted.
4. Each 4-H member is strongly encouraged to exhibit a project at the County Fair. All youth exhibitors will receive a complimentary gate pass (wristband). Wristband will be received at registration on entry day.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

1. **4-H Members** may enter up to:
 - a. 2 General Exhibits per class, unless otherwise stated.
 - b. 2 Livestock Exhibits per class, unless otherwise stated.
2. **Cloverbud Members** may exhibit 4 General Exhibits, plus 1 Livestock Exhibit per species, as well as participate in any other events held prior to entry day (Food Review, Demonstration Day, Performing Arts, and Fashion Revue).
3. Meeting exhibition requirements of the local County Fair Board/Agricultural Association and the 4-H Youth Development Program from 4-H exhibit entry day through release time: If exhibition requirements are not met (and permission is not granted by 4-H and fair), you will not be eligible for all show related premiums, awards, and participation in the state event. Approved early release is an exception to the rule and becomes a 4-H staff and fair board decision based on each situation.
4. All work on projects entered must be done by the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year unless otherwise noted.

ABSENTEE JUDGING

1. 4-H members who have a conflict with the general project conference judging in their county of membership may be eligible for absentee judging. To be eligible to exhibit a project while being absent from the conference judging process the following must be in place:
 - Absence pre-approved with 4-H staff prior to scheduled date of judging (or other county competitive event). The request will be allowed only in extreme situations such as:
 - Death in the family
 - Once in a lifetime educational opportunity
 - Optional event with no flexibility (e.g. wedding of immediate family)
 - Illness/injury
 - Exhibit(s) at the County Fair (or other county competitive event) within scheduled timelines.
2. These exhibits are eligible for Champion/Reserve Champion placing and state fair line-ups, but may be at a disadvantage (if equal in quality to another exhibit) to a 4-H member who is at the conference judging process.
3. Best practices for absentee judging of general exhibits follow. Which of these processes will work best within a county may be determined locally.
 - Conference judging with judge at a pre-arranged time by cell phone call or other technology-based option (e.g. Skype, Google Hangout The 4-H family must make the arrangements for all connections and technology; staff is not responsible if fairground situation does not allow for connectivity.
 - Pre-recorded interview with 4-H member utilizing a standard set of project-based questions. 4-H family must make arrangements for all technology needed; staff is not responsible for technology needed to listen to or view conference judging experience.

- Written story detailing project basis and learning gained. Standard set of project-based questions should be utilized.
- 4. Livestock Judging:** 4-H members who have a conflict with the livestock qualifying show in their county of membership may utilize the following options if they wish to pursue an opportunity to advance to the applicable Minnesota 4-H state show.
- Switch county membership prior to the May 15 membership enrollment deadline allowing for exhibition of livestock with benefit of ability for advancement to state competition.
 - Do a livestock demonstration (including the live animal) with the intent to be awarded a trip through the demonstration selection process. Animal used in the demonstration does not need to be the same animal taken to state fair but must be of the same species. Animal exhibited by the 4-H member at the state fair must be on ID sheets prior to ID deadline for that species.
 - Do a recorded (video) version of a livestock demonstration (including the live animal) with the intent to be awarded a trip through the demonstration selection process. Animal used in the demonstration does not need to be the same animal taken to state fair but must be of the same species. Animal exhibited by the 4-H member at the state fair must be on ID sheets prior to ID deadline for that species.

JUDGING EXPERIENCES FOR YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES OR INJURIES

- 1. GENERAL PROJECT JUDGING:** If a 4-H member is unable to participate in the conference judging process by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a conference judging assistant to be with the 4-H member during the conference judging of the member's general project(s). Arrangements and approval for a conference judging assistant must be made with 4-H staff prior to the beginning of the judging process. First preference for the judging assistant will be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member's immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership. In some cases a parent or personal aid may be appropriate; this option must be approved by 4-H staff.
- 2. LIVESTOCK PROJECT JUDGING – SHOW RING:** If a 4-H member is unable to exhibit an animal by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a substitute show person to help with the exhibition of the 4-H member's livestock project(s). Arrangements and approval for a substitute show person must be made with 4-H staff prior to the day of the show. The substitute show person must be a 4-H age-eligible member of the 4-H member's immediate family or another age-eligible 4-H member from the county of membership.
- 3. LIVESTOCK PROJECT JUDGING – LIVESTOCK INTERVIEWS:** If a 4-H member is unable to participate in livestock skill-athons/interviews by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family may request accommodations that will fit the needs of the individual (e.g. someone to read the questions). Arrangements and approval for accommodations must be made with the 4-H staff in advance of the fair.

CLOVERBUD POLICIES

1. The policy states that "a parent, adult or other responsible person (grades 6+) will be with Cloverbud members at all times during Cloverbud activities when in the presence of an animal or when using equipment that is potentially dangerous (scissors, saws, knives, needles, rockets, kitchen appliances, etc.)." Cloverbuds may not exhibit in showmanship. Cloverbuds may exhibit an animal, but when they are at 4-H activities, a parent, adult or other responsible person (such as a teen leader) will be in control of the animal, etc. This means that the parent, adult, or responsible person will lead and/or handle the animal at all times once the animal arrives at the fairgrounds. The responsible person must be in control of the animal at all times and never turn the control over to the Cloverbud. It is the expectation that the responsible person must be in control of the animal at all times of the 4-H experience including but not limited to: to and from the trailer, to and from the wash rack, to and from the barns, in the barns, in the stall, to and from the show arena and in the show arena. It is not acceptable to use more than one lead rope or halter with any animal as this turns over at least some of the control over to the Cloverbud. During animal judging, the Cloverbud should walk next to the parent/responsible person available to learn from the project leader and/or to dialog with the evaluator/judge. This policy is statewide and it is non-negotiable. The age for Cloverbuds is Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades. 3rd graders must register for specific projects, not Cloverbuds, unless otherwise determined in consultation between the 4-H family and 4-H staff. Cloverbuds exhibiting non-livestock projects will be evaluated by a Cloverbud judge. They will be given a Cloverbud Participation Ribbon and will receive a premium.
2. For more information, please visit: <https://z.umn.edu/4-hcloverbudfactsheet>.

EXHIBIT/LIVESTOCK ARRIVAL & RELEASE

Livestock Exhibits:

1. All Livestock Exhibits must be in place by the following times:
 - a. Wednesday, July 31 – 5:00 p.m. – ALL Poultry & Rabbit must be in place
 - b. Wednesday, July 31 – 6:00 p.m. – ALL Sheep must be in place
 - c. Wednesday, July 31 – 7:00 p.m. – ALL Beef & Goat must be in place
 - d. Wednesday, July 31 – 8:00 p.m. – ALL Swine must be in place
 - e. Thursday, August 1 – 7:00 a.m. – ALL Dairy & Horse must be in place
2. Trucks and Trailers will enter the north gate and exit the west gate between the 4-H Building & Goat Barn.

3. All livestock will be released on Sunday, August 4 at the following times:
 - a. 6:00 p.m.: Beef, Goat, Horse (w/out trailers), Poultry, Rabbit, and Swine
 - b. 6:30 p.m.: Dairy, Horse (w/trailers), and Sheep

General Exhibits:

1. All General Exhibits must be in place by 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 31. The Exhibit Building will close to 4-H families at 6:00 p.m. and will not re-open until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. This is done to accommodate our judges.
2. No exhibits may be removed from the fair prior to designated release times on Sunday, August 4. This includes all General Exhibits and Animals.

These are decisions made by the Fair Board, which need to be respected. Those not complying with this rule will forfeit premium awards.

EXHIBITS

1. **If exhibition requirements are not met (and permission is not granted by 4-H Program Staff), youth will not be eligible for all show related premiums, awards, and participation in the state event.** (Auction participation is a county decision.) Approved early release is an exception to the rule and becomes a 4-H staff and fair board decision based on each situation.
2. All work on projects entered should be done by the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year unless otherwise noted.
3. **Poster** exhibits may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high (unless otherwise noted in a specific project area). They may be smaller.
4. **Education/Science Tri-Fold Exhibits** for all project areas may not exceed 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high. (Center back 24" wide x 36" high, right and left wings each 12" wide x 36" high.)

All exhibits will be evaluated by a conference with the judge. Project judging criteria:

Exhibit quality	25%
Educational value	25%
Knowledge and ability to explain.....	50%

Decision of the judge is final and may not be appealed.

5. **All exhibits must be labeled** with name, club, and county. Other appropriate information for the project (i.e., vegetable varieties) should be included. If the exhibit has multiple pieces, each part needs to be labeled and should indicate 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.
6. **Over-sized exhibits** (i.e. large exhibit such as machinery, etc.) Projects exceeding 10 square feet are considered over-sized and will need prior approval from the Extension Office. **Call the Extension Office BEFORE JULY 19.** Over-sized exhibits **MUST BE IN PLACE BY 1:00 P.M. ON ENTRY DAY AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE DISPLAYED OUTDOORS.**
7. **Copyright Law and Infringement:**
 - a. Copyright is a form of protection given to authors and creators of "original work. Original work includes a person's ideas captured in writing or as an image, photograph, song, audio recording, or visual recording.
 - b. All original work – including information found on the web – is subject to copyright protection. The author/creator has exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, display, perform or make derivative works.
 - c. Before using another person's work a part of your 4-H exhibit, be sure that the work is subject to fair use, has a creative commons license or that you have requested and received permission (in writing) to use the original work. If an exhibit infringes on copyright law, a decision may need to be made to remove the exhibit from display at the county or state fair.

ANIMAL SCIENCE

1. All beef, dairy, dog, goat, horse, lama, rabbit, sheep and swine shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ID system, ear tag and/or tattoo. **Animals ID data must be submitted online, arrive in the Extension office, or be postmarked no later than May 15 (with the exception of Market Beef due February 15, Jr. Meat Does due by June 1, and Jr. Doe Kid Dairy Goats due by July 1).** All livestock ear tags will be verified on entry day. Exhibitors for each animal will be declared at verification. Animals without required identification will be sent home immediately. All ID's must be received by the deadline stated for each animal project area. If they are not received by the deadline, the participant can still exhibit at County Fair and receive premium, but will receive no ribbon placing higher than a blue and will not be eligible for State trips.
2. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-Her's parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents as long as the 4-Her's parents are actively involved with and working on the farm. **Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement.** Registered animals, not leased, must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name. Market animals cannot be leased.
3. 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the County Fair **are responsible** for the care and feeding of animals they exhibit for the entire fair.
4. All livestock exhibits, excluding showmanship, must be pre-registered.
5. All 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the fair are eligible and encouraged to participate in showmanship. 4-H'ers must show their own animals.
6. **All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef and working up top lines on dairy) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family or a livestock resource chosen by the 4-H family. Immediate family members are defined as being parents, step-parents, legal guardians, brothers or sisters. A livestock resource is defined as someone who is working with the 4-H'er/4-H family to help**

them learn management, and fitting and grooming skills in their project area. An identified livestock resource person would be allowed to work with the 4-Her and their family during the fitting and grooming process to guide and teach these skills. The 4-Her exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the county fair.

7. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed and registration papers must be available. Animals without proper registration papers (crossbreeds and grades) must be shown as commercial.
8. All animal health regulations will be in effect as stipulated by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and the County Agricultural Society.
9. 4-H members may bring up to two different exhibits per class, unless otherwise stated in that project's premium book section. Only exception is Cloverbuds, who may exhibit only one animal per specie and up to four additional exhibit building projects.
10. 4-H livestock can be shown in open class, but not FFA.
11. Feed, halters, and other equipment are to be furnished by the exhibitor and kept free of fairgoer walkways when not in use.
12. 4-H exhibitors are responsible for feeding and caring for their exhibits for the entire fair. Pens and stalls must be kept neat and clean at all times. Exhibits that are not properly cared for or unsightly may be removed, and ribbon placing and premiums forfeited.
13. The Meeker County Agricultural Society (Fair Board) is not responsible for death, loss or accidental injury to animals.
14. Only 4-H horse members and screened 4-H volunteers can ride in the horse arena during county fair. All 4-H rules apply. No riding beyond the south end of the horse barn.
15. State Fair trip animals must be the same one shown at the county show where the state fair trip was won. Only exceptions are poultry, rabbit fryers, and swine. No other substitutions are allowed. Poultry and rabbit fryers shown at the state fair must be from the same flock or herd as those shown at the County Fair. Swine for State Fair must be identified by the May 15 deadline and cannot be shown by another 4-H'er at County Fair.
 - a. Swine 21 Day Rule: Counties with a swine shows 21 days or greater from state fair swine show are eligible to have their youth select to take another pig from those on ID. Pig must not have been shown by any other sibling at county fair.
16. No animals may be advertised for sale.
17. No 4-H'ers or minors will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds overnight unless authorized by the fair board office and chaperoned by their parents. Those staying overnight need to register with the fair board office!

LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON & INTERVIEWS

1. **Skill-A-Thon:** There will be livestock skill-a-thons/interviews on Wednesday, July 31 from 3-6 p.m. with a preference to 4-H'ers participating in beef, horse, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, and Thursday, August 1 from 8-11 a.m. with a preference to 4-H'ers participating in dairy goat, dog, sheep, and swine. These will be done in the Fair Office Conference Room.
2. **Dairy Interviews:** Register in the dairy barn with Carol Warren.
3. All exhibitors are encouraged to participate. Participants will receive ONE coupon for a free ice cream cone at the ADA Booth.

WHAT IF TWO ANIMALS ARE IN THE SAME CLASS?

In all livestock shows, only registered 4-H members are allowed to show animals. This includes classes where one exhibitor has more than one animal being exhibited and during State Fair line-up. The ONLY exception to this policy, is for *Cloverbud Members who are required to have a parent, adult or other responsible person (grades 6+) with them at all times during Cloverbud activities when in the presence of an animal.*

4-H LIVESTOCK HERDSMANSHIP

Herdsmanship will be judged by Meeker County Fair Board members.

LIVESTOCK HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Minnesota Board of Animal Health

Phone: 651-296-2942 – Fax: 651-296-7417

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS – All animals must be examined by the official veterinarian on the day they are admitted to the exhibition and at least once daily during the exhibition. All out-of-state animals must meet Minnesota importation requirements. No animal may enter or be at a public exhibition that is showing clinical signs of any infectious, contagious or communicable disease, including ringworm and warts.

Always check with exhibition management for additional requirements.

The Minnesota Board of Animal Health reminds exhibitors of livestock that animals entering all classes of exhibition need to be officially identified.

The Board of Animal Health rules require official identification of all exhibition animals, except for swine entering slaughter classes and water fowl. Exhibitors are responsible for officially identifying their animals before bringing them to the fair. Additionally, anyone placing an official ID in livestock must keep records. These rules provide better protection of animals and people at the fair by enabling the Board to more quickly locate potentially affected animals during a disease event.

Birds and poultry entering exhibition may be identified with a wing or leg band.

CATTLE – Cattle must be officially identified.

SHEEP AND GOATS – Sheep and goats must have an official Scrapie ID or have a registered tattoo along with a breed registry number. No sheep or goat that is within 30 days of giving birth may be exhibited without prior approval from the Board.

POULTRY – Chickens, turkeys, and game birds, except baby poultry, must be individually identified with a leg or wing band. Chickens, turkeys, game birds, and hatching eggs from these birds must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originated from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified pullorum-typhoid clean or negative to a pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days prior to the opening date of exhibition. Turkeys and turkey hatching eggs must be accompanied by a certificate or test chart to show that they originate from a hatchery or breeding flock that is classified Mycoplasma gallisepticum clean and Mycoplasma synoviae clean or are negative to a Mycoplasma gallisepticum and a Mycoplasma synoviae test within 90 days prior to the opening date of the exhibition. Pigeons and Doves must be identified by a seamless leg band.

SWINE – Breeding and market swine must be officially identified.

HORSES – Horses, except suckling foals accompanying a negative dam, must be negative to an official equine infectious anemia (Coggins) test conducted within 12 months prior to the opening date of an exhibition.

DOGS – Dogs four months of age or older must be accompanied by a certificate of rabies vaccination documenting that the dog is currently vaccinated for rabies.

CATS – Cats must be accompanied by a certificate of rabies vaccination issued by a licensed veterinarian. They must also have trimmed nails (front and rear).

IMPORTED ANIMALS – All imported animals must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection and meet the Board's importation requirements.

IAFE CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS – 2019

All Minnesota 4-H Members are expected to adhere to the **International Association of Fairs and Exposure Code of Show Ring Ethics**. For the complete *Code of Show Ring Ethics* document please visit:

<https://s3.amazonaws.com/iafe/website/documents/ShowRingCodeofEthics.pdf>

PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING CLUB EXHIBITS

1. All clubs wishing to exhibit **Club Exhibits** must do so by submitting a *Club Exhibits Fair Registration Form* by July 1.
2. **Projects will be judged during General Project Judging on Wednesday, July 31 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
 - a. **Scarecrows, Potted Flowers, and Barrels** must be brought to the *4-H Exhibit Building* and ready for judging by 4:00 p.m.
 - b. **Banners** must be brought to the *4-H Foodstand* and ready for judging by 4:00 p.m.
 - c. **Scrapbooks and Community Pride** must be brought to the *4-H Exhibit Building* and ready for judging/judged between 3:00-6:00 p.m.
3. Each club is required to have youth representatives from your club present for conference judging for **Community Pride and Club Scrapbook** projects. **Share-the-Fun** acts are judged prior to County Fair.

CONFERENCE JUDGING EXPECTATIONS

Judges' placings always stand. 4-H members and parents are not allowed to confront a judge regarding a class placing. 4-H members may ask questions of the judge in a calm, respectful manner. Parents may observe the conference judging at a distance. Any questions asked by the judge must be answered by the 4-H member. Please reference the 4-H code of Conduct for more specific information for 4-H expectations at <http://z.umn.edu/4hconduct>.

CODE OF CONDUCT

4-H Code of Conduct rules are expected to be followed by all 4-H members, families, and volunteers. Inappropriate behavior, including defacing or damaging stalls or project exhibits, inappropriate language, using alcohol or tobacco, unsportsmanlike conduct or acting out in the show ring will not be tolerated. Consequences may include loss of premium, State Fair trip or other county activities and/or immediate removal from fairgrounds.

For the complete Minnesota 4-H Code of Conduct for Youth, Parents, and Volunteers please visit:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-h/policies/>

Select the **Membership and code of conduct** tab.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

The Minnesota 4-H **Appeal Process** provides a vehicle to respond to 4-H members' concerns relating to county 4-H rules & decisions. This process provides a means for members', parents', and guardians' concerns to be heard. Issues relating to 4-H at the fair may be appealed including eligibility, deadline violations, etc.

Refer to the complete Grievance Committee Process for more details:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/policies/docs/grievance-process-grievance-committee-process.pdf>

Decisions of the judge are final and may not be appealed. Judges will have complete discretion on ribbon placings, which are non-negotiable.

INSURANCE

All registered 4-H members are covered under group insurance through American Income Life while participating at a 4-H event. Any claims must be written and submitted to the County Extension Office within 20 days of incident. Contact the Extension Office with questions regarding coverage and claims.

The Fair Board & 4-H will not be responsible for any loss or damage to personal property that may occur.

STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

1. Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from State Fair line-up which includes blue ribbon exhibits only as designated by the official project judge. (See State Dog Show Rules for exceptions). **Exhibit classes eligible for State Fair are marked with an asterisk ***.
2. Members selected to represent the county at State Fair and State Horse Show **must have completed sixth grade**, unless they are participating in Share the Fun, Engineering Design Challenge or State Dog Show.
3. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-Hers must have completed Quality Assurance/Ethics Training. **State Policy: All youth participating as a 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 training in which there are two training options 1) a 3 hour in-person workshop (LQA&E), or 2) a 1 hour on-line training (YQCA). Youth completing either quality assurance training option will receive a certificate of completion.**
4. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in additional State Fair activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, cooking events, animal science educational exhibits, or judging teams.
5. **Competitive Events Deadline Exemption Option:** Every Minnesota 4-H member is eligible for a "one-time" member exemption. This exemption provides the ability (one-time in a 4-H member's career) for the 4-H member to acknowledge they missed a 4-H deadline related to enrollment or competitive event participation and waive the consequences for the named deadline.
6. **Distribution of Unused Livestock Trips:** Minnesota 4-H wants to provide as many 4-H members as possible the opportunity to experience the Minnesota State Fair judging process. To ensure that as many youth as possible have the opportunity to participate in a livestock experience at the Minnesota State Fair, staff and volunteers are asked to following the outlined process for the distribution of unused livestock quota trips. When a state fair lineup is exhausted and there are trips left available in a specie area, the following will be implemented: All blue ribbon exhibits, who meet all additional participation requirements, within a specie area that are interested in a state fair trip experience (but not part of the state fair lineup) would become part of a "lottery system" whereas the names of the 4-H members are put into a drawing (one time per member) and random selection occurs. If there are still trips available, extra trips will be transferred specie to specie: sheep/swine, dairy/beef, rabbit/poultry, market goat/dairy goat. Pigeon, lama, horse, and dog trips are not interchangeable.
 - a. Each county has a pre-determined quota per species for state fair trips.
 - b. Judges should develop a state fair line-up extensive enough to fill all quota trips.
 - c. Only blue-ribbon exhibits/exhibitors are eligible for state fair advancement. Grade and Livestock Quality Assurance requirements must be met.
7. Any General or Livestock State Fair trip winner needs to declare by 10:30 a.m. Saturday of fair. This is a strict deadline. **Those who do not declare by 10:30 a.m. will be scratched and the next person in the line-up will be awarded the trip, unless they have properly noted their interest in the trip.**

CLAIMING STATE FAIR TRIPS

NEW in 2019 – All youth that wish to claim a trip to the Minnesota State Fair, must follow the below policy:

- All 4-H members eligible to receive a state fair trip will be listed on the state fair line-up for that project area/species, posted in the 4-H fair office. Each project area will have a pre-assigned quota from Minnesota 4-H of how many trips in each project area/species that can go to the Minnesota State Fair for each county.
- Participants wishing to claim a trip, that are *within the quota limit*, **MUST highlight their name in green** on the state fair line-up in the 4-H fair office AND notify 4-H staff or volunteers working the 4-H desk that they are claiming the trip. **This MUST be completed no later than Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.**
- If a participant is *not within the quota limit* but would be interested in a state fair trip, if given the opportunity following the deadline or by eliminating other names higher on the list due to lack of interest or claiming of a trip in another project area, they **MUST highlight their name in yellow** on the state fair line-up in the 4-H fair office. **This MUST be completed no later than Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.** Please check back following the deadline to see if you will have the option to officially claim the trip.
- If there are still un-claimed state fair trips following the deadline AND no one has indicated their interest in claiming the trip if given the opportunity, anyone still listed on the state fair line-up may claim the available trip(s).
- For unused livestock trips following the deadline that have not been claimed or marked by a 4-H member as being interested in claiming the trip, will follow the above policy on distribution of unused livestock trips.

STATE 4-H POLICIES

The Minnesota 4-H State policies can be found by going to www.4-H.umn.edu/policies.

4-H MARKET LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Saturday, August 3, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.
Steffes Show Arena

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Participation by 4-H members in this Market Livestock Auction is strictly voluntary.

Participant Criteria:

Participants must complete all three of the following requirements to be eligible for the Market Livestock Auction

1. Earn a **BLUE** ribbon with their market livestock animal. The animal must have received a blue ribbon in a State Fair eligible market ready livestock class only.
2. Participate in the showmanship contest for the specie auctioning.
3. Complete a livestock skill-a-thon, for the species auctioning, held on Wednesday, July 31 from 3-6 p.m. and Thursday, August 1 from 8-11 a.m. in the Fair Office Conference Room.

Each 4-H member may sell one animal, pen of poultry or pen of rabbits per auction.

Eligible animals must have received a blue during the 2019 Meeker County Fair in one of the following State Fair eligible market ready class:



BEEF

Market Beef

- A-40-1 Market Steer
- A-40-2 Market Heifer

Dairy Steer

- A-50-1 Pure Breed Dairy Steer
- A-50-2 Crossbred Dairy Steer

GOAT

Market Goat

- D-20-1 Meat Market Goat, wether
- D-20-2 Meat Market Goat, doe
- D-20-3 Dairy Market Goat, wether

POULTRY

Chickens

- F-1-1 Market Pen of two males or two females

Ducks

- F-3-1 Market pen of two males or two females

Geese

- F-4-1 Market Pen of two males or two females

Guinea

- F-5-1 Market Pen of two males or two females – same breed

POULTRY (continued)

Turkey-Domestic Only

- F-7- Market pen of two males or two females

RABBIT

Market Rabbit

- G-60-1 Pen of three fryers, 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds, not over 70 days old
- G-60-1 Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ pounds, not over 70 days old

SHEEP

Market Lamb

- H-20-1 Market Lamb Speckle Face
- H-20-2 Market Lamb Black Face
- H-20-3 Market Lamb White Face
- H-20-4 Market Lamb Raised from birth

SWINE

Market Barrow

- I-20-1 Market Barrow

Market Gilt

- I-30-1 Market Gilt

All animals must be under a year in age, except for beef.

Blue ribbon winners must register for the market auction by 4:00 p.m. on Friday to participate. A consignment form can be obtained from the 4-H office at the fair. It must be completely filled out, signed by the 4-H'er, a parent/guardian, and the livestock superintendent for the species auctioning, and turned in with a printed picture (landscape orientation) to the 4-H Fair Office by 4:00 p.m. Friday.

4-H'ers can participate in the market livestock **or** dairy auction, not both.

According to University of Minnesota Extension guidelines, a fee of 20% of the premium value will be deducted from each exhibitor to be used for Meeker County 4-H programs.

Bidding will be for the premium amount only and not factor in weights.

All animals must meet the minimum live weight requirements. Beef – 1,000 lbs.; Goat- 40 lbs. Swine – 180 lbs. Sheep – 90 lbs. Finished weight will be required for poultry and rabbits.

Auction Absentee Policy:

4-H members who have a conflict with the Meeker County Market Livestock Auction may utilize the following option if they wish to participate in the auction. The qualifying member may have another auction age eligible member show their qualifying animal on their behalf during the auction. The qualifying member must still meet all requirements to participate in the auction. Absences **MUST** be pre-approved with 4-H staff and the 4-H Market Auction Committee prior to the auction registration deadline. The request will be allowed only in extreme situations such as:

- Death in the family
- Once in a lifetime educational opportunity
- Event with no flexibility (e.g. wedding of immediate family)
- Illness/injury

The market livestock auction will be conducted as “premium only”. As a common courtesy, whenever possible, it is suggested that 4-H'ers make their animal available for sale to the winning bidder, should they desire to purchase the animal. This transaction would take place immediately after the market livestock auction between the 4-H family and the bidder. However, if the animal is going to the State Fair or is unavailable for some other reason, that will be indicated in the market livestock auction program.

Animals that are designated to go onto State Fair may not be sold by private treaty.

Sale order at the auction will be determined by random drawing.

All terms of the sale are cash. The Meeker County Fair Board will not be held responsible for errors in the clerking or settlement of sale.

The Market Livestock Auction Committee will display the buyers name and selling price.

Each 4-H member is responsible for bringing his/her animal properly groomed and in show condition to the sale ring. Exhibitor wear their Market Auction t-shirt for the current year. Please no caps, shorts or sandals.

All auction animals are the responsibility of the 4-H members and must be provided for until the animals are released on Sunday.

Everyone assisting with the auction is donating their services – auctioneers, clerks, 4-H volunteers and others. Please remember to thank them for their time!

Each 4-H'er will send a thank you to the buyer of their animal. The thank you notes will be available in the 4-H Fair Office anytime following the auction. Checks will **NOT** be mailed until the thank you has been received by 4-H office staff. Once checks are available, they will be mailed to auction participants that have completed their thank you. 4-H'ers receiving a check issued for \$600.00 or more, must complete a W-9 before checks will be released.

It is a privilege to participate in the Meeker County 4-H Livestock Auction. Any violation of the above rules can result in loss of auction premium and/or future participation.

Reminder: A mandatory group picture will be taken at 4:30 p.m. prior to the Auction at a location TBD. Dress in your 2019 auction t-shirt. 4-H'ers are asked to be available to greet potential bidders between this picture and the start of the auction. Be sure to have your animal ready prior to picture time.

MEEKER COUNTY 4-H BLUE RIBBON DAIRY AUCTION

Saturday, August 3, 2019, 4:00 p.m. - *NEW TIME!*
Steffes Show Arena

RULES & REGULATIONS:

Participation by 4-H members in this Blue Ribbon Dairy Auction is strictly voluntary.

Participant Criteria:

Participants must complete all four of the following requirements to be eligible for the Blue Ribbon Dairy Auction.

1. Earn a BLUE ribbon in the 4-H Dairy Show.
2. Participate in the showmanship contest.
3. Completes the 4-H dairy interview held on Wednesday, July 31 from 3-6 p.m. in the dairy barn.
4. Participants must complete a 'Thank You' prior to the auction and turn in with Auction Consent form on Friday.



Anyone meeting the above criteria who plans to participate, please register with Carol Warren by 8:00 p.m. Friday.

All 4-H dairy exhibitors will receive a detailed letter describing the dairy auction rules and format prior to the fair. Please remember that participation by 4-H members in this auction is strictly voluntary.

The auction will be conducted as "premium only". According to University of Minnesota Extension guidelines, a fee of 20% of the premium value will be deducted from each exhibitor to be used for Meeker County 4-H programs.

All terms of the sale are cash. The Meeker County Fair Board will not be held responsible for errors in the clerking or settlement of sale.

Everyone assisting with the auction is donating their services – auctioneers, clerks, 4-H volunteers and others. Please remember to thank them for their time!

It is a privilege to participate in the Dairy Auction. Any violation of the above rules can result in loss of auction premium and/or future participation.

If one of the top five champion individual winners receives less premium than what the individual divided amount earned from the pooled blue ribbon group earnings is, then that individual champion's earned amount will be added into the group earnings pot and recalculated to divide evenly between that individual champion and all pooled blue ribbon group participants. Therefore, an individual champion will be guaranteed no less than what a blue ribbon pooled group participant receives.

ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP COMPETITION

Sunday, August 4, 2019, 2:00 p.m.

Steffes Arena

10:30 a.m. – Written Test – Fair Conference Room

2:00 p.m. – Show Event – Steffes Arena

This year we will be holding a Round Robin Showmanship competition at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday in the Steffes Arena. If you are Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Showman in your specie, you must let Cassidy or Kayla know if you are participating or not by Sunday at 10:30 when the test portion will begin.

RULES & REGULATIONS:

1. The Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Showman in Rabbit, Poultry, Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Swine, Sheep, Horse, and Dog (Open Showmanship – grades 6+) will be invited to participate.
2. If the qualifying Senior Showman are not able or interested in participating, the Champion and Reserve Champion Showman of the Intermediate division will get the opportunity to participate in their place. No one under the Reserve Champion of the Intermediate division will be eligible to participate this year (Dog – Open Showmanship State Fair Line-up in grades 6+).
3. Dog may not use live animals, but there will still be a station for the species during the show rotation.
4. Live animals will be shown for Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Horse, Market Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine and Sheep.
5. You will be required to provide an animal to show. This animal does not have to be yours or the animal you won showmanship with, just a properly ID'ed 4-H animal at the fair.
6. A test portion of the contest will consist of 50 questions, 5 points per species. Written tests will be scored and points given for correct answers regardless of the individual's species. **NEW in 2019** - The test will be administered beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 4 in the fair office conference room. The show portion of the event will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Steffes Arena.
7. Each individual will have 3 minutes at each species and will rotate through all nine species, not including your own. Each contestant will receive 10 free points for their own species.
8. The animals used in the contest do not need to be fitted, but need to be clean.
9. Proper footwear (at least closed toed shoes), long pants, and long sleeves will be required to show. Show clothes are optional.
10. In order to participate in the Round Robin contest, you must have participated in the Skill-A-Thon or interview for your given species.
11. If a parent or superintendent does not believe that it is safe for a showmanship winner to participate, we will ask the parent or someone familiar with the given species to be available to help if necessary.
12. Superintendents for each species will be the judges for their respective species. IF you have one of your children that is eligible to participate, you may still judge for your species IF that is the species your child qualifies with. If you have a child eligible to participate, and they qualified with a species other than the one you serve as superintendent for, then you will have to find someone else with knowledge of that specie to take your place to avoid any conflict of interest.
13. Previous Round Robin Showmanship Champions will not be eligible to show again. Reserve Champion winners will be eligible.

