

4-H/FFA/GRANGE YOUTH (GY) ANIMAL SCIENCE DIVISIONS

4-H/FFA/GY Large & Small Livestock Divisions and 4-H/FFA/GY Companion Animal Divisions

4-H/FFA/GY LIVESTOCK DIVISIONS:

Livestock Animal Possession and Certificates:

Beef: Must have been in possession of the exhibitor by the first weigh-in (first Saturday of February). The 4-H Beef Superintendent will collect 4-H certificates and give them to the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Office the Monday following the pre-weigh-in. FFA members turn in certificates to the FFA Advisors. Grange Youth members turn in certificates to Grange Youth Project Leader.

Market Goat: Market Goat certificates for 4-H must be turned into the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Office April 1 of the current year. FFA members turn in certificates to their FFA Advisor. Grange Youth members turn in certificates to Grange Youth Project Leader.

Dairy: Dairy (Cow and Goat) exhibits must have been in the personal possession of the exhibitor since May 1 of the current year. Dairy Cow certificates must have been completed and on file in the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Office; or to the FFA Superintendent; or to the Grange Youth Project Leader by May 1 of the current year. 4-H members turn in certificates to the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Office, FFA members turn in certificates to their FFA advisor, and Grange Youth members turn in certificates to their Grange Youth Project Leader.

Market Sheep: Must have been in possession of the Grange Youth Exhibitor by the pre-weigh-in (second Saturday of June).

Market Swine: Must have been in the possession of the Grange Youth Exhibitor by the pre-weigh-in (First Saturday of May).

Small Animals: Poultry, Pigeon, and Rabbit exhibits must have been in the personal possession of the exhibitor since May 1 of the current year (market poultry and market rabbit should follow species' requirements for age of animals).

All FFA entry forms are due to the FFA Advisor by **June 1st** of the current year. All Grange Youth entry forms are due to the Grange Youth Project Leader by June 20th of the current year. All 4-H Entry forms are due to the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Office by June 30th.

4-H, FFA, and GY members will show together in Fitting and Showmanship classes. Animals raised by 4-H, FFA, and Grange Youth will be shown together in type classes (market or breeding). Combined ribbon awards will be presented. Youth will receive ribbons that reflect the youth organization they are enrolled in.

4-H State Fair Animal Projects: Paperwork for 4-H State Fair is due to the WSU Clark County Extension 4-H Program office Friday after Fair August 16, 2024. Clark County Animal 4-H State Fair contact the 4-H Office (564-397-5737) if there are questions.

HERDSMANSHIP

Proper attention to the overall care and upkeep of animals and animal areas is required for all participants in the Clark County Fair. All FFA, 4-H and Grange Youth members must participate in herdsmanship. A primary purpose of Herdsmanship is to present animal exhibits to the public in a neat and attractive manner. It offers an opportunity to display the effort that goes into quality animal husbandry and to maintain a clean and safe area for the public to interact with the exhibitors and exhibits. It is also an opportunity for teamwork among the exhibitors as they take pride in their display area. Regardless of the organization of the youth member the following are the overall objectives of the Herdsmanship Division and some of the rules and responsibilities common to all organizations.

- Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of the exhibitor rather than leaders, parents or fair employees during fair hours.
- Exhibitors will be required to sign up for herdsmanship time slots.
- Herdsmanship shall be from 9am to 8pm daily and judging will occur daily during that timeframe.
- If an exhibitor is gone for any reason, it is their responsibility to find another exhibitor to care for their animal(s) in their absence in accordance with the groups rules/ leadership approval.
- Animals are as clean as possible at all times with proper grooming, bedding and care apparent.
- Animals are to be fed at proper times and water available at all times.
- Animals are to be properly tied and penned. Beef animals must be double tied.
- Feed and water dishes are to be upright, and any excess spillage cleaned up at all times.
- Stalls/Pens/Cages are clean and neat. Bedding is clean and fresh. Feed/feed pans and buckets clean and in place. All manure cleaned out and deposited in the designated areas.
- Tack and feed area should be kept clean and neatly arranged.
- Tools and equipment shall be stored safely and out of the way of spectators.
- Stall/pen cards displayed neatly and complete.
- Signs are appropriate and neatly displayed.
- Exhibitor's share of the alley way should be kept clean at all times and free of equipment.
- Exhibitor should be with the exhibit to give necessary care to the animals and to answer questions asked by the public.
- Members should not lounge with the animals or sit on pens or rails, during fair hours.

- Radios should not be playing loud enough for the public to hear, during fair hours.
- Tack areas and walks in front of stock shall be kept orderly.
- Clear and clean walkways must be maintained.
- Exhibit should be made as educational as possible. Educational posters and exhibits about projects are encouraged as a means of informing the public about your project and youth organization.
- All decorations must comply with fire regulations.

Specific organizational considerations are contained in the Division 100 portions below. Some duplicate the responsibilities above but are included as items organizations wish to emphasize.