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4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE PREMIUM BOOK REDWOOD COUNTY FAIR

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4-H CLUB - WORK / EVENT SCHEDULES

Pre-Fair Work Schedule: [Pre-Fair and Post Fair Club/Member Work Schedules](#) (link)

- July 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm
- Clubs wanting alternative dates/times please contact 4-H office at 507-637-4025

Golden Gophers:

Food Stands & Grills - detailed cleaning list available in food stands. Cleans both food stands, grills, counters, dishes, floors, walls as needed, hangs curtains, wipes down the seating area.

Vesta Vikings:

Food Stand Deck - sweep deck, railings and ramp area, clean up litter and make sure tables are clean and in place

Milroy Go-Getters:

Grounds Crew - cleans up litter, garden areas, may do some flower planting, weed trimming, wildflower area maintenance. Focus area is around all the 4-H buildings but should include the fairgrounds in general. Bring gloves, garbage bags, rakes, weed whips.

Shooting Sports & Springdale Climbers:

Exhibit Building - sets up the stage, sweeps, removes spider webs, dust, etc from walls, doors, display equipment. Sets up display and judges tables. Bring rags, swiffer dusters, brooms - barn brooms especially needed.

Barns & Show Arena:

- Animal Science participants should plan to help clean your respective barns and help with the show arena as directed by your species superintendents.
- Members and families will work with your clubs to sign up for both pre-fair and post fair clean up nights. Independent members will be assigned by the 4-H Office.

Post Fair Work Club Work Schedule: July 20, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Barns and Show Arena:

- All participants assist in cleaning stalls and barns. You must receive approval to leave the fairgrounds from your species superintendent at the conclusion of the county fair.
- Participants should have your own wheelbarrow, pitch fork, and supplies as needed to clean your own stalls and help with barn clean up.

Sunktanka:

Food Stands & Grills - cleans both food stands, wipes down counters, wipes out coolers, floors are swept, grills if possible are cleaned, detailed cleaning list is available and under the direction of the Food Stand Manager.

Valley Blazers & Lamberton Leprechauns:

Exhibit Building Clean-Up - cleaning out display cases, folding tables, putting the stage away, and sweeping the building out, helping to load out the 4-H office area.

COUNTY FAIR 4-H FOOD STAND SCHEDULES

All youth must work in the food stand and fruit sales to qualify for registration fee reimbursements.

- [2025 Food Stand Work Schedule and Club Work Schedule](#)
- [Club Member Sign Up Sheet](#) - work with your club food stand coordinator.

Club Food Stand Coordinator Touchbase: 8 pm Wednesday July 9, 2025.

Learn how to use the square accounting system, how to use the petty cash system, and general expectations for clubs and the work happening during the county fair.

Note: All members and families are needed to make our food stand successful. You will sign up with your Club Food Stand Coordinator in June.

Club Shifts:

- Monday, July 14 - 4pm - Open for alternative scheduling of food stand shifts.
- Thursday July 17 - 8:30 am - *Valley Blazers* - Lil Buds opens at 9 am
- Thursday July 17 - 3 pm - *Lamberton Leprechauns*
- Friday July 18 - 8:30 am - *Golden Gophers*
- Friday July 18 - 3 pm - *Milroy Go-Getters*
- Saturday July 19 - 10 am - *Shooting Sports*
- Saturday July 19 - 3 pm - *Springdale Climbers*
- Sunday July 20 - 9 am - *Vesta Vikings*
- Sunday July 20 - 3 pm - *Sunktanka*

4-H COUNTY FAIR EVENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULES

- **2025 Schedules of meetings and awards have changed look closely!**
- [Link to Redwood County Schedule of Events](#)
- Includes pre-fair judging dates

4-H FAIR PROJECT REGISTRATION

DUE Monday June 23, 2025 at 11:59 pm

- Fair Registration Link: <http://redwoodmn.fairentry.com/>
- Email and Password used for MN 4-H online.com needed
- Fair Entry [Registration Guide](#), (assistance on how to register for fair)
- Use this link to sign up to bring your projects to exhibit at the Redwood County Fair, sign up for the fair t-shirt, and to sign up for your shift to volunteer in 4-H judging events or shows.

ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES & GUIDELINES

Minnesota 4-H has a series of policies to provide continuity in programming from county to county and address risk management of our events and activities at county and state fairs. These statewide policies are accessible [here](#) and include but are not limited to:

- [Absentee judging of projects](#)
- [Judging experiences for youth with disabilities or injuries](#)
- [Cloverbud Policies and other info regarding age, judging procedures, showing animals, etc...](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [Grievance Policy](#)
- [IAFE Show Ethics](#)

ACCOMMODATIONS STATEMENT

If you or a 4-H participant need disability-related or other accommodations to participate in this program or have questions about the physical accessibility of the event location, *please contact Stacy J at 507-637-4025 or email skjohnso@umn.edu* at registration or at least 2 weeks prior to the program or event. Late notice may limit our ability to provide requested accommodations.

- Redwood County 4-H Office 507-637-4025
- Redwood County 4-H Office email mnext-redwood@umn.edu
- [Redwood County 4-H Accommodation Request Form](#)

REDWOOD COUNTY EXHIBIT RULES

- **Pre-Fair & Post Fair Clean Up:** 4-H youth/families are encouraged to participate in preparation of the barns on the fairgrounds. In addition, 4-H youth/families are REQUIRED to remain on the fair grounds to help with fully cleaning the barn.
- **Families/Guardians** are responsible for the supervision of their 4-H'er throughout the county fair
- **4-H Code of Conduct** will be followed at all times.
 - a. [Youth Code of Conduct](#) - also available in [Spanish](#) - Código de Conducta para Jóvenes
 - b. [Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct](#) - also available in [Spanish](#) - Código de Conducta para Padres
 - c. [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#) - also available in [Spanish](#) - Minnesota 4-H Código de Conducta para Voluntarios, [Somali](#) - Hab Dhaqanka Haboon ee Minnesota 4-H, and [Karen](#) -
- **Animal Care:** 4-H youth exhibiting the animal(s) at the county fair are responsible for regular and routine care of your animal.
 - You must keep the pen area clean, keep your animal hydrated and well fed.
 - Provide supplies as needed to keep your animal cool and comfortable.
 - Check with your superintendent if bedding supplies are available for use. If not you are responsible for all bedding, feed, water, and supplies needed to care for your animal.
 - In the event you are unable to be at the fairgrounds to care for your animal it is the 4-H youth/family responsibility to make arrangements to ensure proper care is provided to your animal(s).

Project Requirements - See your species section for details

- [County Fair Competitive Events, Deadlines & Consequences](#)

- **Registration must be completed on time to be eligible for awards above a blue ribbon.** See species specific sections for more information regarding county only and limitations on numbers of animals allowed.
- **Exhibit/Livestock arrival:** All animals must go through the vet check in process PRIOR to entering the fairgrounds. This is located in the grass parking area across from the Redwood County Fairgrounds.
 - Entry Wednesday evening of county fair week 3:30-5 pm.
 - Entry Thursday morning of county fair week 7:00-9 am
- **Exhibit/Livestock release** is determined by the Redwood County Fair Board. Typically exhibit release is 7 pm on Sunday evening of the fair. Failure to comply will result in loss of ribbons, premiums, awards, and state fair trips.
 - **Cloverbud Requirement:** Cloverbuds showing their own animal must follow current animal check in procedures. The animal will remain on grounds until their respective species show.
 - **Cloverbud Animal Release Exception:** Cloverbuds showing their own animals have the option to remove the animal from the fairgrounds following their species show. Cloverbuds must also follow all check in procedures and must stay on grounds until their species show.
- **Judging Schedules** - Refer to the County Fair Schedule of Events for more information
 - [Link to Redwood County Schedule of Events](#)
- **Show Attire:**
 - Prohibited Attire when showing animals: Pants with holes, attire promoting business and industry is not allowed, sandals
 - Goat: Black Pants, White Shirt - long sleeve, closed toed shoes/boots preferred
 - Rabbit: Black Pants, White Shirt - long sleeve, enclosed shoes
 - Poultry: Black Pants, White Shirt - long sleeve, enclosed shoes
 - Dairy: White Pants, White Shirt, closed toed shoes/boots preferred
 - Horse: Refer to the [Horse Program Rule Book for details](#)
 - Beef: Collared Shirts, long pants-jeans without holes are acceptable, closed toed shoes/boots preferred
 - Sheep: Collared Shirts, long pants-jeans without holes are acceptable, closed toed shoes/boots preferred
 - Swine: Collared Shirts, long pants-jeans without holes are acceptable, closed toed shoes/boots preferred
 - Auction: Long pants, no holes, closed toed shoes/boots preferred, 4-H T-Shirt
 - Premiere Show: Collared Shirts, long pants-jeans without holes are acceptable, closed toed shoes/boots preferred OR you may wear the required show gear
- **Livestock Interviews** - Follow your [County Fair Schedule of Events](#)
- **Livestock Health Requirements**
 - 4-H youth and families must follow all 4-H animal ID requirements
 - 4-H youth and families must maintain compliance with vet check in and recommendations, if any, made by the veterinarian.
 - 4-H youth and families must comply with all MN Board of Animal Health Requirements.
 - If your animal becomes ill during the fair speak with your species superintendent immediately. The superintendent will follow our process for the health and welfare of the animal.
- **What if 4-H'er has multiple animals -in the same class?** 4-H youth showing more than one animal in a class are encouraged to enlist the assistance of a fellow 4-H youth or sibling.
- **Livestock Demonstrations:** Held Saturday afternoon of the Redwood County Fair. This is open to all interested youth. Sign Up in the 4-H office on the fairgrounds by 1 pm.

GROOMING AND FITTING RULE

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 person chosen by the 4-H family.

- Immediate family members are defined as parents, step-parents, legal guardians, brothers or sisters.
- A livestock resource person 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-H'er exhibiting the animal must be present and *involved in the fitting process* at the county fair.

EXHIBITS & OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Youth will be eligible for all show-related premiums, awards, and participation in the state event when exhibition requirements are met (and appropriate permissions are granted by 4-H Program Staff). (Auction participation is a county decision.) Approved early release is an exception to the rule and becomes a 4-H staff, **in partnership with the county** fair board, decision based on each situation.
- 2) **All youth must be enrolled in 4-H to exhibit, demonstrate, or take part in projects.** All work on projects entered **must** be done by the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year unless otherwise noted.
 - a) **Exception** - parent or guardian may assist in completing a step to maintain safety as needed.
- 3) Cloverbud exhibits, including livestock posters, will not be judged blue, red and white. Instead, all **will** receive participation recognition.
- 4) Poster exhibits may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high. They may be smaller.
- 5) 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. Exhibit judging criteria:

- i) Exhibit quality 25%
 - ii) Educational value 25%
 - iii) Knowledge and ability to explain 50%
- Decision of the judge is final and may not be appealed.
- 6) Floor space for any exhibit should not exceed 20 square feet. If your exhibit exceeds this space limitation, contact the Extension office.
 - 7) 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.
 - 8) Opinions expressed through exhibits and presentations are those of the 4-H member and not necessarily those of MN 4-H, U of MN or the county fair/agricultural society.
 - 9) 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 as 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.
 - 10) 4-H members who incorporate AI tools or technologies into their projects should clearly cite the use of these resources. This includes, but is not limited to, AI-generated content, AI-driven data analysis, and AI-based project enhancements. Citation Suggestions: provide the name of the AI tool or technology used; explain how the AI was used in the project; include any relevant references or sources as appropriate.

11) Community Impact Recognition

- a) Minnesota 4-H wants to recognize youth who are making a difference in their community and are sharing their story through their project(s) and exhibit(s).
- b) Judges at local and state showcases will place a recognition sticker on each exhibit where the 4-H'er clearly articulates how their efforts made a positive community impact.
- c) Exhibits and presentations may demonstrate the youth's community impact efforts through:
 - i) Direct Service: Involves face-to-face interactions with the people, animals, or environment being served - such as distributing meals or cleaning up a park
 - ii) Indirect Service: Involves benefiting a cause or group, but there isn't direct contact with those that benefit - such as fundraising or knitting blankets
 - iii) Advocacy: Involves researching issues of public interest and then encouraging action or promoting awareness - such as promoting mindfulness practices to a school curriculum committee, collecting water quality data for a community organization.
- d) Note: to qualify as "community impact", the project should primarily benefit someone or something more than you individually, or your family
- e) **If you are showing an animal/livestock project and would like to participate - you can submit an additional exhibit in the related General Projects category** (i.e. Leadership, Citizenship, Self-Determined, Horseless Horse, etc).
 - i) Ex: A 4-H member raises chickens for eggs and supports a local food pantry.
 - ii) Ex: A 4-H member trains and certifies their dog for therapy work, and visits local hospitals, nursing homes, or schools to provide comfort and companionship to patients, residents or students.
- f) Recipients will be recognized with a sticker and will be invited to apply for additional leadership awards and recognitions.

MINNESOTA 4-H ANIMAL SCIENCE RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. All beef, dairy, dairy goat, dog, horse, llama-alpaca, meat goat, poultry (doves/pigeons only), rabbit, sheep and swine shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ID system, ear tag and/or tattoo. Animal ID data must be submitted online, arrive in the Extension office, or be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2025** (with the exception of Market Beef due **Feb. 18, 2025**).
2. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-H'ers 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 with the 4-H'er's parents 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 information.
3. 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the County Fair are responsible for the care and feeding of animals they exhibit.
4. **Cloverbud exhibits, including livestock posters, will not be judged blue, red and white. Instead, all will receive participation recognition.**
5. All livestock exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-registered. Members in animal projects may exhibit one animal per class, unless stated otherwise.
6. **4-H'ers must show their own animal in the class. If the 4-H'er has multiple animals in one class, another 4-H member(s) from the same county can show the other animals.**
7. All 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the county fair are eligible to participate in showmanship **and must show their own animal.**

8. No animals may be advertised for sale and no farm, ranch, or sale signs may be displayed or worn in the show ring. The only signs other than 4-H stall cards and champion/reserve champion signs that may be displayed are educationally-based signs with performance or pedigree information and signs with the animal's name. **Only decorations that support the 4-H Youth Development Program are allowed.**
9. State Grooming & Fitting Rules:
All grooming of livestock at the fair, including clipping, trimming and manipulation of the hair/wool (such as blocking on sheep, pulling up hair on beef and working up top lines on dairy) must be clearly done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family (parents, step-parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers or sisters) or any other enrolled Minnesota 4-H member.
10. **Registered market animals must have registration papers solely in the exhibitor's name, the exhibitor's family name, or the family's farm name; registered breeding animals must have registration papers solely in exhibitor's name, the exhibitor's family name, or the family's farm name or be under lease from any other owners (including partnerships). Registered breeding animals that are leased may have registration papers in the animal owners name or farm name.**
11. 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.
12. All animal health regulations will be in effect as stipulated by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and the County Agricultural Society.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECT(S) TO EXHIBIT

RECORD KEEPING PROJECT

Project Description: Record keeping is a life skill. Redwood County 4-H is encouraging all 4-H members to complete at least one project record. Completed records will be judged during the general project judging day process. Animal Science records will be judged on Thursday of the county fair. Drop records at the fair 4-H office by noon.

The following criteria are included to be a record:

1. Cover page with photo of your completed project
2. Either [Basic Project Record](#) or [Experienced Project Record](#) format should be followed. [Cloverbuds](#) may submit a project record as well.
3. Photos with descriptive captions to illustrate the process of completing your project as you prepare to exhibit completed projects..
4. Records should be placed in a report folder or three ring binder.

Animal Science Project Special Note: Livestock project records will be considered complete with information provided up to the county fair.

ANIMAL SCIENCE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

1. Theme: Your favorite activity or part of 4-H. Sign up in 4-H online. Judged on general entry day.
2. Can be Elements of Photography or Photo Manipulation based on exhibit suggestions in [Photography](#).
3. Winners will earn a gift card, premium, and photos will be used to create Redwood County 4-H note cards.

SCIENCE OF ANIMALS EDUCATIONAL PROJECT & EXHIBIT

Project Description:

You can also exhibit your knowledge with a science of animals project. This project is designed to expose 4-H animal project youth to the many dimensions of the industry. Animal ownership is not a requirement of this project and is judged during general projects judging day at county fair.

Exhibit Suggestions:

- Items constructed (such as feeding systems or show equipment) or science exhibits focusing on one of the four divisions listed above.
- These projects may be enhanced with 3-dimensional displays, posters or notebooks

State Fair Trips Available:

- Exhibits are shown during livestock encampment at the MN State Fair
- Exhibits can be in any species you want to explore regardless of your livestock project area
- You can exhibit in both the livestock/animal exhibit and science of animals.
- You can receive housing with your county livestock delegation and help with herdsmanship, herdsmanship judges, etc.
- **Posters:** Llama-Alpaca, Poultry and Rabbit promotional and educational posters are an exhibit item at the state level and may be entered as a poster in each respective area.

Science of animals is offered in all livestock species in one the four topic areas:

- Animal Health, Breeding, production, or Other.
- [Science of Animals Evaluation Form Link](#)

HEALTH / BREEDING / PRODUCTION EXHIBIT

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

ZOONOTICS EXHIBIT

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

OTHER EXHIBIT

- Beef
- Dairy
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine

OPEN NOVICE AND ALUMNI LIVESTOCK CLASS

OPEN NOVICE CLASS Open to all 4-H youth wanting to experience showing a live animal during the Redwood County Fair. The intention is to assist youth in exploring the livestock project areas and see what it is all about. Animals are provided and no experience is required. *Please sign up in fairentry under the animal you want to try. Contact 4-H office for assistance and more information. 507-637-4025!*

ALUMNI SHOW 4-H alumni join us for the conclusion of each livestock show. Prizes awarded to the winner.

BEEF PROJECT

Note: *It is recommended that classes contain at least three head, when possible, to assure a level of competition. It may be necessary to combine breeds and/or Registered and Commercial animals.*

Birth Dates

Breeding Heifer – Spring calf

Breeding Heifer – Fall calf

Breeding heifer – Summer Yearling

Breeding heifer – Junior Yearling

Breeding heifer – Senior Yearling

Cow/calf

Prospect market calves

Market beef

Dairy steers

January 1 – May 15, 2025

September 1 – December 31, **2024**

May 1 – August 31, **2024**

January 1 – April 30, **2024**

September 1 - December 31, **2023**

Calves must be born between January 1 - May 15, 2025

January 1 – May 15, **2025**

January 1 – August 31, **2024**

January 1 – August 31, **2024**

BREEDING HEIFER

Beef - Registered Spring Calf

Beef - Registered Fall Calf

Beef - Registered Summer Yearling

Beef - Registered Junior Yearling

Beef - Registered Senior Yearling

Beef - Commercial Fall Calf

Beef - Commercial Summer Yearling

Beef - Commercial Junior Yearling

Beef - Commercial Senior Year

COW AND CALF

Beef - Cow and Calf Pair

PROSPECT CALF

Beef - Heifer Calf

Beef - Steer Calf

MARKET BEEF

Beef - Market Steer

Beef - Market Heifer

Market Beef Requirements: Recommended minimum weight for State Fair is 1000 pounds; Recommended Maximum weight is 1500 pounds

DAIRY STEER - Shown with Beef Project

Beef - Purebred Dairy Steer
Beef - Prospect Dairy Steer

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

Dairy Steer Requirements:

- Recommended minimum weight for State Fair is 1,000 pounds; recommended maximum weight is 1,600 pounds. Pure Breed Dairy Steers must be 100% dairy breed. The following breeds will be accepted without registration papers: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, and Jersey. Milking Shorthorn dairy steers must be registered with the American Milking Shorthorn Society and not carry the "S" suffix.
- Dairy Steers showing permanent teeth may be shown, but they can place no higher than a red ribbon and they will not be eligible for State Fair or auction.
- **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.**

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP - All Grades

BEEF INTERVIEW - ALL GRADES

BEEF POSTER County class only If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

BEEF CLOVERBUD

Beef Cloverbud Beef Cloverbud Poster

BEEF RECORD KEEPING

DAIRY PROJECT

Note: It is recommended that classes contain at least three head, when possible, to assure a level of competition. To accomplish this it may be necessary to combine breeds and/or Registered and Grade animals. Many counties now show Holsteins by breed and Colored Breeds together, by age.

Birth Dates:

- Spring Calf March 1, **2025** - May 31, **2025**
- Winter calf December 1, **2024** – February **28, 2025**
- Fall calf September 1 – November 30, **2024**
- Summer yearling June 1 – August 31, **2024**
- Spring yearling March 1 – May 31, **2024**
- Winter yearling December 1, **2023** – February **29, 2024**
- Fall yearling September 1 – November 30, **2023**
- Milking Yearling Born Sept 1, **2023** or later that has freshened & in milking form



**Beef, Dairy, Dairy Goat, Dog, Horse, Llama-Alpaca,
Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine**

- Junior two year old March 1 – August 31, **2023**
- Senior two year old September 1, **2022** – February 28, **2023**
- Three year old cows September 1, **2021** – August 31, **2022**
- Four year old cows September 1, **2020** – August 31, **2021**
- Aged cow Born before September 1, **2020**
- Dry cow Dry cow of any age

HOLSTEIN REGISTERED / HOLSTEIN GRADE / MIXED COLOR REGISTER OR GRADE

- Dairy - Spring (Junior) Calf
- Dairy - Winter Calf
- Dairy - Fall Calf
- Dairy - Summer Jr. Yearling
- Dairy - Spring Jr. Yearling
- Dairy - Winter Sr. Yearling
- Dairy - Fall Sr. Yearling
- Milking Yearling
- Dairy - Jr. Two-Year-Old Cow
- Dairy - Sr. Two-Year-Old Cow
- Dairy - Three-Year-Old Cow
- Dairy - Four-Year-Old Cow
- Dairy - Five-Year-Old and Older Cow
- Dairy - Dry Cow

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP - All Ages

DAIRY INTERVIEW - All Ages

DAIRY POSTER

- County Class only. If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

DAIRY CLOVERBUD

- Dairy Cloverbud
- Dairy Cloverbud Poster

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

DAIRY RECORD KEEPING

DAIRY GOAT PROJECT

Note: *It is recommended that classes contain at least three head, when possible, to assure a level of competition. To accomplish this it may be necessary to combine Registered, Recorded and Unrecorded animals.*

NOTE: *For safety reasons all dairy goats must be dis-budded/dehorned. Regrowth of less than ONE INCH allowed.*

BIRTH DATES:

Junior Kid Doe
Senior Kid Doe
Dry Yearling Doe (never kidded)
Milking Yearling Doe
Milking Two Year Old Doe
Milking Doe - 3 Years and under 5 Years
Milking Doe - 5 Years and older

April 1 – June 30, **2025**
January 1 – March 31, **2025**
January 1 – December 31, **2024**
January 1 – December 31, **2024**
January 1 – December 31, **2023**
born in **2021** or **2022**
born before **2021**

DAIRY GOAT

Dairy Goat Jr. Doe Kid
Dairy Goat Sr. Doe Kid
Dairy Goat - Dry Yearling Doe
Dairy Goat - Milking Yearling Doe
Dairy Goat - Milking 2 Year Old Doe
Dairy Goat - Milking 3 - 4 Year Old Doe
Dairy Goat - Milking 5+ Year Old Doe

DAIRY GOAT INTERVIEW - ALL AGES

DAIRY GOAT CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Dairy Goat
Cloverbud Poster

DAIRY GOAT POSTER

County class only. If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Dairy Goat Showmanship - ALL AGES

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

DAIRY GOAT RECORD KEEPING

DOG PROJECT

DOG AGILITY

Dog - Pre-Agility
Dog - Agility Beginner
Dog - Agility Elementary
Dog - Agility Intermediate
Dog - Agility Senior
Dog - Agility Advance
Dog – Limited Agility
Dog - Jumpers 1a
Dog - Jumpers 1b
Dog - Jumpers 2
Dog - Jumpers 3
Dog - Limited Jumpers

DOG OBEDIENCE

Obedience Foundation
Obedience Beginner
Obedience Graduate Beginner
Obedience Novice
Obedience Graduate Novice
Obedience Pre-Open
Obedience Open
Obedience Graduate Open
Obedience Pre-Utility
Obedience Utility
Obedience Veterans
Obedience Brace
Obedience 4 Dog Team

DOG RALLY

Dog – Rally Foundation
Dog - Rally Beginner
Dog - Rally Novice
Dog - Rally Graduate Novice
Dog - Rally Intermediate
Dog - Rally Advanced
Dog - Rally Pre-Excellent
Dog - Rally Excellent
Dog - Rally Pre-Master
Dog - Rally Master
Dog- Rally - Veterans

DOG RECORD KEEPING

DOG SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship Novice
Showmanship Open
Showmanship Excellent

DOG INTERVIEW

All ages

DOG CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Dog
Cloverbud Poster

[Cloverbud Show/Competition Policy](#)

Requirements:

- Cloverbuds may show Dog Project in the Showmanship Class
- 4-H'ers - 3rd grade and up are eligible for county and state dog show.
- 4-H'ers shall exhibit in the classes corresponding to the level of training they and their dog have received.
- Additional information, class requirements, and rules/regulations can be found in the Minnesota 4-H Agility, Obedience, Rally and Showmanship rules and guidelines (four separate publications) available on the [MN 4-H dog project website \(z.umn.edu/mn4hdogproject\)](http://z.umn.edu/mn4hdogproject).
- All dogs must be vaccinated according to the requirements listed on the MN 4-H Dog Project ID Affidavit and Vaccination Form.

Goat - Dairy

See "Dairy Goat" Section

Goat - Meat

See "Meat Goat" Section

HORSE PROJECT

ENGLISH EQUITATION

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

ENGLISH PLEASURE

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP All Gates

Advanced

Intermediate
Novice

WESTERN PLEASURE

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

RANCH PLEASURE CLASS

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice



POLE WEAVING

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

JUMPING FIGURE 8

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

KEY RACE

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

BARREL RACE

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

TRAIL CLASS

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

INTERVIEW

Advanced
Intermediate
Novice

HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

HORSE CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Barrels
Cloverbud Western Pleasure
Cloverbud Horse Showmanship
Cloverbud Poster
Interview

EQUESTRIANS WITH DISABILITIES

Horse - Assisted: Flat Class-Western or English Equitation, walk, trot with volunteer/mentors as needed

Horse - Assisted: Obstacle Game Class, KeyHole pattern, walk, trot with volunteer/mentors as needed

Horse Training

Horse - Training Steps 1-6

[More information is found here](#)

Horse - Unassisted: Flat Class-Western or English Equitation, walk, trot, unassisted (spotter requested)

Horse - Unassisted: Obstacle Game Class, KeyHole pattern, Walk, trot, unassisted (spotter requested)

HORSE RECORD KEEPING

Requirements:

Horse Helmet Policy:

- Participating in any 4-H sponsored mounted activity requires wearing properly fastened ASTM/SEI approved protective headgear. Helmet use is required when mounted.
- This policy also extends to 4-H volunteers when they are working with 4-H youth in a 4-H volunteer role during mounted activities.
- Additional information can be found on the [Horse project page](#) . [MN 4-H Horse Program Rule Book](#).
- Classes may be combined or split depending on the number of entries.

- Show Attire can be found in the [Horse Project Rule Book](#)

HORSE RELATED PROJECT

Horse - Horse Related, Grades 6+
 Horse - Horse Related, Grades 3-5
 Horse - Horse Related, Cloverbud



Requirement:

- Must be enrolled in the Horse project to exhibit in this division
- Exhibits may be a model, poster, scrapbook, essay, and/or article.
- The exhibit should show or explain something the 4-H member has made, done, or learned in the project.
- Exhibits are conference judged with the exhibitor present. Horses do not have to be present.

HORSELESS HORSE PROJECT

Horse - Horseless Horse, Grades 6+
 Horse – Horseless Horse, Grades 3-5

Requirement:

- The exhibit should show or explain something the 4-H member has made, done, or learned in the project.
- Some exhibit examples include but are not limited to, a poster, display, presentation, booklet or constructed project.
- The horseless horse exhibit can be anything related to the horse industry.
- Exhibits are conference judged with the exhibitor present.
- **This exhibit area is for youth who do not own or lease a horse. Youth should exhibit in this category if they participate in the horseless horse program with a mentor horse. If they do own or lease their own horse, they may exhibit the same style exhibited in the Horse Related area.**

HORSELESS HORSE SKILLS CLASS

Horse - Horseless Horse Level 1, Grades 6+
 Horse – Horseless Horse Level 1, Grades 3-5
 Horse - Horseless Horse Level 2, Grades 6+
 Horse – Horseless Horse Level 2, Grades 3-5
 Horse - Horseless Horse Level 3, Grades 6+
 Horse - Horseless Horse Level 3, Grades 3-5

Requirement

- Youth will complete a level in the [horseless horse booklet](#) prior to the show. The booklet will include answering knowledge questions and learning hands-on skills.

- An example of a knowledge question would be to list 4 breeds of horses and describe their uses.
- An example of a skill to demonstrate would describe and demonstrate how to properly back a horse on the halter 4 steps.
- The booklet must be signed prior to the show by a Horseless Horse Volunteer, Mentor or 4-H Extension Staff attesting to that the youth has completed the booklet, can complete the skills and is prepared for the judging experience.
- Youth can only test and exhibit one level per year.
- They will use a mentor's horse in the ring. The horse will be used to aid in answering the judges questions and demonstrating skills.
- Youth will demonstrate and interview one-on-one with the judge, one exhibitor at a time.
- The judging will be a combination of demonstrating these skills and answering interview questions from the judge. The judge will select a number of skills and knowledge based questions related to the booklet (not all of them).

LLAMA - ALPACA PROJECT

NOTE: 4-H'ers who participate in the Llama - Alpaca Costume Contest at the State Fair will receive a cash award. These payments are made in October. 4-H'ers must be grade eligible to participate at the State Fair.

LLama -Alpaca – Costume (Exhibitor must be on foot)

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

LLama -Alpaca - Public Relations

LLama -Alpaca – Obstacle Course

LLama -Alpaca - Showmanship

LLAMA-ALPACA FLEECE

LLAMA-ALPACA POSTER Educational or promotional posters may be selected to advance to the state fair. See state fair poster requirements under [Llama-Alpaca information sheet](#).

LLAMA-ALPACA INTERVIEW

LLAMA-ALPACA RECORD KEEPING

LLAMA-ALPACA CLOVERBUD

LLama -Alpaca Cloverbud Showmanship

LLama -Alpaca Cloverbud Costume

LLama -Alpaca Cloverbud Poster

Birthdates

4-H Llama-Alpaca Projects must be born prior to January 1, 2025.

Gender:

- No sexually intact male over 18 months is eligible for exhibition.
- 4-H Llama - Alpaca projects must be born prior to January 1, 2025.
- No companion animals (no buddies and no nursing mother's allowed)

MEAT GOAT

Note: Classes may be adjusted based on number of entries. Our goal is to include 3 animals minimum per class. This decision will be made between the Goat Superintendent and the 4-H Judge.

BIRTH DATES:

Market goat

Meat market goat (wether)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
Meat market goat (doe)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025
Dairy market goat (wether)	Nov 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025

Wether Dam

Wether dam yearling (never kidded)	Sept 1, 2023 - Aug 31, 2024
Wether dam kid	Sept 1, 2024 - April 30, 2025

Meat goat breeding does

Senior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)	Sept 1, 2023 – Feb 29, 2024
Junior yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)	March 1, 2024 – May 31, 2024
Fall yearling meat breeding doe (never kidded)	June 1, 2024 – Nov 30, 2024
Senior meat breeding doe kid	Dec 1, 2024 – Feb 28, 2025
Junior meat breeding doe kid	Mar 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025

NOTE: Pygmy Goats are classed as Meat Goats

MARKET GOAT

Meat Market Goat - wether
Meat Market Goat - doe
Dairy Market Goat - wether

WETHER DAM

Wether dam yearling (never kidded)
Wether dam kid

MEAT GOAT BREEDING DOE

Meat Goat - Senior Yearling Breeding Doe, registered or grade (never kidded)
Meat Goat - Junior Yearling Breeding Doe, registered or grade (never kidded)
Meat Goat – Fall Yearling Breeding Doe, registered or grade (never kidded)
Meat Goat – Senior Meat Breeding Doe Kid, registered or grade
Meat Goat – Junior Meat Breeding Doe Kid, registered or grade

Requirements:

- Market animals must be a minimum of 40 pounds, recommended maximum weight of 110 lbs for state fair.
- Market wethers must be disbudded/de-horned. Re-growth must not exceed one inch. Cut (sawed) off horns are not permitted
- Meat breeding does, wether dams and market does may have horns and they do not need to be capped or blunted.

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP - All Ages

Meat Goat Showmanship

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

MEAT GOAT RECORD KEEPING

MEAT GOAT POSTER

County class only. If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

MEAT GOAT INTERVIEW - All Ages

Meat Goat Interview

MEAT GOAT CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Meat Goat

POULTRY PROJECT

CHICKENS

- Chickens - Market pen of two males or two females
- Chickens - Breeding pen of one male & two females
- Chickens - Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females
- Chickens - Egg production pen of two pullets, White egg layers
- Chickens - Egg production pen of two pullets, Brown egg layers

DOVES

Doves - Purebred breeding pair

DUCKS

- Ducks - Market pen of two males or two females
- Ducks - Breeding pen of one male & two females
- Ducks - Bantam Breeding pen of one male & two females

GEESE

- Geese - Market pen of two males or two females
- Geese - Breeding pen of one male & two females

GUINEA

Use the following Classes, with the Divisions to indicate the type of your project animal(s). Note: ONLY Pearls, Whites and Lavender breeds can be shown:

Guinea - Market pen of two males or two females - same breed

Guinea - Breeding pen of one male & two females - same breed

PIGEONS

Pigeons - Utility, 1 Breeding Pair

Pigeons - Utility, 1 Young bird Male or Female, 1 young bird, this year band

Pigeons - Fancy, 1 Breeding Pair

Pigeons - Fancy, Young bird Male or Female, 1 young bird, this year band

Pigeons - Flying, 1 Breeding Pair

Pigeons - Flying, Young bird Male or Female, 1 young bird, this year band

TURKEYS - Domestic only

Turkeys - Domestic Only - Market pen of two males or two females

Turkeys - Domestic Only - Breeding pen of one male & two females

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP - All Ages

Poultry Showmanship

POULTRY POSTER

Poultry Poster - Educational or promotional poster may be selected to advance to the state fair. See state fair poster requirements in the [Poultry Information Sheet](#). Posters do not need to be exhibited at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

POULTRY INTERVIEW - All Ages

Poultry Interviews

POULTRY CLOVERBUD

Poultry Cloverbuds

Poultry Cloverbud Poster

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

POULTRY RECORD KEEPING

SHOW AND HOBBY - (County Only Project)

Pheasants

Quail

Other Fowl (Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons and guinea fowl are not eligible)

RABBIT PROJECT

SMALL BREEDS

Rabbit - Small Breed Senior Buck over 6 months of age
Rabbit - Small Breed Senior Doe over 6 months of age
Rabbit - Small Breed Junior Buck under 6 months of age
Rabbit - Small Breed Junior Doe under 6 months of age

4 Class (small) rabbit breeds include Dutch, Florida White, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, French Angora, Satin Angora, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Standard Chinchilla, English Spot, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Lilac, Lion Head, Rhinelander, Silver, Silver Marten, Thrianta and Tan.

LARGE BREEDS

Rabbit - Large Breed Senior Buck over 8 months of age
Rabbit - Large Breed Senior Doe over 8 months of age
Rabbit - Large Breed Intermediate Buck 6 - 8 months of age
Rabbit - Large Breed Intermediate Doe 6 - 8 months of age
Rabbit - Large Breed Junior Buck under 6 months of age
Rabbit - Large Breed Junior Doe under 6 months of age

6 Class (large) rabbit breeds include New Zealand, Satin, American Giant Angora, Bevern, Californian, Champagne d'Argent, Checkered Giant, American Chinchilla, Giant Chinchilla, Cinnamon, Crème d'Argent, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Hotot, English Lop, Palomino and Silver Fox.

Requirements:

- All breeds recognized by the American Rabbit Breeders Association are eligible. Rabbits will be judged according to ARBA standards.
- Each rabbit must be permanently tattooed in the left ear for identification purposes.

RUNNING BREEDS

Senior Buck over 8 months of age
Senior Doe over 8 months of age
Intermediate Buck 6-8 months of age
Intermediate Doe 6-8 months of age
Junior Buck under 6 months of age
Junior Doe under 6 months of age

Requirements:

Breeding Rabbit requirements apply to Running Breeds
Running Breeds include Checkered Giant, English Spot, Rhinelander and Tan

MARKET RABBIT

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

RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

Rabbit Showmanship

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

RABBIT RECORD KEEPING

RABBIT POSTER

Rabbit Poster - Educational or promotional poster may be selected to advance to the state fair. See state fair poster requirements in the [Rabbit Information Sheet](#). Posters do not need to be exhibited at the county fair to advance to the State Fair.

RABBIT INTERVIEW

Rabbit Interview

RABBIT CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Rabbit
Rabbit Cloverbud Poster

SHEEP PROJECT

Note: It is recommended that classes contain at least three head, when possible, to assure a level of competition. To accomplish this it may be necessary to combine breeds and/or Registered and Commercial animals

BIRTH DATES

Fall Ewe Lamb	Born between September 1 - December 31 of previous year
January Ewe Lamb	Born in January of current Year
February Ewe Lamb	Born in February of current Year
March Ewe Lamb	Born in March of current Year
Yearling Ewe	Over 1 yr and under 2 yrs of age & not show evidence of 4 permanent incisors
Wether Dam Ewe Lamb	Born on or after December 1 of previous year
Wether Dam Yearling Ewe	Over 1 yr and under 2 yrs of age & not show evidence of 4 permanent incisors
Market Lamb	Born on or after December 1 of previous year

BREEDING EWE

- Sheep - Registered Yearling Ewe
- Sheep - Registered Fall Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Registered January Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Registered February Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Registered March Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Commercial Yearling Ewe
- Sheep - Commercial Fall Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Commercial January Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Commercial February Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Commercial March Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Wether Dam Ewe Lamb
- Sheep - Wether Dam Yearling Ewe

MARKET LAMB

- Market Lamb - Speckle Face
- Market Lamb - Black Face
- Market Lamb - White Face
- Market Lamb - Hair Breeds

Requirements:

- Recommended minimum weight for State Fair is 105 pounds; recommended maximum weight is 170 pounds.
- Lambs shown in the hair breeds division must be of straight hair sheep breeding. Crossbred hair sheep and wool breeding is not acceptable.

See [2025 Animal Science Updates](#) for more information

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP - ALL AGES

SHEEP INTERVIEW - ALL AGES

LAMB LEAD

Lamb Lead

Requirements:

- Lamb lead exhibitors must groom and train a sheep and must wear a garment made from at least 60% wool. Garment is defined as a piece of clothing covering a main part of your body (not socks or accessories).
- Exhibitors will be judged based on project knowledge, poise, their outfit, and their lamb.
 - Classes may be combined depending on number of entrants

NOTE: 4-H'ers who participate in Lamb Lead at the State Fair will receive a \$30 cash award, provided by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders' Association (MLBA). These payments are made in October. 4-H'ers must be grade eligible to participate at the State Fair.

SHEEP POSTER

County class only. If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

SHEEP Cloverbud

Sheep – Cloverbud

Sheep Cloverbud Poster

SHEEP RECORD KEEPING

FLEECE

Sheep Fleece

Requirements:

All 4-H'ers receiving a blue ribbon on their fleece may exhibit at the State Fair; no housing will be provided!

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

SWINE PROJECT

Note: It is recommended that classes contain at least three head, when possible, to assure a level of competition. To accomplish this it may be necessary to combine breeds and/or Registered and Commercial animals.

BIRTH DATES:

January Gilt	Born in January of current year
February Gilt	Born in February of current year
March Gilt	Born in March of current year
Market Barrow	Born on or after January 1 of the current year. Recommended farrow date in January or February.
Market Gilt	Born on or after January 1 of the current year. Recommended farrow date in January or February.

BREEDING GILTS

Swine - Registered January Gilt
Swine - Registered February Gilt
Swine - Registered March Gilt

Swine - Crossbred Breeding Gilts will be shown by weight

Use the following Classes, with the Divisions (breeds) and birth dates above, to indicate the age of your project animal(s):

MARKET BARROW/MARKET GILT

Swine - Market Barrow

Swine - Market Gilt

Requirements:

Recommended minimum weight for State Fair is 220 pounds; maximum State Fair weight is 300. Market barrows and market gilts weighing less than 220 pounds will show in their own class “Super Lightweights” and those 301 pounds and over will show in their own class “Super Heavyweights” and will be eligible for blue, red or white ribbons and are not eligible for champions at State Fair.

PEN OF 3 Class (County Only)

Three market hogs. Can be 3 barrows, 3 gilts, or a combination of both. Any combination of market hogs may be used in this class. Exhibitor + one other helper must show your own pigs.

Commercial Production Class (County Only)

- This will be the first class judged based on carcass and packer appeal
- To be eligible, pigs must come from regular commercial production operations. Pigs with special breeding, from specific dames or sires, with primary purpose of show or not ordinary within the operations normal production **ARE NOT ELIGIBLE**.
- There will only be one class and pigs may come from the market gilts, market barrows, production carcass or breeding gilts.
 - These pigs must be shown in either the market barrow, market gilt or breeding class as well.
 - Individuals will only be allowed to show 1 pig.
 - A minimum of 4 pigs must be entered in the class for judging to take place in this class.

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Swine Showmanship

SWINE INTERVIEW - ALL AGES

SWINE POSTER

County class only. If entered with state advancement intent, enter in Science of Animals or Exploring Animals

SWINE CLOVERBUD

Cloverbud Swine

Swine Cloverbud Poster

SWINE RECORD KEEPING

OPEN NOVICE CLASS

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STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

1. Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only (see State Dog Show Rules for exceptions). Exhibit classes eligible for State Fair are marked with an asterisk *. (Red ribbon animals are not allowed in the state fair lineup)
2. Members selected to represent the county at the State Fair and State Horse Show must have completed sixth grade.
3. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Livestock Quality Assurance Training.
State Policy: All youth participating as a State Fair 4-H livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, dairy goat, llama-alpaca, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine must have completed a livestock quality assurance training. **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. **Exhibitor must complete LQA training by the opening day of the Redwood County Fair**
5. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, cooking events, animal science educational exhibits or judging teams.
6. [Competitive events, deadlines, consequences and exemption options](#). 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. Exemptions may be used for county fair pre-entry registration requirements, but may not be used for State Fair trip sign-up deadlines.
7. 4-H youth **who** have been awarded a 4-H State Fair livestock trip through the local 4-H qualifying show must keep their designated trip animal on the county fairgrounds until the official release time to remain eligible for the 4-H State Fair trip. In the event that a youth/family requests an early release to travel/attend a national junior livestock show and education event, prior arrangements for early release must be made with and approved by the local 4-H program staff, **in partnership with** the county fair board. Proof of national junior show participation (program with youth's name, printed class placing information) must be presented to local 4-H staff upon return to the county to maintain eligibility for the Minnesota State Fair 4-H livestock shows.
8. 4-H youth that have been awarded a 4-H State Fair general project trip through the local 4-H qualifying show must keep their designated trip project on the county fairgrounds until the official release time to remain eligible for the 4-H State Fair trip.



PREMIUMS

4-H County Fair Project Exhibitors will earn a premium based on the judges ribbon placing following your judging event.

PROJECT AREA	BLUE	RED	WHITE	Multicolor	Green
Club Projects	10.00	7.00	5.00		
Cloverbud / Gr K-2	na	na	na	4.00	
Demonstrations	10.00	7.00	5.00		
Performing Arts/Presentations	10.00	7.00	5.00		
Animal Science Showmanship	10.00	Awarded to Champion and Reserve Champion Only			
Interviews/Showmanship- Livestock	na	na	na	4.00	
Records	7.00	5.00	4.00		
Science of Animals	7.00	5.00	4.00		
Horse Related/Horseless Horse	7.00	5.00	4.00		
Animal Science (live animals)	7.00	5.00	4.00		
General Project Exhibits	4.00	3.00	2.00		
Sunday Fashion Revue/Talent Show	na	na	na	na	4.00
Community Impact Award	\$20 Gift Card				

What the Ribbon Colors Mean

- **Purple** The exhibit meets **all** standards, complete understanding of what, how, and why the exhibit was done, and has a thorough knowledge of the subject. The exhibit and workmanship are extraordinary and need no improvement.
- **Lavender** Reserve Champion
- **Blue** The exhibit meets **most** standards. The exhibitor can explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a good knowledge of the subject. The exhibit is well organized and well done.
- **Red** The exhibit meets **some** standards. The exhibitor can somewhat explain what, how, and why the exhibit was done and has a fair knowledge of the subject. Some improvements may be needed on the exhibit.
- **White** The exhibit meets **few** standards and lacks the quality of other exhibits. The exhibitor cannot adequately explain the what, how, and why of the exhibit. Possibly they have overlooked a safety flaw. Improvement is needed in either the exhibit, the knowledge of the subject, or both.
- **Green** Participation ribbon is awarded for **participation**. Project areas that are awarded participation ribbons are not considered for blue, red, or white ribbons. They may or may not be considered for a purple ribbon.
- **Multi-color** This ribbon is used for **Cloverbuds** during their judging process. Cloverbuds are **not** part of the competitive judging process. The judges working with Cloverbuds focus on participation in conversation, reporting on their project, and encouragement for continuation in their project areas!

AUCTION RULES, GUIDELINES, W9, AND BIO FORM



Redwood County 4-H Ribbon Auction

Redwood County 4-H Family Handbook

What is a 4-H Ribbon Auction

The Redwood County 4-H Auction Booster Committee works throughout the year to organize our livestock auction.

This is a highlight for our youth who work throughout the year with their animals. Youth showcase their livestock in the show ring while our auction emcee hosts the event with our volunteer auctioneers. Auction buyers/bidders are invited to attend the auction by our 4-H youth who participate in the auction.

4-H Ribbons are auctioned off rather than the animal itself. Our 4-H auction showcases the 4-H members and their animals during the auction. Buyers receive the ribbon our 4-H youth earned during their respective species show, which is held during the Redwood County Fair.

Premiums are paid to 4-H youth in the format of 80% of the auction bid going to our youth and 20% going back to our 4-H fund. The auction funds are used toward \$1250 in scholarships given to youth planning to attend post-secondary education.

Animals eligible for the auction are those animals sold on today's market; Beef, Dairy, Goats, Swine, Sheep, Poultry, and Rabbits.



Goals and Objectives of Redwood County 4-H Ribbon Auction

- Provide 4-H youth an opportunity to experience a live auction.
- Provide 4-H youth opportunities to learn and practice networking, marketing, and communication skills.

- Provide 4-H youth opportunities to create community connections within the agricultural industry.
- Provide youth an additional opportunity to showcase their work with their animal

Who can participate

4-H members qualify to participate in the Redwood County 4-H Ribbon Auction **IF**:

- You are Grade 3 or older and have active enrollment status in Redwood County 4-H.
- You have received a Red Ribbon placing or better in your species show.
- Your species must qualify as livestock: Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, Rabbit, Poultry, Swine.
- You have personally made 2 contacts / invitations to attend the Redwood County Ribbon Auction. Intention is 2 contacts outside of your family business for youth grades 6+.
- You have attended the Auction Participant Training Program. Auction Participant Training must be renewed every three years with your LQA & E.
- You have met all Animal ID and Membership Enrollment requirements.
- You have a W-9 on file in the 4-H office
- [W-9 Form for Printing Link](#)

Accommodations

If you or a 4-H participant need disability-related or other accommodations to participate in this program or have questions about the physical accessibility of the event location, *please contact Stacy J at 507-637-4025 or email skjohnso@umn.edu at registration or at least 2 weeks prior to the program or*

event. Late notice may limit our ability to provide requested accommodations.

Auction Rules and Requirements

Member Enrollment in 4-H Online:

- 4-H members must have active 4-H status enrollment in Minnesota 4-H Online. This means your membership must be active at the time of Animal ID.
- 4-H members must be enrolled in the livestock project they intend to exhibit.
 - To enroll in your animal science project area go to your 4-H online account
 - Click on participation tab
 - Click on project areas intended for showing

Animal Ownership or Lease:

- All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, the member's family, or leased by written agreement.
- Auction Participants who show both owned and leased animals are required to take their owned animal through the auction.

Animal ID Requirements:

- Animal ID requirements must be met, completed, on time, and meet all MN 4-H rules.

Project Enrollment in Fair Entry:

- All projects must be enrolled by the established entry deadline.
- 4-H members are allowed to show 1 animal through the Redwood County 4-H Ribbon Auction.

Auction Participant Training:

- This training provides youth the opportunity to gain skills regarding communication in both

written and spoken formats including writing thank you notes.

- Training participants will experience and practice giving interviews regarding their project area.
- Training will include learning how to create an elevator pitch.
- Training participants will gain experience and practice with networking opportunities within the agricultural industry.
- Youth are required to attend this training their first year participating in the auction and every three years (or more often) thereafter.

Dress Code

- Auction participants are required to wear:
 - County Fair T-Shirt. This is provided to each 4-H member upon entering your projects during the beginning of the fair.
 - Long Pants – **No holes & No shorts.** Blue jeans are fine.
 - Closed toed shoes

Networking Requirement

- 4-H youth planning to participate in the Redwood County 4-H Auction are required to make two (2) personal invitations to attend the Ribbon Auction. Invitations may include business and industry or other entities interested in attending. Youth grades 6+ should be contacting businesses outside of their family business.
- Invitations must be documented and included on your auction bio form
- Due: Invitations are required to be completed **prior** to the Redwood County Fair.

Auction Bio's

- **Due June 30 by 4:30 pm.** Completed forms should include both signatures from those you invited to attend the auction.
- Forms are accepted at:
Redwood County 4-H Office
PO Box 130, Redwood Falls MN 56283
or email skjohnso@umn.edu.
- Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Changes / updates to your bio following your shows are due: Friday at the County Fair by 5 pm

Ribbon Auction Procedure

Prior to Redwood County Fair:

- Complete Auction Training Program. This is offered with the LQA & E training yearly. This training will follow the same time guidelines as the required LQA & E certifications.
- Complete and Document two invitations to attend Redwood County 4-H Ribbon Auction
 - We will provide an Auction Flier and Invitation for you to hand those you are inviting
 - Gift. We will provide you with a small token of appreciation to give, such as a pen. Hand this gift, with the flier to the person or people you are inviting to attend the auction.
 - You are encouraged to invite more than 2 entities to attend the auction. In fact, this action is greatly appreciated.
- Complete your member enrollment and fair entry processes on time.
- Completed Auction Bio Forms are due June 30 by 4:30 pm to the 4-H Office.

During Redwood County Fair:

- Compete in your animal species shows.
- Friday at 5 pm during the Redwood County Fair is the deadline to update your auction bios. This may include any award earned;

ribbon earned, and class earnings during your species show.



- You will take your animal back to your respective building and attend to your animal needs.
- **Last and most important**, remember your thank you note. Once your animal is cared for, return to the Auction Ring in the Show Arena to write your thank you note(s) to your ribbon buyer. The 4-H office will mail it for you.

Auction Morning:

- Prepare your animal – direction on this or questions should be referred to your species superintendent.
- 8:00 am, attend the Auction Participant Meeting in the Show Arena. Be prepared and wear your show clothes for the group picture.
- 8:30 am, attend the Welcome Breakfast. Auction participants are welcome to have breakfast while visiting and thanking auction bidders attending the auction. You will thank them for their attendance.
- 9:00 am, Auction Begins. Your superintendent will have the show schedule.
- When it is your turn you will be given the ribbon earned with the animal you are showing at the auction.
- You will enter the auction area with your animal.
- The emcee will provide information you have given us via the Auction Bio Form.
- The Auctioneers will handle the rest.
- Once your animal ribbon has been sold you will give your lead rope to the auction ring steward and shake the hand of your ribbon buyer.
- Next you will have your picture taken with your animal.

Family Member Expectations:

- Practice handshakes and inviting businesses to the auction so your 4-H'er is comfortable.
- The intention behind this is to help our 4-H members gain confidence in communicating with business and industry professionals, adults, and begin to build their network.
- The education behind our auction in communications and networking is a life skill and we expect families to help their 4-H youth do this work themselves.
- Families are expected to volunteer the day of the event. We need help setting up tables, moving tables, recording the bids, thank you table help, buyer table help, ring stewards, photographers willing to share your photos.

Redwood County 4-H Auction Booster Committee

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Auction Invitation Documentation

STEP 1:

Invitation 1 - Contact Name or Attach Business Card:

Business Name and Address:

Invitation 2 - Contact Name or Attach Business Card:

Business Name and Address:

Auction Emcee Form/Auction Bio

WRITE CLEARLY
UPDATE SHOW PLACINGS BY FRIDAY 5 PM

STEP 2:

Member Name:

Grade: _____ **Club:** _____

Yrs. In 4-H _____

Parents/Guardians:

Species for Auction:

ONLY ONE ANIMAL CAN BE TAKEN THROUGH THE AUCTION. IF YOU CHOOSE TO WAIT ON WHICH SPECIES UNTIL FAIR THIS MUST BE REPORTED TO 4-H OFFICE.

Ribbons and Awards at County Fair this year:

Outside Interests:

Favorite things about 4-H:

Future Plans:

STEP 3: Turn this completed form into the 4-H Office by June 30 at 4:30 pm. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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SCANNED FORMS ALSO ACCEPTED AND MUST BE CLEARLY LEGIBLE