

LINN COUNTY 4-H/FFA FAIR

General Rules and Regulations

The Linn County Fair is for everyone's benefit and enjoyment. Each club or chapter is to furnish workers (youth and adult) at the beginning clean up and clean up following the fair. These workers will need to bring hoses, brooms, dust pans, shovels, rags, buckets, hammers, nails and other necessary equipment to prepare the fairgrounds for a week of activities. Livestock pens will be chosen following the completion of first day clean up.

Entries and events during the fair are limited to boys and girls enrolled in 4-H clubs in Linn County, enrolled in a FFA chapter in Linn County or live in Linn County and are enrolled in a FFA chapter in a surrounding county.

Clover Kid members (those under the age of 8 on January 1) may exhibit non-livestock entries but are not eligible for premium money or State Fair selection.

All classes in the Linn County Fair are to be judged according to the Danish System. Each entry will be classified: BLUE, RED, WHITE or UNCLASSIFIED.

Point value is assigned to the ribbons in each class. The value of the point will be determined by the Fair Board on the basis of the total money available for premiums.

To be eligible to show or exhibit and receive premium money, Linn County 4-H
For 2020 – 4-H members must communicate to project leaders and club leaders how they are staying involved in their club and projects be it remotely or through assigned activities that can be done at home.

Those exhibitors who show marketable animals (beef, sheep, swine, rabbit, poultry, goat), 4-H and FFA, must have the proper MO Show Me Quality certification in order to exhibit at the Linn County Fair. This must be completed by June 15 of the current year.

Everyone's help is needed to have a good fair. Your help is especially needed in the Concession Stand and Work Day/Clean Up. Plans are for Ribbon Premium and Premium Sale Checks to be give out at Clean-up day following the fair.

Achievement Day exhibits (Building Exhibits) by any one 4-H club member or FFA chapter member are **limited to three per class**. Livestock entries by any one club or chapter member are unlimited unless specifically stated in the premium list. However, not more than two cash awards will be paid to any livestock exhibitor in any one class. Special rules and regulations are stated in the premium lists which are to apply to a particular division.

Every precaution will be taken to protect the exhibits but neither the 4-H Council nor the Fair Board will be responsible for any losses or damage to exhibits.

All Building Exhibits will be pre-entered in the Fair Entry program (<https://www.fairentry.com>). Exhibit tags will then be printed and available for pick up on the fairgrounds during Clean Up Day or just ahead of Exhibit Judging. All exhibits must be made by the 4-H member in a 4-H project in which he or she is currently enrolled. FFA entries must be part of their current FFA program.

Non-exhibitors must leave the fairgrounds within one hour of the close of the evening program.

ANY USE OF ALCOHOL DURING THE FAIR, on property or in facilities, is prohibited. Violators and their families will also be asked to remove all their exhibits and to leave the

fairgrounds. Violators and their families also forfeit the privilege of participation in the premium sale and all family ribbon premium money will be withheld.

Vandalism of any sort to exhibits or property (destruction of other's livestock, exhibits or fair buildings) will not be tolerated. Action will be taken on participant(s) involved by way of forfeiture of premium money, giving up of sale privileges and not being allowed to exhibit the next year. Parents could be held responsible for their children's actions.

DRESS Code: Fair Exhibitors are required to wear the current year's Linn County Fair Exhibitors shirt while exhibiting in fair events and while participating in the Awards Night and Premium Sale at the Linn County Fair, unless a previous dress code exists for their event. Exhibitors must represent a wholesome and appropriate image.

Home Economics, Agriculture (Other than Livestock)

All exhibits shall be entered according to the club or chapter schedule. Self-evaluation of each member's exhibits will take place at that time. During self-evaluation judging of Home Economics exhibits, **ONLY** the **JUDGE, HELPER** and **EXHIBITOR** shall be present.

Style Revue garments will be released for the scheduled revue program but should be returned with exhibit ribbons and tags immediately following the Revue.

At the end of the Fair, all State Fair exhibits should be taken home and returned at a later date for transport to Sedalia (State Fair). (If an exhibitor has more than two items chosen to go to State Fair, the exhibitor will have to choose which two items they want to send.) State 4-H Office will let Clover Kid members what day they can take items for the day to the State Fair

Agriculture Livestock

If health papers are required they will need to be checked by division chairmen. Health papers must remain on the premises during the fair.

Showmanship: For those who are enrolled in livestock projects and must have shown their own respective animals in regular show classes before a showmanship class – exceptions need to be approved by the species chairman. Junior - Age 8-13 as of January 1 of the current year and has not previously won the award. Senior - Anyone not eligible for Junior Showmanship may show for Senior Showmanship if the member has not previously won that title. (No person may win Junior or Senior more than once each.) Advanced Showmanship – anyone who has won Junior and Senior Showman and otherwise not eligible to show in showmanship. Alumni Shows – for those 22 and older that have shown in the past.

All livestock must be shown by the owner or manager except for special permission of the chairman of the division. In case a club or chapter owner/member has two entries in the same class, he may have another 4-H or FFA member assist him. If a 4-H or FFA member is being assisted by another member and the animal being shown is by the owner/member is retired from the ring the owner/member shall exchange animals with the assistant and shall remain in the show ring with the assistant retiring.

Exhibitors are not permitted to show the same breed in both the 4-H and FFA divisions. For example, if an exhibitor shows Chester White hogs as a 4-H member, he/she cannot show Chester White hogs as a FFA member or if an exhibitor shows market steers as FFA he/she cannot show market steers as 4-H. For those who have an affiliation of 4-H in one county and

FFA in another they can only show their project category in one county or the other. (Same animal cannot be shown as 4-H and FFA both).

- Hay, straw, bedding, feed, buckets, troughs and forks are to be provided by the exhibitor. Bedding, free to exhibitors, will be on the fairgrounds that can be used in all barns. Any bedding used in the Hog Barn – exhibitors must clean their pens in order to receive premium money.
- The Fair Board will supply hurdles when needed.
- All animals must enter grounds on Wednesday and stay until Saturday (3:00 – 5:00 release time) that will be shown during the fair. Following their specific show - with permission from livestock division chairmen and proof of entry in another show, one may leave the fairgrounds to attend another show **EXCEPT** for Grand and Reserve Champions and/or animal going through the sale.
- All champion livestock and trophy-winning livestock will be presented trophies as they are selected.
- Individual showmanship trophies will be given in Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep and Goats.
- Previous sale of a steer, wether or barrow: once a market animal has been offered for sale or is sold ... **IT IS NOT** allowed to show at the Missouri State Fair unless an advanced sale agreement is signed and on record.

NO UNETHICAL or IN-HUMANE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS WILL BE TOLERATED. Violators and their families will be asked to remove all their exhibits and to leave the fairgrounds. Violators and their families also forfeit the privilege of participation in the premium sale and forfeit all family premium money.

**** New 2018** LIVESTOCK FITTING:**

Each 4-H/FFA member shall take responsibility for caring for and grooming his/her own animal(s). If assistance is needed it should be intended to help the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills. The member must be present and actively engaged in grooming their animal for the show. 4-H Members can be assisted by fellow 4-H/FFA members, project/club leaders, FFA advisors and family members. Family members consist of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and legal guardians. Any one found in violation of this rule will be disqualified.

All livestock are subject to vet inspection at the request of chairman. More specific rules are listed with each division or category. State Fair rules will apply for situations not covered in this publication.

Livestock Ownership/Management Dates

Beef Cattle: Market Animals	March 1	Breeding Animals	June 1
Sheep: Market Animals	June 1	Breeding Animals	June 1
Swine: Market Animals	May 1	Breeding Gilts	90 days
		Breeding Boars	Since farrowing
Dairy Cattle:	June 1		
Dairy Goats:	June 1	Meat Goats	June 1
Dogs:	April 1		
Horse:	May 1		
Bucket Calf:	Born March 1 to May 15 of current year		
	In possession 2 weeks after birth		
Rabbit:	June 1	Meat pen	8-10 weeks prior to show
Poultry:	June 1	Meat pen	8-10 weeks prior to show

**** Livestock Worksheet papers are a help in the online Fair Entry program or for someone else to help making entries and can be found on the fair website - (<https://www.fairentry.com>)**

Ownership/Management means in possession of member and member responsible for care of animal(s). Exception situations must be approved by the Fair Board, by the member (4-H or FFA) personally attending the Fair Board meeting before the given ownership/management dates.