



MONROE COUNTY

2025

# 4-H FAIR SHOWBOOK

## Livestock, Horticulture, Crops

Livestock Entries: <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/21219>

**Monroe County Fair: July 20-27 Monroe County Fairgrounds**

All shows are open to the public.

### 4-H EVENTS:

#### SUNDAY JULY 20

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. 4-H Vegetable Gardening and Crops Judging  
5:00 p.m. 4-H Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-In

#### MONDAY JULY 21

8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry & Rabbits must be cooped  
8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Weigh-in  
8:30 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging  
9:00 a.m. Steers must be in designated stalls  
10:00 a.m. 4-H Steer Weigh-In  
10:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Weigh-In  
12:30 p.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging  
5:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Judging  
6:00 p.m. Livestock health papers must be provided to superintendents.

#### TUESDAY JULY 22

8:00 a.m. 4-H Market Swine Weigh-In  
10:30 a.m. 4-H Master Showmanship Contest  
11:00 a.m. Livestock health papers available for inspection  
1:00 p.m. Superior Young Producer Contest (Fair Junior Class)

#### WEDNESDAY JULY 23

8:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Judging  
9:30 a.m. Rooster Crowing Contest (Fair Junior/Open Class)  
11:00 a.m. Rabbit Superior Young Producer Contest(Fair Junior Class)  
12:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Judging  
3:00 p.m. 4-H Steer Judging  
6:30 p.m. 4-H Goat Judging

#### THURSDAY JULY 24

8:30 a.m. 4-H Beef Breeding Stock Judging  
6:00 p.m. Youth Market Animal Auction  
9:30 p.m. Livestock may leave grounds

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Monday- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
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## **TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR PRIZES, GIFTS OR AWARDS**

*Program Participants (including minors) will be required to provide their social security number or foreign national tax ID number prior to receiving a prize, gift or award to ensure proper IRS reporting as required by law. This sensitive information is kept confidential and handled through security protected software (PEAR). Participants will not be eligible for prize, gift or award if social security or foreign national tax ID information is not provided.*

Projects are valued on a point system based on grades of Blue, Red & White. Some more difficult and time-consuming projects are given higher values. The dollar amount is then calculated using an X factor, which depends on the total premium dollars allowed by the State of Illinois.

Exhibiting in the 4-H Exhibit is a privilege. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to follow the general rules of this division and the exhibit requirements for the specific class entered. The University of Illinois Extension personnel or their assigned agents do not assume liability for loss, theft, or damage to any exhibit.

- 4-H Shows are open to all enrolled 4-H club members for the current 4-H year who:
  - **Are age 8 but not yet age 19 by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year.**
  - **Have enrolled by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.**
  - **Have attended at least four (4) club meetings in their club during the project year prior to a show.**
  - **Presented a talk and/or demonstration at their club meeting during the project year.**
- All exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the project for which they are exhibiting. Entries must be made online in Fair Entry. Instructions are found here: <https://go.illinois.edu/MonroeFairEntryDirections>
- Youth must bring project(s) at designated judging times to ensure proper judge is present.
- Conference judging is not about preparing a presentation. Judging is meant to be a conversation between the judge and 4-H member (or group) about the project and the learning experience. You may bring notes if you wish. Tips on creating an engaging display board are available at [go.illinois.edu/4HDisplayTips](http://go.illinois.edu/4HDisplayTips).
- 4-H members are responsible for exhibiting ALL of their projects and are expected to be present while their project is evaluated.
- 4-H members are required to be present during a County 4-H Project Show to be eligible for State Fair consideration (for horticulture & crops projects). If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, please contact the Extension office at 939-3434. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.
- If a 4-H member must be absent for a 4-H show, they should consult the County Extension office. Exhibitors will have the option to fill out an Absentee Exhibitor Form to aid in the explanation of their project (excluding live animals), for the County show *only*. This will not allow for the eligibility for State Fair, however.
- **INNOVATION CLASSES** are open to all 4-H members in the project areas listed. Members choosing to exhibit in the Innovation class may be enrolled in any level of the Project they are studying. Members choosing to exhibit in the Innovation class decide the best way to show off their project mastery and knowledge for the year in that project category. Some suggestions are provided for each category, but members may choose any method they want for demonstrating project learning as long as it does not fit in any other class in that category. Only selected projects categories have an Innovation option.

- Exhibits illustrating inappropriate subject matter and/or graphics are not acceptable. Extension Staff reserves the right to remove exhibits deemed inappropriate or dangerous for youth audiences. The content of any 4-H competitive presentation does not necessarily reflect the beliefs of the University of Illinois Extension program or the Illinois State Fair.
- Some exhibit areas may have size limitations. Read the descriptions carefully. Please choose a display size which is most appropriate for the exhibit you are bringing. Larger does not always mean better; use good judgement in creating your exhibit. If an exhibit is selected for State Fair, please note that you may need to carry your project from a distant parking lot to the exhibit area.

**COPYRIGHT AND CLOVER USAGE:**

- Copyright Reminder: It is illegal for youth to use an image or brand that someone else owns as part of their 4-H project exhibit without the permission of the copyright/trademark holder.
- Copyrighted or trademarked designs are not acceptable; this includes team logos, school logos, and/or characters from television, movies such as Disney characters, Iron Man etc.
- More details in the new "Copyright Guidelines Tipsheet: [go.illinois.edu/114HCopyrightGuidelines](http://go.illinois.edu/114HCopyrightGuidelines) .
- Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem: Chartered 4-H Clubs and enrolled 4-H members are authorized to use the 4-H Name and Emblem. This includes permission for an enrolled 4-H member to use the 4-H name and emblem in exhibits you create for personal use as part of 4-H sponsored events. This includes 4-H decorated cookies, a 4-H Clover printed out for use in a scrapbook, etc.
- Please note: Any use of the 4-H name and emblem on items intended as gifts or for sale require prior permission using this UNIVERSITY AGREEMENT . This should be signed by the County Director. Any uses of the 4-H name and emblem for sale or promotion online, and/or in statewide events should be signed by the Illinois 4-H Director ([illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu)).
- Use of the green clover-shaped image is not protected. The 4-H Emblem is distinguished by the four H's that signify Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. No creative rendering, changing in color or shape of the official 4-H emblem is allowed.
- NO EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY EXHIBITS. This includes Computers, DVD/CD players, etc. Exhibitors MUST furnish any equipment they feel is necessary to properly critique their exhibit. Video/Filmmaking exhibitors must follow the guidelines provided to show their project (i.e. YouTube, DVD, USB, laptop, etc.)
- All exhibits must remain in place until the time specified.
- All exhibits are open for public viewing.
- 4-H members are not allowed to wear business promotional clothing when showing projects. Members are encouraged to dress in neat and clean attire.
- All exhibits must be products of the current 4-H year, excluding livestock.
- The Danish system of awards will be used for all 4-H exhibits awarding **Blue, Red and White** ribbons, according to merit.
- Members must be eight years old as of September 1 of the previous year to be eligible to advance to State Fair in a general project.
- 4-H members MUST follow the project requirements as stated in this 4-H Showbook for general projects to be eligible for the State Fair.
- As a participant in the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, you have the responsibility of representing yourself in a positive manner to the public. You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that will bring honor to you and your family, as well as to 4-H. All participants must adhere to the Code of Conduct that was signed off on in ZSuite upon enrollment.

# **ILLINOIS STATE FAIR GUIDELINES**

## **(Horticulture & Crops)**

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- Projects are valued on a point system based on grades of Blue, Red & White. Some more difficult and time-consuming projects are given higher values. The dollar amount is then calculated using an X factor, which depends on the total premium dollars allowed by the State of Illinois.
- Exhibitors must be present at the County 4-H Show and be pre-selected for State Fair representation by their county 4-H Extension program as a State Fair Exhibitor (except for livestock). Exhibitors must follow county guidelines for eligibility.
- Exhibitors must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member and have been at least 8 years old as of September 1, 2024. Parents and leaders should make provisions for the adequate care and supervision of exhibitors.
- Exhibitors must follow the project requirements exactly as listed in this Showbook, unless other directions are provided.
- State Fair Designated Conference Judging Exhibit Day for Monroe County is **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025**. Due to the nature of the conference judging process, exhibitors must be present with the exhibit that they have made for judging on their assigned county exhibition day. Scheduling adjustments for religious reasons may be requested by contacting the Illinois State 4-H Office@ [illinois4H@illinois.edu](mailto:illinois4H@illinois.edu) by August 1, 2025.
- Members may enter ONLY ONE exhibit class at the Illinois State Fair. This also applies to exhibitors who are enrolled in projects in two different counties. If they are identified as a state fair delegate in two counties, they will have to choose one individual and/or group project to exhibit.
- All exhibitors from a county will exhibit the same day. A 4-H member may also show in the junior livestock show, but they must be present at the required time for their general project judging. If possible, attempts will be made to accommodate livestock exhibitors within the judging time span, but no premium will be awarded if the exhibitor misses their judging time.
- The County Extension office will provide official exhibit tags for all exhibitors prior to the state fair. This entry tag should be completely filled out and securely attached to the exhibit. County exhibit tags and ribbons should be removed.
- Some exhibit areas may have size limitations. Read the descriptions carefully. Please choose a display size which is most appropriate for the exhibit you are bringing. Larger does not always mean better; use good judgment in creating your exhibit. Exhibitors will need to carry their project from the distant parking lots on the fairgrounds.

# **FOOD SYSTEMS**

**Crops, Cover Crops,  
Horticulture-Vegetables/Herbs/Fruits,  
Plant & Soil Science**

**Entry Time: Sunday, July 20, 1:30 – 3:00pm**

**Location: Monroe County Fairgrounds-Commercial Building**

**Judging Time: Sunday, July 20, 1:30 - 3:00pm**

- **Crops & Cover Crops**
- **Horticulture: Vegetables/Herbs/Fruits**
- **Plant & Soil Science**

## **MONROE COUNTY FAIR 4-H SHOW GUIDELINES**

1. All 4-H Horticulture, Plant & Soil Science and Crops projects will be judged from 1:30-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, 2025. 4-H members must enter their exhibit(s) at the commercial building between 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m and will be judged in order of arrival on this day. 4-H members must be present to discuss their project work with the Judge.
2. 4-H exhibits will be released on Saturday, July 26 for pick-up. *Horticulture/Crop projects not picked up will be discarded.*

**\*NOTE: MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER THEIR EXHIBITS IN JUNIOR AND OPEN CLASS WHERE POSSIBLE. (REFER TO FAIR PAPER FOR INFORMATION AND ENTRY BLANK.)**

*(Note: Classes that are noted by XXXXX indicate ineligibility for State Fair)*

## Horticulture: Vegetables, Herbs & Fruits

3 top exhibits from class # 50313, 50314, 50315, 50316, 50317 may be selected for State Fair.

All exhibits must have been grown by the exhibitor as part of their current gardening 4-H project. Exhibitors should be knowledgeable about various aspects of the produce, including but not limited to different varieties, soil testing, fertilizers used, etc. Exhibits should be prepared according to the Illinois Vegetable Garden Guide: [go.illinois.edu/4HVegetableGuide](http://go.illinois.edu/4HVegetableGuide).

Waxes and oils may not be used on vegetables or fruits. Any plant infested with insects will be removed from the exhibit area and will not be eligible for champion awards. General gardening advice and information can be found at: <https://extension.illinois.edu/gardening>.

### **CLASS #**

### **PROJECT**

50313

#### **Herb Container Display**

(Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A (Level 1), Vegetable Gardening B (Level 2), Vegetable Gardening C (Level 3), or Vegetable Gardening D (Level 4))

Herbs should be grown in pots (8" maximum diameter). Categories: Mint, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, and all other herbs. Herbs should be labeled with common and Latin names. Herbs should be in your care for a minimum of three months for state fair exhibits. Remove dead leaves from plants and check that the soil is clear of debris such as dead leaves. When exhibiting herb plants, be sure to grow the plants in the container to be displayed to avoid transplant shock. Exhibits will be evaluated based on cleanliness, uniformity, condition, quality, and trueness to variety. Additional herb resources are located on the project resources section of the Illinois 4-H website.

- Display must include 4 or more different kinds of herbs. There may not be more than 2 different varieties of any herb. For example, peppermint and chocolate mint would be classified as two different herb varieties.
- In instances where containers display more than one variety of herb, special care should be taken that each distinct variety is accessible and clearly visible to the judges to ensure full points for cleanliness.

50314

#### **Vegetable/Fruit Display**

(Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, or Vegetable Gardening D)

1. This class is allowed a 2'6" x 2'6" space for each display.
2. Display must include 6 or more different kinds of vegetables or fruits. There may not be more than 2 different varieties of any vegetable/fruit. For example, red and white potatoes would be classified as two different varieties. Acorn squash and zucchini would be classified as two different vegetables.
3. The number and type of vegetables/fruits used must conform to the Vegetable/Fruit Plate/Display List. *Fruit Plate list is below Vegetable Plate list.*



4. Exhibitors must provide the name and variety of all vegetables/fruits used. (i.e. Cabbage – Golden Acre; Cucumber, slicing – Straight Eight; Tomatoes, slicing – Rocky Top; Snap Beans – Contender, etc.).

**CLASS #**  
50315

**PROJECT**

**Vegetable Plates**

**(Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, or Vegetable Gardening D)**

1. Exhibit must include 2 single vegetable plates. (Exhibitor will furnish the disposable plates.)
2. Exhibitors must provide the name and variety of all vegetables/fruits used. (i.e. Cabbage – Golden Acre; Cucumber, slicing – Straight Eight; Tomatoes, slicing – Rocky Top; Snap Beans – Contender, etc.). Number of vegetables on plates must conform to plate list below.
3. Only one variety on each plate.
4. An exhibitor cannot show two plates of the same type vegetable. (i.e.: Cannot exhibit red *and* white potatoes or zucchini *and* straightneck summer squash.)

## **VEGETABLE PLATE/DISPLAY LIST**

When selecting vegetables for exhibition, keep in mind that the judge will evaluate them on the basis of cleanliness, uniformity, condition, quality, and trueness to variety. (Lists are provided by UI Extension Horticulturists; Items are listed according to the correct definition of vegetables)

Asparagus (5 spears)  
Beans, Lima (12 pods)  
Beets (5)  
Broccoli (1 head)  
Brussels sprouts (12 sprouts)  
Cabbage (1 head)  
Cauliflower (1 head)  
Carrots (5)  
Cucumber, pickling or slicing (5)  
Eggplant (1)  
Garlic (5)  
Kohlrabi (5)  
Lettuce (1 head or plant)  
Muskmelon incl. cantaloupe (1)  
Okra (12)  
Onions, large, dry (5)  
Onions, green or set (12)  
Parsnips (5)  
Peas, (12 pods)  
Peppers, large fruited (bell/banana) (5)  
Peppers, small fruited (chili/cherry) (12)  
Popcorn (5)  
Potatoes (any variety) (5)  
Pumpkin (1)  
Rhubarb, trimmed stalks (3)  
Rutabaga (5)  
Salsify (5)  
Squash, summer (any variety) (3)  
Sweet corn, in husks (5)  
Tomatoes, slicing (5)  
Tomatoes, small fruited (12)  
Turnip (5)  
Watermelon (1)  
Squash, winter (Acorn, butternut, buttercup, spaghetti, Hubbard, Turks's Turban) (1)  
Beans, Snap, Green Pod or Golden Wax (12 pods)  
Greens (collard, endive, escarole, kale, mustard, spinach, Swiss chard) (1 plant)  
Horseradish Root (1 marketable root specimen harvested this year)

**CLASS #****PROJECT**

50316

**Vegetable Gardening Display-Other:**

(Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, Vegetable Gardening D) Present an exhibit of the member's choice that focuses on some aspect of vegetable gardening which does not fit in the categories above. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original works, objects, demonstrations, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period.

50317

**Fruit Plates:**

(Open to youth in Vegetable Gardening A, Vegetable Gardening B, Vegetable Gardening C, and Vegetable Gardening D)

1. Exhibit must include 2 single fruit plates. (Exhibitor will furnish the disposable plates.)
2. Exhibitors must provide the name and variety of all vegetables/fruits used. Number of fruits on plates must conform to plate list below.
3. Only one variety on each plate.
4. An exhibitor cannot show two plates of the same type fruit. (i.e.: Cannot exhibit Gala & Jonathan Apples, Mazzard & Gisela Cherries, etc.)

**Fruit Plate List**

Fruit will be judged using the same general criteria used for vegetables. Fruit will be judged for the stage of maturity normal for that season and growing location. Emphasis will be placed on how well fruit approaches market quality. When selecting fruits for exhibition, keep in mind that the judge will evaluate them on the basis of cleanliness, uniformity, condition, quality, and trueness to variety. *(Lists are provided by UI Extension Horticulturists; Items are listed according to the correct definition of fruit varieties at [go.illinois.edu/fruittrees](http://go.illinois.edu/fruittrees).)*

Apples – 5

Grapes – 2 bunches

Pears – 5

Strawberries (Everbearers) – 1 pint




Wild Plums – 1 pint

Other Small Fruit or Berries (Do not duplicate entries from the above fruits) – 1 pint

Other Fruits or Nuts (Do not duplicate entries from the above fruits) – 5



## Plant & Soil Science

3 top exhibits from class # 50280 may be selected for State Fair.  
Plant & Soils 1-3 are not eligible for State Fair.

<b>CLASS #</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
50280	<b>Cover Crops</b> Exhibit an experimental or educational activity related to one experience from your project; <b>OR</b> prepare a display focusing on any activity related to the cover crops project. This could be related, but not limited, to plant growth & development, cover crop benefits, land management, sustainability, or other topics of interest to the member related to cover crops. A cover crop might include any plant that is sown in between primary production crops for the benefit of overall farm health rather than crop yield (examples: pennycress, clover, radish, annual ryegrass, etc.). The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original works, objects, demonstrations, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period.
50281a	<b>Plants &amp; Soils 1</b> ( <i>It's More Than Just Dirt – Required</i> )  Prepare a 36" X 48" display or a poster no larger than 36" X 48" and 15" deep that illustrates an activity from the project manual. The display should demonstrate an understanding of environmental and internal factors that affect plant growth and the function and characteristics of soil. Include your project journal that documents activity recordkeeping requirements, answers activity questions, and details personal thoughts and ideas in response to each activity.
50281b	<b>Plants &amp; Soils 2</b> ( <i>Stems and Stamens – Required</i> )  Prepare a 36" X 48" display or a poster no larger than 18" X 24" that illustrates an activity from the project manual. The display should demonstrate an understanding of the composition of plants, the functions of individual plant parts, plant life cycles, and the many ways plants reproduce. Include your project journal that documents activity recordkeeping requirements, answers activity questions, and details personal thoughts and ideas in response to each activity.
50281c	<b>Plants &amp; Soils 3</b> ( <i>Sprouting Out and Growing UP – Required</i> )  Prepare a 36" X 48" display or a poster no larger than 36" X 48" and 15" deep that illustrates an activity from the project manual. The display should demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between soil and other cycles found in nature. Displays should also provide an example of a leadership or service learning experience focused on environmental stewardship. Include your project journal that documents activity recordkeeping requirements, answers activity questions, and details personal thoughts and ideas in response to each activity.

## Crops

3 top exhibits from class # 50170, 50171, 50172, 50173 may be selected for State Fair.

<b>CLASS #</b>	<b>PROJECT</b>
50170	<b>Soybeans</b> <i>(Record Book – Required)</i>  Exhibit five fresh plants (include root system that is washed) that are representative of member's 4-H project field; <b>OR</b> exhibit an experimental or educational project related to one experience from your project. Include explanation of the project in a report for public understanding. Include the member's crop records with the exhibit, such as the 4-H Crop record found online @ <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook">https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook</a> or an FFA crops record or similar information.
50171	<b>Corn</b> <i>(Record Book – Required)</i>  Exhibit two fresh plants of field corn (include root system that is washed), that is representative of member's 4-H project field; <b>OR</b> exhibit an experimental or educational project related to one experience from your project. Include explanation of the project in a report for public understanding. <i>Sweet corn should be exhibited in Vegetable Gardening.</i> Include the member's crop records with the exhibit, such as the 4-H Crop record found online @ <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook">https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook</a> , an FFA crops record or similar information.
50172	<b>Small Grains</b> <i>(Record Book – Required)</i>  Exhibit one gallon of the current year's crop of oats, wheat, rye, or barley that is representative of the member's 4-H project field; <b>OR</b> exhibit an experimental or educational project related to one experience from your project. Include explanation of the project in a report for public understanding. Include the member's crop records with the exhibit, such as the 4-H Crop record found online @ <a href="https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook">https://go.illinois.edu/CropRecordBook</a> an FFA crops record or similar information.
50173	<b>Crops Innovation Class: (Open to youth who are enrolled in any crops project.)</b> Demonstrate the skills and knowledge you have gained through the Crops project. This could be related to, but not limited to crop production, crop utilization or topics of interest to the member related to agronomy. The exhibit may include, but isn't limited to, original works, objects, demonstrations, digital presentations, programs, websites, games, apps, performances, or posters which you have made. Choose whatever method best shows what you've learned. Your exhibit should not fit in the other exhibit options for this project. You must furnish any equipment you need for your exhibit. Internet service will not be provided for the exhibit. All exhibits must include something visual, such as a printed copy of a digital presentation, which will remain on display during the exhibition. Electronic equipment will only be used during your personal judging time and will not remain on display during the entire exhibit period.

# **READY4LIFE CAREER & ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXPLORATION**

2 top exhibits from class #50366A & top 2 from 50366B may be selected for State Fair.

<b><u>CLASS #</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
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50366A	<b>Ready4Life Exploration (Career) Open to 11- to 18-year-olds.</b>
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Exhibits in this category must include the following: a) a physical representation of the career such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work; b) verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related career or business fields, potential careers, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields. The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of career exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.

50366B	<b>Ready4Life Exploration (Entrepreneurship) Open to 11- to 18-year-olds.</b>
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Exhibits in this category must include the following: a) a physical representation of the business product such as a model, prototype or display/portfolio that includes images of accomplished work; b) verbal or written explanations that demonstrate knowledge of the related business fields, potential business opportunities, and the appropriate requirements for achievement in those fields. The judging criteria for this class values thoroughness of the business exploration and pursuit above the workmanship of the physical specimen on display.

# **4-H LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS**

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## **Beef**

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## **LIVESTOCK SHOW RULES**

1. Youth must be a Junior Showman age status: 8 years of age and not yet 19 years of age on or before Sept. 1 of the previous year.
2. Members must attend four 4-H meetings in their primary club (or four FFA chapter meetings of which they are a member of if not in a 4-H Club) prior to the Fair.
3. 4-H members must present a talk or demonstration during the 4-H year.
4. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Dairy Cattle, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep and/or Goats MUST complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training by May 1 of *each* 4-H year. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Rabbits or Poultry for the *first time* MUST complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) by May 1.
5. Youth must be enrolled in the project they are exhibiting/selling if in a 4-H club or FFA chapter.
6. 4-H and FFA members should have 4-H or FFA Livestock Record Books up-to-date and show their **in-progress** records to their 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor by their **May, June or July club meeting**, prior to the county Fair. 4-H Record Books must be **completed by September 15** and turned into the Monroe Co. Extension office.

\*Note: members **must** complete a Livestock Record Book for any of the livestock species they are selling in the current year in order to sell in the Youth Livestock Auction in the following year.

7. 4-H members are eligible to exhibit 2 entries per class number. It is important to indicate each entry on the livestock entry form.
8. If a 4-H or Junior exhibitor has 2 entries in any class, they are responsible for recruiting the help of another 4-H or Junior age exhibitor.
9. Only the judge, competing 4-H members and 4-H superintendents are permitted in the show ring during livestock show days.
10. ALL cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry, rabbits, goats and horses are subject to the same health regulations as stated for Open Classes in the Monroe County Fair Paper. Health papers should be provided to your Superintendent upon arrival.
11. All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in



Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. The guidelines can be found online @ <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements> .

12. Exhibitors should refer to the Monroe County Fair Paper for livestock information about the dates and times of entry and removal of livestock from the fairgrounds.
13. 4-H and FFA exhibitors are encouraged to display a sign with their name and 4-H Club and/or FFA Chapter to be placed near their animal.
14. Exhibitors are encouraged to dress in neat and clean attire. Members should not wear business promotional clothing when exhibiting projects.
15. All 4-H members must abide by the general rules established by the Monroe Co. Fair Assoc. during the Monroe Co. Fair.

**\*NOTE: HEALTH PAPERS MUST BE PROVIDED TO SUPERINTENDENT UPON ARRIVAL  
(NO LATER THAN MONDAY AT 6:00PM).**

# **ELECTRONIC ID TAG REQUIREMENT FOR COUNTY FAIRS**

**NEW starting 2025:** per USDA requirements, all beef, dairy and swine exhibiting at state and county fairs must have an “840” electronic identification (EID) ear tag. Tag numbers will be required on all livestock health papers accompanying each animal and will be verified during vet checks at the fair.

- **What** must have an EID tag?
  - All beef cattle, dairy cattle and swine exhibiting at a county or state fair must have an “840” EID tag. Cattle under the age of 6 months are exempt.
  - Tags should be put into ears by owners with an EID button tagger. Taggers may be purchased from a farm supply dealer (i.e. Valley Vet, Nasco, Premier 1).
  - *All steers will be inserted with EID tags supplied by U of I Extension during the initial winter weigh-in this year as normal.*
  
- **Why** must these animals have an EID tag?
  - The purpose of the tag is to aid in animal disease traceability and reduce the impact of an animal disease outbreak.
  
- **Where** can you get an EID tag?
  - Tags should be inserted by the breeder that you purchase your animal from. If a purchased animal is already identified with an 840 tag, it should not be double-tagged, nor should the current tag be removed/replaced. Use the tag that is already in place.
  - You can request tags for free from the Illinois Department of Agriculture (limited supply).
    - Swine:  
<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/SWINE%20RFID%20840%20Tag%20Producer%20Order%20Form.pdf>
    - Cattle:  
<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/RFID%20840%20Tag%20Producer%20Order%20Form.pdf>
  - You can purchase tags from a farm supply dealer (i.e. Valley Vet, Nasco, Premier 1)

*\*A Premise ID is needed to order an EID tag.*

- **How** do I obtain a Premise ID if I do not have one already?
  - Complete a registration form:  
<https://agr.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/agr/animals/animalhealth/documents/fillable-premiseform-2019.pdf> and remit to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

For more information, please visit:

[https://www.ilaged.org/connect/admin/attachments/IDOA\\_840%20Tag%20One%20Sheet\\_2025\\_8.5x11\\_7643.pdf](https://www.ilaged.org/connect/admin/attachments/IDOA_840%20Tag%20One%20Sheet_2025_8.5x11_7643.pdf)

<https://agr.illinois.gov/animals/animalhealth/premises-registration.html>

# **YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION RULES**

*The Youth Livestock Auction is sponsored by the Monroe County Extension & 4-H Education Foundation. The Foundation's Livestock Auction Committee sets forth the following guidelines for selling livestock at the youth auction:*

1. Only current 4-H or FFA members who are 8 years of age and not yet 19 years of age on or before September 1 of the previous year of the Fair may sell at the youth livestock auction.
2. Youth must be a Monroe County resident and/or reside within the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
3. Youth must be a member of a Monroe County 4-H club and/or an FFA chapter in the Waterloo, Columbia, Valmeyer or Red Bud school districts.
4. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep Goats and/or Dairy Cattle, MUST complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training by May 1 of *each* 4-H year. All 4-H livestock exhibitors enrolled in Rabbits or Poultry for the *first time* MUST complete the online Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification (QAEC) by May 1.
5. Members must attend four 4-H meetings in their primary club (or four FFA chapter meetings of which they are a member of if not in a 4-H Club) prior to the Fair.
6. 4-H members must present a talk or demonstration during the 4-H year.
7. 4-H members must be enrolled in the project they are exhibiting/selling.
8. 4-H and FFA members should have 4-H or FFA Livestock Record Books up-to-date and show their **in-progress** records to their 4-H Club Leader or FFA Advisor by their **May, June or July club meeting**, prior to the county Fair. 4-H Record Books must be **completed by September 15** and turned into the Monroe Co. Extension office.  
  
\*Note: members **must** complete a Livestock Record Book for any of the livestock species they are selling in the current year, AND in order to sell in the Youth Livestock Auction in the following year.
9. Animals receiving a blue or red 4-H ribbon are eligible to sell. Those receiving a white ribbon and/or not meeting the weight or rate-of-gain requirements are not eligible to sell.
10. Exhibitors may sell **two livestock projects of two different species: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, Poultry, and/or Dairy Cattle Basket (basket=products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50.) \*Dairy Goat baskets will sell with goats**

11. Participants should declare the specie they plan to sell at the Livestock Entry Day prior to the Monroe County Fair. Any changes should be provided to the U of I Extension office prior to 8am, Thursday of Fair week.
12. If a 4-H or FFA member receives Grand Champion and/or Reserve Champion in any specie area, they will have the opportunity to sell the Grand and Reserve Champion regardless of the number of other species they plan to sell, as long as all of the additional sale requirements are met.
13. Auction participants are responsible for helping to recruit potential buyers to the auction. Personal visits are very important contacts. Exhibitors should recruit and invite potential buyers of their livestock prior to the livestock auction via letters or personal visits.
14. Youth are encouraged to dress in neat and clean attire when selling their animal. Members should not wear business promotional clothing during the auction.
15. The exhibitor's immediate family is discouraged from bidding on their child's animal.
16. Terms of sale are CASH only. Settlement to be made before the animal is moved from the Fairgrounds.
17. Seller is responsible for the animal until delivered to buyer's destination and until the buyer's check has been successfully processed by the bank.
18. The exhibitor is responsible for the delivery of the animal to the processor.
19. The exhibitor is responsible if the carcass is rejected by the health inspector.
20. The exhibitor is responsible to making necessary arrangements and/or agreements with the buyer if the exhibitor wishes to exhibit the animal at other fairs.
21. If there is a cost of a thank you advertisement photo, it will be deducted from the check the exhibitor receives on the sale of their animal.
22. The exhibitor will receive their animal sale check after the buyer's check has been successfully processed by the bank.

**2025 Youth Livestock Auction Sale Order:  
GOATS-LAMBS-SWINE- POULTRY- RABBITS- BEEF-DAIRY**

## 4-H POULTRY

**Superintendents:** Hank Marquardt, Dan Koch, Lauren Morgan, Logan Henerfauth

**WEIGH-IN:** MONDAY, JULY 21, 8:00 a.m.

**JUDGING:** MONDAY, JULY 21, 8:30 a.m.

**Due to the Avian Flu, the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is reviewing the status of poultry shows, sales, and swap meets every 30 days to determine if the suspension will continue or be lifted. If the state remains under a suspension during the fair season, we will hold an alternative show featuring a poster and photos of the poultry. The 4-H staff will inform you whether we will proceed with a poster show instead of a live show when we receive an update from the IDOA prior to the Fair.**

<u>CLASS NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
A0900A	Market Pen: broiler trio (3 cockerels or 3 pullets, weighing 5-8 lbs ea. of the same sex and should be a broiler type breed; Cornish/Rock Cross or large meat breeds)
A0900B	Eggs (Requirements: a uniform dozen of eggs in a carton with the exhibitor name. Eggs must be the same color & size. One egg will be cracked open to judge for freshness. Eggs should be in the carton with the pointed side down and at room temperature so they are not sweaty. (Eggs must be home-grown.)
A0900C	Breeding Trio (A trio of birds consisting of one male and two females, any age. They must be the same breed and variety and can be birds that are shown in other 4-H classes as singles.)
A0900D	Cock (Must be hatched before Jan. 1, 2025)
A0900E	Hen (Must be hatched before Jan. 1, 2025)
A0900F	Cockerel (Must be hatched after Jan. 1, 2025)
A0900G	Pullet (Must be hatched after Jan. 1, 2025)
A0900H	Miscellaneous (turkeys, guineas and doves) pen of 2, either sex, mature birds
A0900I	Raising Duck-female or male, mature birds
A0900J	Raising Goose-female or male, mature birds

### NOTES:

- 4-H Exhibitors are encouraged to enter their poultry in Junior and Open classes at the fair; however, if 4-H'ers ONLY exhibit in 4-H classes, they do not have to leave their poultry the entire week.
- All birds must be cooped by 8:00 a.m., Monday, July 21, 2025.
- Weighing of market pens will begin **promptly at 8:00 a.m.** on Monday.
- Exhibitors must furnish crocks for waterfowl and miscellaneous.
- Exhibitors are required to feed & water their own birds with **sturdy** feed/water bowls. Feed will be provided.
- Exhibitors will draw for sale order after judging.
- Each family is limited to enter a maximum of 50 birds.
- **All birds must be tested Pullorum-free before entry day.**
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>
- A Showmanship Contest will be held the day of the show.
- See page 29 for rules for the poultry market pen sale.

## **4-H RABBITS**

Superintendents: Amanda Marquardt, Carol Howell, Randy Gummersheimer

**MARKET PEN WEIGH-IN: MONDAY, JULY 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**JUDGING: MONDAY, JULY 21, 12:30 p.m.**

<b><u>CLASS NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
A1001A	Meat Pen (3 rabbits, not over 69 days and must be 3-5 lbs each) (Suggested to be a meat pen breed: California, New Zealand or other large boned breeds.)
A1001B	Single Fryer (1 rabbit between 3-5 lbs) (cannot be one of the meat pen rabbits)
A1001C	Sr. Buck (over 6 months)
A1001D	Sr. Doe (over 6 months)
A1001E	Jr. Buck (under 6 months)
A1001F	Jr. Doe (under 6 months)

### **NOTES:**

- Identification must be permanently tattooed in the left ear before the show or exhibitors will not be allowed to show.
- 4-H and Junior Exhibitors should provide the superintendents with a list of tattoo numbers on all of their rabbits on Sunday evening or Monday morning of the fair.
- Superintendents will weigh each rabbit in the meat pens and single fryers at 11:00 a.m. on Monday.
- Meat pens and single fryers will be judged first.
- 4-H/FFA exhibitors can sell either the meat pen OR the single fryer. A decision must be made immediately following the judging.
- The 4-H and FFA exhibitors will draw for sale order after the meat pen and single fryer classes are judged.
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>.
- A Showmanship Contest will be held on the day of the show:
  - Junior (8-12)
  - Senior (13-19)
- See page 29 for rules for the rabbit pen sale.

## **4-H SHEEP**

Superintendents: Nancy Sanford, Jon Koch, Ray Henerfauth

**MARKET LAMB WEIGH-IN: SUNDAY, JULY 20, 5:00 p.m.**

**JUDGING: MONDAY, JULY 21, 5:00 p.m.**

<b><u>CLASS NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
A1101A	Fleece
A1101B	Market Animal (wether lamb or ewe lamb, born after January 1, 2025)
A1101C	Ram (1 year and older)
A1101D	Ram Lamb (born after Sept. 1, 2024)
A1101E	Aged Ewe (2 years and older)
A1101F	Yearling Ewe (1 year and under 2 years)
A1101G	Ewe Lamb (born after Sept. 1, 2024)
A1101H	Lamb Rate-of Gain
A1101I	Lamb Carcass

### **NOTES:**

- Scrapie tags will be used as an additional form of identification.
- Market lambs must have scrapie tags by May weigh-in.
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>.
- A Showmanship Contest will be held on the day of the show:
  - Junior (8-12)
  - Senior (13-19)
- See page 29 for rules for the market lamb sale.

## **4-H SWINE**

Superintendents: Kim Bergmann, Darren Johanning, Roger Schaefer

**MARKET WEIGH-IN: TUESDAY, JULY 22, 7:00 a.m.**

**JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 8:00 a.m.**

<b><u>CLASS NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
A0401A	Gilt farrowed, Jan. 1-15
A0401B	Gilt farrowed, Jan. 16-31
A0401C	Gilt farrowed, Feb. 1-15
A0401D	Gilt farrowed, Feb. 16-29
A0401E	Gilt farrowed, March 1 and after
<b><u>Market Gilt</u></b>	
A0401F	Light Weight
A0401G	Light Medium Weight
A0401H	Heavy Medium Weight
A0401I	Heavy Weight
<b><u>Market Barrow</u></b>	
A0401J	Light Weight
A0401K	Light Medium Weight
A0401L	Medium Weight
A0401M	Heavy Medium Weight
A0401N	Heavy Weight

### **NOTES:**

- If a gilt is shown in the Market Animal Class, it CANNOT be shown in the Breeding Gilt classes.
- Market gilts and/or barrows must weigh 220-290 lbs to sell in the Youth Livestock Auction.
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>.
- A Showmanship Contest will be held on the day of the show:
  - Junior (8-12)
  - Intermediate (13-15)
  - Senior (16-19)
- See page 30 for rules for the market swine sale.



## **4-H DAIRY**

Superintendent: Joann Hartman, Amanda Hartman

**JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 12:00 p.m.**

<b><u>CLASS NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
A0301A	Junior Heifer Calf- <b>March 1, 2025 and after</b>
A0301B	Winter Heifer Calf- <b>Dec. 1, 2024-Feb. 28, 2025</b>
A0301C	Fall Heifer Calf- <b>Sept. 1, 2024-Nov. 30, 2024</b>
A0301D	Summer Yearling- <b>June 1, 2024-Aug. 31, 2024</b>
A0301E	Spring Yearling Heifer- <b>March 1, 2024-May 31, 2024</b>
A0301F	Winter Yearling Heifer- <b>Dec. 1, 2023-Feb. 29, 2024</b>
A0301G	Fall Yearling Heifer- <b>Sept. 1, 2023-Nov. 30, 2023</b>
A0301H	Junior Best Three Females- <b>born Sept. 1, 2023 or after</b>
A0301I	Two-Year-Old Cow- <b>Sept. 1, 2022-Aug. 31, 2023</b>
A0301J	Three-Year-Old Cow- <b>Sept. 1, 2021-Aug. 31, 2022</b>
A0301K	Four-Year-Old Cow- <b>Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021</b>
A0301L	Aged Cow- <b>born before Aug. 31, 2020</b>
A0301M	Dry Three and Four-Year-Old Cows- <b>Sept. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2022</b>
A0301N	Dry Aged Cow- <b>born before Sept. 1, 2020</b>
A0301O	Pair of Females- <b>any age, owned by the same exhibitor</b>
A0301P	Dam and Daughter- <b>owned by same exhibitor</b>

### **NOTES:**

- All first and second places will be shown for Grand Champion.
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements>.
- A Showmanship Contest will be held the day of the show.
- 4-H dairy exhibitors are eligible to sell a Dairy Cattle Basket containing products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50, as long as they exhibit at least two dairy cows.

## 4-H GOAT

Superintendents: Heidi Ruwald, Raeleen Neary, Wyatt Drewes

**MARKET GOAT WEIGH-IN: SUNDAY, JULY 20, 5:00 p.m.**

**JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 6:30 p.m.**

<u>CLASS NO.</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
A0501A	Aged Doe (over 2 years)
A0501B	Yearling Doe (1 year and under 2 years)
A0501C	Doe Kid (born after September 1, 2024)
A0501D	Buck Kid (born after September 1, 2024)
A0501E	Market Animal (born after October 1, 2024) Castrated buck or doe
A0501F	Rate-of-Gain
A0501G	Carcass

### NOTES:

- Market goats have a recommended Average Daily Gain of **.20lbs/day** with an ideal weight at the second weigh-in of **75 lbs.**
- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at:  
<https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements> .
- A Showmanship Contest will be held on the day of the show:
  - Junior (8-12)
  - Senior (13-19)
- See page 30 for rules for the market goat sale.
- 4-H dairy goat exhibitors are eligible to sell a Dairy Goat Basket containing products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50 as long as they exhibit at least two dairy goats.

## **4-H BEEF**

Superintendents: Dan Glaenzer, Matthew Brandt

**MARKET STEER WEIGH-IN: MONDAY, JULY 21, 10:00 a.m.**

**STEER JUDGING: WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 3:00 p.m.**

**BREEDING STOCK JUDGING: THURSDAY, JULY 24, 8:30 a.m.**

<b><u>CLASS NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PROJECT</u></b>
A0101A	Beef Market Steer, born <b>after Jan. 1, 2024</b>
A0101B	Beef Jr. Heifer Calf, <b>born after Jan. 1, 2025</b>
A0101C	Beef Sr. Heifer Calf, <b>born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2024</b>
A0101D	Beef Summer Yearling Heifer, <b>born May 1-Aug. 31, 2024</b>
A0101E	Beef Jr. Yearling Heifer, <b>born Mar. 1-April 30, 2024</b>
A0101F	Beef Jr. Yearling Heifer, <b>born Jan. 1-Feb. 29, 2024</b>
A0101G	Beef Sr. Yearling Heifer, <b>born Sept. 1-Dec. 31, 2023</b>
A0101H	Beef Cow/Calf
A0101I	Bull Calf, born <b>after January 1, 2025</b>
A0101J	Beef Rate-of-Gain
A0101K	Beef Carcass

### **NOTES:**

- All 4-H members must follow the health guidelines of the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health and Welfare when exhibiting any livestock at county and state fairs in Illinois. Those guidelines are updated annually. Please refer to the IDOA Exhibition Livestock Health Requirements for County Fairs at: <https://go.illinois.edu/LivestockHealthRequirements> .
- A Showmanship Contest will be held on the day of the show:
  - Beginner (ages 8-10)
  - Junior (ages 11-13)
  - Intermediate (ages 14-16)
  - Senior (ages 17-19)
- See page 30 for rules for the market steer sale.

# Monroe County Master *Showmanship* Contest

Superintendents: Logan Henerfauth, James Neary, Lexi Mueller

The 2025 Monroe County Fair Master Showmanship Contest will be held

**Tuesday, July 22, at 10:30 a.m.**

The contest will begin in the cattle arena, then move to the swine arena and finish in the sheep arena at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. One judge will evaluate each ring of participants. Participants will be scored in each ring based on overall showmanship abilities.

## **RULES**

1. The exhibitor must be a Monroe County 4-H member between the ages of 14-18 (at least 14 by Sept. 1, 2024 and cannot have reached their 19th birthday before Sept. 1, 2024.) and meet all 4-H show requirements.
2. The exhibitor must be enrolled in a 4-H livestock project.
3. Participants must supply their own animals for the competition. Each exhibitor must *own or borrow* each: a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb and a market hog or breeding gilt that is already being exhibited at the county fair. Animals will not be provided for you.
4. The winner will be announced at the Monroe County Livestock Auction on July 25.
5. The winner will advance to the Illinois State Fair Master Showmanship Contest on Friday, August 8, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The winner must be available to attend this contest and *own or borrow* the said animals listed above that are already being exhibited at the state fair.
6. The winner will receive a custom belt buckle in addition to a t-shirt that is required to be worn during the State Fair contest.
7. Participants are eligible to win the Master Showmanship Contest only once in their 4-H career.
8. Participants must fill out an entry form and turn in by June 24, 2025.
9. This contest will adhere to all guidelines set forth by the Monroe County Fair and must meet the Illinois Exhibition Animal Health Requirements.

**Monroe County**  
**Master *Showmanship* Contest**  
**Entry Form**

**Entry Form deadline: June 24, 2025**

Return to:  
**University of Illinois Extension –Monroe County Office**  
**901 Illinois Ave., Waterloo**  
**OR Livestock Entry Night-Monroe County Fairgrounds**

Exhibitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor Age as of Sept. 1, 2024: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Livestock Project (s): \_\_\_\_\_

I will adhere by the Monroe County 4-H Master Showmanship Rules provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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# **SUPERIOR YOUNG PRODUCER CONTEST DIVISION**

Livestock Coordinators: Lydia Henerfauth, James Neary, Lexi Mueller

Rabbit Coordinator: Wayne Dell

**This is a JUNIOR Class. Not 4-H.**  
**EXHIBITORS MUST MAKE THIS ENTRY ON THE**  
**MONROE COUNTY FAIR ENTRY FORM**

<b><u>Specie</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Poultry	Tues., July 22	1:00 p.m.	Band Pavilion
Beef/Dairy	Tues., July 22	1:00 p.m.	Band Pavilion
Sheep	Tues., July 22	1:00 p.m.	Band Pavilion
Goat	Tues., July 22	1:00 p.m.	Band Pavilion
Swine	Tues., July 22	1:00 p.m.	Band Pavilion

**\*Schedule may be subject to adjustments**

*\*Poultry, Beef/Dairy, Sheep, Goat and Swine will be split into two groups:  
Ages 8-12 and 13-18.*

<b>Rabbits</b>	<b>Wed., July 23</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rabbit Barn</b>
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## **RULES AND CONTEST INFORMATION**

1. Entry is restricted to **ONE** premium number only. Competitor must have at least one animal entered in the junior show corresponding to the premium number entered within this division.
2. Contest will consist of three components within each category:
  - a. **Skill-a-thon** – 5-6 learning stations demonstrating concepts covered in the respective projects. At each station, contestants will be asked 3-5 questions regarding the concept being demonstrated. Total score possible is 100 points.
  - b. **Management Test** – A written examination covering all aspects of production for the species relevant to the premium number. It will contain 20-25 questions totaling 100 points toward the competition.
  - c. **Judging Contest** – Two classes (1 market animal and 1 breeding animal) containing 4 animals each will be placed and scored against official judges placing. Maximum possible score is 50 points per class.

General categories covered by the Exam and Skill-a thon may include the following:

- Breed identification
- Feed stuff evaluation
- General anatomy
- Reproduction
- Animal health
- Nutrition
- Animal performance criteria

There is a **\$5.00 Entry Fee** to be paid by **Winners** only. Premium information can be found in the Fair Book.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA POULTRY MARKET PEN SALE**

1. Exhibitors will sell poultry by the pen. The market pen of 3 will consist of 3 cockerels or 3 pullets and must weigh 5-8 lbs. apiece.
2. Pens will be weighed prior to the show at the County Fair.
3. Exhibitors must indicate at the show if they plan to sell.
4. Market pens will be sold in order of a lottery system, with numbers chosen at the weigh-in.
5. The seller and buyer will work out the handling and processing.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA RABBIT MEAT PEN AND SINGLE FRYER SALE**

1. Exhibitors may sell either a Meat Pen or a Single Fryer which CANNOT be one of the Meat Pen rabbits. The decision must be made immediately following the judging.
2. A Single Fryer is one rabbit weighing between 3-5 lbs.
3. A Meat Pen consists of three rabbits. The weight of each rabbit in the meat pen should be between 3-5 lbs., and they should not be over 69 days old.
4. The judge will evaluate all meat pens (Open, Junior and 4-H) at the same time, which should be the first class of the 4-H show. The following procedure will be followed:
  - The superintendents will weigh each rabbit in the meat pen, beginning at 10:30 a.m., the morning of the show.
  - After weighing, the judge will evaluate and place the meat pens for the Open, Junior and 4-H ratings.
5. *Recommended:* Meat Pen rabbits should be meat pen breed (California, New Zealand or other large, bonded breed).
6. The Meat Pens and Single Fryers will be sold in order of a lottery system.
7. The seller and buyer will work out the handling and processing.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA LAMB MARKET ANIMAL SALE**

1. Lambs are sold by the pound and must meet a minimum Average Daily Gain of .50 lbs/day.
2. Only wether lambs or ewe lambs will be allowed to be sold in the lamb sale.
3. The exhibitor will designate one lamb for sale at the final weigh-in.
4. Lambs will be sold in order of a lottery system with numbers chosen at the weigh-in.
5. The seller is responsible to deliver animal to processor and is responsible if the carcass is rejected by the inspector.
6. All lambs delivered to a participating processor are eligible to participate in the carcass evaluation.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA SWINE MARKET ANIMAL SALE**

1. Swine are sold by the pound must weigh between 220-290lbs and be paint branded.
2. Only one weighing will be done and that weight will be used for the rule weight.
3. Swine will be sold in order of a lottery system, with numbers chosen after the show.
4. The highest-placing animal must be sold if the exhibitor has 2 entries.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA GOAT MARKET ANIMAL SALE**

1. Goats will be sold by the **pound**. (NEW for 2025)
2. The recommended Average Daily Gain is .20lbs/day, with an ideal weight at second weigh-in of **75 lbs**.
1. The market animal must consist of either a wether or market female of either meat or dairy type goat.
2. Goats will be sold in order of a lottery system, with numbers chosen during the weigh-in.
3. Dairy goats must be debudded; however, horns are acceptable for meat goats.
4. The seller is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor and is responsible if the carcass is rejected by the inspector.
5. All goats delivered to a participating processor are eligible to participate in carcass evaluation.
6. 4-H/FFA dairy goat exhibitors are eligible to sell a Dairy Goat Basket containing products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50. Members must exhibit at least two dairy goats.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA STEER MARKET ANIMAL SALE**

1. Steers are sold by the pound and must weigh at least 900 pounds and not greater than 1450 pounds and meet a pre-determined rate of gain based on breed at the *final weigh-in*.
2. Steers will be sold in order of a lottery system, with numbers chosen at the final weigh-in.
3. The exhibitor will designate one steer for sale at the final weigh-in.
4. Steers **MUST** be clean and controllable at the final weigh-in. Steers deemed insufficiently halter broken will be ineligible for show and sale.
5. At the final weigh-in, the ear tag must be attached and one of the ear tattoos must be legible. *The consequence is the disqualification of the steer.*
6. Steers may be subject to drug testing (i.e. tranquilizers, hormones, antibiotics, etc.).
7. The seller is responsible for delivering the animal to the processor; the seller is responsible if the carcass is rejected by the inspector.
8. All steers delivered to a participating processor are eligible to participate in carcass evaluation.

## **RULES FOR THE MONROE COUNTY 4-H & FFA DAIRY SALE**

1. 4-H dairy exhibitors are eligible to sell a Dairy Cattle Basket containing products or certificates with a minimum value of \$50. Members must exhibit at least two dairy cows.

**\*See page 17-18 for a full list of Livestock Auction rules.**



## **FAIRGROUNDS DIRECTIONS**

To travel either from the north or south to the Monroe County Fairgrounds, take Rt. 3, to the (Rt. 3 & Rt.156) 4-way stop. (MotoMart is on the west corner and Nice Twice is on the east corner) turn west onto Rt. 156. Travel west on Rt. 156 approximately ½ mile. The Fairgrounds is on the right side of the highway.

4-H exhibits for projects in horticulture & crops are in the Commercial Building on the west end of the fairgrounds. The 4-H livestock are in the appropriate specie barns on the north side of the fairgrounds.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any of the 4-H Shows or 4-H Shows at the Monroe County Fair, please contact:

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