

FFA PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Supervisor of Exhibits - Brent Hanna, Knoxville (retired)

Assistant Supervisors - Mary Hanna, Knoxville; Jordan Moody, Twin Cedars FFA

Photography exhibits will be located in the FFA Display Building from Wednesday, August 12 through Sunday, August 23.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 12

- 9:00 a.m. Photos may arrive
1:00 p.m. Photos must be in place
1:30 p.m. Judging begins

Thursday, August 13

- 2:30 p.m. Awards Presentation

Sunday, August 23

- 7:00 p.m. Photos released
8:00 p.m. Photos must be out

If you have questions, please contact the Iowa State Fair Entry Department at 515-262-3111 ext. 246 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

RULES

- 1. General rules and regulations listed on the Iowa State Fair website and in the FFA section apply in this department, with special emphasis on the following sections: Member Eligibility, Supervision and Lodging, and Good Conduct Policy.
2. Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1. Entry fee is \$2 per entry. Each exhibitor may enter a maximum of four photos; limit of two per class. Class(es) entered must be specified at time of entry.
3. A photo entered in the wrong class can be moved to the correct class on judging day. No photo can be exhibited in more than one class.
4. Photographs shall not have been previously exhibited as 4-H photography at any county fairs.
5. Photographs shall not have been previously exhibited or concurrently exhibited or displayed at the Iowa State Fair.
6. Photograph requirements: All photographs may be produced by the FFA member or a commercial laboratory. For all classes, the FFA member must have planned and taken the photographs. Pictures may be made by the photographic process in black and white, toned or full color media.
7. Photographs must have been taken after July 18, 2025 and before July 17, 2026. Photographs with date imprint will be ineligible to exhibit.
8. Railroad Photos: Photos of people, including photographers, standing on railroad tracks, or the right of way will be rejected.
9. One side of the photograph will be at least 6 1/2 inches visible and no side of the photograph can be more than 14 inches. This also applies to each photograph in the photo essay class.
10. Photos must be matted or mounted on foam board. If matted, one side of the matting will be at least seven inches and no side of the matting can be more than 14 inches.
11. Photographer's name and picture title should NOT appear on the FRONT of the photographs or matte/mount boards.
12. Photographs must be mounted with no hooks or wires attached. DO NOT COVER PHOTOS WITH ACETATE OR GLASS.
13. Entry tags and labels will be sent from the Iowa State Fair directly to each exhibitor prior to the Fair unless otherwise requested by the chapter advisor. Tape the tag string to the upper right hand corner on the BACK of the photo.
14. Photos must be delivered to the FFA Display Building on Wednesday, August 12 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. FFA photography exhibitors may have a fellow FFA member, parent or someone else deliver the photos. Any photo received after 1:00 p.m. on August 12 will NOT be judged.
15. All photos PROPERLY entered will be judged. Photos determined to be acceptable for competition will be catalogued and exhibited. Judging will be behind closed doors on Wednesday, August 12 at 1:30 p.m. The judges reserve the right to make awards as the quality of the photographs warrant.
16. Photos will be displayed on "A"-frame display structures.
17. A blue, red or white ribbon will be awarded to each entry. Premiums will be awarded to first through third place in each class. Only blue ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.
18. The "Best of Show" Photograph will receive a trophy and rosette. The Reserve "Best of Show" Photograph will receive a plaque and rosette. After the Fair, the Best of Show and Reserve Best of Show photographs will be put on display in the FFA Enrichment Center and returned to the exhibitors following the 2026 Iowa State Fair.
19. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to reproduce in any form, any of the photos submitted.
20. Special care and safety precautions will be taken by the Iowa State Fair with round-the-clock security. In no case will the Iowa State Fair Management nor the Iowa FFA Association be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur.
21. All photos earning a white ribbon placing will NOT be displayed at the Iowa State Fair. They will be released with all other photos at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.
22. No photographs will be released until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.
23. Photographs must be picked up at the FFA Display Building between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23.
24. Any photos remaining after 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 will become property of the Iowa FFA Association and may be destroyed.

Premiums Offered .....\$12, 10, 8
State Advisor's Choice .....\$5
State Executive Secretary/Treasurer's Choice....\$5

**DIVISION 860**

**CLASS**

- 1 Black and White/Toned (any agricultural subject)
- 2 Color (any agricultural subject)
- 3 Animals-Bird-Wildlife (black and white or color)
- 4 Still Life Compositions (advertising products - black and white or color)
- 5 Iowa Landscape (the surroundings in Iowa in which we live - black and white or color)
- 6 Landscape outside Iowa (the surroundings outside the state - black and white or color)
- 7 Plants
- 8 FFA (activities, events, projects, etc. - black and white or color)
- 9 Supervised Agricultural Experience (animals, plants, agribusiness ownership, placement experience, etc. - black and white or color)
- 10 Agricultural Photo Essay (three-six photographs and no captions are permitted) - Each of the three-six photographs may be 5x7 or 8x10 and matted separately. Include Name and Chapter PO on each series photo. Number the sequence of the photos on the back.
- 11 Contemporary/Creative (any type of manipulated image) - Copy of original photo prior to any manipulation of image must be attached to back of mat.
- 12 Iowa Farm Winter Scene (winter scenes/activities on the farm)
- 13 Panoramic (agricultural subject photographed in Iowa) - Must be mounted on 7 inch x 20 inch foam board.
- 14 Theme Class: Farm Animal Families

**PHOTOGRAPHY CHAPTER AWARD**

THE SUPREME PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITOR'S AWARD recognizes the cooperative efforts of a chapter. The banner/ribbons are awarded to the chapters with outstanding over-all exhibits of photography. No entry form or entry fee will be required. The awards are based on a point system. A committee will tabulate the results during the progress of the show.

Chapter Award: 1<sup>st</sup> - Banner; 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place - Ribbons

**FFA PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIAL AWARD**

A Superintendent's Choice cash award of \$10 is provided by **Brent and Mary Hanna**.