

2026 IOWA STATE FAIR FFA DEPARTMENT Superintendent - Dennis Meggers

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Iowa State Fair Livestock general rules, regulations and health requirements apply in the FFA Departments. Should general and species specific rules conflict, the latter will govern. Exhibitors failing to comply with any of the rules are subject to all premium cancellations and disqualification from future participation in the Iowa State Fair FFA Show. Interpretation of rules, when necessary, shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent and other appropriate committees.
2. As an Iowa State Fair exhibitor, I hereby acknowledge that my photograph may be taken by the official Iowa State Fair photographer for use by the Iowa State Fair and agree to release and hold harmless the State of Iowa, Iowa State Fair Authority, their officers, employees and agents and any and all parties to whom this or any photograph may be released. This photograph was taken for artistic reasons or newsworthiness and I agree that it may be released to any medium and may be used in any manner for any purpose whatsoever without compensation.

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

3. Entries in this department are open to active members of the Iowa FFA Association. Members may retain their active membership through November 30 following the fourth National FFA Convention after graduating from high school or at 23 years of age, whichever comes first. Members must be listed on the chapter's 2025-2026 membership roster.
4. Only persons who paid 2025-2026 FFA membership dues will be eligible to exhibit at the Iowa State Fair. New FFA members for 2026-2027 are not eligible to exhibit in 2026.
5. The local FFA chapter must be in "Good Standing" with the Iowa FFA Association in order for the exhibitor to be eligible.
6. Entries in this department must be part of the exhibitor's SAE program. Students must have record books on all projects exhibited. The chapter advisor's and the exhibitor's signature on the Code of Ethics form are verification of this information.
7. Students must be listed on the chapter roster with the Iowa FFA Association BEFORE they will be eligible for State Fair nominations and entries.

SUMMER COMMUNICATION

8. For those chapters that will have State Fair nominations and entries, it is extremely important for the State Fair Office to have the advisor's contact information. Every advisor and exhibitor will receive one free admission ticket. Tickets along with unload permits will be sent in late July to the address provided on the Summer Communication Form. **Tickets/permits will only be mailed if an address is provided on the Summer Communication Form and if the form is submitted to the Entry Department by June 1.** Otherwise, advisors will need to pick up their chapter's tickets/permits at the Fair at FFA Headquarters along with t-shirts and exhibitor numbers.

NOMINATIONS

9. To be eligible for showing at the Iowa State Fair, animals must be identified using the State Fair Online System at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/> and be submitted on or before the nomination due date. **No late nominations will be accepted regardless of the reason.** Performance Beef, all Meat Goats, Commercial/Market/Carcass Lambs and all Swine must also provide a DNA (hair) sample to the Entry Office on or before the nomination due date. Nomination due dates are as follows:

February 1 - Performance Beef (DNA, payment of \$8 per nomination and weigh in sheet mailed to State Fair Office)

May 15 - Breeding Beef, Cow-Calf, Performance Beef, Dairy Cattle, Horse, Breeding Meat Goats*, Market Meat Goats*, Market/Carcass Lambs*, Commercial Ewes*, Registered Breeding Ewes/Rams, Carcass Value Pigs*, Market Pigs*, Crossbred Breeding Gilts* and Registered Breeding Gilts*

* Mail all DNA materials and payment of \$5 per **nomination** to the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department on or before the nomination date. Payment may also be submitted online at time of nomination.

10. A Code of Ethics Form for each FFA member who is exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair must be completed and submitted to the FFA Entry Department **on or before May 15.** The Code of Ethics must be signed by the exhibitor and the FFA chapter advisor. Advisors will be notified if there are any issues with these forms. The issue must be corrected within two weeks of notification or the exhibitor's nomination will not be accepted.
11. If there are issues with a nomination's online submission, partnership form or payment, advisors/exhibitors will have 24 hours from the nomination due date or notification from Entry Office to correct the issue along with a \$250 late fee.
12. Absolutely NO late submissions of DNA (hair sample) envelopes or changes to DNA (hair sample) envelopes will be accepted regardless of the reason.
13. Animals must be owned by the exhibitor by the nomination due date. Ownership must be maintained from the nomination date through the exhibition date at the Iowa State Fair.
14. Animal identification involving ear notching, tattooing or tagging must be completed by the nomination due date. Any evidence indicating this procedure was not followed, such as fresh or recent notches/tattoos, alteration, etc., will disqualify the animal. An FFA advisor and one other adult must be present to witness the tagging and DNA collection of all performance beef, pigs, market lambs, commercial ewes and meat goats. **UNDER ABSOLUTELY NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD EXHIBITORS BE ALLOWED TO TAKE HOME TAGS OR DNA SAMPLE ENVELOPES AND DO THE WORK THEMSELVES WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF AN FFA ADVISOR AND ANOTHER WITNESS.**
If an animal loses an ear tag, exhibitors are to replace it with a new tag. **Contact the Iowa State Fair FFA Entry Department to receive a Replacement Tag Form and tag.** The replacement tag must be in place before the animal arrives at the Fair. All animals that have a replacement tag will be subject to new DNA being collected at the time of check-in for their specific species.
15. All FFA livestock must meet ownership/possession identifications and requirements outlined in FFA 202. **Animals may not be identified as both a 4-H and FFA project.**
16. Nominations/entries in FFA registered classes MUST be registered in the name of the exhibitor. However, if ownership is with a family partnership, family corporation or school sponsored cooperative, the following information MUST be presented on the livestock partnership or horse identification form:
 - A. name of corporation, cooperative or partnership; relationship
 - B. animal
 - C. percent ownership
 - D. species
 - E. classes to be exhibited in
 - F. signature of exhibitor

The livestock partnership form must be submitted by the nomination deadline. The registration certificate **MUST** be presented before showing when called for by the supervisor. For all horses, the horse identification form (and three photos of horse) must be submitted by the nomination deadline. Once an animal listed on the Livestock Partnership Form/Horse Identification Form is solely identified or entered by an individual, it becomes ineligible for all other individuals.

17. Please review and verify each animal listed for nomination. If an animal is not listed, it is not nominated. No additional nominations may be submitted after the nomination deadline.
18. Corrections to existing nominations (submitted on or before the nomination deadline) must be made in writing to the FFA Entry Department by the advisor on or before July 1. Iowa State Fair, FFA Entry Department, PO Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317 or ffa@iowastatefair.org.

ENTRIES

19. **To be considered a valid entry, the following criteria must be met:**
 - A. **Entries must be submitted online on or before July 1.**
 - B. **Payment of all entry fees must be completed online or postmarked to the FFA Entry Department on or before July 1.**
 - C. **All cattle, goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine exhibitors are required to have a YQCA certificate. Certificate number must be provided in the online exhibitor profile at the time of entry.**
20. **All entry fees must be paid by cash, check, credit card or money order. No other forms of payment will be accepted, including purchase orders, etc.** Chapters may submit multiple checks (made payable to the Iowa State Fair).
21. Late entries will be accepted July 2-8 with a \$250 late entry fee per exhibitor plus department fees. **No late entries will be accepted after July 8 regardless of the reason.**
22. A Code of Ethics Form for each FFA member who is exhibiting at the Iowa State Fair **(in a project that did not require a nomination by May 15)** must be completed and submitted to the FFA Entry Department on or before July 1. The Code of Ethics must be signed by the exhibitor and the FFA chapter advisor. Advisors will be notified if there are any issues with these forms. The issue must be corrected within two weeks of notification or the exhibitor's entry will not be accepted.
23. All animals listed on entry forms must be entered for exhibition strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Iowa State Fair and of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions as posted on the Iowa State Fair website by which all exhibitors are governed. Exhibitors are responsible to maintain insurance to cover any loss to persons or property which may occur as a result of said competition.
24. Animals offered for sale in an auction are considered to have changed ownership even if bought back by the original owner or if the owner refuses a bid or says "no sale". All animals offered for sale are terminated as an FFA project. An **animal** should not enter an auction ring, even if only the ribbon is being sold.
25. **No refunds will be issued unless cancellation is received in writing (letter or e-mail) by July 21.** No refunds of \$10 or less will be issued.
26. All livestock/exhibit release dates are listed in the special rules for each department and permission for early release must be obtained from department superintendent. Any exhibitor removing animals/exhibits from the grounds prior to release date and time, without special permission, will forfeit all premiums earned; no entry fees paid will be refunded. See special rules in each department for date and time when exhibits are released. **Please note: admission will be charged at the gate from opening until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 with no admittance after 7:00 p.m.**
27. Entries may be submitted in the Chapter Name for chapter projects in these departments - Agriculture Mechanics and Horticulture. All other entries must be in the individual's name.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FFA & 4-H

28. When young people are members of both FFA and 4-H, they shall plan and manage separate projects and/or Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs. Individuals may have the same area of experience in FFA and 4-H; however, individuals shall not identify, manage, keep records on or exhibit the same animals, plants, etc. in both organizations.

FFA and 4-H members may not nominate, enter, nor show the same animals even though the animal may be owned in partnership or by a corporation. Animals previously exhibited in 2026 4-H classes by an FFA exhibitor or any partner or fellow corporate member at any county, district, state, national or breed show are not permitted to be exhibited in any FFA division classes.

EXHIBITING IN FFA & 4-H SHOWS

29. Exhibitors in FFA divisions are not eligible to exhibit in a similar division of 4-H or vice versa, with the following exceptions and clarifications:
 - A. **AGRICULTURE MECHANICS** - Exhibitors entered in the FFA Ag Mechanics classes may not enter in similar 4-H classes or vice-versa.
 - B. **BEEF** - FFA members who exhibit FFA Performance Beef but do not exhibit in FFA Breeding Beef classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the 4-H Breeding Beef classes. Exhibitors in FFA Breeding Beef and/or FFA Performance Beef classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the 4-H Market Beef Classes. Exception: Exhibitors in 4-H Breeding Heifer classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Cow/Calf and/or FFA Breeding Bull classes.
 - C. **DAIRY CATTLE** - Exhibitors entered in the Youth Dairy Cattle Show may show animals in either FFA or 4-H, but not both.
 - D. **DAIRY GOAT** - Exhibitors entered in the Youth Dairy Goat Show may show animals in either FFA or 4-H, but not both.
 - E. **HORSES** - Exhibitors in the FFA Horse Department are not eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Horse Department or vice-versa.
 - F. **MEAT GOAT** - FFA members who exhibit FFA Market Meat Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the 4-H Breeding Meat Goat classes or vice-versa. FFA members are not permitted to show Market Meat Goats in both 4-H and FFA classes. FFA members who exhibit FFA Breeding Meat Goats, may, if eligible, exhibit in the 4-H Market Meat Goat classes.
 - G. **PHOTOGRAPHY** - Exhibitors entered in the FFA Photography Show are not eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Photography Show or vice-versa.
 - H. **POULTRY** - Exhibitors in the FFA Poultry Department are not eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Poultry Department or vice-versa.
 - I. **RABBITS** - Exhibitors in the FFA Rabbit Department are not eligible to exhibit in the 4-H Rabbit Department or vice-versa.
 - J. **SHEEP** - FFA members who exhibit Breeding Sheep in FFA classes may, if eligible, exhibit Market Lambs in 4-H classes or vice versa. However, FFA members are not permitted to show Breeding Sheep in both FFA and 4-H classes even though the young person may have separate breeds for FFA and 4-H. FFA members are not permitted to show Market Lambs in both FFA and 4-H classes. Carcass/Performance Lambs will be considered the same as Market Lambs. Exception: Exhibitors in 4-H Breeding Ewe classes may, if eligible, exhibit in the FFA Breeding Ram classes.
 - K. **SWINE** - FFA members who exhibit Breeding Swine in FFA classes may, if eligible, exhibit Market Swine in 4-H classes or vice versa. However, FFA members are not permitted to show Breeding Swine in FFA and 4-H classes even though the young person may have separate breed for FFA and 4-H. FFA members are not permitted to show Market Swine/Carcass pigs in both FFA and 4-H classes.
 - L. Individual animals must be identified as either a 4-H OR FFA project, not both.
 - M. Exhibitors in FFA divisions may not exhibit 4-H or FFA exhibits in the same department in any other state fair.

SUPERVISION AND LODGING

30. It is an expectation that each FFA chapter advisor attend the Iowa State Fair to assist and supervise their exhibitors. If this is not possible, the school must designate a chaperone to supervise all chapter members including out-of-school members. This information must be provided on the Supervision and Lodging Form and must be signed by the school administration.
31. When advisors secure exhibitor numbers and exhibitor t-shirts at the FFA Headquarters, they are required to provide the Supervision and Lodging Form with complete information for all FFA State Fair participants from their school. If the FFA chapter advisor is unable to attend, the school designated chaperone must present this form. FFA members are **not** to serve as chaperones nor present the Supervision and Lodging Form at the FFA Headquarters.
32. **FFA and 4-H exhibitors staying overnight on the Fairgrounds are to sleep in the Youth Inn (members staying with parents excepted). Exhibitors violating this rule will forfeit all right to show and any premium money previously won.**

GOOD CONDUCT POLICY

33. **All FFA exhibitors are expected to conduct themselves in a cooperative and courteous manner while participating in FFA events at the Iowa State Fair.** FFA members who wish to have the privilege of participating in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair must conduct themselves in accordance with the Good Conduct Policy. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco or illegal drugs by any FFA member, regardless of age, on the Iowa State Fairgrounds (barns, exhibiting facilities, dormitories, campgrounds, etc.) will result in the following:
 - A. If the violation occurs before or during exhibiting, the member is ineligible to participate in FFA activities at the Iowa State Fair and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
 - B. If the violation occurs after exhibiting, the member forfeits his/her premium money, prize money, trophies/banners and/or sale of champions money, and must remove his/her exhibit(s) from the Fairgrounds.
 - C. The violation will be reported to the exhibitor's school for further action under the school district's good conduct policy.
 - D. A meeting of the member, parent and advisor with FFA and Iowa State Fair officials will be held to determine future member eligibility.

CODE OF SHOW RING ETHICS

34. FFA members participating in the FFA division of the Iowa State Fair will be obligated to understand and abide by the Code of Ethics described as follows: Youth are expected to be sincere, honest and act in sportsmanlike ways at all times. Youth represent the entire program and their behavior reflects on their parents, leaders, school and the entire youth program. All adults involved with the youth program, leaders as well as parents, are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do. Any youth who breaks the Code of Ethics or allows another person (adult or peer) to talk them into violating the Code of Ethics agrees to forfeit all prizes, awards and premiums. The youth may also be prohibited from exhibiting at this and future exhibitions including the Iowa State Fair and other county, state or regional exhibitions.

Youth agree to follow these guidelines:

- A. I will do my own work, appropriate for my age and physical and mental development. This includes research and writing of exhibit explanations, preparing exhibits (building, refinishing, etc.) care and grooming of animals, etc. Adult assistance should help guide and support me, not do it for me.
- B. All exhibits will be true representations of my work. Any attempt to take credit for other's work, alter the conformation of animals, or alter their performance is prohibited. Copyright violation or allowing others to complete my exhibit is considered misrepresentation and is prohibited.
- C. I will treat all people and animals with respect. I will provide appropriate care for animals.
- D. I will present exhibits that are safe for consumption. All exhibits will be safe for judges to evaluate and for exhibition.
- E. All food animals that may be harvested immediately following the show shall be safe for consumers, and shall have met all withdrawal times for all medications (including topicals), and be free of violative drug residue.
- F. If any animal requires medical treatment while at the Fair, only an official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian may administer the treatment. All medications that are administered shall be done according to the label instructions of the medication used.
- G. My animal's appearance or performance shall not be altered by any means, including medications, external applications and surgical procedures. Any animal that is found to have changed its appearance or its performance shall be disqualified from the show, and have penalties assessed against me, my parent(s) and/or guardian by the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
- H. I will follow all ownership and possession rules and, if requested, will provide the necessary documentation.
- I. I will follow all livestock health requirements for the Iowa State Fair, according to the state health requirements as printed in the Premium Book. I will provide animal health certificates from a licensed veterinarian upon request from the Management of the Iowa State Fair.
- J. By my entering an animal in this Fair, I am giving consent to the Management of the Iowa State Fair to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. If the laboratory report on the analysis of any sample indicates a presence of forbidden drugs, this shall be evidence such substance has been administered to the animal(s) either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in question, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on me, my parent(s) and/or guardian to prove otherwise.
- K. I am responsible for my exhibit and I will not allow others to violate this Code on my behalf. By my entering an exhibit in this Fair I will accept any disciplinary action taken by the Management of the Iowa State Fair for any violation of this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Fair without recourse against the Iowa State Fair.
- L. I want my exhibit to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer, both good and not so good, and how to live with and learn from the outcome.
- M. I will not be involved in any illegal activities while participating in FFA events, including but not limited to alcohol, tobacco or drug use.

I agree to conduct myself in an honest, ethical and upstanding manner; and I understand that disciplinary actions will result if these rules are violated. I understand that I am expected to represent the program in a positive manner. I have read, understand and agree to follow this Code of Ethics and any other rules of competition of the Iowa State Fair as printed in its Premium Book and other exhibitor material.

ADMISSION AND PARKING

35. Each FFA exhibitor and advisor will receive one free admission ticket. (See Rule #8.)
36. **Youth Ticket Order Form** - Additional exhibitor tickets may be purchased for \$11 each (\$7 each for children 6-11) at <https://www.iowastatefair.org/> or by printing the State Fair Youth Ticket Order Form available on the Iowa State Fair website. Ticket order form must be submitted online or postmarked on or before July 15 to allow for processing. Tickets may be ordered using MasterCard or Visa by calling the Iowa State Fair at 515-262-3111, extension 242, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Phone order deadline is July 15. Tickets can also be purchased on the Iowa State Fairgrounds in the Entry Department.

VEHICLE PERMITS. Each exhibitor may purchase a vehicle parking permit at \$10 per day. Each exhibitor is limited to two Fairgrounds lot permits per day. Vehicle permits must be purchased in advance by indicating the specific days needed on the Ticket Order Form. Each vehicle permit will park one car or truck (no trailers) in a Fairgrounds lot for the specified day(s). Vehicle permits are required to park in Fairgrounds lots on a space available basis. Parking will not be available at the gate.

37. Each livestock exhibitor will receive one free unload permit. This permit allows a maximum of 30 minutes to unload animals and tack but does not provide parking. All persons in the vehicle must have an admission ticket or will need to pay admission at the gate during the Fair, August 13-23. Exhibitors will receive their unload permit from the chapter advisor along with their one free admission ticket.
38. Livestock trailers will be parked in a designated area south of the Fairgrounds or some other area off the Fairgrounds.

SUBSTITUTIONS

39. Substitutions in a class may be accepted at the discretion of the supervisor of exhibits in the department provided: a) written verification of animal illness, injury or death is provided by a veterinarian; b) the animal to be substituted has been properly nominated and is owned by the exhibitor as part of his/her SAE Program; c) the substitution may be done only in a class where proper entry had been made.

SUBSTITUTE/ASSISTANT SHOWPERSONS

40. Except in extreme cases, FFA members are expected to exhibit their own animals and projects. Substitute/assistant showpersons may be approved in the event: a) show time is in conflict with another Iowa State Fair activity involving the exhibitor, i.e. 4-H activity, Iowa State Fair Queen contest, etc.; b) exhibitor has multiple entries showing at the same time; or c) injury, serious illness or death of exhibitor occurred after entries were made. A substitute/assistant showperson must be an active Iowa FFA member and must be approved **in advance by the supervisor of exhibits in the department**. Substitute/assistant showpersons are not eligible for showing awards and cannot wear exhibitor numbers.

SPECIAL SERVICES

41. Accommodation requests may be made orally and in person, up to the date of the event. However, the timing and manner of a request potentially reduces the Management's ability to determine a reasonable accommodation. Management requests an Accommodation Request Form (https://www.iowaffa.com/CMDocs/IowaFFAAssociation/Ag%20Skills%20CDEs/Rules/AccommodationForm_12-7-19.pdf) be submitted 30 days prior to the event or activity.

RIBBONS & PREMIUMS

42. The ribbon system will be purple, blue, red and white. Only animals or exhibits showing the very highest quality will be awarded a purple ribbon. If the judge awards no purple or blue awards in a class, that class will not be represented in the Division Championship. If a judge awards only one purple in a class, that class will not have a second place representative in the Division Championship.
43. Only purple and blue ribbon winners can be named Champion of a show/division/class.
44. Premium checks will be sent to FFA exhibitors as soon after the close of the Fair as possible.
45. **Open Class Entries** - boer goat, beef, horse, dairy cattle, dairy goat, sheep, poultry and rabbit may be entered in the corresponding Open Classes, provided entry is made on or before the entry deadline accompanied by an Open Class entry fee. These entries must be made on an **Open Class entry form** and animals must be entered in the correct classes as shown in the Open Class section of the Premium Book.
Exception: This does not apply to performance beef, carcass lambs and swine.

HEALTH CERTIFICATES

46. Please review the Health Requirements posted on the Iowa State Fair website.
HEALTH CERTIFICATES NOT COMPLETED PROPERLY WILL BE DENIED AND THE OWNER WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A NEW CERTIFICATE AT OWNER'S EXPENSE.
Falsifying or tampering with a health certificate is a federal and state offense and will be grounds for disqualification and removal of all animals listed on the health certificate. (Iowa Code 136.18 and 136.24) Official State Fair Veterinarians are available to inspect animals and complete health certificates if a problem develops.
47. Health certificates for FFA Registered Breeding Sheep must contain all individual identification including the official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep. Health certificates for FFA Commercial Ewe Lambs, Commercial Ewes and Market/Carcass Lambs must contain all individual identification including the FFA tag and official scrapie tag for sexually intact sheep.
48. Exhibitors of FFA Sheep must arrive by entering Fairgrounds lot at the corner of Dean Avenue and East 34th Street and proceed through the health check. All lambs will be inspected by a veterinarian. Lambs found to have evidence of club lamb fungus or ringworm will be unable to be shown and must be removed from the Fairgrounds. **A non-washable marker will be used to identify FFA sheep excused from exhibition.**

MEDICATION AND DRUG TESTING

49. **Medication of any kind is to be administered to livestock animals by an Official Iowa State Fair Veterinarian ONLY. If an FFA exhibitor or his/her assistant administers a shot or medication, this exhibitor shall be barred from showing and premiums will be taken away. A witness' complaint must be filed in writing to the FFA show supervisor. It will then be brought to the FFA Superintendent who delivers the written complaint to Iowa State Fair Management.**
50. No drugs or medications or medical treatment of any kind may be administered except by the Official State Fair Veterinarian once an animal arrives on the Iowa State Fairgrounds. All animals are subject to a random drug test. All animals will be subject to chemical testing and analysis of saliva, urine, blood, other excretions or tissues to determine whether a substance or drug has been induced or whether a substance or drug has been introduced to interfere with the testing procedure. Positive tests will result in immediate disqualification of the animal, forfeiture of ribbons, trophies, premiums and sale prices. The exhibitor of that animal and the exhibitor's family may be barred from participation in future Iowa State Fairs. A re-test may be done at the exhibitor's expense. Information on this re-test policy is on file in the State Fair Manager's Office. **Random sampling and testing may be conducted.**

The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog and the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Meat Goat will be sampled and tested.

THE USE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS AND THE PRESENCE OF DRUG RESIDUE IS PROHIBITED. Exhibitors may not use stimulants of food or beverage products that may contain stimulants such as caffeine.

51. **Drug Testing Procedures** - Under the supervision of the Official State Fair Veterinarian, urine, blood, and other specimens shall be taken and tested from any animal. The samples shall be collected by the Official State Fair Veterinarian or other person designated by the Official State Fair Veterinarian. Each sample shall be marked or numbered and bear information essential to its proper analysis. The container of each sample shall be sealed as soon as the sample is placed therein.

During the taking of the sample from an animal, the exhibitor, owner or representative of the owner or exhibitor may be present and witness the taking

of the sample and so signify in writing by signing the collection form in the appropriate location. Failure to be present and witness the collection of samples constitutes a waiver by the owner, exhibitor or representative of any objections to the source, documentation and chain of custody for the sample.

Until transported to the laboratory for analysis, samples shall be kept in a secure facility at the Iowa State Fairgrounds under the supervision of the State Fair Veterinarian. No unauthorized person shall be admitted at any time to this location.

The urine or blood sample secured by the Official State Fair Veterinarian or designee shall be split into two parts. Both portions shall be stored and shipped at the same range of temperatures and kept and transported in similar fashion. Urine will not be split if less than 40 ml are obtained. In this instance, a plasma or serum sample shall be taken. Plasma or serum samples shall initially be taken in a quantity to insure that ample portions are obtained, using two 8.5 - 10 ml blood tubes for the primary sample with one additional blood tube for split testing.

All bodily fluid samples taken under direction of the Official State Fair Veterinarian shall be delivered to the designated laboratory. The laboratory shall conduct individual tests on each sample, screening them for prohibited substances, and conducting other tests to detect and identify any prohibited substance or metabolic derivative thereof with specificity. The laboratory shall submit to the Fair a written report as to each sample tested indicating by sample tag identification number whether the sample was tested negative or positive for prohibited substances. In the event the laboratory finds a sample suspicious for a prohibited substance the test shall be confirmed on a second portion of the original sample, and the remaining portion, if available, of the sample shall be preserved and protected for two years.

A positive test means a test result that confirms the presence of drugs or drug metabolites at a level which equals or is greater than the lowest calibration standard established by the laboratory for that substance. An amount below the lowest calibration standard is considered a non detectable amount. In reporting to the Fair a finding of a test positive for a prohibited substance, the laboratory shall present documentary evidence acceptable in the scientific community and admissible in court in support of the professional opinion as to the positive testing.

52. Any exhibiting family who has been in violation of drug residue avoidance programs at any fair or livestock show holding membership in the International Association of Fairs and Expositions may be barred indefinitely from showing at the Iowa State Fair.

SHOWING AND FITTING ETHICS

53. **TAMPERING AND/OR MISREPRESENTATION** as to breeding, age, ownership and any other irregularity in showing will be considered fraud and deception.

54. The Iowa State Fair Board reserves the right to disqualify any animal fitted in an unethical manner and disqualify the exhibitor and the exhibitors' assistants who fitted the animal involved.

55. All exhibitors and any other parties involved in the unethical fitting and showing of an animal will be barred from exhibiting or showing at the Iowa State Fair and will forfeit all premiums, prize money and awards won in any division.

Unethical fitting shall include any cutting or tearing of the hide, cutting or tearing underneath the hide or removal of tissue in any attempt to alter the shape or appearance. It shall also include attempts to disrupt or change normal dental development; dyeing or coloring hair; adding artificial tailheads, switches, polls, hair and heels; as well as any attempt to change the conformation and degree of firmness by administration of Air/O₂ or fluids internally or externally in a liquid or solid state. Transparent grooming materials only may be used.

SHOULD FRAUD OR DECEPTION, AND PROOF, AS DETERMINED BY THE IOWA STATE FAIR BOARD BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE ANIMAL OR ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SHOWN AND PRIOR TO THE SALE, such animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, at the discretion of the Iowa State Fair Board, the Reserve Grand Champion will become the Grand Champion. No other animals will be advanced.

SHOULD VIOLATION BE DISCOVERED AFTER THE SALE, all sale money shall be returned to the buyer and the animal, carcass or carcass value (established by the USDA market for dressed meat as of day of sale) shall be returned to the exhibitor. All placings in the show will stand. No animals will be advanced.

56. Any carcass suspected of being tampered with or suspected of containing drugs will be detained until the investigation is complete.
57. **CARCASS CONDEMNATION** at the packing plant due to unethical or illegal practices shall be grounds for disqualification in the on foot and carcass division of the show. Additionally, all premiums and sale money shall be forfeited and the loss of the animal be incurred by the exhibitor.
58. All animals and livestock shown, housed or displayed shall receive care that is healthy and consistent with accepted management practices and public expectations. Exhibits shall reflect the care and concern that Iowans have for animals and livestock.
59. **Each 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 FFA member learn new skills. FFA members can be assisted by an immediate family member, fellow active Iowa FFA member and/or chapter advisor in fitting and grooming their cattle. No other assistants will be permitted. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be disqualified. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.**

T-SHIRTS FOR FFA EXHIBITORS

60. FFA exhibitors will be furnished one free t-shirt and are expected to wear it while exhibiting. It is suggested that any assistant or substitute exhibitor wear an official exhibitor t-shirt. A special form will have to be presented at the FFA Headquarters to verify approval of the substitute show person to receive a t-shirt.

FFA/4-H EXHIBITOR BARBECUE

61. FFA exhibitors and advisors are invited to a Barbecue at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 12 east of the Livestock Pavilion in the picnic shelter. This annual event is sponsored by **KENT® Nutrition**, Muscatine.

FFA PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

62. Exhibitors of Grand and Reserve Grand Champion exhibits are encouraged to participate in the FFA Parade of Champions. The event is held on Saturday, August 15 beginning at 3:30 p.m.
63. Exhibitors must sign up for the Parade by 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14 at FFA Headquarters.
64. Parade exhibitors will be provided one vehicle permit and admission ticket to be used on Saturday, August 15.
65. Parade exhibitors are expected to wear a clean FFA exhibitor t-shirt.

FFA HALL OF CHAMPIONS EXHIBIT

66. The following animals must move promptly to a special exhibit section provided by the Iowa State Fair and must remain there until August 22: **Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb; Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog; Grand Champion Market Meat Goat.**
67. The Management of the Iowa State Fair will provide bedding and hay for the group of animals on exhibit during the period of August 13 through 22 inclusive. The exhibitors, however, must furnish their own feed.

68. Exhibitors of FFA champions must check with the FFA Superintendent and secure pans/troughs for feed and water as well as establish plans for feeding and watering the animals in the Hall of Champions Exhibit.
69. No animal in this group shall be removed from the Iowa State Fairgrounds until the auction on Saturday, August 22 except animals affected with disease, and in such cases only upon written permission from the superintendent of the respective department. Animals will be hauled to a designated location immediately following the sale.

SALE OF CHAMPIONS

70. The Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb, the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog and the Grand Champion Market Meat Goat will be sold in the Sale of Champions.
71. Each animal sold in the Sale of Champions must be processed at a harvesting facility designated by the Iowa State Fair Authority at the conclusion of the Iowa State Fair. Carcass data will be collected. The eyeballs of the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion animals will be harvested at time of processing for tissue testing for the presence of clenbuterol.
72. A percentage of the gross income from each animal sold in the Sale of Champions will be put in the "Iowa State Fair FFA Scholarship Fund," which is part of the IFAA. Scholarship applications were mailed by the Iowa FFA Foundation to each Agricultural Education department. Applications must be postmarked on or before July 1.
73. Sale exhibitors are expected to attend the informational meeting and pre-sale meal function.

BARN POLICY

74. No tack or bedding is allowed in the barn before listed arrival time. Exhibitors arriving early will be removed from the barn and premiums will be forfeited.
75. Parents and other adults are strongly encouraged to be positive role models and refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages in or around the barns.
76. **NO personal generators will be allowed on Fairgrounds.**

FFA LODGING

Youth Inn and Hillcrest Dormitory

77. Youth Inn privileges will be available to those 4-H and FFA members, families, leaders, advisors, chaperones and staff who will abide by the rules and regulations and who will cooperate with the Iowa State Fair Management and Youth Inn Supervisors.
78. The Youth Inn will open on Monday, August 10 at 3:00 p.m. and will close at Noon on Sunday, August 23. All other days registration is from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. However, beds will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Check-in is 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Reservations will be null if not checked in by 6:00 p.m. unless prior arrangements are made with the Youth Inn Office. Pre-registration is recommended. Registration forms will be accepted beginning April 1.
79. The Hillcrest Dormitory will only house Grandstand Ushers, Free Stage Attendants and State FFA Officers.
80. 4-H and FFA exhibitors staying overnight on the Fairgrounds are to sleep at the Youth Inn except members staying with parents. All individuals or groups must have a chaperone. Siblings are allowed to stay if their parent is a chaperone.
81. For security purposes, each person staying at the Youth Inn will receive a pass at registration which will be required for admittance into the dorm. Personal items are not guarded so expensive items should be left at home or locked up.
82. **All chaperones will be responsible for their State Fair participants' conduct while in the dormitory.** Should the chaperone leave before the members check out, they must make arrangements with another chaperone to be responsible for their members. Any substitution must be reported to the dormitory supervisor or director.
83. Lights will be turned out at **11:00 p.m.** in the Youth Inn and Hillcrest Dormitories. All occupants of the dormitories are to remain quiet for satisfactory sleep beginning at these times. The doors will be closed at **12:00 a.m.** Anyone who returns later will be reported to his/her chaperone or school administration for necessary action.
84. Meals will be available for purchase in the Youth Inn Dining Hall. Breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. until 8:30 a.m., lunch from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and dinner from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
85. **No food or drink may be taken into the dormitories.** This is to prevent attracting insects and/or rodents. The Youth Inn Office has a designated area to store these items which are watched by Staff during the day and locked up at night.
86. Due to privacy issues, **cell phones are not to be used in the dormitory.** This includes text messaging, etc. Calls will be allowed from the Office, the cafeteria and on the balcony.
87. Each individual should bring his/her own bedding, towels and toiletry items along with "show clothes" and enough clean clothes to last their stay at the Fair. It is also suggested to bring a jacket, flashlight, fan and extension cord with adaptor.
88. A fee of \$15 per night for youth (including all 4-H/FFA exhibitors) and \$20 per night for adults (18 & older) will be charged for each person receiving overnight lodging in the Youth Inn. Pay this non-refundable fee to the Iowa State Fair Youth Inn Manager upon arrival at dormitory. Payment must be in the form of cash or card; no checks will be accepted. **Do not send Youth Inn registration fees with entries. FFA Show Workers may stay in the Youth Inn at no charge. Pre-registration is recommended.**

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