

**FFA SHOWING DEPARTMENT**  
**Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Floriculture, Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, Swine**  
**Supervisor - Barb Clawson, Ames**

**JUDGES** - FFA Alumni Members; Industry Representatives

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

**SPECIAL RULES**

1. Do not enter showing classes on Iowa State Fair entry forms.
2. There is no entry fee for showing classes.
3. Only owners of the animals exhibited are eligible to compete for and receive showing awards.
4. Substitute show persons and assistants are not eligible for any showing awards.
5. Showing will be judged by committee (see exceptions below) while the animals are being exhibited in the show ring and using the following criteria:
  - a. fitting of the animals
  - b. exhibitors' skills in displaying animals
  - c. personal appearance and conduct in the ring
  - d. presenting of accurate pedigree and/or other information when requested by show supervisors and/or assistants

Exhibitors in the Dairy Goat Show, Horse Show, and Poultry Show will be evaluated by the judge of the respective show.

Dairy Cattle, Meat Goat, Sheep and Swine will have a separate judge and separate showing class.

6. Exhibitors are not allowed to hire professionals to fit their animal. Only immediate family, FFA advisors and fellow Iowa FFA chapter members are permitted to assist with fitting. Family members include and are limited to: parent/legal guardian, brother, sister or step-siblings.
7. FFA Belt Buckles will be awarded to all "Gold" rated show persons who have not been previous winners in other divisions in 2026 or previous year's official FFA showing competition.
8. Ribbons will be awarded to the Gold Showing Exhibitors in the following departments: Breeding Beef, Performance Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Western Horse, Draft Horse, Meat Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Breeding Swine and Market Swine.
9. Rosettes will be awarded to the Showing Champion in each department listed above.