

# 2026 State Fair 4-H Livestock Entry

## *FairEntry Help Sheet*

**ENTRY DEADLINE: July 1 @ 11:59 PM**

**Late Fee applied: July 2 @ 7:00 AM – July 8 @ 11:59 PM**

- All 4-H Livestock and Horticulture exhibitors will make entry online through the FairEntry System.
- ALL Payments, whether by Check or Credit Card will go directly to the Iowa State Fair
  - Check - Make sure you send a copy of your invoice along with your personal check. Make sure the total amount on the invoice matches your check payment!
  - Credit Card – Card payments will be processed online after 4-H staff have reviewed entries.

### **NEW FOR 2026**

Iowa State Fair 4-H exhibitors and families may now order exhibitor **admission tickets and parking passes in advance through FairEntry**. Parking Passes and Extra Admission tickets will be sent separately from your free 4-H Exhibitor Pass. You will complete the parking pass and admission ticket request prior to making class entries.

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- Internet Explorer is not the preferred browser. Google Chrome, Firefox, and Safari are the best browsers to use when signing into FairEntry.
    - **Chrome:** <https://www.google.com/chrome/index.html>
    - **Firefox:** <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/new/>
  - **Be sure all the animals you are entering have been properly identified in 4-H Online for State Fair exhibition**
    - For example (Breeding beef tattoo (all heifers), Reg. # for purebreds; Retinal images for market beef sheep and meat goats; horse photos; DNA punch tag # for all swine)
  - **Substitution of animals will be allowed during fair check-in as long as the animal has been properly identified in 4-H Online!**
1. Go to <https://iowastatefair4hlivestock.fairentry.com>.
    - In the “How would you like to participate?” box, select “As an Exhibitor.”
    - Enter your family 4-H Online Email and Password
    - If you can’t remember your password, **DO NOT** select the “Reset Password” option here. Instead, login to your 4-H Online account at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> , and select the “Forgot my password” option to reset it there first. Then go back to FairEntry with your new temporary password.

2026 Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock & Horticulture

Registration is currently **Open**  
 Registration dates: 3/1/2026 - 7/1/2026  
 Exceptions may apply. [View Details](#)

**4-H Livestock and Horticulture Entry System**

**Fair Dates: Aug. 13-23, 2026**  
 Special Market Broker Class Entry Deadline: May 1  
 Livestock and Horticulture Entries Open: June 1  
 4-H Entry Deadline: July 1  
**Late Entry Fee Applied: July 2 - July 8**  
 The 2026 Premium Book and Help Sheet will be updated in April.  
 4-H Livestock & Horticulture Premium Book  
 4-H Livestock & Horticulture Family Entry Help Sheet

How would you like to participate?

- As an Exhibitor ✓
- As Fair Staff/Volunteer ✓
- View Fair Results ✓

Use your 4-H Online account

**Sign in with 4-H Online**

[Go to 4-H Online to reset your password?](#)

2. Click **Begin Registration**.

Iowa State Fair  
**NOTHING COMPARES**

**Welcome!**  
 Thank you for signing-in with your 4HOnline account.

For your convenience, the managers of this fair have already imported some of your 4HOnline records.

**4HOnline**  
 4-H Exhibitors and Event Registration

We noticed you haven't yet registered for the fair.

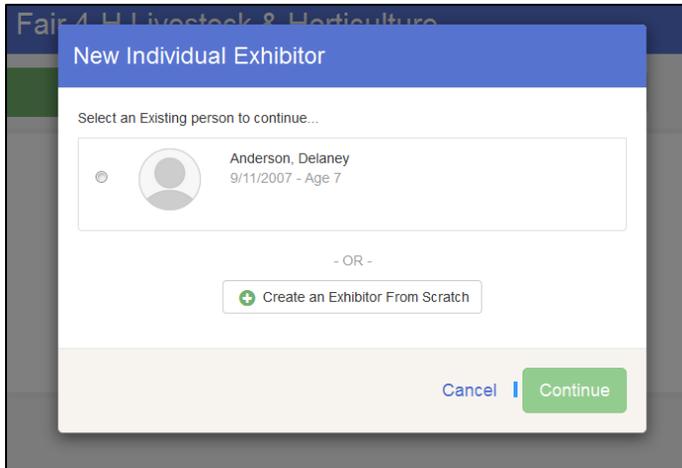
**Begin Registration**

3. Click **Individual**.

Do you want to register an **Individual**?

**Individual**

4. Select the exhibitor and click **Continue**.
  - DO NOT "Create an Exhibitor From Scratch"



5. Then you will be taken to the Questions tab. Read through the reminders and answer the required questions (i.e. T-shirt size), then click **Continue**. In this tab, you will also enter the total number of parking passes and extra exhibitor admission tickets that you wish to purchase

**2. Select T-shirt size (Adult Sizes)**  
\*Required

- Small
- Medium
- Large
- X-L
- 2X-L
- 3X-L

**Continue** ➔

NEW for 2026: Purchase your Iowa State Fair Exhibitor Admission Tickets and Parking Passes through FairEntry!

Iowa State Fair 4-H exhibitors and families may now order exhibitor admission tickets and parking passes in advance through FairEntry. Ordering ahead helps streamline distribution and ensures you have the necessary passes for the fair. Parking Passes and Extra Admission tickets will be sent separately from your free 4-H Exhibitor Pass.

A limit of 2 parking passes per day may be ordered.

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**4. Admission: Daily Adult (12+) Ticket**

Units

Unit Price	\$11.00
Total Price	\$0.00

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**5. Admission: Daily Child (6-11) Ticket**

Units

Unit Price	\$7.00
Total Price	\$0.00

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**6. Admission: Wristband (Good for admission for the entire Fair, non-transferable)**

Units

Unit Price	\$121.00
Total Price	\$0.00

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**7. Parking: August 13**

Units (Max 2)

Unit Price	\$10.00
Total Price	\$0.00

6. Verify your information is correct and click **Continue to Entries**.

- You may edit exhibitor's address (this address is where all premium money will be sent).

Please review the exhibitor registration. [Continue to Entries](#)

Personal Details <a href="#">Edit</a>		Contact Info <a href="#">Edit</a>	
First Name	Delaney	Email	mikeande@iastate.edu
Last Name	Anderson	Home Phone	555-222-8888
Date of Birth	9/11/2007	Cell Phone	
Gender	Female	Cell Phone Carrier	

Address [Edit](#)

3630 Extension Bldg  
Ames, IA

7. Click **Add an Entry** to the exhibitor.

 Anderson, Delaney [Add an Entry](#)  
0 Entries [4HOnline](#)

8. Pick the desired Department.

- Be sure you have animals identified in 4HOnline for the Department.

Starting an Entry

Select a Department to continue

Beef	<a href="#">Select</a>
Dairy Cattle	<a href="#">Select</a>
Dairy Goats	<a href="#">Select</a>
Dog Obedience and Handling	<a href="#">Select</a>
Horse	<a href="#">Select</a>
Horticulture	<a href="#">Select</a>
Meat Goats	<a href="#">Select</a>
Poultry	<a href="#">Select</a>
Rabbits	<a href="#">Select</a>
Sheep	<a href="#">Select</a>
Swine	<a href="#">Select</a>

9. Select the Division

Starting an Entry

Department Beef [Change](#)

Select a Division to continue

201: Breeding Beef	<a href="#">Select</a>
202: Market Beef	<a href="#">Select</a>
209: Beef Showmanship	Not Available

This exhibitor may not enter into this Division because:

> 4HOnline Exhibitors are not allowed to enter

10. Select the Class.

- Class changes can be made during fair check-in

Starting an Entry

Department	Beef	Change
Division	201: Breeding Beef	Change
Select a Class to continue		
20121: Angus		Select
20122: Charolais		Select
20123: Charolais Cross		Select
20124: Chianina		Select
20125: Gelbvieh		Select
20126: Maremma		Select

11. Verify that the entry is correct. If something is incorrect, simply click “Change” and it will allow you to change whichever one is incorrect. If everything is correct, click **Continue**.

Starting an Entry

Department	Beef	Change
Division	201: Breeding Beef	Change
Class	20121: Angus	Change

Continue

12. Select your 4-H club, click **Continue**.

Club/Chapter

Please select the 4-H Club or FFA Chapter that is associated with this entry.

Selected Club: None

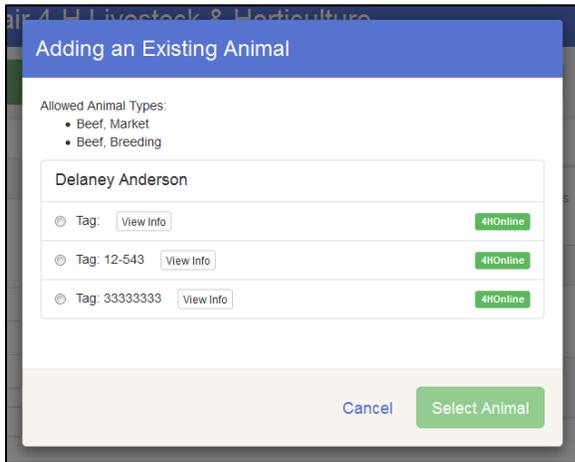
Search...

- Audubon Clover Kids
- "New" Ankeny Club
- 1 test club
- 12 Mile Lakers
- 3 Mile Sharp Shooters
- 3-L'S
- 4 Bar H

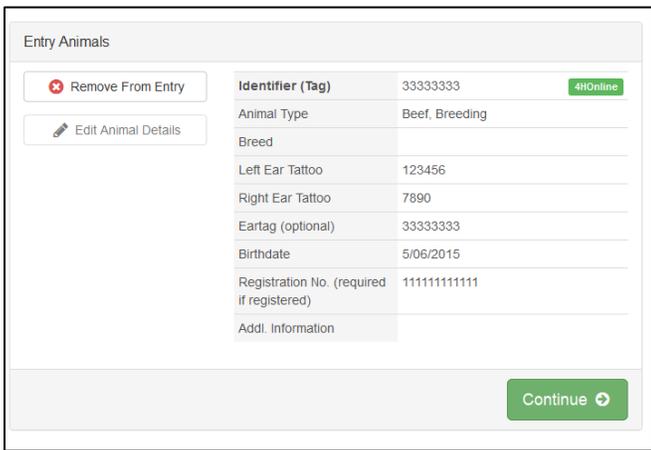
2134 total clubs are available

Continue

13. Select Add an Animal.

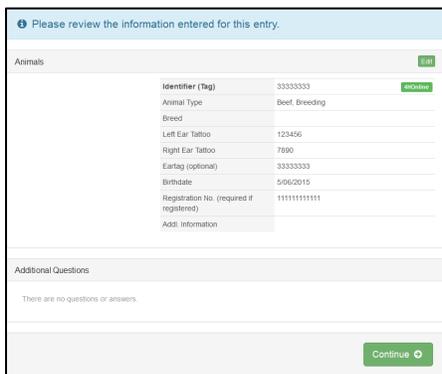


- This will bring up a list of animals that you have identified in 4-H Online that would fit into this Department.
- Make sure to click **View Info** and verify that this animal is properly identified for the Iowa State Fair.
  - i.e Retinal image=true (market beef, sheep, meat goat)
  - Photos= true for horse
  - Swine (State Fair DNA tag # is filled)
- Once you have your animal chosen, click **Select Animal**.



14. The selected animal will then appear with all the information you entered on that animal. If this is the correct animal, click **Continue**.

- If this is not the correct animal, click **Remove from Entry**.
- Substitution of animals will be allowed during fair check-in as long as the animal has been properly identified in 4-H Online



15. If applicable, there may be additional questions or reminders specific to the department/division/class.
16. Review the classes and animals you have entered. Check that you have read/answered additional information.  
Click **Continue**.

What do you want to do next?

For Avery Anderson:

[+ Add another Entry](#)

[+ Add another Entry in this Division](#)

[+ Register another Exhibitor](#)

[➔ Continue to Payment](#)

17. Choose whether you would like to **Register another Exhibitor** or **Add another Entry for this Exhibitor**, be sure you have entered all classes for all exhibitors before clicking **Continue to Payment**.

There are 2 items that need your attention

[➔ Review/Complete Outstanding Records](#)

\*\*\*If you see a blue section that indicates that you need to review or complete outstanding records, and you are unable to complete them please contact the 4-H Livestock Team at [4hlivestock@iastate.edu](mailto:4hlivestock@iastate.edu).

18. This is a summary of your invoice. You can select the “Detail” button which will show each specific class that you have entered. If this looks correct, click **Continue**.

Invoice	<a href="#">Summary</a> <a href="#">Detail</a>
Individual Exhibitor: Delaney	\$20.00
	<b>Total: \$20.00</b>
<a href="#">Continue ➔</a>	

19. The next screen just informs you of the payment options you have. You should have the option to **pay your state fair entry fees online**, but you may still choose to pay by Check or Cash. If you choose to pay by check or cash **DO NOT** send your entry to your county extension office. **\*\*\*Payments must be postmarked by July 1.\*\*\***

- Mail all check or cash payments directly to:

**Iowa State Fair, 4-H Livestock Department, P.O. Box 57130, Des Moines, IA 50317**

Once you have read through and chosen your payment method, click **Continue**.

20. This screen is a summary of the invoice and the final step. Before you hit **Submit**, remember:

- You will no longer be able to change entries
- **There will be no refunds**

- Make sure everything is correct
- Make sure you are done entering all classes for all exhibitors

If you have any questions during the process, please contact:

The Iowa State Fair 4-H Livestock Team

[4hlivestock@iastate.edu](mailto:4hlivestock@iastate.edu)