

# **ANIMAL SCIENCE DIVISION**

General Superintendents: Steve Moser and Eric Finch

## **GENERAL RULES FOR ANIMAL EXHIBITS**

**ALL EXHIBITS MUST HAVE BEEN CARED FOR AND FED BY THE EXHIBITOR FROM MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> ON.**  
(Members not living at home are ineligible to exhibit).

EXHIBITORS WITH BEEF, GOAT, POULTRY, RABBIT (only rabbit hopping exception), SHEEP, AND/OR SWINE MUST BE FSQA CERTIFIED. Exhibitors in grades 4 – 6 with bottle bucket calves are also required to be FSQA certified. Exhibition is not allowed if certification is not current. FSQA Certification Program and Testing will occur March 21 at 6:30 pm in Christy 4-H Hall.

**EXHIBITORS ARE REQUIRED TO USE EITHER SAWDUST OR WOOD CHIPS AS BEDDING FOR ALL LIVESTOCK.**

All animal exhibits with the exception of Horses and Ponies, Advanced Cattle Feeder groups, Dogs, and Small Pets must be in place no later than Saturday, July 22 at Noon. See appropriate department for entry times of the exceptions.

No re-weighs are allowed for any animals weighed.

**It is the intent that the 4-H/FFA member take responsibility to care for and groom his/her own animals. If assistance is needed it should be aimed at helping the 4-H/FFA member learn new skills and be done with a family member and/or another 4-H/FFA member.**

No painting, dyeing and use of color agents on animals is allowed except for horses. Exhibitors can use colored grooming aids on hooves only. All first and second place animals will be wiped down except horses. Any evidence of coloring, painting or dyeing the animal will result in disqualification, loss of premium for that animal, and will not participate in the ribbon auction with that animal if the animal was previously eligible.

Absolutely no tranquilizing or other drugging of animals will be allowed in any manner. The following are guidelines set out by the Story County Fair Board regarding drugging of animals:

- a) No drugs or medicines of any kind may be administered except by the order of the official Fair Veterinarian.
- b) All animals are subject to drug testing at the request of the Story County Fair Board.
- c) All animals giving evidence of being medicated without prior approval will be barred from exhibition.
- d) **The use of Clenbuterol and other illegal drugs is prohibited.** Should fraud or deception, and proof, as determined by the Story County Fair Board, be discovered after the animal or animals have been shown and prior to the ribbon sale, the exhibitor of said animal shall not be permitted to sell. If the Grand Champion is disqualified, at the discretion of the Story County Fair Board, the Reserve 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. All placings in the show will be detained until the investigation is complete. 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.

4-H and FFA members must show their own exhibits, except in case of sickness or other justifiable reason. Substitute show person **must** be a Story County 4-H or FFA member. **The substitution must be approved by the appropriate livestock species superintendent.**

The judge may award livestock exhibits with purple, blue, red, and white ribbons. The judge may also select a Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion in each livestock species. The decision of the judge is final.

Exhibit premiums are determined with the highest ribbon placing awarded. The highest premium dollars that may be awarded is the dollar amount assigned to a straight purple ribbon. A premium point system is used to calculate premium dollars.

Classes may be divided or combined at the discretion of the Superintendent and Judge.

**Entry in the Fair qualifies animals for the Livestock Judging Contest. If your animal is chosen, cooperation is required with the Superintendents. Failure to cooperate will result in disqualification.**

Stalls, pens, and alleyways must be cleaned and manure deposited, where instructed by each livestock Superintendent, by no later than 7:30 a.m. each day, unless another time is specified in the species rules. Exhibitor will keep rear space of the stall clear and clean throughout the day.

**All exhibitors will leave pens or stalls clean of all manure at the close of the fair or forfeit premium.**

Previous winners of showmanship awards may compete at the next level (ie. junior winner compete at intermediate level) and can compete multiple times as a senior level exhibitor. Exhibitors must show their own livestock in showmanship classes.

Livestock exhibitors **cannot** remove animals from the grounds until Wednesday evening, **after the Ribbon Auction for market animals or 6:30 p.m. for non-market animals or your premiums will be forfeited.**

Animals can also be picked up between 8 and 10 am on the Thursday following the Ribbon Auction.

Courtesy is expected in the barns, on the grounds, and in the show ring. Good sportsmanship shall prevail. No abuse of animals will be tolerated. (See Herdsmanship rules).

A concern has been expressed about exhibitor safety when showing beef animals. The Fair Board suggests the following to minimize risk in showing beef animals.

- a) Parents use discretion in showing animals which are not properly broken to lead. Help 4-H/FFA exhibitors begin early and supervise this part of the project.
- b) When Dueland Pavilion is not in use during the fair, it will be open so that exhibitors may acquaint their animal with their new surroundings.

Stall cards cannot be changed. Any changing of stall cards will automatically disqualify the exhibitor from the Story County Fair.

Fans should be cleaned and checked before being brought to the fair. Fans found to be faulty upon inspection, will be removed from the grounds. The Fair Board has the final authority in approval of fans. Fans must have a protective covering over the blades, belts and other moving parts.

**Fans will be limited as follows:**

Cattle:	1 fan per maximum of two animals. No butt fans allowed.
Sheep/Goats:	1 fan per two pens
Swine:	1 fan per pen
Rabbits/Poultry:	Regulated by division superintendent
Horses:	1 fan per stall (if needed) - fans should not be mounted on metal grill which surrounds building, unless fan is insulated from the grill.

Dress code for showing animals: a white shirt, 4-H shirt, or FFA shirt, long pants, and closed toed shoes.

Livestock equipment may be brought to the fairgrounds Friday, July 22 from 12 noon to 9 pm.

## **RIBBON SALE FOR A MARKET ANIMAL**

1. The Ribbon Sale will be held Wednesday, July 26 in the Dueland Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.
2. Order of Sale: Champion and Reserve Champion Market Poultry & Rabbits, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goats, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Sheep, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Swine, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Beef will be brought through first in a random order. These will then be followed by all other Market Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbits and Goats.
3. Only youth exhibitors that had market animals weighed in on Friday, July 21, Saturday, July 22, Sunday, July 23, or Monday, July 24 at the Story County Fairgrounds are allowed to enter the Ribbon Sale.
4. Youth participating in the ribbon auction will forfeit all market animal premiums. All checks must be cashed within 60 days of issue.
5. Exhibitors choosing to participate in the ribbon sale must be accompanied by a market animal. Exception to this rule – Advanced Cattle Feeder Pens do not need to bring an animal through the ring.
6. The program will list all exhibitors participating in the sale along with their awarded ribbon placing.
7. If the exhibitor is not present at the time of the sale, then they will not be eligible to participate. **No substitutions** will be allowed.
8. Successful bidders will be recognized with a plaque and disc with the year on it. These plaques and discs will be given out at the bidders table after the ribbon sale.
9. Required dress in the sale ring is close-toed shoes, a 4-H or FFA T-shirt, and a clean pair of jeans.
10. **Sign – up ends at 6:00 p.m. on Monday of the fair.**
11. **Writing a Thank You note to sponsor/buyer of ribbon is required before Fairboard will send Ribbon Auction Check. Proof (picture) of the note may be sent to [kblake@iastate.edu](mailto:kblake@iastate.edu).**