

# 2026



## Sussex County 4-H Exhibit Catalogue



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Sussex County 4-H Community:

Provided here is the 2026 4-H Exhibit Catalog for entering the upcoming New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, July 31-August 8.

Hard copies of the 2026 4-H Fair Exhibit Catalog, are available upon request from the Sussex County 4-H Office.

Sussex 4-H volunteer leaders, parents and members, please review the *4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code*. You are expected to adhere to this behavior code at all times. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the fairgrounds and forfeit of all ribbons and premiums.

No entry form will be accepted without both the 4-H member's and the parent/guardian's signature.

All club booths and exhibits inside the Shotwell Building must be completed by 8 p.m. on the Wednesday before the fair officially opens. All individual exhibits must be dropped off the Sunday before the fair. The fair opens officially **at 5 pm** on Friday and people will begin to visit the indoor exhibits. All exhibit items must remain on display until 10:00 pm on the last Saturday of the fair.

4-H leaders should devote a 4-H club meeting to work with their members on entering items in the fair. New members will not know how to do this unless you help them. At minimum, they should read over the Entry Rules, and the rules for any departments their club's members may plan to exhibit. Families new to 4-H should review, *Prepare for the Fair*, a primer for the fair.

Your cooperation and assistance in helping 4-H'ers complete the 4-H Member entry forms properly will be greatly appreciated.

Every 4-H member must submit an individual entry form indicating their participation in the fair to be eligible for fair passes.

Please return or mail your members' 4-H Member entry forms to:

- The 4-H/RCE Office at 130 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860 by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- (The 4-H office is located in Frankford Township across from the Office of Emergency Planning on CR 655.)
- If July 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the 4-H Member entry forms are due in the 4-H Office the Friday before\*.
- No exceptions will be made for entries that are received after this date.
- If forms are incomplete they will not be processed. All forms must be processed by the 4-H Office before they are sent to the Ag. Division Office at the fairgrounds (Tammy Hayes).

***Any forms processed after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be marked as late and the participant will be ineligible for passes and premiums.***

Please plan to submit all 4-H member entry forms and other materials for your project area by the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

4-H Member entry forms are available at the 4-H Office or online at [www.sussex4h.org](http://www.sussex4h.org) (under Forms).

If you would like to pick up hard copies from the 4-H Office, please contact the office in advance to make arrangements.

Thank you,



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## 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code Agreement

According to policy set forth by the Sussex County 4-H Advisory Council in concurrence with Rutgers Cooperative Extension and the Department of 4-H Youth Development and further endorsed by the Executive Committee of the NJ State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, the following statement and 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code shall apply to all 4-H members, their parents, families, legal guardians, and volunteer 4-H leaders.

The Sussex County 4-H Youth Development Program will adhere to the 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code as outlined below and additionally endorses all behavior policies as noted in the official International Association of Fairs and Expositions (IAFE) code of behavior for exhibitors. The IAFE code will be prominently posted throughout the exhibit areas used by Sussex County 4-H (Shotwell Building, Livestock Show Arena and animal barns). **No 4-H fair project entry form will be accepted unless both the 4-H member and parent/guardian sign this agreement.**

**Note:** Violations of any aspect of the 4-H or IAFE Code Of Conduct will be immediately reported to the NJSF®/SCFHS, Agricultural Area Coordinator. Immediate corrective action will be taken with further disciplinary action to follow upon detailed investigation of the infraction or incident.

### 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code (applies to 4-H Volunteers, Members, and Families)

- The health, safety, and welfare of others must be respected at all times.
- Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times. Profanity, foul or abusive language, inflammatory statements, derogatory comments or physical altercations toward any group or individual are not permitted.
- Participants are expected to participate in all scheduled club activities at the NJSF®/SCF&HS.
- 4-H members are required to wear exhibitor name tags/numbers for proper identification while on the grounds or participating in a 4-H event.
- Participants are responsible for following the instructions of all 4-H staff and event 4-H volunteer leaders.
- All behavior or language of a sexual nature at 4-H events is inappropriate and unacceptable. Dignified and respectable behavior is expected at all times from youth and adults.
- Curfew hours must be strictly followed.
- Behavior during free time is subject to the supervision of 4-H staff and 4-H leaders.
- Previously set Dress Code standards for the event must be met by all participants (i.e., no sexually suggestive, culturally insensitive, tobacco or alcohol industry sponsored shirts, inappropriately cut shirts, shorts, pants or skirts, etc.)
- Possession, distribution or use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. Prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications may be dispensed by adult chaperones only with written authorization provided by the parent/guardian on the 4-H Event Permission Form filed for the event.
- For the well being of self and others, smoking and the use of other tobacco products is prohibited in all animal barns. (*As of 2022, the Sussex County Fairgrounds is a smoke-free zone.*)
- Care and respect for property, personal and institutional, is expected at all times. Theft or possession of missing property is prohibited.
- Unauthorized possession, distribution or use of weapons, ammunition or fireworks is prohibited.
- Honesty is expected at all times from 4-H members. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism and forgery are inappropriate actions.

*You will be required to sign 4-H registration forms for NJSF®/SCFHS indicating that you have read the 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code outlined above and discussed it with your son/daughter and understand and agree to the conditions set forth.*

## 4-H Exhibit Catalog Entry Rules

1. The 4-H Exhibit Committee will not be liable, in any way, for loss due to fire, water, theft, an act of God/Nature, or any cause whatsoever, and the exhibitors shall hold the Fair Committee blameless for any loss and upon this condition only are the entries accepted. However every precaution will be taken to protect the exhibits.
2. ALL exhibits, including Club Booths, must remain on view until 10:00 p.m. on the last Saturday. All exhibits must be removed on Sunday following the last day of the fair. Livestock exhibitors should check with their department chairperson to find out the time of departure for their species. Exhibitors are responsible for removal of the exhibits and for the pick up of their premiums. Any exhibitor removing an exhibit or any part of an exhibit without permission from the department chairperson before 10:00 pm on Saturday will forfeit all ribbons and premiums.
3. Only officially enrolled and active 4-H club members in Sussex County are eligible to exhibit. Members must be enrolled in the ZSuite online enrollment program to be eligible.
4. A 4-H youth member (regular/standard) must be enrolled in a 4-H club by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be eligible to exhibit. All exhibits must be the result of the current 4-H year's project work.
5. Each exhibit item must be listed on a 4-H Member Entry Form. If 4-H Member entry forms are not filled out completely with name of exhibitor, complete mailing address, grade level completed in school, and phone number, it will be assumed that the exhibitor is a Cloverbud member. The local 4-H club leader as indicated by his/her signature must then approve this entry form. All 4-H member entry forms must be returned to the 4-H Office, 130 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ 07860 by **July 1<sup>st</sup>**. **If the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the form is due the Friday before.** Any entry received after this date will forfeit all cash awards.
6. 4-H Member entry forms must be filled out completely and neatly using Department Numbers, Section Numbers, Class Numbers, Name of Article, Name of Exhibitor, & Grade Level Completed in School by Exhibitor During Current Year. Pre-printed exhibit tags will be available when items are received at the fairgrounds.
7. Most departments indicate only one entry per class is allowed. Some departments indicate otherwise. Be sure to read the department rules for each department in which you intend to exhibit items. Entries not meeting department and class requirements will be disqualified by department chairperson, thus forfeiting all ribbons.
8. All Shotwell Building exhibit items shall be judged or evaluated before the fair, except as noted in *When Shotwell Building Exhibits Have To Be On The Fairgrounds*.
9. Project Record Books for all Departments **must** be submitted to the local 4-H club leader for evaluation and review along with the 4-H Member Entry Form. A separate record book is required for each club in which a 4-H member is registered. If any club's work involves more than one project area, (*for example: Dairy Goats and Crafts*), a record book for each 4-H project area must be completed for that particular club.

Leaders for each project area must initial next to the project(s) on the entry form after review of the appropriate record book(s) has been completed. All 4-H leaders are asked to cooperate by collecting the 4-H member entry form(s) and any record book(s) for each member.

A 4-H leader, or an adult designated by the club leader, must submit all the 4-H member entry forms **and record books from their entire club** to the 4-H Office located at 130 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ, 07860 (off of CR 655 across from the Office of Emergency Management) by July 1<sup>st</sup> (*or Friday before, if July 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a weekend*).

#### 4-H Exhibit Catalog Entry Rules (continued)

10. Final Project Record Evaluation: all project record books, are to be given final examination by 4-H club leaders during the month of September. Only project achievements deserving of county medal recognition, as determined by the club leader, should be sent to the 4-H Office. Leaders will be sent complete instructions for final project evaluation in September.
11. All exhibits by 4-H youth members (regular/standard) will be judged on a modified Danish System. Scores will be blue—*Excellent*, red—*Very Good*, or yellow—*Good*. Rosettes will be awarded for the best exhibit judged *Excellent* in each department with at least three entries. *Best of Class* rosettes may be awarded at the discretion of the judges. Cash premiums will be awarded to all exhibits except those in Ribbon Only Classes, and Cloverbud members or members enrolled in a Cloverbud club.

#### When Shotwell Building Exhibits Have To Be On Fairgrounds

- ∞ Entries in the following Departments; *Forestry & Conservation*, *Child Care*, *Home Furnishings*, *Arts & Crafts*, *Art*, *Ceramics*, *Needlecraft*, *Photography*, *Construction*, *Woodcraft Engineering*, *Feline Studies-Furnishing and Accessories* and *Hobbies & Collections* must be received **between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm on the Sunday before the fair opens.** (7/26/2026)
- ∞ *Club booth* and *Cloverbud Booth* displays may be set up **between 3:00 and 8:00 pm on the Tuesday and/or Wednesday before the fair opens.** (7/28, 7/29/2026)
- ∞ *Clothing Construction* and *Shooting Sports* displays may be set up **between 3:00 and 8:00 pm on the Tuesday and/or Wednesday before the fair.** The Department Chairs will provide information regarding exact times for check-in.
- ∞ Entries in *Vegetables*; *Herbs*; and *Flowers* must be received and on display **between 10:00 and 12:00 Noon on Friday morning of the fair.** (7/31/2026)
- ∞ Entries in *Foods & Nutrition* and *Food Preservation* must be brought to the grounds **between 9:30 am and 12:00 Noon on Thursday of fair week.**

#### Rules For Usage Of The Shotwell Building

- ∞ During the Fair, usage of the Shotwell 4-H Exhibit Hall for any purpose (including storage of materials) must be approved by the 4-H Office.
- ∞ The scheduling of all *4-H Learning Center* programs during the fair must be arranged by the 4-H Exhibits Committee co-chairs.

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## DEPARTMENT 1

### VEGETABLES - HOME GARDEN PRODUCTS

Department Chairperson: Deb Brodhecker, (973) 702-1223

#### RULES:

All Entry Rules must be followed.

1. Any Club Member may enter only one exhibit per class, for a total of 7 items in this department.
2. All exhibits must have been selected and grown by 4-H exhibitor and/or their families from the home garden.
3. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. All Specimens displayed must be clean, but should not be washed. Slightly immature specimens will be accepted. All entries should be uniform in size, shape and color.
5. Exhibit the exact number asked for in each class or the entry will be disqualified.

#### SECTION AVE-Vegetables

##### Class Number and description

1. Bean, Green: 5 pods
2. Bean, Lima: 5 pods
3. Beets: 3 specimens; tops trimmed to 1"
4. Cabbage: 1 head, outer leaves intact
5. Cauliflower: 1 head
6. Carrots: 3 specimens, tops trimmed to 1"
7. Chard, Swiss: 1 stalk in water
8. Corn, sweet: 2 ears
9. Cucumber: slicing: 2 specimens
10. Cucumber: pickling: 3 specimens
11. Eggplant: 1 specimen
12. Onion: 3 specimens, tops trimmed to 1"
13. Melon: 1 specimen
14. Pepper: Hot; 3 specimens, tops on
15. Pepper: Sweet; 3 specimens, tops on

16. Pumpkin: 1 specimen
17. Radish: 3 specimens
18. Squash: Zucchini; 1 specimen
19. Squash: Yellow; 1 specimen
20. Squash: Other; 1 specimen
21. Potato: 3 specimens
22. Sweet Potato: 2 specimens
23. Tomato/Standard: 3 specimens
24. Tomato/Heirloom any type: 3 specimens or 1 cluster
25. Tomato/plum; 1 cluster
26. Tomato/ cherry: 1 cluster
27. Tomato/grape; 1 cluster
28. Tomato/ other: 3 specimens
29. Watermelon: 1 specimen
30. Gourds: 3 specimens
31. Garlic: 1 bulb, tops trimmed to 1" and roots neatly trimmed
32. Kale: 1 stalk in water
33. Any other vegetable: 3 specimens

**VEGETABLES (continued)**

**SECTION CBE- Berries**

*One Pint*

**Class Number and description**

1. Blackberries
2. Blueberries
3. Raspberries
4. Any other berry

**SECTION DTR- Tree Fruits**

*Trees managed and cared for by member*

**Class Number and description**

1. Apple: 3 specimens	5. Pear: 3 specimens
2. Apricot: 3 specimens	6. Plum: 3 specimens
3. Cherry: 5 Specimens	7. Any other fruit
4. Peach: 3 specimens	

## DEPARTMENT 2

### HERBS - HOME GARDEN PRODUCTS

Department Chairperson: Deb Brodhecker, (973) 702-1223

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. Any club member may enter only one exhibit per class, for a total of seven (7) items in this department.
3. All exhibits must have been selected and grown by 4-H exhibitor and/or their families from the home garden.
4. **All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
5. All specimens displayed must be clean, and should be washed. Slightly immature specimens will be accepted.
6. All entries should be uniform in size, shape and color.
7. Exhibit the exact number asked for in each class or the entry will be disqualified.

#### SECTION BHE- Herbs

*Three Stems in Water*

##### Class Number and description

1. Basil	6. Oregano	11. Chives
2. Dill	7. Rosemary	12. Parsley
3. Lavender	8. Sage	13. Any other herb
4. Marjoram	9. Thyme	
5. Mint	10. Cilantro	

## DEPARTMENT 3

### PLANTS & FLOWERS

Department Chairperson: Deb Brodhecker, (973) 702-1223

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. All exhibits must have been selected and grown by a 4-H exhibitor and/or their families from the home garden, and arranged by the club member.
3. A club member may enter only one (1) exhibit per class, for a total of seven (7) items in this department.
4. **All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
5. Exhibitors must provide their own containers and label with name and club on tape fastened to bottom of container. (No paper cups or other lightweight containers.)
6. Failure to exhibit exact number of stems called for in a particular class will cause the exhibit to be disqualified.
7. Cut flowers will be judged on quality and uniformity, flower arrangement and selection of container.

**PLANTS & FLOWERS (continued)**

**SECTION ANN- Annual Flowers**

*Grown and selected by member*

**Class Number with description**

1. Ageratum: 3 stems with blooms	13. Coleus: 3 stems
2. Aster: 3 stems with blooms	14. Nasturtium: (tropaeolum) 3 stems with blooms
3. Calendula: (pot marigold) 3 stems with blooms	15. Petunia: 3 stems with blooms
4. Calliopsis: 3 stems with blooms	16. Annual Phlox: 3 stems with blooms
5. Celosia (coxcomb): 1 spike	17. Salvia Splendens: 3 stems with blooms
6. Cornflower: (centaurea) 3 stems with blooms	18. Scabiosa: (starflower, pincushion flower) 3 stems with blooms
7. Cosmos: 3 stems with blooms	19. Snapdragon (antirrhinum): 3 stems with blooms
8. Everlasting strawflower-Helichrysum: 3 stems with blooms	20. Sunflower: 1 bloom
9. Dahlia: 3 stems with blooms	21. Verbena: 3 stems with blooms
10. Globe Amaranth (Gomphrena): 3 stems with blooms	22. Zinnia: 3 stems with blooms
11. Larkspur (annual delphinium): 3 spikes	23. Other: 3 stems with blooms
12. Marigold: 3 stems with blooms	

**SECTION BIA- Biannual and Perennial flowers**

**Class Number with description**

1. Achillea (Yarrows): 3 stems	11. Gaillardia: 3 stems
2. Aquilegia (Columbine): 3 stems	12. Gerbera (Tranannual Daisy): 3 stems
3. Bellis (English Daisy): 3 stems	13. Hollyhocks (Alcea Rosea): 1 spike
4. Carnation: 3 stems	14. Lobelia: 1 spike
5. Coreopsis: 3 stems	15. Phlox: 3 stems
6. Delphinium: 3 stems	16. Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan): 3 stems
7. Dianthus (Garden s): 3 stems	17. Scabiosa (Pin Cushion flowers): 3 stems
8. Digitalis (Foxglove): 1 spike	18. Stokesia (Stokes Aster): 3 stems
9. Echinacea (Coneflower): 3 stems	19. Other: 3 stems
10. Shasta Daisy: 3 stems	

**PLANTS & FLOWERS (continued)**

**SECTION CUT- Cut Flowers**

*Grown from outdoor bulbs, corms or tubers*

**Class Number with description**

1	Dahlia: 1 bloom	4	Tigridia: 1 bloom
2	Gladiolus: 1 spike	5	Tuberose: 1 bloom
3	Nerine Budenia (Guernsey Lily): 1 bloom	6	Other: 1 bloom or spike
		7	Other: 3 spike collection

**SECTION FLH- grown for home or patio**

*Grown for flowers or foliage, in pot, dish or basket, cared for by member at least 3 months.*

**Class Number with description**

1	Achimedes	22	Gentiana
2	Aloe	23	Geranium
3	African Violet	24	Gloxinia
4	Amaryllis	25	Heron Flower (Pecteilis)
5	Amazon Lily (Eucharis)	26	Ice Plant
6	Anthurium	27	Impatiens
7	Bromeliads	28	Lipstick Plant
8	Browallia	29	Monkeyflower
9	Tuberous Begonia	30	Passiflora (passion vine)
10	Wax Leaf Begonia	31	Pentas (Egyptian Star)
11	Cactus (varieties)	32	Peperomia
12	Calendula (pot marigold)	33	Philodendron
13	Calceolaria (Pouch flower)	34	Plumbago
14	Calla Lily	35	Portulaca
15	Coleus	36	Orchid
16	Euchoris (Amazon lily)	37	Spider Plant
17	Eucomis (pineapple lily)	38	Stock (midget)
18	Asparagus fern	39	Succulents (varieties)
19	Fuchsia	40	Tradescantia
20	Dish Garden	41	Vinca
21	Gardenia	42	Other

**PLANTS & FLOWERS (continued)**

**SECTION FLO - flower arrangements**

*Prepared by the member from natural or artificial materials*

**Class Number with description**

1. Mass arrangement: The mass arrangement is characterized by large quantities of plant material in a full, but not crowded design.
2. Miniature: Miniature arrangements are limited to 6" high, 6" wide and 6" deep
3. Novelty Creation with flowers
4. Topiary
5. Any other arrangement

**SECTION GAR- Garden Accessories**

**Class Number with description**

1. Stepping Stones	3. Fountains
2. Bird Baths	4. Miscellaneous

## Department 4

### Outdoor Education

Department Chairperson: Shawn Patrie, 973-948-3040

#### **RULES:**

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. A club member may enter only one item per class, no duplicate items, for a total of 10 items in this department. There are no exceptions for members in more than one club.
3. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will then submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1st.
4. Exhibit the exact number asked for in each class or the entry will be disqualified.

#### SECTION ATR- Forest Tree or Wildlife Shrub Seedlings

*(Label with common and scientific names, indicate age of seedling)*

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Mounted twigs of 10 different native forest tree species
2. Mounted leaves of 10 different native forest tree species
3. Mounted fruits of 10 different native forest tree species
4. Mounted wood blocks of 10 different native forest tree species
5. Mounted tree bark of 10 different native forest tree species
6. Four average seedlings-raised from seed by 4-H member. Exhibit in 4" pots or together in one large pot or gallon can *(Example black locust, birch, etc.)*
7. One balled and burlaped tree started from seed (3 or more years old)
8. Mounted leaves, twigs, and bark of 5 different native tree species
9. Miscellaneous

#### SECTION BFL - Wild Flowers

*(Label each with common and scientific names, mount on display board or in picture frame under glass)*

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Ten different native grasses
2. Ten different wild flowers
3. Five or more different native ferns or horsetails
4. Miscellaneous

#### SECTION CAN - Wild Animals

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Wild animal project booklet, including pictures of 10 animals and report on each
2. Collection of 3 or more plaster casts of wild animal tracks properly identified
3. Chart showing how wild animals help or work against man (5 or more animals)
4. Live cottontail rabbit traps - wood or metal
5. Record of detailed observations of 5 or more animals in the same class (e.g. reptiles)
6. Miscellaneous

## **Outdoor Education—continued**

### **SECTION DBI - BIRDS**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. Birdhouse or feeder - made by member (*no kits*)
2. Any other article made or collected (*no kits*)
3. Bird Scrapbook - 10 or more bird pictures and description

### **SECTION ENT- ENTOMOLOGY**

1. Life Cycle Project-binder, poster or poster series, life cycle binder must include record of observations.
2. Insect Habitat-Home-made – not store bought. Habitat should be displayed in a shallow box (no real water in display) and include an information card about the insect and its habitat showing in depth knowledge
3. Mounting Exhibits - must include a minimum of 5 specimens representing 5 insect orders. (Classification need not be taken further than order names.) *Mounting: The wings of all butterflies and moths must be spread.*

### **SECTION GLG - GEOLOGY**

1. Fossil Display - Identify & label minimum of 5 fossils. Display in a shallow box or display board. Include a display a card indicating date and location of where the fossils were found and any pertinent information about the fossil (such as Paleozoic era, Mesozoic era, etc.) showing depth of knowledge about fossils.
2. Rocks & Minerals Display - Identify & label minimum of 5 rocks or minerals. Display in a shallow box or display board. Include a display a card indicating date and location of where the minerals/rocks were found and any pertinent information about the rock/mineral such as, type of rock/mineral, geologic time, location, properties, how it is used, how it was formed, etc. showing depth of knowledge about rocks/minerals.

### **SECTION FIS - Fishing Studies**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. Decorative Tied Fly -single
2. Decorative Tied Fly- collection (min of 3)
3. Species Specific Tied Fly -single
4. Species Specific Tied Fly -collection (min of 3)
5. Artificial Lure -single
6. Artificial Lure-collection (minimum of 3)
7. Fishing Poles-Handmade
8. Miscellaneous Handmade Fishing Equipment-nets, traps, tackle boxes, etc
9. NJ Aquatic Life Study-a poster or booklet that studies one aquatic species, must include, pictures, where found in NJ, description and life cycle, appropriate bait, catch limits and fishing techniques if a game fish.

### **ITEMS MADE FROM RECYCLED OBJECTS**

#### **Rules:**

1. Items may not be purchased.
2. Items must be made from 3/4 worth of recycled objects. (*Examples: picture using seeds, bark and other natural materials; jewelry from sea shells, pine cones, etc.; miniature boat made from water bottles, etc.*)

### **SECTION ENR: Natural**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. Items made from woodland objects
2. Items made from meadow objects
3. Items made from water objects (*Examples: sand, shells, driftwood, rocks, cattails, etc.*)
4. Items made from combination of one or more of the above.
5. Miscellaneous

## **Outdoor Education—continued**

### **SECTION FMM: Manufactured**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. Items made from tin or aluminum
2. Items made from cardboard or paper
3. Items made from egg or milk carton
4. Items made from plastic
5. Items made from fabric (*Example: item made from an old shirt*)
6. Items made from combination of one or more of the above.
7. Miscellaneous

### **Section GHB: Hybrid (combination of Man-made and Natural materials)**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. Not required-any combination of the materials listed in the Natural and Man-made sections is acceptable; this is an open class

### **Section GEO-Geocaching**

1. Geocache containers made from natural materials (*rocks, logs, shells, etc.*)
2. Geocache containers made from recycled or upcycled items.
3. Miscellaneous

### **Section HSS-Survival Skills**

1. Knot Board-minimum of six knots displayed
2. Information boards on survival techniques (*ex. how to make a fire, foraging for edible plants, medicinal plants, navigation/map and compass [orienteeing], etc.*)
3. Homemade first-aid kit
4. Improvised tools from nature (*ex. bow drill w/fire board, hatchet, cordage, cooking tools*)
5. Primitive shelter (*ex. lean-to, A-frame, igloo, quinzee*)
6. 24 hour survival kit
7. Homemade water purification
8. Miscellaneous

## DEPARTMENT 5

### WOODCRAFT ENGINEERING

Department Chairperson: 4-H Staff

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. A club member may enter only one item per class, no duplicate items, for a total of 4 items in this department. No exceptions, for members in more than one club.
3. Camp crafts and school shop projects may not be exhibited in this department
4. For judging purposes, please specify whether the project is made entirely with hand tools.
5. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will then submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### These sections have the following classes:

1. ABH - Basic Hand Tools	2. BHP - Hand Held Power Tools	3. CPB - Power Bench Tools
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#### Class Number with description

1. Straight board project	2. Curved edge board project
3. A project using two or more pieces of wood joined together.	4. Pre-cut or kit project

### SECTION DCA - CARVING

#### Class Number with description

1. Use of hand tools only	2. Use of power tools	3. Pre-cut or kit project
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### SECTION EWB – WOODBURNING

#### Class Number with description

1. Shop built project with original woodburning design	2. Pre-made kit with original woodburning design kit
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### SECTION FIN – FINISHING

#### Class Number with description

Shop Built	Kit
1. Painting	1. Painting
2. Staining	2. Staining
3. Faux Finishing (sponge, marbleizing, rag, graining, etc.)	3. Faux Finishing
4. Stenciling	4. Stenciling

### SECTION GAD - ADVANCED WOODWORKING

#### Class Number with description

1. Any item showing advanced construction skills approved by and made under the project leader's supervision.
2. Advanced furniture kit item with project leader's approval.

## **Department 6**

### **Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)**

*Department Chairperson: Rosalynn McEvilly, 973-600-7440*

#### **RULES:**

*All Entry Rules must be followed.*

1. A club member may enter only one item per class, no duplicate items, for a total of 10 items in this department. There are no exceptions for members in more than one club.
2. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1st.
3. Exhibit the number asked for in each class, or the entry will be disqualified.

#### **SECTION SP –Science Projects**

##### **Class Number with description**

###### **1. Science Projects**

Submit a binder or board(s) with experiment details, observations, hypotheses, and conclusions. (Project must be independent of school). Projects may include plant seed saving, cross-breeding, control/experiment of fertilizers, and remote/automated gardening.

If the project is ongoing, a presentation of the planning and status is acceptable.

#### **SECTION ELC –Electrical**

##### **Class Number with description**

###### **Electrical Boards**

###### **1. Digital Circuit Design**

###### **2. Breadboard Circuit Design**

###### *Exhibit Board Showing Electrical Circuit Design*

Create a layout with optimal circuit design demonstrating your understanding of the circuit's purpose. Select components based on functional requirements. Utilize familiar labels and organized pathways. Prioritize signal paths by arranging them for minimal interference and maximum performance. Choose capacitors, resistors, and semiconductors that meet or exceed your electronic circuit design's voltage and current requirements to create a stable and durable circuit. You must provide proper schematic documentation.

###### **Toy Motor**

###### **3. Homemade Toy Motor (kit)**

Submit a toy motor following the kit directions on the build, prioritizing proper pathways and components as detailed in the electrical circuit design.

## SECTION SLD –Soldering

### 1. Beginner Kit (contains only low voltage and through-hole PCBs)

Submit the fully assembled kit. Evaluation will include how the kit builder understood the learning objective, correct parts assembly, and inspection that the solder joints should meet industry standards following IPC-J-STD-001. Solder fillet should be generally smooth and exhibit good wetting of the solder to the parts being joined. Outline of the lead should be easily determined. Solder at the part being joined should create a feathered edge. PCA should be clean of particulate matter.

### 2. Advanced Kit (contains high voltage or surface mount component)

Submit the fully assembled kit. Evaluation will include how the kit builder understood the learning objective, correct parts assembly, and inspection that the solder joints should meet industry standards following IPC-J-STD-001. Solder fillet should be generally smooth and exhibit good wetting of the solder to the parts being joined. Outline of the lead should be easily determined. Solder at the part being joined should create a feathered edge. Wetting angle may not exceed 90°. PCA should be clean of particulate matter.

### 3. Super Advanced Kit- (IPC J-STD-001 compliant kits, industry certification)

Submit the fully assembled kit. Evaluation will include understanding the learning objective, correct assembly, and inspection of solder joints to meet industry standards.

## SECTION CRC–Circuitry

### 1. PCB circuitry

Submit a circuit model using PCB CAD design software (such as KiCad).

Show your design and testing of it. Identify its purpose. Choose components that match the functional requirements for the circuit. Create visual representations. Use simulation software to test the circuit virtually before building it.

## SECTION STB--STEM Presentation Boards

*Computers are not provided for evaluation. You must provide your own.*

### Class Number with description

#### 1. App Development

Exhibit an original mobile app. Describe the purpose of the app and your inspiration for creating it.

#### 2. Beginning Coding Project

Exhibit a simple program using Scratch (or other simple graphic programming language). The program should include eight commands, including looping and getting input from the keyboard and mouse.

The display for The Fair should include a board detailing the programming project.

#### 3. Intermediate Coding Project

Exhibit a program using Scratch or another simple graphics program you downloaded and modified. Compare the two programs and demonstrate the changes you made to the original or create an animated storybook or video game using Scratch or other.

#### 4. Advanced Programming

Exhibit an original program using a higher-level programming language such as Python, JavaScript, C++, etc.

## **SECTION MSC—Miscellaneous STEM Projects**

### **Class Number with description**

#### **1. STEM Project Collections**

Submit a collection of six projects done over the year. Include informational sheets as needed.

#### **2. Battle Bot Robotics Team Project**

Submit a notebook containing all parts of the robotics program. Items to be included, but are not limited to, team roster, photos or drawings of robot used during competition, photos from contest, copies of core values presentation and project presentation, copies of rubrics from judging, and any awards earned.

All members who wish to receive credit must be listed within the book.

#### **3. Independent**

Any project not covered under another STEM category.

The project needs approval from leaders before submission.

#### **4. Engineering**

Open to a 4-H Engineering project not otherwise listed. The 4-H club's organizational leader must first approve entries in this class. Teen and STEM Jr. Leader Projects are included here.

## Department 8

### FOODS & NUTRITION

Department Chairperson: Sue Hildebrant, (973) 383-3565

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. A small portion of each entry will be exhibited with the placing received from the judges. The balance of the entry will be sold on the day of judging for the benefit of the 4-H program.
3. All perishable foods must be brought in on Wednesday of fair week by 12 noon in coolers with ice, and left in the coolers until judging is complete. Perishable foods must be taken home after judging. Submit a picture, photograph, or drawing of the entry with the recipe to be displayed in place of the entry.
4. 4-H Club members enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project may exhibit in no more than 6 classes overall in this unit. 4-H members not enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project may enter 3 exhibits.
5. **Recipes must accompany each exhibit** and should be printed. Substitution and variations should be noted. Include name, grade level, years of experience and age on recipe card. All ingredients must be listed. If a mix or pre-made product (such as frosting) is used, this must be listed.
6. Please bring food in/on disposable containers.
7. If food has been frozen, write the word *frozen* on the top of the recipe card.
8. If a microwave oven is used, indicate, *microwaved* on recipe card.
9. All entries and records must be appropriate for the age and ability of the club member and must be approved by the club leader prior to the fair. Advanced and Intermediate levels should be working from scratch ingredients.
10. All entries are to be the work of the individual club member.
11. All members MUST submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>
12. For Food Safety – hot foods must be kept hot, and cold foods cold for judging. Judges will NOT Judge entries if this rule is not followed.

#### SECTION ABE - BEGINNER

##### Class Number with description

1.	4 (four) Drop Cookies-all one kind
2.	4 (four) No-Bake Cookies-all one kind
3.	3 (three) Drop or Rolled biscuits-plain or variation but all one kind
4.	4 (four) Cereal Candies-all one kind (ex. Rice Krispie® treats)
5.	4 (four) Nutritious Snacks-all one kind
6.	Granola Mix-one cup in plastic bag.
7.	Breakfast Plan-Shopping list, menu, and plan of place setting
8.	1 (one) Quick Coffee cake (baking soda/powder as leavening agent)
9.	4 (four) Refrigerator Cookies
10.	1 (one) Quick Bread containing fruit, vegetables or nuts (baking soda/powder as leavening agent)

11.	4 (four) Bar Cookies or Brownies-all one kind
12.	4 (four) pieces uncooked candy-all one kind
13.	3 (three) muffins-all one kind
14.	6 (six) Party sandwiches-a variety or all one kind
15.	File Box or recipe booklet of tested recipes suitable for this unit.
16.	Menu, market list, and plan of place setting for a luncheon
17.	Nutritious Menu for a day (you may use, <a href="https://www.myplate.gov/">https://www.myplate.gov/</a> for reference)- include recipes for one meal
18.	Plate of attractive raw vegetables (crudité)
19.	Prepare any item in this class to allow for dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten free, nut free, etc.) Indicate what restrictions the item has been prepared for.

## **FOODS & NUTRITION (Continued)**

### **SECTION BIN -INTERMEDIATE**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. 4 (four) Cookie Press Cookies
2. 4 (four) Rolled and/or Cut-out cookies
3. 4 (four) Shaped Cookies (*ex. pretzel shape, crescents, pinwheels, etc.*)
4. 3 (three) Cupcakes - all one kind, iced, not in paper cups
5. 4 (four) layered bar cookies - all one kind; (two or more layers)
6. 1 (one) 1 layer cake (sheet cake) - any kind - may be iced
7. 1 (one) 2 layer cake-any kind-may be iced
8. Nutritious Menu for a day using Choose My Plate (<http://www.choosemyplate.gov/>, see above)- include recipes & shopping list
9. 1 (one) Loaf of Yeast Bread (direct method)-any kind; *must be noted if it is made in a bread machine*
10. 3 (three) Pretzels
11. 3 (three) Yeast Rolls - all one kind
12. 1 (one) Bundt or Pound Cake of any variety
13. 4 (four) pieces cooked candy - all one kind
14. Plan of dinner for parents including tasks, menu, and sketch of table (In booklet form)
15. Updated recipe file box or recipe book including tested recipes appropriate for this unit
16. Appetizer - Cold
17. Appetizer - Hot
18. Soup - may be brought in a thermos
19. Salad to serve 2-4 people ( bring dressing separately)
20. Potato Salad (cold)
21. Pasta Salad (cold)
22. 1 (one) Cheesecake
23. 1 (one) One Crust Pie
24. Prepare any item in this class to allow for dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten free, nut free, etc.) Indicate what restrictions the item has been prepared for.

### **SECTION CAD -ADVANCED**

#### **Class Number with description**

1. 1 (one) Two Crust Fruit Pie
2. 3 (three) Tarts
3. International Main Dish to serve 2 people
4. International Dessert (*ex. tiramisu, cannolis, baklava, etc.*)
5. 3 (three) Fancy Sweet Yeast Rolls - all one kind (*ex. cinnamon rolls or sticky buns*)
6. 1 (one) Chiffon or Sponge Cake
7. 1 (one) Angel Food Cake - may be plain, iced or glazed
8. 1 (one) Triple Layer Cake
9. 1 (one) Yeast Coffee Cake
10. Dessert Product (not otherwise listed)
11. 1 (one) Loaf of Sour Dough Bread
12. Meat Casserole to serve 2-4 people
13. Non-Meat Casserole to serve 2-4 people

## FOODS & NUTRITION (Continued)

### SECTION CAD -ADVANCED

#### Class Number with description

- Decorative place setting with menu and shopping list of food and other items (menu should be balanced and reflect a healthy lifestyle)
- Updated recipe file box or recipe book including tested recipes appropriate for this unit.
- Prepare any item listed here to allow for dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten free, nut free, etc.) Indicate what restrictions the item has been prepared for.
- Party theme display poster (include theme with decorations, list foods to be served, shopping list, games or other entertainment and age of participants (i.e. teens, adults, children))
- Prepare any item in this class to allow for dietary restrictions (vegan, gluten free, nut free, etc.) Indicate what restrictions the item has been prepared for.

### SECTION DDF - DAIRY FOODS

Open to all 4-H Foods Members – any level

#### Class Number with description

- Custard to serve 4 people
- Pudding to serve 4 people
- Cheese dish
- Sour cream dip
- Other dairy item
- Any item above prepared in microwave oven

#### Department 9

### FOODS PRESERVATION

Department Chairperson: Sue Hildebrant (973) 383-3565

#### RULES:

- All Entry Rules must be followed.
- Exhibitor must bring two identical, full canning jars. Jars must be processed using recommended canning methods. One jar will be opened for judging, and may be picked up by member, leader or parent the same day as judging. Other jar will be displayed with the judge's rating for the rest of the fair, and may be picked up on Sunday at close of fair.
- No more than a total of six entries from each club member.
- Items must be work of the member.
- Recipes must be included.
- All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

### SECTION JAR

#### Class Number with description

1. 2 jars of same jelly	6. 2 jars of pickles
2. 2 jars of same fruit	7. 2 jars refrigerator jam
3. 2 jars of same tomatoes	8. 2 jars refrigerator jelly
4. 2 jars of same jam	9. Other: 2 jars
5. 2 jars of same relish	

### Rutgers Resources (digital)

[Healthy Recipes](#) - includes videos

[YouTube](#) - nutrition information and recipes from RCE Family and Consumer Health Sciences (FCHS)

[Home Food Preservation](#)

[Harvest, Cook & Preserve from the Garden](#)

## Department 10

### CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION/ FASHION SHOW

Department chairperson: Melissa Fox-Saganiec, 973 948 6035

#### RULES - Clothing

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. A club member may enter up to five (5) items per year, but each one must be from a different class.
3. A fair exhibit tag must be attached to each entry exhibited.
4. Only clothing projects may be entered in this department at the fair.
5. All levels must be indicated on the entry form.
6. Clothing Premiums: *Excellent, Very Good, or Good.*
7. Items must be judged and exhibited at fair to complete a clothing project.
8. Any type of sewing craft should be entered under Arts & Crafts, Home Furnishings, Child Care, etc. at the fair.
9. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will then submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION ABE – BEGINNERS (1st and 2nd year members)

##### Class Number with description

First Year Members		
1. Tote bag or beach bag	2. Handbag	3. Headscarf
4. Poncho	5. Apron	6. Jumper
7. Simple Dress (without waistline)	8. Vest	9. Blouse/shirt—no set in sleeves
10. Simple skirt	11. Simple slacks or shorts	12. Pajama Pants
Second Year Members		
12. Nightgown/ Nightshirt	13. Robe with raglan sleeves	14. Pajama Set (top and bottom or dress)
15. Slack set	16. Simple dress set in sleeves	17. Skirt with zipper & waistline
18. Blouse/Shirt with sleeves	19. It's up to you...	

**Extras:** slippers, purse accessories; travel accessories; closet accessories; scissor case; appliance covers; dresser scarf; placemats or table- cloth and napkins; stuffed animals or puppets; machine embroidered item; and serger made items.

**CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION/FASHION SHOW (continued)**

**SECTION BIN – INTERMEDIATE (3rd, 4th, and 5th year members)**

Class Number with description

1. Robe set in sleeves	2. Dress - long or short
3. Casual wear - 2 piece	4. Outfit - Wool or knit
5. Dress with collar, cuffs, and/or varied accessories to be made	6. Coordinated 3-piece ensemble-wear complete outfit modeling
7. Suit not tailored - pants or skirt	8. Jumper or skirt with blouse (long sleeve) - pocket or cuff
9. Coat, Jacket, or Down Vest - unstructured technique	10. Special fabrics-down vest
11. Nightgown/Nightshirt or pajamas	12. It's up to you...

**SECTION CAD – ADVANCED (6 plus years as a member)**

Class Number with description

1. Advanced dressmaking	2. Tailoring
3. Tailoring in Plaids	4. Special fabrics - raincoat
5. Design your own pattern for your own garment	6. Formal gown
7. Two-piece ensembles	8. Three-piece ensembles
9. Four-piece ensembles	10. It's up to you...

**SECTION DPD - ALL LEVELS**

Class Number with description

1. Poster Exhibit	2. Three Dimensional Exhibit
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**SECTION ECO- CONSUMERISM**

1. Complete purchased outfit including accessories

## Department 11

### **CANINE STUDIES**

*Department Chairperson: Trisha Furman-Leve, 973-841-0941*

#### **RULES:**

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a dog-related project.
3. A club member may enter only one item per class, no duplicate items, for a total of 5 items in this department. No exceptions, for members in more than one club.
4. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **SECTION A: Educational Materials**

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Electroboards
2. Poster (at least 5 pictures or charts with captions) or Artwork
3. Original booklet on dog-related topics (at least 350 words)
4. Scrap book
5. Miscellaneous

#### **SECTION B: Training Equipment**

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Basic jumps
2. Advanced agility equipment
3. Collars/Leashes
4. Treats
5. Miscellaneous

#### **SECTION C: Furnishings and Accessories**

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Toys
2. Apparel
3. Bedding
4. House, Kennel, or Shelter
5. Miscellaneous

## Department 13

### NEEDLECRAFT

Department Chairperson: Karyn Carter, 973-903-2181

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. A club member may only enter one item per class with no duplicate items in a class, for a total of ten (10) items for this department; no exceptions for members in more than one club.
3. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION A - Knitting

##### Class Number with description

1. Single stitch flat item (ex. dishcloth, scarf, potholder, square)	2. Multiple stitches flat item (ex. dishcloth, scarf, potholder, square)
3. Item—knit on 2 needles and sewn to finish (mittens, hat, etc.)	4. Item knit on 4 needles (ex. socks, mittens, hat, etc.)
5. Item knit in a round on connected needles	6. Shawls, ponchos, advanced scarves
7. Fair Isle	8. Cabled item
9. Intarsia	10. Arm knit item
11. Article of clothing (sweater, skirt, vest)	12. Pillow using multiple stitches or with a design

#### SECTION B - Crocheting

##### Class Number with description

1. Simple item using single crochet—flat, 1 color	2. Simple item using double crochet—flat, 1 color
3. Simple item using rounds	4. Simple item multi-color—single crochet
5. Simple item—multi-color—double crochet	6. Celtic crochet (cable)
7. Article of clothing—joined item	8. Amigurumi—1 piece
9. Amigurumi—multi piece assembled	10. Article using Popcorn Stitch
11. Article using Granny Square	12. Article using Shell Stitch
13. Article using Broomstick Lace	14. Article using Loop Stitch
15. Miscellaneous	

#### SECTION C - Embroidery and Crewel

##### Class Number with description

1. Stamped cross-stitch	2. Embroidered item using a variety of stitches (chain stitch, back stitch, satin stitch, stem stitch, etc.)
3. Chicken scratch (random stitches)	4. Candlewicking (all French knots)
5. Crewel item using a variety of stitches (wool yarn)	6. Counted cross-stitch
7. Smocking	8. Entry using original design

**NEEDLECRAFT(continued)**

**SECTION D - Needlepoint**

**Class Number with description**

1. Plastic canvas	2. Long Stitch
3. Pillow or picture using needlepoint canvas	4. Bargello
5. Belt or another small item	6. Entry using original design

**SECTION E–Quilting**

*Club member may submit machine or hand sewn entries.*

**Class Number with description**

1. Pillow- pieced	2. Pillow - appliqued
3. Wall hanging	4. Crib quilt-pieced
5. Crib quilt - appliqued	6. Bed Quilt-pieced
7. Bed quilt - appliqued	8. Clothing
9. Entry using original design	

**SECTION F–Other Needlecraft (latch hook, braiding, weaving, etc.)**

*Latch hook entries must have correct accessories for intended use; for example, pillow inserts for pillows, rug binding for rugs, frames or clips suitable for hanging latch hook pictures.*

**Class Number with description**

1. Items made with punch needle	2. Items made with latch hook
3. Braided rug	4. Lace net darning
5. Pillow made using sewing machine	6. Trapunto
7. Weaving	8. Entry using original design
9. Miscellaneous	

**SECTION G–Natural Fibers**

**Class Number with description**

1. Sample of carded wool	2. Sample of wool felt
3. Sample of spun wool (note on entry fiber and type of yarn, sock, 3-ply, art, etc.)	4. Item made from wool felt
5. Item made from spun wool	6. Item made from combination of wool materials; nothing processed
7. Hand Felted Item (needle felting, not from “sheet” felt or yardage). Item should be needled with hand felting needle from natural fiber	8. Wet felting

**NEEDLECRAFT (continued)**

**SECTION H—Hand Sewn Items**

Class Number with description

1. Clothing	2. Accessory
3. Sculptural Item (not stuffed toys)	4. Miscellaneous

**SECTION I—Machine Sewn Items**

Class Number with description

1. Clothing	2. Accessory
3. Sculptural Item (not stuffed toys)	4. Miscellaneous

## Department 14

### HOME FURNISHINGS

Department Chairperson: TBD

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. A Club member may only enter one item per class with no duplicate items in a class, for a total of ten (10) items for this Department; no exceptions for members in more than one club.
3. Include photographs, sketches, or samples of other colors, design and textures in room.
4. Items previously entered may not be entered again.
5. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION: HOM

##### Class Number with description

1. Curtains or draperies	2. Bedspread
3. Decorative bed linens	4. Rugs
5. Desk accessories (desk pad, pencil & letter holders, etc.)	6. Room accessories (stuffed decorative item [not including stuffed animals] mobile, hand made picture frame [not made from plastic canvas] fabric covered book [5"x 7" or larger], decorative wastebaskets, decorative hoops for wall decorations)
7. Lamp constructed or improved	8. Handmade lamp shade (fabric or paper)
9. Storage devices or closed/closet organizer (new or improved)	10. Table linens (tablecloth or placemats- napkins optional, dresser scarf, table runner or doilies)
11. Appliance covers or decorative potholders	12. Table Centerpiece
13. Seasonal door/wall decorations (not wreaths)	14. Slip covers
15. Upholstered chair seat or chair pads	16. Caned or rushed chair or stool
17. Piece of furniture constructed	18. Piece of furniture refinished (include a picture of the project prior to refinishing)
19. Before and after photographs or sketches of home improvements (mounted and labeled)	20. Portfolio or sketchbook of home furnishing ideas (mounted and labeled)
21. Floor Plans on graph paper with furniture placement included (mounted and labeled)	22. Scale model of room
23. Dream room scrapbook	24. Original design of home furnishing item
25. Three-dimensional exhibit no larger than 2' x 2' x 1'	

## Department 15

### CREATIVE ARTS & CRAFTS

Department Chairperson: Karyn Carter, 973-903-2181

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. A club member may only enter one item per class with no duplicate items in a class, for a total of 10 items for Section CAC; and a total of 5 in section JWL, no exceptions for members in more than one club.
3. Arts & Crafts items entered in this department must have been made by a 4-H Club member during this project year.
4. Articles must be produced as a result of a 4-H club member's participation in a 4-H project area. (*Articles made in school shop or home economics classes, or as a result of other than 4-H activity, are not eligible.*)
5. Kits are not allowed, except when basic items are needed to begin a project. However, the finished project should show a member's originality and creativity.
6. A wire hanger must accompany each t-shirt and/or sweatshirt entry.
7. Some crafts need to be displayed in a group (*ex. 4 napkin rings, 4 party favors, bouquet of 4 flowers, etc.*).
8. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION CAC

##### Class

1. Creative writing (short story, poetry, etc.)	18. Stenciling
2. Holiday crafts (not ornament)	19. Basketry-woven, decorated, etc.
3. Paper crafts	20. decorative painted item (i.e. ceramic, wooden, paper mache, etc)*
4. Fabric crafts /Dolls/Animals	21. Party favors-table cloth or placemats, napkin favors, hat and centerpiece
5. Wood craft	22. Candles-poured, dipped, carved, decorated, etc.
6. Yarn or String Craft	23. Paper mache-animals, piñata, etc.
7. Macramé	24. Shrink art
8. Stone & Shell Crafts	25. Wreaths
9. Leather craft	26. Wire craft
10. Metal craft	27. Decoupage-eggs, wood, metal, etc.
11. Bead craft	28. T-shirt art –club t-shirt or other (except appliques)
12. Bottle craft	29. Appliqué art (including sweatshirts)
13. Fabric painting	30. Embellished shoes (painted, non-embroidered)
14. Styrofoam craft	31. Puppets
15. Pompom crafts	32. Ornaments
16. Soap crafts-Soap carving, decorated soap, etc.	33. Polymer clay item (except sculpture)
17. Shadow box /diorama	34. Stamp craft

\*This category is for items that have been painted by the entrant but not crafted by them such as items from *paint your own pottery* or purchased at a craft/hobby supplier. Entries will be judged on quality and creativity of the final painted item.

**CREATIVE ARTS & CULTURAL CRAFTS (continued)**

35. Duct tape crafts	36. Decorated flowerpot
37. Tile crafts-tile magnets, earrings, trivets, coasters, etc.	38. Homemade toy or game - Cloth
39. Homemade toy or game - plastic or wood	40. Homemade toy, game or puzzle - paper or cardboard
41. Original story, picture book, song, etc.	42. Miscellaneous

*\*Craft should be entered under one member, premium is divided among participants, division is responsibility of entrants*

**Section JWL Jewelry****Class**

1. Button (button[s] as main component)	2. Beaded
3. Macrame	4. Mixed Media
5. Recycled (at least 50% recycled content)	6. Steampunk (Victorian femininity and robust mechanical components)
7. Wire	8. Woven

## Department 16

### Fine Arts

Department Chairperson: Jessica Thompson

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. A club member may only enter one item per class with no duplicate items in a class, for a total of 10 items for this department; no exceptions for members in more than one club.
3. All items must be original artwork of member.
4. Item exhibited must have been done during the current year.
5. Item may **not** be a school art project.
6. Articles must be produced as a result of a 4-H club member's participation in a 4-H project area.
7. All items to be hung must be properly mounted on a firm backing with a mat. Items in frames will not be accepted.
8. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
9. Sculptures should be presented on a base.

#### SECTION A - Drawing

##### Class Number with description

1. Pencil	2. Colored Pencils	3. Charcoals	4. Pastels
5. Markers/Pen	6. Mixed media	7. Crayon	8. Digital drawing

#### SECTION B - Painting

##### Class Number with description

1. Watercolors	2. Acrylics	3. Oils	4. Mixed media
5. Watercolor pencil	6. Pour Paint	7. Group led Art	

#### SECTION C - Sculpture

##### Class Number with description

1. Metal	2. Wood	3. Non-Ceramic Clay Piece	4. Mixed media/Junk sculpture
5. Glass/Enamel piece	6. 3-D Printed-Original Design	7. Plaster of Paris	

#### SECTION D - Other Art

##### Class Number with description

1. Collages	2. Paper Making	3. Poster art (includes National 4-H)	4. Textile Art
5. Printmaking (not on fabric)	6. Scratch Art	7. Origami (paper folding)	8. Quilling
9. Diamond Painting small (5x7 or smaller)	10. Diamond Painting large (larger than 5x7)		

**Department 17**

**CERAMICS**

*Department Chairperson: Jessica Thompson*

**RULES:**

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. All pieces must be bisque fired.
3. One entry per class for a total of up to four (4) entries; no exceptions for members in more than one club. no exceptions for members in more than one club.
4. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SECTION: CER**

**Class Number with description**

1. Wheel Thrown-functional item (bowl, mug, plate, etc)	2. Wheel Thrown- non-functional item (sculpture, decoration, etc.)
3. Hand Built- functional item (bowl, pitcher, mug, etc)	4. Hand Built- non-functional item (sculpture, decoration, etc)

## Department 18

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Chairperson: Vacant

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. A Club member may only enter one (1) item per class with no duplicate items in a class, for a total of seven (7) items for this Department; no exceptions for members in more than one club. Premiums will be paid for a maximum of five (5) photographs.
3. A club member must be enrolled in 4-H to exhibit
4. Photos must have been taken during the current year.
5. Photo must be at least a 5" x 7" enlargement properly mounted on 8" x 10" matted board. Properly mounted constitutes: mounted on a firm backing. Matting consists of mounting a photograph to a mat board into which an opening the size of the photograph has been cut.
6. Photos may be: 5" x 7", 8"x 10", 8"x 8" or 5"x 5 "
7. Mat should be 1/2" to 1" border around photo and may be 11" x 14", 8" x 10", 10" x 10" or 8"x 8"
8. No framed items will be accepted.
9. No plastic sleeves should be used to cover the photo.
10. No photos larger than 8" x 10" may be submitted
11. The equipment used to take your photo must be listed on the back of your photo. This should be either camera (Section A) or phone (Section B) (*Examples: iPhone XV, Canon Rebel t6*). Failure to list the equipment used will result in disqualification.
12. You will also need to indicate whether the photo was modified beyond basic corrections for exposure and color.
13. All members in a 4-H photography club must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. The leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Members from other 4-H clubs should enter their photographs on the Shotwell Building entry form and submit with their other registration materials by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION A—Camera (Digital or Film)

#### SECTION B—Cell Phone/Smart Phone

All of the above classes for Camera apply to this section except, Class 4 (Digital Darkroom), Class 15 (Film)

#### Class Number with description

<p><b>1. Animals</b></p> <p><i>Photos focusing on the various animals, domesticated or wild. Settings may include farm, zoo, backyard, forest, park, etc.</i></p> <p><i>No people should be included in the photo.</i></p> <p><i>Pets and 4-H project animals may be entered under this class.</i></p>	<p><b>2. Details &amp; Macro</b></p> <p><i>Getting in close is the name of the game for this category. We welcome pictures of small details that suggest a larger story. This is also the place for macro photographs (although a macro image of a flower might equally go into the Flowers category).</i></p> <p><i>Pictures should be extreme close-ups.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> <i>detail of a knot, a lock, or an abstract close-up - anything as long as it is a tight composition of a detail. Macro examples include parts of a flower, insects, stamps, ice crystals, etc.</i></p>
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**Photography (continued)**

<p><b>3. Catch-All</b>  <i>Category for photos that do not fit into one of the other categories. This includes such photos as still-life, motion-blur, hand-colored photos.</i></p> <p><i>Photos should only be entered in this class only if they do not qualify for another. If a photo is entered in this class—and belongs in another—it will be disqualified.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> still-life, long exposure zoomed images, and painting with light.</p>	<p><b>4. Digital Darkroom</b>  <i>Photos are for digital art - images created or drastically altered in software such as Adobe Photoshop/Elements®. Although digitally manipulated images are also allowed in the other categories, this is a category exclusively showcasing such art. If the digital darkroom work is the main attraction of the photo, or plays a big part, enter it here.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> Photoshop® composites and creations, images greatly manipulated with a variety of filters, photos with artistic borders, photos stitched into a panoramic.</p>
<p><b>5. Dominant Color</b>  <i>Photos with a dominant color. The dominant element in the image must be a specific color, such as red, yellow, blue, white, black, white, green, etc. Over 1/2, (50%) of the image should be one shade.</i></p> <p><i>Black &amp; White photos, duo tones, are excluded from this category.</i></p>	<p><b>6. People</b>  <i>Photos focus on human activity from all walks of life, parenting and family, children, babies, models/ fashion, sports, and couples.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> kids &amp; family, models/fashion, sports</p>
<p><b>7. Elements of Design</b>  <i>Images will highlight the use of graphic elements of design. Photos that showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. A photo can consist of any subject matter.</i></p> <p><i>Category is not for graphic illustrations made in commercial programs (i.e. Adobe Illustrator®) nor for extreme digital creations.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> perspective, line, pattern</p>	<p><b>8. Plant/Flora</b>  <i>Photos of interesting, unique, and beautiful flowers and flora. Photography can occur outdoors or indoors. Photo subject should be that of a single flower, plant, bush, tree, etc. Large collections of plant/flora should be considered for entry into the Nature &amp; Landscape category.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> a rose, an upward shot of a tree, a flower bouquet, etc.</p>
<p><b>9. Food</b>  <i>This category includes still life specializations of photography, aimed at producing attractive photographs of food for use in media such as advertisements, packaging, menus and/or cookbooks. No photos of alcohol beverages are allowed.</i></p> <p><b>Examples:</b> Thanksgiving dinner, cakes/pies, fruits and place settings, Easter eggs, sandwiches, ingredients, etc.</p>	<p><b>10. Storyboard</b>  <i>A storyboard is one entry that contains three photos that tells a story. The story should contain minimal text and be easily understood by the viewer.</i></p> <p><b>Example:</b> Three images depicting the blooming of a rose bud at different stages, with the title, <i>Beginning of Beauty</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Image sizes: 4"x6", 5"x7", 4"x4", 5"x5"</li> <li>• Mat: 1/2"-1" around each image</li> </ul>
<p><b>11. Marine/Aquatic</b>  <i>Photos of any organism in bodies of either fresh or salt water (i.e. ocean or lake)—not in pools.</i></p> <p><b>Examples include:</b> fish, stingrays, whales, starfish, etc.</p>	<p><b>12. Black and White or Sepia Tone</b>  <i>Photos may feature any subject but must in black and white (grey scale). Sepia tone photos (reddish brown monochrome tint) may also be entered.</i></p>

<p><b>13. Scenery &amp; Landscape</b></p> <p><i>The focus of this category includes landscapes, outdoor scenes, forest images, sunsets, urban landscapes, seascapes, city scapes, and farms. Images focus on the beauty of the outdoors.</i></p> <p><i>Humans and/or animals should not be a dominant subject in the photo.</i></p> <p><i>Landscape photographs typically capture the presence of nature but can also focus on man-made features or disturbances of landscapes.</i></p> <p><i>Photos should be in a horizontal format.</i></p>	<p><b>14. Silhouettes</b></p> <p><i>Silhouette photography is a wonderful way to convey drama, mystery, emotion and mood in a picture. A silhouette is defined as a view of an object or a scene consisting of the outline and a featureless interior, with the silhouetted object being black.</i></p>
<p><b>15. Film</b></p> <p><i>A project where film was utilized by the exhibitor (exposure and development) in creating the photograph. Entries may include large format film, pin-hole photography, Polaroid image &amp; emulsion transfers, and other photographic approaches that are non-digital.</i></p>	

## Department 19

### HOBBIES & COLLECTIONS

Department Chairperson: TBD

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. Scrapbook entries should contain only the current year's work.
3. Collections may include items from previous years, as long as current items are clearly marked as such, and satisfy the entire category requirements: (number of items, proper mounting, etc.).
4. Report or displays must be in a case, a frame or on stiff cardboard covered with plastic. Sizes up to 16" x 20".
5. Only one entry per class, for a total of up to 6 items.
6. Upon request, valuable object will be exhibited in a locked cabinet, whenever possible.
7. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION A – STAMPS

##### Class Number with description

1. United States display	2. Foreign Country display
3. Tropical display	4. First-day covers, postal stationery and others
5. Postmarks, slogans and postal jargon, and meters	6. Original design stamp created by 4-H member
7. Original design—first-day cover created by 4-H member	8. Original design – for special occasions
9. Other Philatelic collectibles not listed above	10. A 4-H member's stamp tool kit – made by member
11. A stamp display combined with another related collectible, plant or food project (ie. farm animal stamps, old milk bottles displayed together, jam, fruit, and cactus)	
12. Original designed stamp album by 4-H member	13. Miscellaneous stamp display

#### SECTION B – STONES OR SHELLS

##### Class Number with description (At least 6, mounted and labeled)

1. Any stone collection.	2. Any shell collection.
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#### SECTION C – SCRAPBOOKS

##### Class Number with description

1. Project Year	2. Personal (non 4-H)	3. Other
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**SECTION D – CONSTRUCTION TOYS**

**Class Number with description**

1. Simple item from kit	2. Advanced item from kit
3. Simple item from original design	4. Advanced item from original design
5. Miscellaneous	

**SECTION E – MODEL RAILROADING**

**Class Number with description**

1. Locomotive custom ready to roll (i.e. weathered, customized paint decals, detailing)	2. Locomotive assembled with a kit
3. Freight car assembled from a kit	4. Freight car ready to roll (i.e. weathered, custom paint decals, detailing)
5. Passenger car modified ready to roll	6. Passenger car assembled from a kit
7. Structures assembled from a kit	8. Structures scratch built (if built from prototype include descriptive paragraph and/or photo.)
9. Diorama limit size 2' x 4' must include descriptive paragraph.	

**SECTION F – OTHER COLLECTABLES**

**Class Number with description**

1. Sports/comics/TV/Movie Cards (at least 10 mounted or in album pages with captions)	2. Seals or stickers (at least 10 mounted or in album with captions)
3. Bottles, limit 12 per member (arranged for proper display.)	4. Radio Control Vehicles
5. Pogs (at least 10 mounted or in album pages with captions)	6. Postcards (at least 10 mounted or in album pages with captions being at least two sentences or a report on all cards in trip put at the front.
7. Other mounted or arranged for proper display	

## Department 20

### **CONSTRUCTION**

*Department Chairperson: Trish Furman-Leve*

#### **RULES:**

1. Exhibitors must be members of a 4-H club whose project involves the building and/or design of items using construction components such as K'nex, Legos, etc.
2. Only one entry per class for a total of 3 entries in this department.
3. All Entry Rules must be followed.
4. All entries are to be the work of the individual club member.
5. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **SECTION CON**

##### **Class with description**

1. Research and Design Project—must be pre-approved by the club leader; must include a report and completed model of a specific type of structure. (such as a building, vehicle, bridge, or crane)
2. Any item from original design
3. Miscellaneous

## Department 21

### 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Department Chairperson: Shawn Patrie, 973-534-1553

#### RULES:

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. All entries are to be the work of the individual club member.
3. All submitted targets and scorecards must be signed by a certified judge.
4. All items will be in conjunction with a 4-H'ers work in the shooting sports project.
5. All rifle targets will be scored following 4-H/NRA postal match rules.
6. Junior members, or those in their first year in 4-H shooting sports, may shoot
7. All rifle and muzzleloader entries will utilize iron sights. The use of scopes is prohibited
8. Only one entry in each class. Maximum of eight entries in this division.
9. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>

Section A: Archery	Section B: Pellet Rifle
Class with description	Class with description
1. 10 Yards—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	1. 10 Meters—Kneeling Position—10 shots, NRA AR-5/10 target
2. 20 Yards—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	2. 10 Meters—Standing Position—10 shots, NRA AR-5/10 target
3. 30 Yards—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	3. 10 Meters—Prone Position—10 shots, NRA AR-5/10 target
4. 10 Yards (with site)—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	4. 10 Meters—Bench Position—10 shots, NRA AR-5/10 target
5. 20 Yards (with site)—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	
6. 30 Yards (with site)—48: 10 ring target – 5 arrows	
Section C: .22 cal. Rifle	Section D: Muzzle Loader
Class with description	Class with description
1. 50 feet—Kneeling Position—10 shots, NRA A-17	1. 25 Yards—Bench Position – 6 shots, TG 2427 target (18th Century bottles)
2. 50 feet—Standing Position—10 shots, NRA A-17	
3. 50 feet—Prone Position—10 shots, NRA A-17	
	Section E: Air Pistol
	Class with description
4. 50 feet—Bench Position—10 shots, NRA A-17	1. 10 meters (33 ft.)—Standing Position—5 shots, B 40 target—Slow Fire
5. 50 yards—Kneeling Position—10 shots, NRA A-51	2. 10 meters (33 ft.)—Standing Position—5 shots, B 40 target—Rapid Fire*
6. 50 yards—Standing Position—10 shots, NRA A-51	*follow NJ 4-H Shooting Sports guidelines
7. 50 yards—Prone Position—10 shots, NRA A-51	

**SECTION F: TRAINING ARTICLES**

**Class with description**

1. Primitive bow	4. Wood construction
2. Primitive arrow	5. Fabric construction
3. Leather construction	6. Miscellaneous combined construction

## Department 23

### 4-H EDUCATIONAL CLUB BOOTH & CLUB CRAFTS

Department Chairperson: Karyn Carter, 973-903-2181

#### RULES:

1. All entry rules must be followed.
2. The entry form must include the names and phone numbers of a primary and a secondary contact person who will be responsible to coordinate set-up and removal of the display. The department chairperson should be notified if the contact person changes after the sheets are submitted.
3. All Club Booths (Dept. 23) will be placed on one combined list in the order the entry forms are date-and-time stamped at the 4-H office. All entry spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis for all booth entries received by July 1<sup>st</sup>, whether in Dept. 23 or Dept. 6.
4. The dimensions of the booth shall be 4 ft. wide, 3 ft. deep and 4 ft. high. Displays should not exceed these dimensions.
5. Valuable items should not be used in the display since no coverage is provided for lost items.
6. Members will plan and set up their club display with guidance from club leaders and parents.
7. No product in the display will be eligible for individual member awards.

An entry form must be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The club's name, not an individual's, should be listed at the top of the form. All members participating in their booth's construction must submit individual registration sheets to be eligible for fair passes.

Judged on the following criteria:

- A. Power to attract and hold attention
- B. 4-H story told as it relates to theme (yearly theme will be determined by department chairs, 4-H professional staff, and 4-H Advisory Council). Theme will be announced in the 4-H newsletter. All club booths must follow theme.
- C. General appearance and quality (No bare wood, all fabric and lettering securely fastened)
- D. Originality and effort shown by club

*Premiums: Excellent: \$10.00, Very Good: \$8.00, and Good: \$6.00.*

1. Each entry contact person will be contacted by a department chairpersons confirming registration by July 10<sup>th</sup>. *If you are not contacted by this date, you must contact the 4-H Office to confirm your registration.*

Dismantling of the displays will take place on the final Sunday of the fair between 5 and 6 pm.

Upon dismantling the display, clubs must remove all hardware used for the display, including all staples and tacks and all fragments thereof. Non-compliance with this rule may result in forfeiture of cash premiums.

After the fair, the booths and surrounding areas must be left clean and litter free. All decorative material (eg. gravel, sand, glitter, straw and birdseed) must be removed from the building.

#### SECTION—CBD

##### Class with description

1. Club booth display
2. Club poster
3. Club banner
4. Club miscellaneous item

##### Note:

*All submissions must have been constructed by the club during the current program year.*

*The projects must have been designed and made by club members. Fabrication by outside sources is not permitted.*

## Department 27

### **FELINE STUDIES**

*Department Chairperson: Vacant*

#### **RULES:**

1. All Entry Rules must be followed.
2. Exhibitors must be a member in good standing of a feline-related project.
3. A club member may enter only one item per class, no duplicate items, for a total of 5 items in this department. No exceptions, for members in more than one club.
4. All members must submit a form specifying each item by section code and class number to their 4-H leader. Then the leader will submit the 4-H member entry forms and record books for the entire club to the 4-H Office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SECTION A Show Classes

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Grooming and Showmanship
2. Largest Cat
3. Smallest Cat
4. Most Colorful
5. Costume Class
6. Most Tricks
7. Written Test

#### SECTION B Furnishings and Accessories

##### **Class Number with description**

1. Cat Book
2. Cat Toy
3. Paper Cats
4. Cat Figurines
5. Cat Equipment
6. Miscellaneous

## Department 28

### 4-H RABBIT, CAVY, & SMALL ANIMAL PROJECTS

Department Chairperson: 4-H Rabbit Leaders Association

#### RULES:

1. All animals must be clearly marked. All rabbits must have a tattoo in the left ear.
2. All animals must go through Vet Check to enter the fairgrounds. Diseased and sick animals must be removed immediately; at the order of the Fair Veterinarian.
3. Showmanship and Skill-A-Thon must be completed by June 5<sup>th</sup> in order to receive fair passes and fair privileges
4. Entrants must be 4-H member of an active 4-H rabbit, cavy or small animal club of Sussex County and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show. 4-H clubs and members must be active as of January 1<sup>st</sup>; after this date club members will have limited participation. Entry forms & project books must be submitted to the head club leader by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Animal must be born, leased or owned by May 24<sup>th</sup> of current year for rabbits and June 7<sup>th</sup> for cavy and small animals. Lease forms are due to the 4-H Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. All animals must be recorded in the rabbit, cavy and small animal project book.
6. **Awards:** all entries will be awarded Excellent, Very Good, or Good
7. Only 10 project animals allowed to be exhibited per 4-H member.
8. All members, leaders, and parents will follow 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code. Anyone not abiding by the Behavior Code will be removed from the fairgrounds and must turn in their passes to fair security.
9. There will be no changes for senior aged animals to the registration form unless it is to substitute a project animal of the same breed, sex and age. Leaders should be consulted if there is uncertainty in type, sex, color, etc., before the entry form is signed. Leaders will not be held responsible for errors on entry forms. ***If you scratch a rabbit at registration, you must sign the entry form to show that you understand that this project animal cannot be shown.*** If you are uncertain as to whether to scratch a rabbit or not, wait until Show Day. ***Project animals registered as wrong gender and/or breed must show as registered on entry form and will be disqualified by the judge.***

#### No Premiums Will Be Awarded For Disqualified Animals

10. All 4-H members will abide by the rules stipulated in the *Rabbit and Small Animal Projects Members Exhibitor Guide*.

#### RABBITS: have the following Section breeds:

##### Four (4) Class Rabbit Breeds

ANE: English Angora	ANF: French Angora	ANS: Satin Angora	BEL: Belgian Hare
BRP: Britannia Petite	DHT: Dwarf Hotot	CHS: Chinchilla Standard	DUM: Mismarked Dutch
DUT: Dutch	DWP: Dwarf Papillon	ENS: English Spot	FLW: Florida White
HAR: Harlequin	JER: Jersey Wooly	HAV: Havana	HIM: Himalayan
LHD: Lionhead	LIL: Lilac	LOH: Holland Lop	LOM: Mini Lop
LOZ: American Fuzzy Lop	MIX: Mixed Breed	MSA: Mini Satin	NET: Netherland Dwarf
POL: Polish	REM: Mini Rex	REX: Rex	RHI: Rhinelander
SAB: American Sable	SIL: Silver	SIM: Silver Marten	TAN: Tan
THR:Thrianta	CZE: Czech Frosty	MCA: Mini Californian	BLH: Blue Holicer
UNB: New Breeds Not Recognized			

## RABBIT, CAVY, & SMALL ANIMAL (Continued)

### Six (6) Class Rabbit Breeds

1. AME: American	2. ANG: Giant Angora	3. ARB: Argente Brun	4. BEV: Beveren
5. CAL: Californian	6. CGI: Giant Chinchilla	7. CHA: American Chinchilla	8. CHD: Champagne D'Argent
9. CHG: Checkered Giant	10. CIN: Cinnamon	11. CRD: Creme D'Argent	12. FLG: Flemish Giant
13. HOT: Blanc de Hotot	14. LOE: English Lop	15. LOF: French Lop	16. NEW: New Zealand
17. PAL: Palomino	18. SAT: Satin	19. SIF: Silver Fox	

#### Class Number with description

1. Senior Buck	2. Senior Doe
3. Intermediate Buck	4. Intermediate Doe
5. Junior Buck	6. Junior Doe

Juniors are any rabbits under 6 months of age on the day of the show.

Intermediates are rabbits in the 6 Class Breed section above that are between 6-8 months of age on the day of the show.

Seniors are rabbits in the 4 Class Breed section above over the age of 6 months, OR rabbits in the 6 Class Breed section above over 8 months of age on the day of the show.

### CAVY (Guinea Pigs) have the following section breeds:

VAB: Abyssinian	VAM: American	VAN: American Satin
VAS: Abyssinian Satin	VCO: Coronet	VPE: Peruvian
VPS: Peruvian Satin	VSI: Silkie	VSP: Skinny Pig
VSS: Silkie Satin	VTE: Teddy	VTS: Teddy Satin
VTX: Texel	VWC: White Crested	VMX: Mixed

#### Class Number with description

1. Senior Boar	2. Senior Sow
3. Intermediate Boar	4. Intermediate Sow
5. Junior Boar	6. Junior Sow

Junior cavy are 4 months of age or younger on the day of show. Intermediate cavy are 4-6 months of age on the day of the show.

## SECTION WSA - SMALL ANIMAL

### Class Number with description

1. Mice	2. Gerbils	3. Hamsters	4. Chinchillas
5. Sugar Glider	6. Hedgehog	7. Rats	

Each will receive their own class number

## Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal Education

### RULES:

1. Exhibitors must be a 4-H Member in Good Standing of a 4-H club with a rabbit/cavy/small animal project.
2. A club member may enter only one item per class.
3. All members must submit an entry form and record book to the 4-H office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Section A: Educational Materials**

All entries should be organized around one of the following topics:

- Breeds
- Diseases
- Animal Care
- Showmanship
- Showing
- Meat

### **Class Number with description**

Poster (at least 5 pictures/charts with captions) or artwork

Original booklet on rabbit/small animal related topic.

Scrapbook

## **Section B: Toys & Accessories**

### **Class Number with description**

Small Toys (i.e.: chew, toss or hanging toys)

Large Toys (i.e.: foraging bin/mat, play center)

Cage accessories (i.e.: hammock, hide)

Homemade treats (must include recipe)

Homemade Nest Box

Miscellaneous

## **Section C: Essays, Advanced Members**

Essays should be based on one of the following topics:

1. Management- *How do you manage/care for your herd?*
2. Achievement- *What achievement or goals have you accomplished within your project?*
3. A Project Event Attended- *Tell us about a Project related event/show you attended*
4. Article- *Newspaper Article including photos on any project topic*

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

**All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>**

Water at the Fairgrounds may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria.

## When Livestock Animals Have To Be On The Fairgrounds\*

*\*A comprehensive schedule for Livestock animals will be provided by NJSF/SCFHS, Ag Division*

4-H Goats	<p>Livestock and small animals must be on the fairgrounds before 5:00 pm the first day of the fair except for dairy or as directed by the NJSF/SCF&amp;HS Agricultural Division.</p> <p>All animals must go through Vet Check before entering the fairgrounds.</p>
4-H Market Animals	
4-H Beef	
4-H Breeding Sheep	
4-H Swine	
4-H Dairy	
4-H Poultry	

### Project Record Book Requirements:

Record books **must** be submitted to the local 4-H Club leader for evaluation and review along with the 4-H Member Entry Form by the specified deadline for your project area.

Record books for all 4-H livestock department entries must be completed as specified by the rules for each department and submitted with the 4-H Member Entry Form. Entries received without record books will not receive cash premiums. The 4-H leader should not sign the 4-H Member Entry Form unless current project records are submitted. All 4-H leaders are asked to cooperate by collecting the 4-H Member Entry Form and any necessary record books for each member. The 4-H leader, or an adult designated by the club leader, must submit all the 4-H Member Entry Forms and record books from their club to the 4-H office **no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>** no matter what day it happens to fall on. If the 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday the entry forms and record books are due the Friday before. The 4-H office is located at 130 Morris Turnpike, Newton, NJ (Frankford Twp.), across from the Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Management.

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

***4-H goats, sheep, alpaca, poultry, and swine will not be released from the fair until 6 am Sunday morning (8/9).***

***Security will be on grounds Saturday night into Sunday morning.***

***This is necessary for the safety of all fairgoers.***

All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>

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## Updated Revisions to Animal Health Requirements (May 2, 2022)

### Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease

In regards to Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD), due to its infectious and fatal nature all rabbits and cavies entering the fairgrounds (for show and auction) must be required to have either an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) or a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI). CVI is required for all out of state animals.

All animals entering the fairgrounds must have an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) or CVI and meet the requirements set by the veterinarians working with the Agricultural Division of the Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

### Avian Influenza

Due to the recent outbreaks of Avian Influenza, any poultry coming from out of state or planning to be sold must have a negative Avian Influenza test within 72 hours of entering the fairground.

### Rabies Vaccination

Vaccines required for any and all show animals that have an approved rabies vaccine for that species (cattle, sheep, and equids). It is also recommended for show animals as an extra label vaccine (goats, alpacas, and swine). This is due to the-zoonotic (transmissible to humans) and fatal nature of rabies.

*The above health requirements were adopted by the Agricultural Division, NJSF/SCFHS on May 2, 2022 as recommended by Dr. Monique Obsharski, DVM*

### Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI) Testing

All cattle, alpacas, and llamas must be negative to an approved test appropriate to detect Bovine Viral Diarrhea persistent infection (BVD-PI). This test must be reported on the required certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The issuing veterinarian is responsible for verifying the validity of the test, the identification of the animal and recording the test date on the CVI. If a previous test is not verifiable the test must be repeated.

It is recommended that all cattle, alpacas, and llamas be vaccinated for Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (shipping fever). Owner(s) should discuss with their veterinarian the advantages of having their animals vaccinated for the Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex.

### Cattle Testing:

#### Currently acceptable BVD-PI tests for cattle less than 61 days old:

- Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- Whole blood virus isolation
- Whole blood PCR

#### Currently acceptable BVD-PI tests for cattle 61 days of age and older:

- Skin notch Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE) or Immunohistochemistry (IHC)
- Serum or milk Antigen Capture ELISA (ACE)
- Whole blood virus isolation
- Whole blood, serum or plasma PCR

**Note:** The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of Cornell University can conduct PCR testing on pools of up to 10 cattle.

### Llama, Alpaca Testing:

- Currently acceptable BVD tests:
- PCR
- Whole blood virus isolation

**Note:** The NYS Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory of Cornell University can pool llama, etc. samples for PCR testing as follows: Animals less than 61 days of age can be tested in pools of 2 animals, whole blood only. Animals 61 days of age and older can be tested in pools of 5 animals using whole blood, serum or plasma.

Kevin Mitchell reviewed the above information regarding BVD-PI with Dr. Paul Tallamy February 28, 2012.

## Animal Health Requirements for Animals Exhibiting/Showing at the 2026 NJSF/SCFHS

Animal	Health Form Required	Shots/Vaccines/Testing/Other
Dairy Cattle	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (shipping fever) Shot (required) Rabies (required)
Beef Cattle	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (shipping fever) Shot (recommended) Rabies (required)
Sheep	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	Rabies vaccine at least 21 days prior to start of the fair (required) No lambs < 12 weeks old No rams > 2 years old
Goats	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	All dairy and meat goats must be > 2 months old. Rabies recommended by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture
Pigs	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	Rabies- recommended by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.
Rabbits	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	RHD vaccine (recommended)
Cavies	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	
Small Animals	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	
Poultry* <i>*Additional testing may be required based on Avian Influenza (AI)</i>	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI Pullorum test required	Pullorum testing (required )
Alpaca	CVI or Animal Health Certificate. All animals from outside of NJ are required to have a CVI	Rabies (required) BVD-PCR test negative test within 12 days
Cats	Rabies certificate and confirmation of a veterinary exam within 30 days of fair.	Rabies (required); a health form from a vet saying they are in good health.
Dogs	Rabies certificate and confirmation of a veterinary exam within 30 days of fair.	Rabies (required); a health form from a vet saying they are in good health.
Horses* <i>*Additional health forms may be required by the Horse Show Division</i>	Coggins test (within 2 years of show date)	

## Department 29

### 4-H POULTRY PROJECTS

Department Chairperson: Maria Dudas, 862-268-5337 and Kristine Ellis, (570) 832-3396

#### RULES:

All birds must go through Vet Check to enter the fairgrounds. Any bird showing signs of contagious disease & or parasites, will be removed from the show hall at the order of the Fair Veterinarian.

Entrants must be 4-H member of an active 4-H poultry club and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show. 4-H club must be active as of February 1<sup>st</sup>; after this date club members will have limited participation. 4-H Member Entry forms must be submitted to department chairperson by June 18<sup>th</sup>.

1. Animal must be a bonafide 4-H project by May 1<sup>st</sup> of current year and be recorded in a poultry project book.
2. Project books must be up to date for the whole year to enter into the fair and receive fair passes. Project books must be turned in to department chairperson by June 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. Showmanship must be completed in order to receive premiums
4. **Awards:** all entries will be awarded Excellent, Very Good, or Good
5. All members, leaders, and parents will follow 4-H Exhibitor Behavior Code. Anyone not abiding by the behavior code will be removed from the fairgrounds and must turn in their passes to fair security.
6. Food and water will be available at the show hall. It is the responsibility of the owner to supply approved type containers, 2 per cage, one for water and one for feed; each cage must have 2 containers. Birds must be checked on a daily basis and cleaned as necessary. Acceptable types of containers: are 1 qt and 1 pt plastic cage cups. These may be purchased from the club. No paper cups, tin cans or deep, narrow containers will be allowed. All feed/water containers must be secured to cage sides or front corners to prevent tipping over. Even for small bantams, hook-on feeders should be on at least the second bar from the bottom to prevent soiling. We are pleased to freshen feed and water in the morning, since most exhibitors cannot be present at that time. However, each bird exhibited must be checked, either by the exhibitor or his representative daily and cleaning and feeding done as necessary. Supplies are available in the show hall. Waterfowl especially require daily feeding and cleaning. The water container should not be open enough to encourage bathing, as the bedding becomes too wet for good sanitation
7. The SCPFA will guard against accident, loss or damage, **but** will not be liable should any occur.
8. **New Jersey State Law Requirements:** New Jersey Law requires pullorum testing in order to show or sell birds. **Be prepared to have your birds checked for pullorum certificates. Pigeon and Waterfowl are exempt from certification, but still need to be inspected.** All county fairs are under the auspices of New Jersey Department of Agriculture. State inspectors will be present on the fairgrounds.
9. All 4-H Members who intend to exhibit poultry projects must have given a county level 4-H Public Presentation and an approved community service project.
10. Cloverbuds are not eligible for premiums. Cloverbud projects will be evaluated but not judged.
11. 4-H Project Representative Selection: Qualifications include: NJ 4-H Member in Good Standing and in the club at least 1 4-H year, in high school or 13<sup>th</sup> year, highest average of showmanship score and public presentation score (both scored out of 100 pts).
12. In the case a bird must be removed from the exhibit, for any reason, a department chair person and the veterinarian must be notified.

## 4-H POULTRY PROJECTS (Continued)

Simplify your coop-in

Attach a copy of your certificate to the entry form.

### Section A: LARGE FOWL

#### Classes with description:

1. Large Fowl – Cock
2. Large Fowl – Hen
3. Large Fowl – Cockerel
4. Large Fowl – Pullet

### Section B: Large Fowl Production

#### Classes with description:

1. Large Fowl – Cock
2. Large Fowl – Hen
3. Large Fowl – Cockerel
4. Large Fowl – Pullet

### Section C: Bantam Chicken

#### Classes with description:

1. Bantam – Cock
2. Bantam – Hen
3. Bantam – Cockerel
4. Bantam – Pullet

### Section D: Waterfowl

#### Classes with description:

1. Waterfowl – Cock
2. Waterfowl – Hen
3. Waterfowl – Cockerel
4. Waterfowl – Pullet

### Section E: Bantam Waterfowl

#### Classes with description:

1. Waterfowl Bantam – Cock
2. Waterfowl Bantam – Hen
3. Waterfowl Bantam – Cockerel
4. Waterfowl Bantam – Pullet

### Section F: Pigeon

#### Classes with description:

1. Pigeon – Cock
2. Pigeon – Hen
3. Pigeon – Cockerel
4. Pigeon – Pullet

### Section G: Egg

#### Classes with description:

1. Bantam/Small Chicken Egg-White
2. Bantam/Small Chicken Egg-Brown
3. Bantam/Small Chicken Egg-Colored
4. Medium/Large Chicken Egg-White
5. Medium/Large Chicken Egg-Brown
6. Medium/Large Chicken Egg-Colored
7. Bantam Duck Egg
8. Large Duck Egg
9. Other Egg Variety

### Section SHO: SHOWMANSHIP

#### Classes with description:

1. Cloverbud – grades K thru 3 <sup>rd</sup>
2. Junior – grades 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup>
3. Senior – grades 9 <sup>th</sup> thru 13 <sup>th</sup>

### Section FUN: Costume

#### Classes with description:

1. Costume
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If barn space is available all 4-H animals must remain from their show date until the end of the fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

# General 4-H Market Animal Sale Rules

4-H members must comply with General Health Fair Exhibitor Rules of the New Jersey State Fair®/ Sussex County Farm & Horse Show, as posted on their website, the 4-H Exhibitor Catalog Department Rules, for their species department rules set forth by their department chair, as well as the rules described herein.

1. Only regular 4-H Members (grades 4-13) are eligible to participate in the market animal sale.
2. The following items must be completed and submitted by the assigned deadline for a member to be eligible to sell their animal project at the Market Sale:
  - a. 4-H members must give a county-level public presentation for the current project year.
  - b. 4-H members must write a letter inviting a buyer to attend the Social and Sale. A copy (photo or scan) will be provided to the MAS Committee.
  - c. If the market project animal is not on the 4-H member's property, a Sussex 4-H Land/Lease/Board Contract must be submitted to the 4-H Office by the deadline for their species. (*see table*)
  - d. Along with the Land/Lease/Board contract 4-H member will keep a Journal to document the actual time spent caring for the animal. Journal entries should include dates and time spent at the farm, as well as specific work/care performed each time. Farmer and members are to sign journal entries at the end of each visit.
  - e. MAS animal registration forms (yellow) must be completed and submitted to the club leader and 4-H Office by the set deadlines (see table). Members must attach two photos for each animal- 1 full body shot (profile), and 1 head shot with ear tag/tattoo clearly visible.  
  
Scrapies tags are required for Market Goat and Sheep.
  - f. A 4-H project record book completed through May must be submitted to club leader at the June species club meeting to be reviewed and signed by the club leader and delivered to the 4-H Office no later than 7/1.  
  
Members should exercise care to ensure all animal projects they plan to enter in MAS are documented in their record books.
  - g. A NJSF/SCFHS entry form must be completed and handed in to the species club leader at the June club meeting.
  - h. An MAS booster form (green) must be completed and handed in to species club leader at their June club meeting. All booster forms and accompanying funds must be submitted to the MAS Treasurer by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Failure to comply with any of the above requirements will forfeit a member's eligibility to participate in the MAS.*
3. Project animals are required to be on the member's property by a specified date: January 1st for market beef projects, May 1st for market lambs and goats born on the member's farm, (or age of weaning, but no more than 12 weeks of age if purchased), May 1<sup>st</sup> for market hogs.
  - a. If this requirement has not been met, a Lease/Board Contract between the 4-H member and the landowner/farmer must be completed and on file with the 4- H office by February 1st for market beef and by May 1st for market lambs, goats and market hogs. Sussex 4-H Lease/Board Contract must be submitted to the 4-H Office by the deadlines as specified in (see table)

4. No animals will be considered for the Sale that do not comply with the criteria listed here. Therefore, it is strongly suggested members include all animals they own/lease that would qualify for MAS be entered on all forms, records, and journals.
5. A 4-H member may raise more than one market project species and may also raise more than one animal (lamb, goat, beef and hog) in each species. If a member raises more than one species, he or she may only sell one of each species in the Market Animal Sale-if they fulfill all requirements for their MAS project animals and are Members in Good Standing.

The only exception to this rule is when the 4-H member's projects have been awarded both Grand and Reserve Champion in a single species. This necessitates both the Grand and Reserve Champions must be sold in the MAS.

6. Loading and unloading of a member's project animal(s) is the responsibility of the member and their family. Assistance from other 4-H members is encouraged as needed.
7. A guardian/adult representative of any 4-H members intending to participate in the MAS must attend a mandatory parent meeting in the fall and the month of April. There will be no exceptions. If a guardian or representative does not attend this meeting, the 4-H member will not be permitted to participate in the MAS. Only a true emergency with documentation will be considered by the committee/4-H Office as an excuse for missing this event.
8. If a 4-H member violates any of the above, department, or fair rules, the 4-H member may not show or sell their animal(s) in the 4-H MAS.
9. If a member or guardian of a member violates either the Fair or 4-H Code of Conduct during the fair, the member may be disqualified from participation in that year's MAS and may be prohibited from future participation in the MAS program. This decision will be made by the Market Animal Sale Committee/4-H Office.

## The Sale

1. All market animals must be weighed-in at the time specified by the MAS committee<sup>1</sup> in conjunction with species chairs. All animals must be prepared to be weighed at the time specified. If the member misses their species' time slot, they will forfeit the right to show. Animals that fail to meet the minimum weight requirement will be disqualified from the Sale. Animals will not be reweighed unless a scale malfunction is suspected.
2. 4-H member dress for the market sale (photo, social and sale) will be clean, unripped blue jeans, boots or sneakers, and MAS T-shirt (to be provided by MAS). No baseball caps are permitted.  
For those staging the animals for the Sale, no ripped jeans, shorts, or open toed shoes are permitted by youth or adults. Only members whose animals are on deck to be auctioned may be in the staging area.
3. The animal staging area (behind the auction podium) will be limited to designated adults and MAS participants only.
4. Only animals awarded a blue ribbon (Excellent) at their respective shows may be sold. Their sale is at the option of the exhibitor, except for the Grand and Reserve Champion animals of each species. Both Grand and Reserve Champion animals must be offered for sale. If a 4-H member chooses to withdraw his or her animal

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<sup>1</sup> 2026 weigh-ins for sheep, goat, and swine are anticipated to be Sunday evening. Beef is anticipated to be Monday morning. Dates and times will be confirmed prior to the opening of the fair.

from the sale, they must inform their 4-H club leader and the MAS Committee as soon as possible, and no later than after their animal's show.

5. When an animal is sold in the 4-H Market Animal Sale, the sale is final. 4-H members, guardians, relatives, or friends may not attempt to interfere with the sale or the transfer of the animal to the buyer or hauler. Any buyer taking an animal as live, must coordinate the animal's transfer from the fairgrounds with the seller and the Ag Division. A live animal waiver stating this policy will be signed by each buyer intending on a live sale.
6. On the day of the Sale all members must have their photo taken with their animal by the photographer provided by MAS. A fluid schedule for photographs will be provided. 4-H members and/or their families must be on site all day, Tuesday. All members must meet at 5:00 pm for a group photo. Member bio cards and drug forms will be collected on the day of the Sale, prior to the auction.
7. Any 4-H member who is not available to present his or her animal for sale at the appropriate time may forfeit the privilege of selling the animal. Extraordinary circumstances such as medical, emergency, or physical limitations will be considered at the discretion of the 4-H club's leader and species show chair, who will then need to obtain approval from the MAS Committee/4-H Office for this to be allowed. 4-H members must participate in their species Showmanship class and show their project animal.
8. Resale of any market animals will be scheduled at the end of the sale. Only one animal of each species will be auctioned for resale. Funds generated by the resale are donated to Sussex County 4-H affiliated organizations such as the 4-H Foundation, or 4-H MAS Scholarship Fund.
9. The 4-H member will receive no less than 90% of the sale price. The percentage the 4-H member receives for the sale of their market animal will be determined by the MAS committee. This amount may vary year to year.

*In 2026 there will be no commission taken (0%).*

## The Social

1. The Buyer Social is offered to provide a meal for the buyers in gratitude, and as an incentive to purchase an animal. Each species<sup>2</sup> is responsible for purchasing, cooking, and carving their club's meat contribution to the social meal. 4-H members who are selling animals may be present (in appropriate dress) for a brief time (to be assigned), beginning at 5:30 to mingle with the buyers. All 4-H members shall be present at the:
  - BBQ Pavilion to help move chairs to the Ag Arena (~6:30)
  - Ag Arena for the opening ceremony at the beginning of the sale (~7:00)
  - Ag Arena at the close of the sale to help move chairs back to the BBQ Pavilion.
  - BBQ Pavilion one hour after the Sale for breakdown (equipment from the Social)
2. Successful participation in MAS requires support from the member's parent(s)/guardian. Parents of 4-H members will be required sign-up for shifts on the day of the Sale to prepare for the MAS Social, which includes but is not limited to set-up and clean up. Parents must sign up for their volunteer responsibilities at the mandatory parent meeting in April. Buyer packets will be emailed to all MAS members after the April parent meeting. Only buyers pre-registered by July 15<sup>th</sup> will be able to attend the social due to space limitations and catering (unless there are openings on the day of the social and are approved by the committee).

## After the Sale

1. There must be a representative from each family present to load their animals onto the hauler's trailer. Each family is responsible for the loading of their animals. The 4-H member (seller) must be present. Those with live sales are solely responsible for the transfer of said animal to the buyer, preferably before the fair opens the following day, per the live sale waiver. If this is not possible, arrangements for delivery must be coordinated with the Agricultural Division.
2. Proceeds from the Market Animal Sale will be distributed in-person to 4-H members after all buyers have paid for their purchases. Check distribution will take place on a scheduled date, time, and location (TBD by the MAS committee).
3. All 4-H members participating in the MAS show and sale are required to send a photo and thank you note to their buyer(s). The MAS committee will provide photo files and buyer's address info. to the leader of each club. The leader will forward them to their MAS members. It is the responsibility of the member to have an 8"x10" photo printed from the files. They must deliver that photo in a picture frame along with a thank you note/card to each of their buyer(s) in a timely manner-before the end of the calendar year.

A copy of the member's thank you note/card will be provided to the MAS Committee.

4. All members/sellers chosen to deliver a gift<sup>3</sup> to a buyer (November/December) must do so in a timely manner. They will make delivery arrangements with the buyer prior to gift pick-up. The buyer's contact information and address will be provided in advance for this purpose.
5. Failure to follow through on these commitments will prevent a seller from future participation in MAS.

## Meat Delivery

1. 4-H members are responsible for picking up their meat at the processing facility, and for delivering it to their buyer or charity in a timely manner (<2 weeks). 4-H members will be notified via email of meat pick up date and time, along with the buyer's name(s) and contact information, to arrange for delivery. If the 4-H member is not able to pick up the meat, s/he must:
  - Plan for someone else to pick up and deliver their meat
  - Contact buyer(s) and/or charities prior to the day of delivery.
2. All meat must be delivered to the buyer or charity selected by the buyer on the day of pick up or agreed upon date by the buyer. Failure to meet these responsibilities will result in a 10% penalty, deducted from his or her proceeds.

◆ *The MAS committee, in conjunction with the 4-H Office, reserves the right to make exceptions to any of the above rules under extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis. 4-H club leaders must report any such situations to the MAS Committee and 4-H staff.*

◆ *If a member does not fulfill their obligations, they will be ineligible to participate in the MAS program the following year. Any member aging out of the 4-H program, that does not fulfill their obligations, will be subject to a penalty fee deducted from their MAS sales check (Penalty to be determined by the MAS Committee and 4-H staff).*

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<sup>3</sup> Traditionally, the gift has been a holiday wreath purchased through the 4-H Foundation. Buyers who purchase one animal receive a small wreath. Those who purchase multiple animals, receive a large wreath. The 4-H member/seller delivering large wreaths are chosen at random.

# MAS Charts 2026

Species	Earliest Birthdate	On member's property date and age	Land/Lease/Board Due Date
Beef	11/1 of previous year (<21 months old)	1/1	2/1
Swine	2/1 of current year	5/1	5/1
Sheep	1/1 of current year	5/1, < 12 weeks of age	5/1
Goat	1/1 of current year	5/1, < 12 weeks of age	5/1

Species	◇ Project Record Book Due to Club Leader	◇ Fair Registration Form Due to Club Leader	MAS Registration Form (yellow) due	MAS Booster Forms (green) due	Member Bio Cards Due	Animal Drug Forms Due
Beef	June meeting	June meeting	2/1	June meeting	Day of Sale, 10 am	Day of Sale, 10 am
Swine			6/1			
Sheep			6/1			
Goat			6/1			

◇ Due at 4-H Office no later than 7/1

Species	AHC/CVI Due ◇	Rabies Withdrawal Date	BVD Test Due
Beef	Confirm with your 4-H Leader	Confirm with your 4-H Leader	Confirm w/4-H Leader
Swine			n/a
Sheep			
Goat			

◇ per NJSF/SCFHS health rules

## Market Project Finished Weight Requirements:

- ◆ Market lambs must be a minimum of 75 lbs.
- ◆ Market goats must be between 50 lbs.
- ◆ Market hogs must be between 200 lbs.
- ◆ Market beef must be between 900 lbs.

## Department 30

### 4-H BEEF BREEDING & MARKET BEEF PROJECTS

Department Chairperson: Ashley and AJ Stahoski, 908-655-6383

The following policy is to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H beef project shows at the NJSF/SCFHS®

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each 4-H member is responsible for obtaining an NJSF®/SCFHS 4-H Livestock Entry form as soon as they are available from the 4-H office or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader.
3. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H Office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
4. 4-H member entry forms that are turned in after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be identified as received late. 4-H animal projects that are entered late will forfeit all premiums, placings and the right to sell their animal at the Market Animal Sale.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. An Animal Health Certificate (AHC) or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for each 4-H beef project entered. A CVI is required for all out of state animals. The AHC/CVI must be shown to a fair veterinarian at Vet Check before entering the fairgrounds. An AHC/ CVI must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair.
2. In addition to the AHC/CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or fair veterinarian.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds. If a member's project animal is removed prior to the show, they may borrow an animal to show in their Showmanship class.
4. No horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
5. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of the The NJSF®/SCFHS website, <http://njstatefair.org/>.

#### SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. 4-H members must have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have met all Member in Good Standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums or sell a market animal in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
2. Due to age and the objectives of the NJ 4-H Cloverbud program, Cloverbud members 4 are *not* eligible to receive premiums or to sell a market animal in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.  
  
Cloverbud members who have completed grades 1-3 and are *Members in Good Standing* may participate in a showmanship class held before the 4-H Beef Show. Participants will *not* be placed, the class is intended to provide members experience showing their project animal. Cloverbud members will be recognized with participation awards.
3. Please note that the purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to introduce Cloverbud members to a variety of 4-H projects, which are available to them upon reaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. All members must give a county level 4-H public presentation to be eligible for fair passes, premiums, 4-H Beef Show, and to sell an animal in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.  
  
*Grade 13 Only: If a member is unable to give a county level presentation, a leader must be notified in advance. The member's participation in the fair show, eligibility for ribbons and premiums will be at the discretion of the club's leaders. The leaders may opt to allow the member to make a presentation to the club if school or other commitments prevent the member from giving a county level presentation.*
5. A person must have joined the project club before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year in order to receive premiums and show in any market beef or breeding classes in the 4-H show. Members who miss the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, will be unable to sell a market animal at the 4-H Market Animal Sale.

#### **4-H BEEF BREEDING & MARKET BEEF PROJECTS (Continued)**

##### **SECTION BRE: 4-H Beef Breeding Project Requirements**

1. The 4-H member must own or lease their 4-H beef breeding projects by May 1<sup>st</sup>. An exception to this would be animals falling under the loan agreement attested to by both parties of the agreement. A loan agreement must be on file at the 4-H office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. If the member is showing a registered breeding project they must have the original registration papers to present to a 4-H leader/show superintendent at the time of the show. If the 4-H member is unable to present the original registration papers the project will be moved to a mixed breed (grade) class.
3. A 4-H leader or show superintendent may combine classes within the breed if there are less than five animals entered. Multiple breeds may be combined if there are not enough animals entered to form breed classes.
4. If a 4-H member shows a cow-calf pair, it is understood the member was responsible for the breeding decision. The dam must be owned by the 4-H member at the time of conception.
5. The first and second place heifers from each class will make up the championship heifer class.
6. The first and second place Cow-calf pair from each cow-calf class will make up the championship cow-calf class.

##### **SECTION MAR: Market Beef Project Requirements**

1. Market beef project must have been born after January 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year, and not be more than 20 months old or showing any permanent incisor teeth at the time of the sale.
2. The member must have owned and obtained custody of their market beef project by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
3. Market animals must be weighed in at the designated time on Monday of the fair. Failure to do so will forfeit the right to show.
4. Beef projects must weigh at least 900 lbs when weighed in at the fair in order to qualify for the Market Animal Sale. If the animal does not make weight, the member may still show their project in the Market Show.
5. Market beef project will have a maximum finished weight of 1550 lbs. The buyer will only pay the bid price for up to 1550 lbs.
6. A market beef project must be judged a blue ribbon (Excellent) to qualify for the sale.
7. First & Second place animals from each weight class will make up the championship class.
8. The Grand & Reserve Champion animals in the beef department market show must be sold. All other animals that receive a blue ribbon and qualify for the sale may be sold at the 4-H's discretion. Only one 4-H market beef project may be sold in the Market Animal Sale. A member may raise and show more than one project animal.
9. A 4-H member may show a beef project in the Market Show without participating in the Market Animal Sale (MAS) program. Said animal would not be eligible for sale in the MAS regardless of placement. The rule regarding sale of the Grand and Reserve Champions would not apply. This rule, and eligibility for sale, would pass to the next steer placement.

**SECTION CODES**

**SECTION MAR–Market**

Market: classes will be determined after weigh-ins—all entries enter into Class A

THESE SECTIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

ANG-Angus	CHA-Charolais	CRO-Crossbred
HER-Hereford	SIM-Simmental	OTH-Other

**Classes with description:**

1. Jr. Heifer Calf—born on/after 1/1/2026	2. Sr. Heifer Calf—born 9/1/2025–12/31/2025
3. Summer Yearling Heifer—born 5/1/2025–8/31/2025	4. Spring Yearling Heifer—born 1/1/2025–4/30/2025
5. Fall Yearling Heifer—born 9/1/2024–12/ 31/ 2024	6. 2 year old not yet fresh—born 9/1/2023–8/31/2024
7. Cow-calf	8. Bull calf born after 1/1/26
9. Senior Bull-Calf—born 9/1/2025-12/31/2025	10. Summer Yearling Bull—born 5/1/2025-8/31/2025
11. Spring Yearling Bull—born 1/1/25-4/30/25	12. Fall Yearling Bull—born 5/1/24-12/31/24
13. 2 year old Bull—born 9/1/23-8/31/24	

**SECTION SHO–Showmanship**

**Classes with description:**

1. Cloverbuds: 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	2. Junior : 4 <sup>th</sup> –8 <sup>th</sup> grades
3. Senior: 9 <sup>th</sup> –13 <sup>th</sup> grades	

**AWARDS**

1. Danish placing: *Excellent, Very Good, and Good*
2. Champion and Reserve Champion
3. No cash premiums will be awarded to market animal projects.

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/> Water at the Fairgrounds may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria.

## Department 31

### 4-H DAIRY CATTLE PROJECTS

Department Chairpersons: Nora Swanson, 973-222-2215

The following policy to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H dairy cattle project shows at the NJSF®/SCFHS

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each 4-H member is responsible for obtaining an NJSF®/SCFHS 4-H livestock entry form when they are available from the 4-H Office or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader and returned to the 4-H office by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H Office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
3. Entry forms that are turned in after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be identified as received late 4-H animal projects that are entered late will forfeit all Danish placings and cash premiums awarded.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for each 4-H dairy project entered. The CVI must be shown to a club leader, fair livestock supervisor or veterinarian when the animal is unloaded at the fair. A CVI must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair.
2. In addition to the CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the Fair.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. Every animal must have proof of a shipping fever shot. This must be stated on the health form, which will be checked with the registration papers.
5. No horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
6. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of the The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, <http://njstatefair.org/>.

#### SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. All exhibitors must be active 4-H members in grades 4<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums.
2. 70% Attendance, Dairy Judging and Public Presentation requirements must be met to be eligible to show and/or receive premiums
3. Growing and/or production records must accompany all animal entries on each animal entered. Records must be completed as of May 1<sup>st</sup> and submitted with the 4-H member entry form.
4. Exhibitors shall be neatly dressed when exhibiting and wear clean white clothing. (*No farm names on clothing*) and wear sturdy, safe shoes. (*No open toe shoes*); no midriff shirts or short shorts.
5. A person must have joined the 4-H project club before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year in order to show.
6. Cloverbud members (k-3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and are *Members in Good Standing* may participate in a showmanship class. Cloverbud members will not receive premiums, the class is intended to provide members experience showing their project animals. Cloverbud members will be recognized through participation awards.

**4-H DAIRY CATTLE PROJECTS (Continued)**

**SECTION D: 4-H Dairy Cattle Requirements**

1. All animals must be born, leased or purchased before May 1st of current year. All lease agreements must be on file at the 4-H office by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. All exhibitors must have all animals not milking on the grounds between 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Monday of fair week. Milking animals may be brought to the fairgrounds and removed on the day they are to be shown.
3. It is required that all non-milking animals stay from Monday until Friday. It is recommended that non-milking animals stay until the closing Saturday if space is available. Entrants must state on the entry form the exact date their animals will leave the grounds.
4. Awards: Excellent, Very Good, and Good; with 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> placings in special classes.
5. All animals should be milked in the milking parlor

**CLASSES:**

**SECTION SHO: Showmanship classes**

**Classes with description:**

1. Cloverbud-Kindergarten	2. Cloverbud – 1 <sup>st</sup> grade
3. Cloverbud – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	4. Cloverbud – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
8. Novice-4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades	9. Intermediate- 6 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> grades
10. Experienced- 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> grades	

**THESE SECTIONS HAVE THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

<b>AYR:</b> Ayrshire	<b>BRO:</b> Brown Swiss	<b>GUE:</b> Guernsey	
<b>HOL:</b> Holstein	<b>MSH:</b> Milking Shorthorn	<b>JER:</b> Jersey	<b>OTH:</b> Other (breed not listed)

**CLASSES:**

**Junior Females**

1. Spring heifer calf—born 3/1/2026 thru 5/1/2026	2. Winter heifer calf—born 12/1/2025 thru 2/28/2026
3. Fall heifer calf - born 9/1/2025 thru 11/30/2025	4. Summer yearling heifer – born 6/1/2025 thru 8/31/2025
5. Spring yearling heifer—born 3/1/2025 thru 5/31/2025	6. Winter yearling heifer – born 12/1/2024 thru 2/29/2025
7. Fall yearling heifer—born 9/1/2024 thru 11/30/2024 milk- ing fall yearlings will compete in the Junior 2 year old class.	8. Junior and Reserve Junior Champion

## 4-H DAIRY CATTLE PROJECTS (Continued)

### Senior Females

10. Two year old not yet fresh	11. Junior dry cow—born 9/1/2021 thru 8/31/2022 (2 thru 4 year olds)
12. Senior dry cow—born before 9/1/2021 (5 year olds and older)	13. Summer 2 year old-born 6/1/2024 thru 8/31/2024
14. Junior 2 year old- born 3/1/2024 thru 5/31/2024	15. Senior 2 year old—born 9/1/2023 thru 2/29/2024
16. Junior 3 year old—born 3/1/2023 thru 8/31/2023	17. Senior 3 year old—born 9/1/2022 thru 2/29/2023
20. Four year old cow - born 9/1/2021 thru 8/31/2022	21. Five year old cow—born 9/1/2020 thru 8/31/2021
22. Aged Cow—born before 9/1/2020	23. Senior and Reserve Senior Champion
24. Grand and Reserve Grand Champion	

*Special award within each milking class for the designated best udder—to be determined by judge*

**Note:** Only members receiving red or blue ribbons will be eligible for championships. Classes may be combined if not enough animals are entered to fill a class. There must be at least 3 entries to be eligible for a trophy.

### Special Classes:

1. Produce of Dam—two animals; one or more owners; same dam	2. Dam and Daughter
3. Best Animal Bred by Exhibitor	

## MIL – MILKING CONTEST

### Classes:

1. Cloverbud: K–3 <sup>rd</sup> grades	2. Junior: 4 <sup>th</sup> –5 <sup>th</sup> grades
3. Intermediate: 6 <sup>th</sup> –9 <sup>th</sup> grades	4. Senior: 10 <sup>th</sup> –13 <sup>th</sup> grades

### Section: EDD

Youth may construct and submit a poster, story and/or model related to the 4-H Dairy Project. Entries may be submitted by Cloverbud members (K-Grade 3) and Regular members (Grade 4-13)

### Class Number with description

- Dairy Cattle (beginner)**- identifying breeds, selecting calves, anatomy, desirable traits, packing a show box, grooming and showing a calf, and identifying stages of calving and care.
- Dairy Cattle (intermediate)** - judging, ethical decision-making, keeping animals healthy, parasites, behavior, housing, hay quality, milking, food safety and careers.
- Dairy Cattle (advanced)** - body condition scoring, mastitis detection, ration balancing, pregnancy detection, how to deliver a calf, dairy product promotion, and career opportunities.

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair<sup>®</sup>/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

**All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair<sup>®</sup>/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/> Water at the Fairgrounds may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria.**

## Department 32

### 4-H SHEEP & MARKET LAMB PROJECT

Department Chairperson: Irene Zeberl (862) 668-3541

The following policy to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H sheep project shows at the NJSF®/SCFHS.

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each 4-H member is responsible for obtaining an NJSF®/SCFHS 4-H livestock entry form from the 4-H Office, the Sussex 4-H web- site ([www.sussex4h.org](http://www.sussex4h.org)) or from the club leader. The Department Chairperson reserves the right to restrict the number of breed show entries based on the availability of barn space. Only animals entered on entry sheets will be admitted onto the fairgrounds. All entries listed on fair entry form must be included in 4-H member's project record book.
2. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader. Changes to entries must be reported to the club's leader after veterinarian check-in when sheep projects arrive at the fair.
3. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H Office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
4. Project record books and 4-H member entry forms that are turned in after July 1st will be identified as received late. 4-H animal projects that are entered late will forfeit all premiums, placing and the right to sell their animal at the Market Animal Sale.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is required for each 4-H sheep project. A CVI **must** be used for all out of state sheep. The AHC form may be used for in- state sheep and is available on the fair website. Both forms require veterinarian signature and inspection of the animals at their farm prior to the start of the fair, and within 30 days of the last day of the fair. The CVI or AHC must be shown at Vet Check before entering the fairgrounds. A CVI or AHC must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair. Animal ID numbers listed on the AHC/ CVI paperwork must match the animal ID numbers on the 4-H member's entry form, and represent the animals present on the fairgrounds.
2. In addition to the AHC/CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the fair. During the 4-H project year if the 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could prevent an animal's participation in the show, the 4-H club leader should provide guidance and/or educational activities that will help the 4-H member correct these health conditions.
3. No lambs under twelve (12) weeks of age will be permitted on the fairgrounds.
4. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds.
5. No horned animals or aged rams (greater than 2 years old) will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit.
6. Proof of sheep rabies vaccine administered by a licensed veterinarian is required. Vaccine must be given at least 21 days prior to the start of the fair.
7. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>.

### **SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements**

1. 4-H members must have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums.
2. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums or sell a market animal in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
3. 4-H Cloverbud member may only participate in showmanship and costume classes if the project leadership offers such a class. Cloverbud members must have completed kindergarten – 3rd grade. No cash premiums are awarded, only participation ribbons and trophies. Cloverbud members are not permitted to bring their own sheep to the fair.
4. Please note that the purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to introduce Cloverbud members to a variety of 4-H projects, which are available to them upon reaching 4th grade. Participation in the 4-H Cloverbud program is not an opportunity to gain experience that can be credited towards a 4-H'ers participation in the standard 4-H program upon reaching the 4th grade.
5. All 4-H members who intend to sell a market lamb in the 4-H Market Animal Sale must have given a county level 4-H Public Presentation.
6. A person must have joined the project club before January 1<sup>st</sup> of current year in order to show. Members who miss the January 1st deadline may show in the 4-H breeding and/or Market animal shows as a learning experience and receive participation ribbons only, but will not be awarded cash premiums and will be unable to sell a market animal at the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
7. All club members are required to raise and show at least one breeding sheep project in order to sell a market lamb.
8. The dress code for showing is clean jeans, a belt, a white collared shirt (*no t-shirts*), socks, and sturdy, safe shoes (*no open-toed shoes*). Members must remain in show attire until conclusion of show and after a group photograph has been taken.

### **SECTION D: 4-H Breeding Sheep Project and/or Their Offspring Requirements**

1. 4-H sheep breeding projects must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by February 1<sup>st</sup>. An exception to this is sheep, and/or their offspring, provided within a land/lease/borrow and purchase agreement attested to by both parties of the agreement. The agreement must be turned in to the Club Leader on or before the January club meeting and turned in to the 4-H office by the Club Leader before 2/1. Offspring from a breeding project may be shown so long as they are recorded in the member's record book and were born before 5/1.
2. If the land/lease/borrow and purchase agreement is not turned in to the Club Leader by the 2/1 deadline, member forfeits the eligibility to show any/ all animals covered by the land/lease/borrow and purchase agreement. Any animals purchased or provided by agreement after 2/1, but before 5/1, will not be eligible to be shown in breed classes. They may be shown in the show- manship, fitting, and/or costume classes.
3. The 2/1 land/lease/borrow and purchase agreement will cover the ewe and any offspring from her, therefore any offspring from a lease/loaned ewe is eligible to be shown in the appropriate breed classes. Offspring covered by lease/loan and purchase agreements must be present or born on the member's property must be born before 5/1.
4. For those, who already own breeding projects, and are looking to add new breeding projects to their flock, new animals must be on the members property by 5/1.
5. All 4-H sheep projects must be on display before 5:00 pm on the first Friday of the fair.
6. All animals entered in the breed classes must provide a copy of the registration papers (*or a copy of the application filed for registration, if registration is not available*) for that specific breed by 6/30 to the Department chairperson.
7. Members have the option of showing breeding sheep at halter.

#### **4-H SHEEP & MARKET LAMB PROJECT (continued)**

8. No yearling teeth can be evident in lambs. Yearlings (1-2 years old) may not have more than four permanent teeth.
9. No sheep may leave the display barn until the conclusion of the fair unless approved by the Agricultural Division President or Agricultural Area Coordinator and a Veterinarian.
10. There will be two separate classes, Fitting and Showmanship.
  - a. The members winning Junior and Senior Showmanship (1 each) will represent the Sheep Project in the Round Robin competition.
  - b. For the Showmanship class, the 4-H member will fit all breeding project animals. First year members may only receive assistance from other 4-H members and club leaders.
  - c. For the Fitting class, a first-year member may only receive assistance from another 4-H member or 4-H club leader. If the member receives any assistance in fitting their project animal, they must enter the Novice fitting class.
  - d. If a first-year member does all the fitting on their project animal (no assistance), they may enter one of the Regular fitting classes (Senior and Junior). Fitting in these classes must be done entirely by the 4-H member.
  - e. No 4-H'er may do the work of fully fitting a sheep for another 4-H'er. Parents are required to follow this rule as well.
11. All members are responsible to know their classes and be ready when called into the show ring.
12. At the Judge's discretion, additional 4-H members are permitted in the show ring to assist and help set-up the animal, during market and breed show classes.
13. All sheep must be fed by 8:00 am and pens must be cleaned before 10:00 am daily. If a member is unable to feed and clean their animal's pens on schedule they should ask another member if they can do this for them. If a member violates this rule more than two (2) times they will be dismissed from the fairgrounds and forfeit any premiums.
14. Only first place animals which have a score of Blue/Excellent ribbon will compete for Champion in the sheep breed show classes. Additionally, all breed Champions (and Reserve Champions requested by judges) in each division will compete for overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ram and Ewe.

## SECTION E: Market Lamb Project Requirements

1. Market lambs must be born January 1<sup>st</sup> or later of the current year.
2. 4-H Market Lamb project must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by 5/1. If animal is not born on member's property, it must be on the member's property at the age of weaning, but no more than 12 weeks of age. Head with ear tag and body shot photos of acquired animals must be provided to both the club leader and the Department Chairperson at the time of purchase and again on the date of delivery to the member's farm, or leased, property. Failure to provide pictures in a timely manner is grounds for disqualification from showing and selling of the animal. Club Leader or Department Chairperson reserves the right to inspect the member's animals at their farm at an agreed upon time.
3. Market projects must have a finished requirement of 75 lbs when weighed in at the fair in order to qualify for the Market Animal Sale. If market lambs weigh less than 75 lbs. at official weigh-in, the 4-H member has the option of showing the market lamb(s) in their class. However, the entry/entries may not qualify for Champion or Reserve Champion titles, and may not be sold in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
4. To be eligible to show and sell a market lamb, the 4-H'er must raise and show at least one breeding animal in the 4-H sheep breed show. 4-H sheep breeding projects must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by 2/1. An exception to this is sheep, and/or their offspring, provided within a land/lease/board agreement attested to by both parties of the agreement. A land/lease/ board agreement must be turned in to the Club Leader on or before the January club meeting and turned into the 4-H office by the Club Leader by 2/1.
5. If the land/lease/borrow agreement is not turned in to the Club Leader by the above deadline, member forfeits the eligibility to show any and all animals covered by the agreement. A land/lease/board agreement will cover the ewe and any offspring from her, therefore any offspring from a lease/loaned ewe is eligible to be shown in the appropriate breed classes. Offspring covered by land/lease/board agreements or born on the member's property must be born before 5/1.
6. If a market lamb project is not being raised on the member's property (or that of an immediate family member's), the animal must be listed on the member's land/lease/board agreement.
7. A market lamb must be judged a blue ribbon (Excellent) to qualify for the sale in addition to having met the 75-pound requirement.
8. First & Second Place animals from each weight class will make up the championship class. An individual 4-H member may show more than one animal in the championship class.
9. The Champion & Reserve Champion animals in the market lamb show must be sold. All other animals that receive a blue ribbon and qualify for the sale may be sold at the 4-H'ers discretion. Only one 4-H market lamb project can be sold in the Market Animal Sale, although a member may raise and show more than one project animal. A maximum of two lambs may be shown. If a 4-H member receives both Grand & Reserve Champion market lamb titles, both lambs must be sold.
10. All wethers must be castrated with a knife or elastrator 60 days prior to show. If a wether is entered into the Market Lamb class and the 4-H member opts not to sell it, the member may enter the animal into the wether class. Members must list all sheep that may be eligible to compete. Only two entries per member will be eligible.
11. Market lambs may not be shown at halter.
12. Market lambs must be shorn within 30 days of the show and/or fleece may not be longer than 1/2 inch.
13. All Market lambs that a 4-H member is considering bringing to the fair, must be entered on registration forms. All animals will be included on the registration form (yellow), including photos and tag or tattoo identification numbers.

**4-H SHEEP & MARKET LAMB PROJECT (continued)**

- Members will have until 1/1 to set up a land/lease/borrow agreement with a farmer. Members must submit a land/lease/borrow agreement to the club leader at the January meeting. If the loaner agreement is not turned in to the 4-H office by the 2/1 deadline, the member forfeits the eligibility to show any and all animals covered by the land/lease/borrow agreement.

**SECTION: MAR-MARKET LAMB**

Classes will be adjusted into 3 or 4 classes at the discretion of the leader and/or judge depending on number of animals at weigh-in. Market Lamb—all entries enter into **Class A**.

*All rules are subject to change due to extenuating circumstances.*

**Breeding/Wether Stock-Put Breed/Wether in Section Selection:**

<b>BOR:</b> Border Leicester	<b>WET</b> —Wether	<b>COT:</b> Cotswold
<b>DAR:</b> Dairy	<b>DOR:</b> Dorset	<b>DPR:</b> Dorper
<b>GRA:</b> Grade	<b>HAM:</b> Hampshire	<b>LLW:</b> Leicester Longwool
<b>ROM:</b> Romney	<b>SFN:</b> Spinners Flock/Natural	<b>SFW:</b> Spinner Flock/White
<b>SHR:</b> Shropshire	<b>SOU:</b> Southdown	<b>SUF:</b> Suffolk
<b>TUN:</b> Tunis	<b>KAT:</b> Katahdin	

- Due to limited barn space, there is a limit of two entries per class, per member.
- 4-H members may enter sheep entries in the Spinner’s Flock Classes or the Breed classes—not both.
- No parent may communicate with the judge during the show, nor may they enter the show ring unless requested.
- All animals entered in the breed classes must provide a copy of the registration papers (or a copy of the application filed for registration), if registration is not available) by 6/30 or be entered as Grade or Wool class.

**Classes with description:**

1. Jr. Wether	2. Junior Ram Lambs <i>born after December 31</i>	3. Senior Ram Lambs <i>born September 1-December 31</i>
4. Yearling Ram	5. Yearling Wether	7. Junior Ewe Lambs <i>born after December 31</i>
8. Senior Ewe Lambs <i>born September 1-December 31</i>	9. Yearling Ewe	10. Aged Ewe
11. Aged Wether		

## SECTION OBC – OVERALL BREED COMPETITION

### Classes with description:

1. Ewe with her lamb at side (lamb under 1 year) ewe must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of breeding. Both animals may be shown in separate classes. The assistant in the ring must be appropriately dressed and a 4-H Member. This class is limited to one entry per member.
2. Lamb Pair class— Two animals either sex, mix or match; same owner—limit one entry per member.
3. Yearling Pair—Two animals either sex, mix or match; same owner—limit one entry per member.
4. Sheep Obstacle Course
5. Costume Parade—Cloverbud 4-H Members
6. Best Fleece—One animal per exhibitor, must have been shown in a wool breed class.

## SECTION SHO–SHOWMANSHIP

### SECTION FIT-FITTING

1. Senior—grades: 9-13	2. Junior—grades: 6-8
3. Cloverbud—grades: K-3 (SHO, only)	

## AWARDS

Trophies for top animals in each breed

Trophies and Rosettes for overall Supreme Grand Champion Ewe and Ram will be awarded.

- Supreme Reserve Champion Ewe and Ram (*will receive rosette only*)
- Senior Showmanship & Fitting
- Junior Showmanship & Fitting
- Novice Showmanship
- Young Shepherd Award
- Cloverbud Showmanship—*participation only*

Show rules are reviewed annually and may be subject to change.

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

**All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/> Water at the Fairgrounds may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria**

## Department 33

### 4-H DAIRY GOAT PROJECT

Department Chairperson: Rebecca Goldsworthy (973) 534-0590

The following policy to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H goat project shows at the NJSF®/SCFHS.

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each member is responsible for obtaining a NJSF/SCFHS livestock entry form as soon as they are available from the 4-H office, website ([www.sussex4h.org](http://www.sussex4h.org)), or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member livestock entry forms must be submitted to the club leader for review and signing on or before the June club meeting. Any animals not listed on the entry forms will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. All entries listed on the entry forms must be included in the 4-H member's record book.
3. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May and submitted to the club leader for review and signing on or before the June club meeting.
4. All entry forms and record books are to be reviewed, deemed complete, and signed by the club leader. The club leader should not sign the members' livestock entry forms unless their current project record book is submitted and deemed complete through May. The club leader is expected to collect each club member's entry forms and record book. Then the club leader, or an adult designated by the club leader must submit all the entry forms and record books from their club members to the 4-H office no later than July 1st. Individual members may not submit their paperwork directly to the 4-H office.
5. Department Chairperson reserves the right to restrict the number of entries per club/and or member based on the availability of barn space. Club leaders may restrict the number of entries of their own club members based on the barn space allocated to their club.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is required for each 4-H goat project entered. A CVI MUST be used for all out-of-state goats. The AHC form may be used for in-state goats and is available on the fairwebsite. Both forms require a veterinarian signature and inspection of the animals at their farm prior to the fair. The CVI or AHC must be shown to the veterinarian at vet-check before entering the fairgrounds. The CVI or AHC must be shown to the club leader before unloading animals at the fair. The CVI or AHC must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair.
2. In addition to the AHC/CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the fair. During the 4-H project year if the 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could prevent an animal's participation in the show, the 4-H club leader should provide guidance and/or educational activities that will help the 4-H member correct these health conditions.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. No horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit. Scurs not to exceed 2" from hair line.
5. All goats must be at least two months of age, born on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to enter the fairgrounds. Photos taken at time of birth for all animals born after 5/1 must be provided to Department Chair to verify age. Photos submitted after May 31<sup>st</sup> will deem that animal to not be eligible to show. Fair starts July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
6. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, <http://njstatefair.org/>.

## SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. 4-H members must have completed the 4th grade and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums.
2. A 4-H Cloverbud member can participate only in Cloverbud showmanship, costume, and fitting classes if the project leadership offers such a class. Cloverbud members must have completed the K – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. No cash premiums are awarded, only participation ribbons and trophies.
3. Please note that the purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to introduce Cloverbud members to a variety of 4-H projects, which are available to them upon reaching 4th grade. Participation in the 4-H Cloverbud program is not an opportunity to gain experience that can be credited towards a 4-H'ers participation in the standard 4-H program upon reaching the 4th grade.
4. All Junior/Senior members must have given at least a Club Level 4-H presentation to be eligible to show and/or receive premiums.
5. A member must enroll in 4-H and their project club by January 1st, of the current project year in order to show in the Dairy Goat Show and be eligible for premiums. Members who join after January 1<sup>st</sup> will not receive premiums. Members joining after the 1/1 enrollment deadline must be enrolled for at least 6 months prior to start of fair, with completed record books and livestock entry forms to be eligible to exhibit their animals at the fair. They may only show in the 4-H showmanship, costume, fitting and aged wether/education classes as a learning experience and receive ribbons but not premiums.
6. The dress code for showing is clean white pants or shorts, a white collared show shirt, socks, and sturdy, safe shoes (no open toed shoes).
7. All members, meat and dairy, are to remain in the show barn for the duration of the goat show to assist as directed. Any members not in compliance will forfeit their premiums.

## SECTION D: 4-H Dairy Goat Project Requirements

1. 4-H dairy goat breeding projects must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by Dec. 31 of the project year for Senior does and May 1 for Junior does over 12 months. A breeding project is any doe that will be at least 12 months of age on day of show, born on or before Aug. 3, 2025. . Jr dry does between 12 months and 2 years of age may be obtained at any time, but must be on the member's property before 5/1. Photos of acquired Senior does must be provided to both the club leader and the Department Chairperson on the day of delivery to your, or leased, property. Failure to provide pictures promptly, or submitted after December 31<sup>st</sup>, is grounds for disqualification from showing in breed classes. Lease agreements must be turned in to the club leader on or before the December club meeting and turned in to the 4-H office by the club leader by 1/1. Senior does purchased after Dec. 31 of the project year will not be eligible for breed classes, but may be shown in the other classes, such as costume and fitting.
2. Members wishing to purchase kids (Jr dry does under 12 months of age at time of show, born after Aug. 3, 2025), may do so at any time, but they must be on the member's property before 5/1. Does under 12 months old will not be considered breeding projects. Kids born on the member's property after May 1<sup>st</sup> must be born on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> and meet the requirements in Rule B5 above.
3. All animals to be used by a Cloverbud member that will be owned or leased/boarded elsewhere are subject to the 5/1 deadline. They must own or submit a land/lease/board agreement to the club leader by the April club meeting and turned into the 4-H office by the club leader before 5/1.

#### **4-H DAIRY GOAT PROJECT-continued**

4. 4-H member is expected to fit all of their own showmanship and fitting class animals. Junior and new senior members in their first project year may receive assistance from other 4-H members and Club Leaders. No 4-H member may do the work of fitting a goat for another member. If a member needs assistance, they may request the help of another member or leader subject to the approval of their club leader. Parents are expected to support and enforce this rule with their own children. Any animal fitted by parents after it arrives on the fairgrounds will be disqualified from showing in a fitting or showmanship class. Hoof trimming is to be considered maintenance, not fitting, and will not be grounds for disqualification from any class should member need assistance with it.
5. The base date for computing the animal's age is the day of the show.
6. This show is not sanctioned by ADGA and will be run according to the Sussex County 4-H goat project leadership guidelines for the following breeds: All other purebreds, Alpine, Toggenburg, Nubian, Nigerian Dwarf, Oberhasli, LaMancha, Saanen, and recorded grades, subject to change at the Department Chairpersons discretion.
7. All animals entered in the Purebred Classes must provide a copy of their registration papers to the Department Chair by 6/30. A registration certificate is required for all animals six months of age or older to participate in Purebred Classes. For animals under 6 months, a copy of the duplicate application stamped by ADGA , etc. will be accepted. Failure to provide copies of registration papers by 6/30 deadline will result in those animals being placed in Grade Class.
8. Any doe that has ever freshened or is in milk shall compete in the Senior Class. Any doe 24 months or under, that has never freshened, shall compete in the Junior Class. Any doe over 24 months that has never freshened may only be shown in a showmanship, fitting or aged wether/education or costume class.
9. Members may choose to bring their milking dairy does in for just the day of the show. They must be in place before the fair opens and leave the fairgrounds by the end of the day, after the fair closes, or as directed by the Ag President. Departure will be at the direction of the Ag President and supervised by Ag area employees and security if needed to ensure the public's safety during removal. These animals will be ineligible for premiums. Only animals that remain for the length of the fair are eligible for premiums. If member is not exhibiting any other goats for the duration of the fair, they will only receive a day pass for the day of the show. Members are encouraged to keep their milkers at the fair for its duration as exhibits and for educational milking demonstrations to the public.
10. Any animals shown in Department 33 Breed Classes or Show may not be shown or judged again in the Department 36 breed classes or Show. Animals may not be entered in both shows.

## SECTION SHO–Showmanship

### Classes with description:

1. Cloverbud: K - Grade 3	2. Junior: Grade 4 - 8	3. Senior: Grade 9 - 13
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## SECTION DOE–Breed Doe Class

### Classes with description:

ALP: Alpine		AOP: All other purebreeds
DWA: Nigerian Dwarf	LAM: Lamancha	NUB: Nubian
OBE: Oberhasli	REG: Recorded grade	SAA: Saanen
TOG: Toggenburg	URG: Unrecorded grades	

### Classes with description:

1. 2-6 months	2. 6-12 months (dry doe)	3. 12-24 months (dry doe)
4. Milkers under 2 years old	5. Milkers 2-4 years old	6. Milkers over 4 years old

Any does over 2 years of age that never freshened may be entered in the Aged Wether/Education (AWE) Class 3.

## SECTION OBD – Overall Breed Competition

### Classes with description:

1. Dam & Daughter	2. Get of Sire: 3 offspring from same buck	3. Best Udder
4. Best Doe in Show	5. Best Herd (4 milkers)	

Individual Breed Classes may be combined to AOP at the discretion of Department Chairperson. Any aged wether/education animals must be entered in *Department 36, Section AWE – Aged Wether/Education*.

Costume class entries must be entered in *Department 36, Section COS – Costume*.

## SECTION FIT–Fitting

### Classes with description:

1. All participants (1 entry/ member)

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

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## Department 34

### 4-H HORSEMANSHIP PROJECT

Department Chairperson: Lori Wunderlich (973) 670-9290

#### Rules

1. 4-H Classes are open to any 4-H Horse Club member enrolled in 4-H by January 1<sup>st</sup> and meets the NJ 4-H Member in Good Standing requirements. Premiums will be paid only to Sussex County 4-H Horse Club Members. Cloverbud club members are only eligible for class numbers 1,5,9,13,17,21,25, and 29 and are not eligible for premiums.
2. A Cloverbud/Beginner class will be offered to Cloverbud or any members who have not cantered at any other show.
3. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader.
4. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be up-to-date through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
5. An entry fee of \$20 for the day is to be paid when you pick up your number.
6. Sussex County 4-H Horse Club members must have an up to date project record book to be eligible for premiums. Premiums are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$20, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$18, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$16, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$14, 5<sup>th</sup>-\$12, 6<sup>th</sup>-\$10, 7<sup>th</sup>-\$8 and 8<sup>th</sup>-\$6.
7. Classes will be conducted in accordance with the current NJ State 4-H Horse Show Rulebook (<http://nj4h.rutgers.edu/horses/horseshow/>).
8. A 4-H Horse Registration form must be completed and submitted to the 4-H Office prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>. This form is available in the 4-H Horse Project Record Book—page 33.
9. If the 4-H member is using a leased/borrowed horse, a 4-H horse project lease/borrow form must be completed and submitted to the 4-H office prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> along with the horse's registration form. The lease/borrow form is located in the 4-H Horse Project Record book page—34.
10. All members must participate in a showmanship class.
11. A 4-H member must give a 4-H county-level public presentation in order to receive a premium and show in the 4-H Show at the Fair.
12. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of the The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, [www.njstatefair.org](http://www.njstatefair.org).
13. Section and Class Numbers with Descriptions are on the following page.

**4-H HORSEMANSHIP PROJECT (Continued)**

**SECTION HOR–HORSE**

<b>Class Number with description*</b>	<b>Age/Grade</b>
1. Cloverbud/Beginner Showmanship	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
2. Senior Western Showmanship	Grades 9-13
3. Junior Western Showmanship	Grades 4-8
4. Cloverbud/Beginner Western Horsemanship	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
5. Senior Western Horsemanship	Grades 9-13
6. Junior Western Horsemanship	Grades 4-8
7. Cloverbud/Beginner Western Pleasure	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
8. Senior Western Pleasure	Grades 9-13
9. Junior Western Pleasure	Grades 4-8
10. Cloverbud/Beginner Western Trail	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
11. Senior Western Trail	Grades 9-13
12. Junior Western Trail	Grades 4-8
13. Cloverbud/Beginner English Showmanship	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
14. Senior English Showmanship	Grades 9-13
15. Junior English Showmanship	Grades 4-8
16. Cloverbud/Beginner Hunt Seat Equitation	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
17. Senior Hunt Seat Equitation	Grades 9-13
18. Junior Hunt Seat Equitation	Grades 4-8
19. Cloverbud/Beginner Hunter Under Saddle	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
20. Senior Hunter Under Saddle	Grades 9-13
21. Junior Hunter Under Saddle	Grades 4-8
22. Cloverbud/Beginner Walk Trot Ranch Rail Pleasure	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
23. Ranch Rail Pleasure Walk/Trot/Lope All Ages	Grades 4-13
24. Cloverbud/Beginner Walk Trot Ranch Riding	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience
25. Ranch Riding Walk/Trot/Lope All Ages	Grades 4-13
26. Cloverbud/Beginner Walk Trot Ranch Trail	K-Grade 3, age may vary based on experience

*\*Cloverbud and Beginner classes may be split*

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## Department 35

### 4-H SWINE PROJECT

Department Chairperson: Janet Bossart, (201) 323-0971

The following policy to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H swine project shows at the NJSF®/SCFHS.

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each 4-H member is responsible for obtaining an NJSF®/SCFHS 4-H livestock entry form as soon as they are available from the 4-H office or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader.
3. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H Office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
4. 4-H member entry forms turned in after July 1st will be identified as received late. 4-H animal projects that are entered late will forfeit all premiums, placings and the right to sell their animal at the Market Animal Sale.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or an Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is required for each 4-H swine project entered. The CVI/AHC must be shown at vet check prior to entering the fairgrounds. A CVI/AHC must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair. A CVI is required for all out-of-state animals.
2. In addition to the CVI/AHC requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the fair. During the 4-H project year if the 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could prevent an animal's participation in the show, the 4-H club leader should provide guidance and/or educational activities that will help the 4-H member correct these health conditions.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of the The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>.

#### SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. 4-H members must have completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and have met all Member in Good Standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums or sell a market animal in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
2. A 4-H Cloverbud member may only participate in breeding and showmanship classes if these are offered. Cloverbud members must have completed the 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Cloverbud members receive ribbons and trophies in recognition of their participation. No cash premiums are awarded.
3. Participation in the 4-H Cloverbud program is not an opportunity to gain experience that can be credited towards a 4-H'er's participation in the regular 4-H program upon reaching the 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
4. All 4-H members who intend to sell a market hog in the 4-H Market Animal Sale must have given a county-level 4-H Public Presentation.

#### **4-H SWINE PROJECT (Continued)**

5. A member must have joined the project club before January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year to be eligible to show and receive premiums. Members who join after January 1<sup>st</sup> may show in the in the 4-H breeding show as a learning experience and receive ribbons, but will not be receive cash premiums and will not be eligible to sell their project at the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
6. All club members are required to raise and show at least one breeding swine project to be eligible to sell a market hog.
7. The dress code for showing is clean jeans; a white collared shirt (*no t-shirts*); socks, and sturdy, safe shoes (*no open-toed shoes*).

#### **SECTION D: 4-H Breeding Project Requirements**

1. 4-H swine projects must have been owned and present at the home of the 4-H member or the immediate family by May 1<sup>st</sup>. An exception to this would be swine falling under the loaner agreement. A loaner agreement must be on file at the 4-H office by May 1<sup>st</sup>
2. The right to cancel or change classes is reserved by the department chairperson.
3. Exhibitors will be expected to provide their own feeding utensils & equipment, and be responsible for feeding and watering their animals.
4. Exhibitors will be expected to display or parade their animals as directed and to accept conditions as provided without controversy.
5. Animals must be on the grounds before 5:00 pm of the first Friday of the fair and remain until the end of the fair.

#### **SECTION E: Market Hog Project Requirements**

1. Market hogs must be born February 1<sup>st</sup> or later of the current year.
2. Market hogs must be owned and present at the home of the member by May 1<sup>st</sup> of current year.
3. Market projects must weigh between 200 lbs and 275 lbs when weighed in at the fair to qualify for the Market Animal Sale.
4. A market hog must be judged a blue ribbon (Excellent) to qualify for the Market Animal Sale.
5. First & Second place animals from each weight class will make up the championship class. An individual 4-H member may show more than one animal in the championship class.
6. The champion & reserve champion animals in the market show must be sold. All other animals that receive a *blue* ribbon and qualify for the sale may be sold at the 4-H's discretion. Only one 4-H market hog project may be sold in the Market Animal Sale, although a member can raise and show more than one project animal. *The only exception to this is when the member is awarded both grand and reserve champions.*
7. Market animals must be ready to be weighed in by 8:00 am and will be weighed no later than 10:00 am on Monday of the fair at times to be announced by the division chairpersons. Failure to do so will forfeit the right to show.

**4-H SWINE PROJECT** (Continued)

**SECTION MAR: Market**

**CLASSES with description**

Market Hogs -

Classes to be determined after weigh-ins

—all entries enter into Class A

**SECTION GIL: Gilt**

**CLASSES with description**

1. Gilts—January
2. Gilts—February A: (born 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>)
3. Gilts—February B : (born 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>)
4. Gilts—February C: (born 19<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>)
5. Gilts—March
6. Gilts—April

**SECTION PAR: Pairs**

**CLASSES with description**

1. Two gilts
2. Two barrows
3. One gilt, one barrow

**SECTION SHO: Showmanship**

**CLASSES with description**

1. Cloverbud: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grades
2. Junior: 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades
3. Senior: 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> grades

**AWARDS:**

Grand & Reserve Champion Market Hog	Grand & Reserve Champion Gilt
Grand & Reserve Champion Pairs	Grand & Reserve Junior Showman
Grand & Reserve Champion Senior Showman	

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## Department 36

### 4-H MEAT GOAT & MARKET KID PROJECT

Department chairperson: Rebecca Goldsworthy (973) 534-0590

The following policy to govern 4-H member participation in the Sussex County 4-H goat project shows at the NJSF®/SCFHS.

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each member is responsible for obtaining a NJSF/SCFHS livestock entry form as soon as they are available from the 4-H office, website ([www.sussex4h.org](http://www.sussex4h.org)), or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member livestock entry forms must be submitted to the club leader for review and signing on or before the June club meeting. Any animals not listed on the entry forms will not be permitted on the fairgrounds. All entries listed on the entry forms must be included in the 4-H member's record book. Exceptions may be made by Market Animal Sale (MAS) committee for approved replacements.
3. Each project animal must be recorded in the 4-H member's record book. The record book must be completed through the month of May and submitted to the club leader for review and signing on or before the June club meeting.
4. All entry forms and record books are to be reviewed, deemed complete, and signed by the club leader. The club leader should not sign the members' livestock entry forms unless their current project record book is submitted and deemed complete through May. The club leader is expected to collect each club member's entry forms and record book. Then the club leader, or an adult designated by the club leader must submit all the entry forms and record books from their club members to the 4-H office no later than July 1st. Individual members may not submit their paperwork directly to the 4-H office.
5. Department Chairperson reserves the right to restrict the number of entries per club and/or member based on the availability of barn space. Club leaders may restrict the number of entries of their own club members based on the barn space allocated to their club.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) or Animal Health Certificate (AHC) is required for each 4-H goat project entered. A CVI MUST be used for all out-of-state goats. The AHC form may be used for in-state goats and is available on the fairwebsite. Both forms require a veterinarian signature and inspection of the animals at their farm prior to the fair. The CVI or AHC must be shown to the veterinarian at vet-check before entering the fairgrounds. The CVI or AHC must be shown to the club leader before unloading animals at the fair. The CVI or AHC must be kept in the barn while the animal is at the fair.
2. In addition to the AHC/CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's animal's participation in the show; they should inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the fair. During the 4-H project year if the 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could prevent an animal's participation in the show, the 4-H club leader should provide guidance and/or educational activities that will help the 4-H member correct these health conditions.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project animal is in question at the fair, a veterinarian will examine the animal and determine if the project animal should be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. No horned animals will be allowed in a 4-H show, barn and/or exhibit. Scurs not to exceed 2" from hair line.
5. All goats must be at least two months of age, born on or before May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to enter the fairgrounds. Photos taken at time of birth for all animals born after 5/1 must be provided to Department Chair to verify age. Photos submitted after May 31<sup>st</sup> will deem that animal to not be eligible to show. Fair starts July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
6. All exhibitors must abide by the Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor & General Health Information section of The New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm & Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>

## SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. 4-H members must have completed the 4th grade and have met all members in good standing requirements to be eligible to show and receive premiums. All members must participate in their project showmanship class to receive premiums or sell a market goat in the 4-H Market Animal Sale.
2. A 4-H Cloverbud member can participate only in Cloverbud showmanship, costume, and fitting classes if the project leadership offers such a class. Cloverbud members must have completed the K – 3rd grade. No cash premiums are awarded, only participation ribbons and trophies.
3. Please note that the purpose of the 4-H Cloverbud program is to introduce Cloverbud members to a variety of 4-H projects, which are available to them upon reaching 4th grade. Participation in the 4-H Cloverbud program is not an opportunity to gain experience that can be credited towards a 4-H'ers participation in the standard 4-H program upon reaching the 4th grade.
4. All Junior/Senior members must have given at minimum a Club Level 4-H presentation to be eligible to show and/or receive premiums. All 4-H members who intend to sell a market kid in the Market Animal Sale must have given a County Level 4-H public presentation.
5. A member must enroll in 4-H and their project club by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current project year in order to show in the Meat Goat Show and be eligible for premiums. Members who join *after* January 1<sup>st</sup> will not receive premiums, be eligible to show in Market Animal Sale classes or be permitted to sell at the Market Animal Sale.  
Members joining after the 1/1 enrollment deadline must be enrolled for at least 6 months prior to start of fair, joining on or before Jan. 31, 2026, with completed record books and livestock entry forms to be eligible to exhibit their animals at the Fair. They may only show in the 4-H showmanship, costume, fitting and aged wether/education classes as a learning experience and may receive ribbons but not premiums.
6. The dress code for showing is clean blue jeans or shorts, a white collared show shirt, socks, and sturdy, safe shoes (no open toed shoes).
7. All members, meat and dairy, are to remain in the show barn for the duration of the goat show to assist as directed. Any members not in compliance will forfeit their premiums.
8. All members wishing to sell a market goat must have been enrolled and successfully completed the previous program year in its entirety through the end of the fair as a 4-H member in good standing to become eligible to sell a market goat.

## SECTION D: 4-H Meat Breed Goat Project Requirements

1. 4-H meat goat breeding projects must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by Dec. 31 of the project year for Sr does and May 1 for Jr does over 12 months. A breeding project is any doe that will be at least 12 months of age on day of show, born on or before Aug. 3, 2025. Jr dry does between 12 months and 2 years of age may be obtained at any time, but must be on the member's property before 5/1. Photos of acquired Sr does must be provided to both the club leader and the Department Chairperson on the day of delivery to your, or leased, property. Failure to provide pictures promptly, or submitted after December 31st, is grounds for disqualification from showing in breed classes. Lease agreements must be turned in to the club leader on or before the December club meeting and turned in to the 4-H office by the club leader by 1/1. Sr does purchased after Dec. 31 of the project year will not be eligible for breed classes, but may be shown in the other classes, such as costume and fitting.
2. Members wishing to purchase spring kids born after 1/1 may do so at any time, but they must be on the member's property before 5/1. Kids born on the member's property after May 1<sup>st</sup> must be born on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> and meet the requirements in Rule B5 above.

#### **4-H MEAT GOAT & MARKET KID PROJECT-continued**

3. All animals to be used by a Cloverbud member that will be owned or leased/boarded elsewhere are subject to the 5/1 deadline. They must own or submit a land/lease/board agreement to the club leader by the April club meeting and turned in to the 4-H office by the club leader before 5/1.
4. 4-H member is expected to fit all their own showmanship and fitting class animals. Junior and new senior members in their first project year may receive assistance from other 4-H members and Club Leaders. No 4-H member may do the work of fitting a goat for another member. If a member needs assistance, they may request the help of another member or leader subject to the approval of their Club Leader. Parents are expected to support and enforce this rule with their own children. Any animal fitted by parents after it arrives on the fairgrounds will be disqualified from showing in a fitting or showmanship class. Hoof trimming is to be considered maintenance, not fitting and will not be grounds for disqualification from any class should a member need assistance with it.
5. The base date for computing the animal's age is the day of the show.
6. This show is not sanctioned by ABGA and will be run according to the Sussex County 4-H goat project leadership guidelines for the following breeds: Boer, Kiko, Myotonic, Dual Purpose, and Mixed Meat Breeds, subject to change at the Department Chairperson's discretion.
7. Any doe over 24 months that has never freshened may only be shown in a showmanship, costume, fitting or aged wether/education class.
8. Meat goat breeds will not be disqualified for having extra teats.
9. First & Second place animals from each age class will make up the championship class.
10. Meat goat breeds must be shown by their owner, unless the owner is showing more than one animal. Those additional animals must be shown by another 4-H goat project member.

#### **SECTION E: Market Kid Project Requirements**

1. Market goats must be born January 1<sup>st</sup> or later of the current year.
2. 4-H Market Animal Sale goat project must be owned and present at the home of the 4-H member by 5/1. If animal is not born on member's property, it must be on the member's property at the age of weaning, but *no more* than 12 weeks of age. Head with Scrapies ear tag and body shot photos of acquired animals must be provided to both the club leader and the Department Chairperson at the time of purchase and again on the day of delivery to your, or leased, property. Failure to provide pictures promptly, or submitted after the weaning age deadline has passed, is grounds for disqualification from showing in Market Kid classes and selling of the animal. Club Leader or Department Chairperson reserves the right to inspect your animals at your farm at an agreed upon time.
3. If a market goat project is not being boarded on the member's property (or that of an immediate family member's), the animal must be listed on the member's land/lease/board agreement.
4. Market projects must weigh at least 50 lbs when weighed in at the fair in order to qualify for the Market Animal Sale. If the animal does not make minimum weight, it can still be shown in the Breed Doe class if it's a doeling or Aged Wether/Education class, but will not qualify for sale in the MAS.
5. Market projects must be shown by their owner, unless the owner is showing more than one animal. Those additional animals must be shown by another 4-H goat project member.
6. A market goat must be judged as blue ribbon (excellent) during the show and meet all accepted market animal health requirements to qualify for the sale.
7. First & Second place animals from each weight class will make up the championship class. An individual 4-H member may show more than one animal in the championship class.

#### **4-H MEAT GOAT & MARKET KID PROJECT-continued**

8. The Champion & Reserve Champion animals in the goat market show MUST be sold. All other animals that receive a blue ribbon and qualify for the sale may be sold at the 4-Her's discretion. Only one 4-H market goat project can be sold in the Market Animal Sale, although a member can raise and show more than one project animal.
9. The only exception to this is when the member is awarded both Grand and Reserve Champions.
10. A member can raise and enter multiple animals in their livestock entry forms and project record book but can only show a maximum of two market kids. The others may be back-up animals should the 4-H member need to replace one of their project animals due to illness or death, as per MAS rules. If barn space is limited, member may only be allowed to bring a maximum of two market kids to the fair.
11. All bucks must be castrated. All market kids must be disbudded. Scurs not to exceed 2" from hair line.
12. Market animals must be on-deck and ready to be weighed in during the time slot assigned to goats by MAS. Failure to do so will forfeit the right to show and sell.
13. All Market Animal Sale club members are required to show at least one breeding goat project in compliance with Rule D1 above to be eligible to sell a market kid.
14. Any animals shown in Department 33 Breed Classes or Show may not be shown or judged again in the Department 36 breed classes or Show. Animals may not be entered in both shows.

**SECTION SHO- Showmanship**

**Classes with description:**

1. Cloverbud: K-Grade 3	2. Junior: Grade 4 - 8	3. Senior: Grade 9 - 13
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**SECTION MAR—Market**

Market kid (must weigh minimum 50 pounds)

All entries enter into class A

**Classes with description:**

1. Light weight (50-70 lbs)	2. Medium weight (70-90 lbs)	3. Heavy weight (90+ lbs)
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Classes may be combined at the discretion of the Department Chairperson.

**SECTION AWE—Aged Wether/Education Class**

**Classes with description:**

1. Junior Aged Wether/Education: up to 12 months	2. Aged Wether/Education: 12-24 months	3. Aged Wether/Education: Over 24 months
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Any does over 2 years of age that never freshened may be entered in the Aged Wether/Education (AWE) Class 3.

**SECTION DOE—Breed Doe Class**

**Classes with description:**

1. Junior Doe: 2- 6 months	2. 6-12 months	3. 12-24 months	4. Over 24 months
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**SECTION OBM—Overall Breed Competition**

**Classes with description:**

1. Dam & Offspring; one doe and one offspring*	2. Get of Sire; 3 offspring* from same buck	3. Best Doe in Show	4. Best Herd  (4 best meat animals)
5. Sussex County Bred, Born & Raised **			

\* Offspring can be a wether or a doe

\*\* Any meat goat bred, born and raised by the 4-H member in Sussex County. Proof of sire's and dam's owner and location will be required to verify they are located within Sussex County. (Sire and dam are not required to have been bred in Sussex County)

Any fitting class entries must be entered in Department 33, Section FIT - Fitting.

## SECTION COS—Costume

### Classes with description:

1. All participants (1 entry/ member)

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show.

All exhibitors must abide by the rules of the Agricultural Division of the NJSF/SCF&HS, in addition to Health Requirements in the Livestock Exhibitor and General Health Information section of the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm and Horse Show website, <http://www.njstatefair.org/>

Water at the Fairgrounds may contain chlorine to combat harmful bacteria.



## Department 38

### 4-H ALPACA PROJECTS

Department Chairperson: Natalie Burger, (973) 948-6800

#### SECTION A: Registration and Entry Form Requirements

1. Each 4-H member is responsible for obtaining an NJSF/SCF&HS 4-H livestock entry form as soon as they are available from the 4-H Office, online, or from the club leader.
2. Completed 4-H member entry forms must be reviewed and signed by the club leader and returned to the 4-H office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The 4-H member's record book must be completed through the month of May, reviewed and signed by the club leader in June and delivered to the 4-H Office with the 4-H member entry form by July 1<sup>st</sup> by the club leader or by an adult designated by the club leader.
4. Entry forms will not be accepted after July 1<sup>st</sup> and the 4-H member will not be allowed to participate in the show if the form or record book is received late.

#### SECTION B: Animal Health Requirements

1. An Animal Health Certificate (AHC) or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for each 4-H alpaca attending the fair, including companion alpacas. A CVI is required for all out of state animals. The AHC/CVI must be shown at Vet Check before entering the fairgrounds. The AHC/CVI must be kept in the barn while the alpaca(s) is/are at the fair.
2. In addition to the AHC/CVI requirements, if a 4-H club leader becomes aware of health conditions that could affect a 4-H member's alpaca's participation in the show; they will inform the fair livestock supervisor and/or veterinarian at the Fair.
3. When the health of a 4-H member's project alpaca is in question a veterinarian will examine the alpaca and determine if the project alpaca should be removed from the fairgrounds.
4. Every alpaca must also have proof of a negative BVD-PCR, anytime in the lifetime of the alpaca and proof of a current rabies vaccine, within the last 12 months. Both must be properly stated on the AHC/CVI.

#### SECTION C: 4-H Member Requirements

1. All exhibitors must be active 4-H members from a Sussex County 4-H alpaca club and must be members in good standing to be eligible to show. All members must be members of a Sussex county 4-H alpaca club to receive premiums.
2. Members must be registered members by January 1<sup>st</sup>, have attended at least two-thirds of the 4-H club meetings and have done a county level Public Presentation to be eligible to show.
3. Record books must be up to date as of the first meeting in June and submitted to the 4-H leader with the properly completed 4-H member entry form at the first meeting in June.
4. Exhibitors shall be neatly dressed when exhibiting and wear black or dark colored pants or shorts, clean white shirts (names and logos prohibited, unless shirts are provided by a sponsor) and wear sturdy, safe shoes (no open-toed, open heel, or heeled shoes).

## ALPACA PROJECTS (Continued)

### SECTION D: 4-H Alpaca Requirements

1. All alpacas must be at least six months of age as of the show date to show.
2. Project alpacas may be owned by the exhibitor or exhibitor's family or leased from an alpaca farm with the lease agreement on file at the 4-H office. Project alpaca substitutions due to loss, illness, or injury will only be allowed at the discretion of the club leader.
3. Alpacas may be either breed type, huacaya or suri and be either male or female, breeder or non-breeder.
4. Alpacas must have been shorn using full body shearing the spring prior to the show to be shown at the fair.
5. Alpacas are to be shown in a proper fitting halter with a lead line in a non distracting color, black being the preferred color.
6. All exhibitors must have their project alpaca at the fairgrounds on the day designated for the alpacas to arrive and may not remove their alpaca until the closing of the fair if barn space is available.

### SECTION ALP – Alpaca Classes

#### Classes with description:

#### Cloverbud Classes (open to Cloverbud age members)

1. Cloverbud Obstacle	2. Cloverbud Public Relations
3. Cloverbud Showmanship	4. Cloverbud Egg and Spoon
5. Cloverbud Gambler's Choice	

#### Junior Classes (Handler Age 9 to 12)

6. Junior Obstacle	7. Junior Public Relations
8. Junior Showmanship	9. Junior Egg & Spoon
10. Junior Gambler's Choice	

#### Senior Classes (Handler Age 13 to 19)

11. Senior Obstacle	12. Senior Public Relations
13. Senior Showmanship	14. Senior Egg and Spoon
15. Senior Gambler's Choice	

*Classes of over ten entries will be split equally by age of entrant*

#### Awards

1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbons will be awarded for each class with Champion and Reserve being awarded for highest combined scores in classes one thru three (five exhibitors need to be in each class for the champion and reserve to be awarded). Participation ribbons will be awarded to all Cloverbud and non-placing entries.

If space is available all 4-H animals must remain until the end of the Fair or forfeit the premiums paid by the New Jersey State Fair®/Sussex County Farm And Horse Show.

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## Round Robin Championship Show

*Department Chair: 4-H Staff*

The Round Robin event, held on Thursday night, features showmanship champions from various 4-H animal shows held during the fair. It is designed to test the skills of showmanship champions by requiring them to show all animal species.

The following 4-H divisions participate: Beef, Dairy, Horse, Swine, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Alpaca, Rabbit/Cavy/Small Animal, Poultry, and Sheep.

The Round Robin competition will also include a 4-H Knowledge Station. Here 4-H members will be challenged to relate 4-H information such as, but not limited to, the words to the 4-H pledge, 4-H motto, when 4-H started nationally, etc. All information will be taken from the *About 4-H* document.

1. The goal of the Round Robin is for the top showmen in each of the divisions listed above to compete for top overall county showman awards in a fun and safe manner. Members will learn to work with other 4-H members, and gain showmanship skills for the other species. Round Robin information packets will be available at the 4-H Information Table (Shotwell Building) for interested members (available digitally from Sussex 4-H site). Additionally, club representatives should be available to answer questions and demonstrate showmanship in their barn from 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday.

### **Leaders from each project area are responsible for:**

- Informing the 4-H showmanship winner about the Round Robin contest.
- Informing the county 4-H office of the junior and senior showmanship winner for their species' show.
- Providing suitable species (complacent, people friendly) for their Round Robin station.
- Providing judges (or contacts for judges) for their species' Round Robin station.

## Rules

1. Participants are the 4-H members recognized as the best Junior and Senior Showmen in their species show during the current fair. (Top showmen from the prior year will represent any species whose show occurs *after* the Round Robin.)
2. Junior participants are members in grades 4-8 as of September prior to the current fair. Senior participants are members in grades 9-13 as of September prior to the current fair.
3. In the event a member participating in more than one species show receives best showmen for more than one species/division, a Department Chair will discuss with the member which species they will represent in the Round Robin.
4. The first-place individual in the Junior and Senior Showmanship classes for that division must be the person to represent that division unless:
5. They qualified in more than one division and they will represent another division, as stated in rule number 3.

### **OR**

They wish to forfeit participation this year to allow another member the opportunity to compete. In these cases, the Department Chair will pass the honor to the second-place person. The third place then fourth place person may only be used if the division chair deems that person to be qualified to compete.

6. If a member's club leader and 4-H Staff determine that a member cannot safely show each of the animals the member will not be able to show in the Round Robin. The next eligible member will represent that Division in the Round Robin grade category.
7. All showmen are expected to wear clean, neat jeans (No rips or tears), club or show shirts, boots (No Uggs®, rain boots, flip flops, Crocs®, sneakers, etc). Safety is the primary concern. Club leaders should be responsible for ensuring proper footwear and attire is worn before participants enter the ring.

### ***Round Robin Championship Show-Continued***

8. All participants must follow the directions of the Round Robin Chairperson or designee once they have entered the ring.
9. Each participant will be judged on his/her showmanship skills with each of the different animals brought into the ring for his/her grade category. Participants will receive a score from each station; those scores will be totaled to determine the Junior and Senior Round Robin Champion. Showmen will exhibit all the animals, including their own species.

### **Awards**

A Grand Champion Showman for Junior and Senior divisions will be awarded based on score and will be recognized as the overall top showmen in Sussex County 4-H. They will also receive a \$50 prize.