



URI 4-H
ANIMAL
EXHIBIT
GUIDELINES

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READ THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR SPECIES!!
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WHY HAVE 4-H EXHIBITS?

- To recognize 4-H members for their achievements and provide feedback for them to grow.
- To provide a youth a goal to motivate them to achieve in their 4-H project work.
- To provide educational experiences for 4-H members not available in other 4-H programs.
- To provide the public a better understanding of 4-H work.
- Rewards serve as incentive to encourage further learning and growth through 4-H work.

GUIDELINES FOR ANIMAL COMPETITIONS

General

- 4-H rules will be followed by any 4-H show and any 4-H classes in open shows. Individual fairs may have additional requirements, classes and events so please read the individual fair guidelines carefully. The Animal Health for Fairs guide is online at uri.edu/4h.
- Deadlines stated for each event must be followed.
- 4-H will not assume responsibility for items stolen, damaged or lost.
- Interpretation of rules and decisions about questions not specifically covered in the rules are the responsibility of the fair superintendent of that division. If a situation cannot be resolved, the superintendent will first contact their 4- H Fair Committee, then if needed, the Fair Committee will contact the State 4-H Office.
- Behavior of Exhibitors: Participation in 4-H Exhibit Events is a chance to show the public the best of 4-H. No alcohol or drugs will be allowed, and actions must be cooperative and helpful. The 4-H Superintendent has the authority to take such disciplinary action as may be necessary to enforce such rules.
- Danish System: All participants receive awards based on the standard set for excellence for their age group. Youth compete against a standard not each other. All those that reach a level receive that award, therefore you may have multiple blues, in a class.
- Individual Comparison System: Participants are ranked in order. Not all are recognized. First place is selected in comparison with others competing. The best may be only slightly better or a great deal. All may be poor quality.
- Most 4-H exhibits use the Danish award system. Blue ribbons for 85-100 points (excellence), Red ribbons for 70-84 points (good to average), and White ribbons for under 70 points (needs improvement). Judges may, at their discretion, recommend green ribbons for exhibits that do not meet requirements for regular placings. The Individual Comparison system may also be used. This is at the discretion of the fair. Decisions of judges are final.

Member Eligibility

- The 4-H exhibitor must be enrolled as a Rhode Island 4-H member, special interest or 4-H school group during the current 4-H year (October 1 of last year to September 30 this year).
- Youth, age 5-7 as of January 1st of the current year, are considered Cloverbuds. Adding 4-H Cloverbud classes to district fairs and events is at the discretion of the chairperson/superintendent of the event. All Cloverbuds should receive green participation ribbons and should receive encouragement and positive feedback on how to improve and it is recommended that they are accompanied by a 4-H teen or adult when showing livestock.

Project Work

- All exhibits must be the result of the current year's work of the 4-H member exhibiting. The year includes the time from the previous year's event. 4-H members must do their own work to prepare their animal for show and show their own project animal. Members who manage someone else's animal must be sure that this is part of the agreement.
- All animals being shown must be owned by the 4-H member or managed by their species deadline. For managements they must be signed and filed in the 4-H Office before these

deadlines. Keep copies you may be asked to show them at any fair.

- The assistance of adults must be limited to guidance and instruction.
- Adults grooming the animal will be considered a violation of this rule and may lead to forfeiture of awards. Members must show their own project animal at 4-H fairs.
- When a 4-H project animal is shown in a youth or open show, it should be clearly stated that the animal is owned or managed by the 4-H member.
- If a 4-H'er has two animals in the same class, another 4-H'er may assist with the 2nd animal.
- A general knowledge test may be given for all exhibitors.
- The Exhibitor is expected to care for his or her own animal while exhibiting or to make arrangements with another 4-H'er to care for his/her animals in the Exhibitor's absence. Animals should always have water. It is the Exhibitor's responsibility to clean out his/her area at completion of shows/fairs.
- It is the exhibitors responsibility to be on time to classes. If you will have a conflict, you must inform the chairperson before the start of the show to see if a resolution can be found.

Safety & Liability

- **Adults may handle animals if the youth or animal is in danger.**
- Animal exhibitors must be able to control their animals. The superintendent has the authority to disqualify a member from showing any animal that would present a danger or is unmanageable.
- Animals with any horns are not allowed. The ONLY exceptions to this rule are Working Steers, Horned Hereford heifers, Scottish Highlander heifers, Texas Longhorn heifers, sheep and dairy heifers under 5 months of age.
- Livestock exhibitors must always wear shoes and exhibitors should wear leather work boots if they are showing large animals and close toe shoes for showing rabbits, poultry or dogs.
- The URI CELS Cooperative Extension/State 4-H Office, 4-H Show Management, property owners, volunteers, and employees shall not be held liable for injury to or death of animals or persons or damage or theft of property of such. All participants and spectators enter the show grounds at their own risk. Only registered 4-H participants that have enrolled and agreed to the terms of liability on the member and volunteer enrollment may participate in 4-H projects.

Showmanship & Classes

- 4-H members are required to enter the showmanship (or fitting and showmanship) class of any 4-H animal show in which the member is entered. Classes will be divided by exhibitor age as of 1/1 of current year. A novice class may be offered. Novice Showmanship classes are learning experiences for beginners who have never shown that species of animal age 8-18. They will be novices for the entire current show season, when a novice class is offered. Showmanship generally is judged 60% on showing, 30% on fitting and 10% on showman appearance.
- The superintendent may split or add classes (in addition to the classes below) when appropriate.
- Senior: age 14-18 Junior: age 8-13 Cloverbud: age 5-7

4-H BEEF

- Ownership or Management Deadline: Steers by February 1st. All heifers before May 10th .
- Any member may exhibit an animal of any recognized beef breed or crossbreed being raised either for meat or breeding purposes. Dependent upon entries there maybe separate classes by breeds for steers and for breeding stock
- Show Clothing: Blue Jeans, blouses, polo shirts, tee shirts, plaid shirts, clean without patches.
- Horns are only allowed on registered Horned Hereford, registered Scottish Highlander, & registered Texas Longhorn, heifers ONLY.
- Bull calves under 3 months of age, at the time of the show, will be allowed in showmanship or at Dam's side in the proper class for the Dam. A feeder calf class may be added at the discretion of the superintendent of that fair. NO OTHER BULLS ALLOWED AT 4-H SHOWS.

Breed Classes

Class 5 - Steers - Light Weight

Class 6 - Steers - Medium Weight

Class 7 - Steers – Heavy weight

Class 8 - Females – Divided by age. All breeds and cross breeds shown in same class

4-H DAIRY

- Ownership or Management Deadline: May 1st of current year.
- All animals must be registered with registration available or pending. "Provisional Registrations will be accepted in those breeds, which allow animals with provisional registrations to compete. Percentage purebred which can be shown varies within each breed. If you have questions, contact the fair dairy superintendent.
- For 2 year old and older classes, ownership and registration or lease agreement must have existed on or before May 1 of the year in which the animal was a senior yearling.
- No animal shall be permitted to participate with horns in excess of one inch.
- Show Clothing: White or khaki pants or skirt and a white shirt with collar. Members will be disqualified for wearing clothing advertising a farm or breed, or inappropriate clothing.
- Additional information and resources at PDCA, www.purebreddairycattle.com

4-H DAIRY BREED CLASSES

<p>Spring Heifer Calf - Born on or after 3/1 this yr. Winter Heifer Calf – Born 12/1 Last yr.- 2/28 this year. Fall Heifer Calf – Born 9/1 Last yr.- 11/30 Last yr. Summer Yearling – Born 6/1 Last yr.- 8/31 Last yr. Spring Yearling – Born 3/1 Last yr.-5/31 Last yr. Winter Yearling - Born 12/1 two yrs ago -2/29 Last yr. *Fall Yearling Heifer - Born 9/1-11/20 two yrs. ago. *not in milk, if in milk enter Junior 2 yr old class. Junior Champion Reserve Junior Champion</p>	<p>**Junior 2 Year Old Heifer– 3/1- 8/31 2 years ago. **Senior 2 Year Old Heifer– 9/1 3 yrs. ago- 2/28 2 yrs ago. ** may or may not have calved at least once Three Year Old Cow –9/1 4 yrs ago– 8/31 3 yrs ago Four Year Old – 9/1 5 yrs ago – 8/31 4 yrs ago. Five Year Old and Older – Born before 8/31 5 yrs ago. Dry Cows – have calved at least one time Senior Champion & Reserve Senior Champion Grand Champion & Reserve Grand Champion</p>
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4-H DOGS

- Ownership or Management Deadline:
 - June 1st of current year.
- Dogs must be kept on leash or in a crate except when indicated.
- No females in heat.
- Dogs need not be purebred ("All American" are welcome). 4. Dogs must be six months of age by the date of the show.
- A dog that shows any aggression toward another dog or a person may be asked to leave.
- 4-H members should familiarize themselves with AKC obedience guidelines.
- Dogs requiring more personal space will be asked to wear an orange bandana or large orange ribbon tied to their dog's collar in such a way that it is visible to the public. It is important for all members to understand that some good dogs do not react well when another dog invades their space and this should be respected.
- For a list of resources and study guides go to the 4-H Dog Packet on the Eastern States Expo website <https://www.thebige.com/p/competitions/4-h/packets> .

<u>Obedience Classes:</u>		
Pre-novice A- For first time exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs will be on leash and scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for 1 year.	Pre-novice B- For first time exhibitors who have previously trained a dog in beginner or more advanced levels of training, or have shown this dog at the Pre-novice level in previous years. Dogs will be on leash and scored on the basis of 200 points.	Novice A- For exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels of training. All of the exercises with the exception of the heal on leash and the figure 8 will be done off lead. Scored on a 200 point scale. Dog and handler may only exhibit in this class for one year.

WORKING STEER PROGRAM

- This class may be offered at 4-H fairs, check with each fair.
- Steers over 6 months of age must be castrated.
- All steers must have horns to be eligible for this program.
- Show Clothes: Green pants and white shirts. Club uniforms are acceptable.
- In pulling competition the drag will not be loaded in excess of 50% of the animal weight with consideration given to size and age of animals.
- A Knowledge Test may be given.

CLASSES: Novice, Junior, Intermediate, Senior Cart class and Distance pull class and Best Pair

4-H DAIRY GOAT

- Ownership or Management Deadline:
June 1st (animals over 6 months in age), July 1st (kids 0-6 months)
- Show Clothing: White or Khaki pants, White Shirt, Brown or Black belt.
- NO HORNED ANIMALS.
- Bucklings under 8 weeks old, at the time of the show, may be brought to fairgrounds at dams side for nursing purposes only, but can not be shown. The exhibitor is responsible for making sure they are secured in their pen at all times, this may mean bringing a large crate or other means to ensure they will stay in the pen with mom. NO OTHER BUCKS ALLOWED.
- For registered breed classes: The original certificate of registration is required for all animals 6 months of age or older. Stamped copy is acceptable for animals under 6 months of age.
- There will also be a class for unrecorded (unregistered) animals.
- All animals (registered or unregistered) must be identified by permanent identification (tattoo or permanent ear-tag that is unique to that individual animal). All animals must be under the exhibitor's name, otherwise management papers are needed. Farm Registered animals must be managed by 4-H members even if owned by a family member.
- Breeds that have more than 5 animals present will have their own type classes. All others will be put in all other breeds. Requirements for champion classes are at the judges and superintendent's discretion.
- Herdsmanship is based upon cleanliness of the animal, exhibit area, equipment and supplies. Cooperation and attitude of the members are also considered. Additional awards may be given out for herdsman or a knowledge test.

Breed Classes		
<u>Does</u>	<u>Milkers</u>	Dry Sr Does (have freshened once)
0-4 Month	Under 2 years	Wether
4-6 Month	2-3 years	Pet (Does that have never freshened and are over 2)
6-12 Month	3-5 years	
12-24 Month	Over 5 years	
Jr Champion and Reserve	Champion & Reserve	

4-H HORSES

- Ownership or Management Deadline: April 1st
- New England 4-H Horse Show Rules & Guidelines will be followed at all District 4-H Horse Shows. Information and rules are available on the 4-H website at uri.edu/4h. In cases not covered by the RI and New England Rules and Guidelines, the USEF and AMHR/ASPC/ASPR rulebooks apply.
- Note: Novice (Showmanship) – first or second year showing in a district 4-H show
- Walk/Trot riders may not participate in any division requiring a canter and this division is only open to a 4-H rider who has never shown at the canter/ lope in a 4-H or non-4-H show.
- Riders must complete the Trail Class (if offered) within the designated times at each show.
- Gate holds: There will be a 2-minute gate holds for tack changes requested in advance. Request MUST be made at the secretary's booth, NOT at the gate. Tack changes must be

performed at the in gate within sight of the judge. No holds beyond 2 minutes. Please plan your classes accordingly.

- On the day of the show, classes may be split, combined or canceled at the show manager/superintendent’s discretion. If classes are combined individual rider points will be assigned to the appropriate year end division.
- Any and all coaching from the rail is prohibited.
- ASTM-SEI approved equestrian helmets are required for all riders regardless of discipline and for drivers and the driver’s passenger. All drivers must be accompanied by a passenger 19 years of age or over – the passenger rule does not apply to mini’s.
- Neat attire and proper boots are required of exhibitors at all RI 4-H Horse Shows. Proper attire is encouraged at district shows - see appointments under discipline ridden in NE Rulebook.
- Martingales are prohibited in flat classes. Standing martingales only are allowed in over fence classes.
- All decisions of the Judge are final. No person/rider/driver shall approach the judge without the permission of the show manager/superintendent/steward.
- Lyrics must be approved by the show manager in advance. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Rules to see how far in advance the lyrics must be submitted. Please consider using music without lyrics.
- Dogs must be under the owners direct control and on leash at all times. Please check the individual 4-H Horse Show rules to see if dogs are not allowed on the grounds.
- Horses that kick must wear a red ribbon on tail.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Only 4-H-Carded Judges (A & B judges) will be used at the RI District 4-H Horse Shows. It is preferred that Trail Judges be 4-H carded but not required.
- No stallions or nursing mares may be shown by a 4-H member in any 4-H event or show and are not permitted on the grounds.

HORSE CLASSES:

The following list of horse classes will be offered at all District 4-H Horse Shows. It is the decision of the district horse show’s management as to whether non-RI 4-H members will be allowed to compete in 4-H classes. 4-H and Open show classes & divisions may be added or deleted at discretion of show managers, based on entries. Driving is limited to 2-wheel vehicles. Classes & Divisions:

<p><u>Divisions</u> Cloverbud * Leadline Junior (canter/lope) Senior (canter/lope) Junior Walk/Trot Senior Walk/Trot * (must be accompanied by adult or Senior 4-Her)</p>	<p><u>Fitting and Showmanship</u> Division Classes & Championship <u>Equitation (or Comparable)</u> Division classes, Reinsmanship & In-Hand Suitability <u>Pleasure</u> Division Classes, Driving, In-hand, RI Horse Program Benefit Pleasure Classic</p>	<p><u>Performance</u> Bridlepath Hack, Working Hunter Under Saddle, In-hand, Hunter over fences <u>Trail</u> Division Classes <u>Discipline Rail</u> Driving, In-hand <u>Obstacles</u> Driving, In-hand</p>
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4-H SWINE

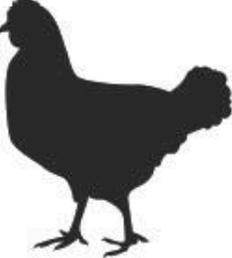
- Ownership or Management Deadline: June 1st. Market Animals must be owned by the 4-H member, breeding swine can be owned or managed. Proof of ownership must be available to show officials when animals are entered.
- It is required that all animals have an official permanent form of identification (ear notch, , RFID tags or metal tags recommended).
- Classes may include both purebred and grade swine. Classes will be divided by weight. .
- Entries for the Washington County Fair youth swine show must weigh 100 pounds at check in..
- Gilts may be shown in either or both breeding and market classes.
- Show Clothes: Blue or Black Jeans, Polo shirt, tee shirt, or plaid shirt, must be neat and clean.
- General Knowledge quiz will be given and is required of all those showing.

Swine Classes- No Boars	
Lightweight market hogs	Lightweight breeding gilts
Medium weight market hogs	Medium weight breeding gilts
Heavyweight market hogs	Heavyweight breeding gilts

4-H POULTRY

- Birds showing any sign of sickness, or with external parasites, such as lice or mites, will be disqualified.
- When transporting poultry in warm weather, allow circulation of air around the birds, and provide them with water. Do not close them in a box, or leave them in a car in warm weather.
- Knowledge Test questions (if given at a fair) will be taken from the National Avian Bowl Competition available online and in print.
- Additional classes may be added by a fair.
- All shows should use a rubric for scoring breed or showmanship classes. Examples: Cage tags, or a scorecard like the one below.

Meat and Egg Production Classes
1. Ducks- all breeds A. Single drake B. Single hen
2. Meat Birds - Broilers Must give date chicks were started. Group of 3 birds per entry.
3. Meat Birds - Fryers and Roasters, must give date chicks were started. Judging will be on live meat standards. Group of 3 birds per entry.
4. Egg Production - all breeds, varieties, and crosses competing A. Single pullet B. Single hen
5. Fancy Breeds and Varieties- Standards. Any mature standard breeds/varieties may be entered. A. Single male B. Single female C. Trio- 1 male + 2 females
6. Fancy Breeds and Varieties- Bantams- A. Single male B. Single female C. Trio
7. Pigeons: Must state breed/ variety. Only mature, healthy birds are accepted.
8. Eggs- half or full dozen small, medium, large or extra-large eggs. Judged on uniformity of size, cleanliness, shell and interior quality.

		POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP SCORECARD				
		Exhibitor Name			Exhibitor #	
		4-H Age		Scoring		Your Score
APPEARANCE	Clean, conventional clothing			5		
	Follows instructions of the judge, keeps attention focused on bird & judge.			5		
APPEARANCE OF BIRD	Clean, unbroken feathers			10		
	An outward appearance of good health			5		
	Good body condition (correct size for age & breed)			5		
	Tame and manageable (obvious sign of training at home)			10		
SHOWMANSHIP	Removing and returning bird to cage, carrying bird to judging table.			5		
	Posing & presenting the bird to judge or transferring to another person.			5		
	Display and examination of various parts; head, wings, body width, feet and legs, abdominal capacity.			10		
KNOWLEDGE OF POULTRY (general and specifically of breed exhibited. Competitors should be asked at least 2 questions.)	Give the breed, variety and sex of your bird.			10		
	What was the original purpose of this breed? (eggs, meat, dual purpose or exhibition).			10		
	How did you prepare your bird for show?			10		
	Other Question			10		
COMMENTS:				Total Score	100	

4-H RABBITS

- If warm weather occurs on the day that you take your rabbits to the fair, be sure not to close them inside a box or the car. Allow for circulation of air.
- Exhibitors must present their animals during judging for showmanship.
- Show Clothes: Long sleeved white shirt and white or Khaki pants.
- If a member is not able to handle their rabbit because the member is too small or the breed should not be used for showmanship (some fur breeds), the Superintendent may allow the member to use a rabbit other than their own in the showmanship class.
- Each animal may be entered in only one class (1 through 11).
- Rabbit shows may use the Danish system or individual comparison system for breed classes. In all cases, rabbits will be compared to the American Rabbit Breeders Standard of Perfection for that breed.
- At minimum, champion awards will be awarded to 1) best pet rabbit 2) best pedigreed/purebred rabbit 3) champion showman. It is at the judges discretion if they pick further champions in the breed groupings below. If more than 10 rabbits of a specific breed are exhibited by more than 3 showmen, the superintendent and judge (at their discretion) may award additional best of shows for that breed.
- Knowledge tests may be given at events. Resource materials: "Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits"- Florida State, "Rabbit Resource Handbook"- Ohio State, "Standards of Perfection"- ARBA, Racine County 4-H Rabbit Booklet- Racine County 4-H Office.
- Newly ARBA sanctioned breeds, will be placed in the class according to their Body Type Group.
- For breed classes: Juniors are under 6 months (under 4 months is allowed as long as weight requirements are met). Seniors are over 6 months.
- All shows should use a rubric for scoring both breed and showmanship, which should be given to youth after showing. Below are recommended score cards:

Rabbit Classes
Class 1. Commercial - American Chinchilla, American Sable, Blanc de Hotot, Californian, Champagned'Argent, Cinnamon, Creme d'Argent, French Angora, French Lop, Giant Angora, Harlequin, New Zealand, Palomino, Rex, Satin, Satin Angora, Silver Fox, Silver Martin, Argente Brun.
Class 2. Compact - American Fuzzy lop, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, Florida White, Havana, Holland Lop, Jersey Wooly, Lilac, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Silver, Standard Chinchilla, Thrianta
Class 3. Cylindrical - Blue Holicer, Czech Frosty, Himalayan
Class 4. Semi Arched - Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Checkered Giant, Dwarf Papillon, English Spot, Rhinelander, Tan
Class 5. Full Arched - American, Beveren, English Lop, Flemish Giant, Giant Chinchilla
Class 6. Pet - Any rabbit that does not meet requirements of classes 1 -5. Judging will include condition, structural correctness and handleability. Color patterns will not be considered.
Class 9. 4-H CAVY- Junior - animal up to 4 months, 12 to 22 ounces.
Class 10. 4-H CAVY- Intermediate - animal from 4 to 6 months; weight 22 to 30 ounces
Class 11. 4-H Cavy- Senior - animal 6 months and over; weight, over 30 ounces.



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Rabbit Showmanship

General Note to Judge: Judge the contestant's actions and knowledge. Do not judge the condition or behavior of the rabbit.

Step	Actions	pts	Terms	pts	pts
Carry	Proper support Maintain control	5			5
Pose	Correct pose for breed Introduction: Greeting, Name, Step-back	3	Breed, Compact, Cylindrical, Full Arch Mandolin, Semi-Arch, Commercial	2	5
Ears	Check both ears Read tattoo	3	Mites, Canker, Carriage, Thickness, Color, Torn or Missing Portions, Fur Covering	2	5
Turn-Over	Smooth motion, proper control Rest weight on table	5			5
Eyes	Properly Open Eyes Not forcing open	3	Proper Color, Blindness, Wall Eye, Moon Eye, Weepy Eye or signs of conjunctivitis	2	5
Nose	Proper hand position Show both nostrils Check inside legs for nasal discharge	3	Snuffles, Nasal Discharge Foreign Spots, or Colors	2	5
Teeth	Proper hand position Show upper & lower incisors	3	Malocclusion, Buck Teeth, Wolf Teeth Peg Teeth, Broken Teeth	2	5
Front Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails, pad, & dewclaw Proper thumb position	3	Broken, Extra, Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Dew Claw, Pads	2	5
Belly	Check under jaw & chest Check abdomen & sides Smooth & complete coverage	3	Abscess, Tumor, Abnormalities Pigeon Breast, Blemishes, Mastitis	2	5
Rear Feet/Legs	Check straightness of legs Check toenails & hocks Proper thumb position	3	Broken & Missing Toes Mismatched, White, Missing Toenails Bone Density, Straightness, Sore Hocks	2	5
Sex	Proper position of rabbit & hand Expose vent/penis & testicles	3	Buck/Doe, Vent Disease, Hutch Burn Split Penis, Descended Testicles in Int/Sr	2	5
Tail	Extend tail; Move side to side Examine underside	3	Wry, Dead, Bobbed, Broken Color, Straightness	2	5
Fur	Return to pose; Smooth motion Proper control; Stroke coat from tail to head to show fur type	3	Density, Texture, Sheen, Luster Rollback, Flyback, Rex, Standing, Wool	2	5
Judging Comments	Final pose: Head, Ears, Shoulder, Chest, Midsection, Loin, Hindquarters, Rump, Breed specific (markings/color)	10	Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, Balance Condition, Finish Did not use word, "Nice"!	5	15
Overall Presentation	Show Coat/Apron/Long Sleeves Smile, Hair Neat No Rings, No dangling jewelry	5	Humane treatment/Controls animal at all times Good eye contact, Follows directions, Thanks Judge	5	10
Knowledge			Answers to questions	10	10
Judge			TOTAL SCORE		100

Comments:

4-H RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

NAME		AGE	
Rabbit	Appearance, grooming and condition of Rabbit	10	
Handling	Carrying, Handling and Posing	10	
Exam (5 points each)	Ears, Turn Over, Eyes, Nose, Teeth, Front Feet & Legs, Belly, Rear Feet & Legs, Sex, Tail, Fur	55	
Overall	Showman appearance, ring manner, clothing, awareness, courteous, polite, ring manner, evidence of training and practice, overall control of the rabbit, final pose.	10	

COOP NO. _____ EAR NO. _____

OWNER _____



**RABBIT
AND
CAVY**

BREED _____

CLASS & SEX _____

NO. IN CLASS _____ AWARD _____

Score Chart

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
TYPE				
HEAD				
EARS				
BONE				
COLOR				
CONDITION				
FUR				

JUDGE'S REMARKS _____

JUDGE

4-H SHEEP

- Ownership or Management Deadline: July 1st. Exception: Delegates may show one (1) sheep purchased July 1- July 31 of this year, IN ADDITION TO their 4-H project animal(s) provided that: (1) they will show at least 1 other 4-H project sheep, (2) proof of purchase, ownership and health papers are shown upon arrival at fair, (3) the Exhibitor is still limited to showing one animal per class per breed, (4) this animal may not be used in fitting and Showmanship.
- 4-Hers must bring management papers to fairs that occurs before July 1st.
- Fitting and Showmanship judged on: Appearance of sheep: blocking & fitting for the show, cleanliness and condition of animal; Handling – showing, holding, and moving of sheep in the ring; Attitude, appearance & sportsmanship of the Exhibitor and his/her knowledge of his sheep project; Judging starts when Exhibitor enters the ring and ends when they exit the ring.
- Previous trophy winners will compete again.
- Show Clothes: Solid-colored black, khaki, tan, green or white pants/jeans with belt and with a white shirt or blouse. All shirts tucked in. No jeans, no tank tops or hats in the show ring.
- A 4-H member may exhibit sheep of any recognized breed (“registered”) or a crossbred of breeds (“unregistered”). Separate classes will be provided for registered and unregistered.
- The Exhibitor is limited to one animal per class (i.e. an Exhibitor may show one Southdown Jr. Ewe Lamb and one Dorset Ewe Lamb).
- Each exhibitor must show his or her own project sheep alone in the single classes and must be on the head of his/her animal. Another 4-Her may help the Exhibitor if the animal is extremely large, becomes unruly or the 4-Her has a disability, discuss with superintendent before show!
- Halters are optional. However, they are strongly suggested for the young or inexperienced Exhibitors. When used animals should be trained to lead on halter.

Sheep Breed Classes	
<p>*Yearling Rams – Born 8/31 2 yrs. ago - 9/1 last yr. Senior Ram Lambs – Born 9/1 – 12/31 last yr. Intermediate Ram Lambs –Born 1/1 – 2/15 this yr. Junior Ram Lambs –Born after 2/16 this yr.</p>	<p>*Yearling Ewes – Born 8/31 2 yrs. ago- 9/1 last yr. Senior Ewe Lambs - Born 9/1 – 12/31 last yr. Intermediate Ewe Lambs – Born 1/1- 2/15 this year Junior Ewe Lambs –Born after 2/16 this year * No more than four permanent teeth.</p>
<p>Aged Ewes –Born before 9/1 2 years ago– Can only be shown if it is the youth’s only sheep to show. Pair of Lambs – 1 ram + 1 ewe lamb, same breed, shown previously. Doesn’t need to be Bred/Owned Exhibit’s Flock - 1 ram + 2 ewes, same breed, previously shown. Doesn’t need to be Bred/Owned Best Fleeced Animal – 1 wool breed sheep any age, previously shown with enough fleece to judge. Market Lambs – Wether lambs or ewe lambs only. Lamb must be sheared within fourteen (14) days of the show. Entries in this class cannot enter individual classes except Fitting & Showmanship. No rams accepted. Class may be divided on the basis of weight, decision made by show superintendent. Registered Ewe, Any Age, Bred & Owned by Exhibitor – must have been shown in one of the ewe classes list above and may NOT be a market lamb entry.</p>	