

YOUTH & FFA

RULES & REGULATIONS

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CLASSIFICATIONS:

(Must meet age requirements)

Youth (4-H/Grange) CLOVERBUD (5–7 as of 10/01/23)

Youth (4-H/Grange) JUNIOR (8–10 as of 10/01/23)

Youth (4-H/Grange) INTERMEDIATE (11–13 as of 10/01/23)

Youth (4-H/Grange) SENIOR (14 to less than 19 as of 10/01/23)

FFA (must be enrolled in Junior High or High School Program School Year Prior to Showing)

1. Eligibility for all Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Divisions is limited to enrolled members of Youth (4-H/Grange) Clubs and FFA Chapters. Youth Members must be enrolled by 3/1/24 (late enrollment carries a penalty fee between 3/1/24 and 5/31/24; no enrollments after 5/31/24).
2. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Departments are open to enrolled members in projects and organizations in which they expect to exhibit.
3. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Exhibitors living in or attending school in Benton and Franklin counties or in the Burbank School District may participate.
4. **Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Exhibitors enrolled in and exhibiting any food producing animal must obtain the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification and proof of completion by tag day, or July 1 for animals not being tagged, to be eligible to show. Further information on this certification can be found at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. YQCA certification is required for Youth (4-H/Grange) & FFA exhibitors showing any of the animals listed below:**
 - Beef & Dairy Cattle
 - Swine
 - Sheep
 - Market & Dairy Goats
 - Rabbits, Cavies & Pocket Pets
 - Poultry & Waterfowl
 - Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds
5. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Members may enter Open Class, but they may not show the same animal or still life exhibits in Youth (4-H/Grange) or FFA. A separate animal or exhibit must be entered.

6. The Fair Board does not encourage any persons to stay overnight on the grounds. If it is necessary for exhibitors to stay, all youth must have adult supervision. Anyone outside of campers and tents after curfew (midnight) will forfeit all premiums, as well as the right to continue to participate in the Fair. The Fair will provide security to see that this rule is enforced.
7. Animals exhibited in any youth division must be owned or leased, shown, fitted, and cared for by the exhibitor, and entered in his or her name. Animals registered in the family name but not listed with the County Extension Office or with the FFA instructor by 5/31 will not be eligible to show in the Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Divisions.
8. Exhibitor is required to keep animals supplied with water, feed, and clean bedding from arrival until the animals leave the fairgrounds. Bedding will be available for purchase at the Fair Office, or you may bring your own. All livestock exhibitors will be subject to a \$7 bedding disposal fee, which includes one bag of shavings (or bale of straw for goat exhibitors).
9. Any exhibit deemed not worthy will not be displayed or judged.
10. Cage and stall fees are waived for Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA exhibitors.
11. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA stall cards can be picked up at Fair Office or from Barn Superintendent.
12. These General Rules listed also apply to the Youth Departments.
13. No animal may be removed or replaced with another animal without the consent of the Fair Board Member in charge of that department and only if replacement falls within the Youth (4-H/Grange) guidelines regarding regular care and management as listed below:
 - Breeding Beef: 90 days
 - Cats: 60 days
 - Cavies: 45 days
 - Dairy (except Dairy Heifer Replacement): 90 days
 - Dairy Heifer Replacement: 60 days
 - Dogs: 60 days
 - Equine: 90 days
 - Goat: 60 days
 - Market Beef: 120 days
 - Rabbits and Poultry: 45 days
 - Sheep and Swine (Breeding and Market): 60 days
 - Animals raised by the Youth (4-H/Grange) member from birth or hatching are exempt from the minimum time periods.
14. Exhibitors who have outside help fitting their animal by others who are not currently enrolled in Youth (4-H/Grange) or FFA, including parents, will lose all premium monies and may be banned from future fairs.
15. Exhibitors must receive a blue ribbon in Fitting and Showing to be eligible for the Championship Round. Junior, Intermediate, Senior and FFA Fitting and Showing Division

Champions will compete in the **Large Animal Round Robin** in the Benton Franklin Fair Sale Barn Thu., 8/22, for the title of Grand Champion Showman.

- a. Each contestant will provide an animal for the following age division to show in the Large Animal Round Robin: Youth (4-H/Grange) Junior, Intermediate, Senior and FFA. Departments participating in this event include Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Lamb and Swine.
 - i. Each exhibitor must show the animal they showed in Fitting and Showing.
 - ii. Exhibitors must dress for Fitting and Showing.
 - iii. Participants must exhibit good sportsmanship.
- b. Awards include Rosettes to First Place in Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Lamb and Swine. Belt Buckles go to First Place winners in Youth Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and FFA.

16. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA LIVESTOCK DRESS CODE:

- a. Exhibitors should be clean and neatly dressed in official FFA uniform or jeans or slacks with a short or long-sleeved shirt, blouse or T-Shirt. (T-Shirts must be plain, however, Youth (4-H/Grange) Club Name is acceptable).
- b. Clothing should not be revealing or offensive in nature. No bare midriffs. No low-cut tops or pants that reveal underwear. Any article of clothing that has rips, tears, or holes is unacceptable. If in doubt, *do not wear it*.
- c. The ruling of the Fair Board and Department Superintendents is **FINAL**. Non-compliance with this dress code will result in being excused from the showing and loss of premiums.
- d. Close-toe shoes or boots are required while showing livestock and while in all livestock barns.

17. LIVESTOCK JUDGING

- a. No pre-entries are required for FFA. Youth (4-H/Grange) must pre-enter online.
- b. Any member is eligible to judge in the division in which their project is enrolled. There will be no team judging in Youth (4-H/Grange).
- c. Any FFA Chapter may enter one team of five members. Other members may judge as individuals.
- d. Banners will be awarded to the three highest placing teams and individuals in FFA Livestock and Dairy Judging.
- e. Premium money will be awarded in the Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Division of Youth (4-H/Grange).
- f. Rules governing State Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA Contests will apply.
- g. Classes offered will depend on exhibits available for judging at the Fair.
- h. Participants must pick-up ribbons and banners at the time specified on the bulletin board. No ribbons will be mailed.
- i. To enter judging, refer to the department. Livestock Judging: beef, sheep, and swine refer to Department 43.