



# YOUTH & FFA RULES & REGULATIONS

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## CLASSIFICATIONS:

(Must meet age requirements)

Youth (4-H/Grange) CLOVERBUD (5–7 as of 10/01/25)

Youth (4-H/Grange) JUNIOR (8–10 as of 10/01/25)

Youth (4-H/Grange) INTERMEDIATE (11–13 as of 10/01/25)

Youth (4-H/Grange) SENIOR (14 to less than 19 as of 10/01/25)

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

## Eligibility & Enrollment

1. Eligibility limited to enrolled members of Youth (4-H/Grange) Clubs and FFA Chapters. Youth must be enrolled by 3/1/26 (late enrollment penalty between 3/1/26 and 5/31/26; no enrollment after 5/31/26).
2. Youth (4-H/Grange) and FFA departments are open to enrolled members in projects/organizations in which they plan to exhibit.
3. Exhibitors must live in or attend school in Benton & Franklin counties or Burbank School District.
4. Exhibitors showing food-producing animals must obtain YQCA certification by tag day or July 1 for untagged animals. Required for: Beef & Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Market & Dairy Goats, Rabbits, Cavies & Pocket Pets, Poultry & Waterfowl, Pigeons, Game & Cage Birds.
5. Members may enter Open Class but may not show the same animal or still-life exhibit in Youth or FFA.

## Overnight & Supervision

6. Adult supervision required if staying overnight; violators forfeit premiums and participation rights.

## Animal Ownership & Care

7. Animals must be owned or leased, shown, fitted, and cared for by the exhibitor; registered with County Extension Office or FFA instructor by 5/31.
8. Exhibitors must maintain water, feed, and clean bedding; bedding is available for purchase. \$7 bedding disposal fee applies.
9. Any exhibit deemed unworthy will not be displayed or judged.
10. Cage and stall fees are waived for Youth and FFA exhibitors.
11. Stall cards are available at Fair Office or Barn Superintendent.
12. General rules apply to Youth Departments.

13. No animal may be removed or replaced without Fair Board consent; minimum care time applies (specific days by species). Exemptions for animals raised by members from birth/hatching.
14. Outside help by non-enrolled persons may result in loss of premiums and future eligibility.

## **Fitting & Showing**

15. Blue ribbon is required to compete in Championship Round. Round Robin includes Dairy, Horse, Steer, Goat, Lamb, and Swine.
  - Each contestant must provide an animal for their age division.
  - Must show the animal they exhibited in Fitting & Showing.
  - Exhibitors must dress appropriately.
  - Good sportsmanship required.
  - Awards: Rosettes for first place in each species; Belt Buckles for first-place Youth & FFA.

## **Livestock Dress Code**

16. Exhibitors must be clean and neatly dressed:
  - FFA uniform or jeans/slacks with short/long-sleeved shirt (plain T-shirts or 4-H/Grange club name allowed).
  - No revealing or offensive clothing; no bare midriffs, low-cut tops, or ripped/holed clothing.
  - Close-toe shoes or boots are required in all livestock barns.
  - Fair Board rulings are final, non-compliance results in removal from show and loss of premiums.

## **Livestock Judging**

17. Livestock Judging:
  - Youth must pre-enter online; FFA no pre-entry required.
  - Members eligible to judge in their project division.
  - FFA Chapters may enter one team of five; others judge individually.
  - Banners awarded to top three teams/individuals; premium money awarded in Youth divisions.
  - State Youth & FFA contest rules apply.
  - Classes offered depend on exhibits available.
  - Ribbons and banners must be picked up; not mailed.