



# 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR EXHIBITORS

## Saturday, July 11

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. Still Exhibit Judging – Covered Arena
- 9:00-11:30 a.m. Still Exhibit Auction Registration, Covered Arena
- 12:00 p.m. Held back still exhibit pick-up, Covered Arena
- 12:00-12:30 p.m. Crop Winner Photos – Photo Backdrop
- 1:30-2:00 p.m. Check-in for dog show, record books due – Covered Arena
- 2:00 p.m. Dog Show – Covered Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C

## Sunday, July 12

- 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. All animals may arrive
- 10:30 a.m. Check-in for Cats & Pocket Pets, Record Books Due
- 11:00 a.m. Cat Show & Pocket Pet Show– Covered Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies – Covered Arena
- 3:30 p.m. Still Exhibit Auction – Covered Arena

## Monday, July 13

- 6:00-9:00 a.m. All animals must arrive on fairgrounds.
- 8:00-11:00 a.m. Goat, Poultry, Cavy & Rabbit Check-In & Record Books/Educational Poster Due
- 9:00 a.m. Dairy Showmanship & Judging - Covered Arena
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. Market Goat Weigh-In, record books due by 11:30 a.m. (½ hr. after check-in)
- 10:00 a.m.- 2 p.m. Horse Check-in – Horse Announcers Booth
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Market Sheep Weigh-In, record books due by 11:30 a.m. (½ hr. after check-in)
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Market Feeder Weigh-In, record books due by 11:30 a.m. (½ hr. after check-in)
- 11:00 a.m.-1 p.m. Market Swine Weigh-In, record books due by 1:30 p.m. (½ hr. after check-in)
- 11:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Market Beef Weigh-In, record books due by 12:30 p.m. (½ hr. after check-in)
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Tractor Operators Contest — East of Covered Arena
- 1:00-3:00 p.m. Crop & Weed ID Contest – East of Covered Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C
- 5:00 p.m. Leadership Interviews
- 6:00 p.m. Horse Fun Show – Horse Arena
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Rabbit Skills Test – Small Animal Barn
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Goat Skills Test – Small Animal Barn

## Tuesday, July 14

- 8:00 a.m. Goat Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena
- 9:00 a.m. Poultry Judging - Small Animal Barn
- 9:00 a.m. Horse Skills Test/Lab – Pioneer Pavilion
- 11:00 a.m. Cavy & Rabbit Showmanship and Judging – Covered Arena
- 11:00 a.m. Poultry Showmanship – Covered Arena
- 12:00 p.m. Rabbit Pictures - Photo Backdrop
- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Dog Skills Test – Covered Arena
- 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Poultry Skills Test – Covered Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Poultry & Egg Pictures – Photo Backdrop
- 4:00 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest – Red Barn Photo Backdrop
- 6:00 p.m. Sheep Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena

## Wednesday, July 15

- 8:00 a.m. Swine Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena (West End)
- 2:00 p.m. Dairy Feeder Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Beef Showmanship and Judging (market pictures following class) – Covered Arena

## Thursday, July 16 - Kids Day

- 8:00 a.m. Horse Program (Showmanship, English & Western)
- 10:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Kids Day Activities – Covered Arena
- 12:30 p.m. Beef, Feeder, Swine & Sheep Skills Test/Lab – Pioneer Pavilion
- 2:00 p.m. Ag Olympics – Covered Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Animal Costume Contest Class – Covered Arena
- 5:00 p.m. Archery Competition – Barn C
- 6:00 p.m. Horse Speed Show – Horse Arena
- 6:00 p.m. Peewee Parade – Covered Arena
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Peewee Dance – Covered Arena

## Friday, July 17

- 8:00 a.m. Horse Program (Trail) – Horse Arena
- 9:00 a.m. Royal Court Pictures – location TBD
- 9:00 a.m. Cavy/Rabbit Agility Course & Costume Class – Small Animal Barn
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Livestock Sale (Rabbit, Poultry, Goat, Swine, Crops, Beef, Sheep, Dairy Feeder Beef & Dairy Milk) – Covered Arena
- 4:00-8:00 p.m. Alma-St. Louis Rotary Steak Fry – Pioneer Pavilion
- 8:30-11:00 p.m. Exhibitors' Dance & Pizza Party – Covered Arena

## Saturday, July 18

- 7:00-9:00 a.m. Still Exhibit Release
- 9:00 a.m. Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes – Covered Arena
- 10:30 a.m. Large Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes – Covered Arena
- 1:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony – Covered Arena
- 3:00 p.m. Swine Release
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. Breeding stock, Peewee & Buyer take home livestock released (Large & Small Animals)
- 3:00-6:00 p.m. Horse Release
- 5:00 p.m. UPI Release
- 5:30 p.m. Donkey Bash – Horse Arena
- 7:00-10:00 p.m. Barn Clean Up (Check barn bulletins.)

*Check barn bulletin board for shipping schedule and barn clean-up for ALL SPECIES*

## Sunday, July 19

- 7 a.m.-12 p.m. Fairground cleanup/assigned tasks

## GENERAL RULES

- The Board of Directors (Fair Board) reserves the final and absolute right to interpret these rules and regulations and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto. It further reserves the right to amend or add to these rules as in its judgment.
- All exhibits must fit into classes listed in the fair book and only one entry is allowed in each class unless stated in that section.
- No bike riding will be allowed.
- Curfew will be 11:30 p.m. anyone not abiding by this curfew will be penalized as deemed appropriate by the Fair Board. All fair participants must be chaperoned according to the camping rules if they are staying overnight at the fairgrounds.
- No dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds the week of the fair except for dog show participants during the scheduled show and service dogs.
- All fair class entries must be submitted online through [gcffy.fairentry.com](http://gcffy.fairentry.com) by 11:59 p.m. on their due dates shown in Fair Entry. Any entry received after this time will not be accepted and *you will not be eligible to show at GCFY*.
- For animal registration guidelines see livestock requirements.

## EXHIBITOR REQUIREMENTS

- All exhibitors must be between the ages of 8 and 19 years old as of January 1 of the current year, unless otherwise noted, and must be residents of Gratiot County, a member of a Gratiot County 4-H Club or FFA Chapter, live in a Gratiot County school district or attend a Gratiot County school.
- Young exhibitors between the ages of 5 and 7 years old will exhibit as Peeweese. Peeweese are not eligible for fair auctions. Exhibitors aged 8 years old have the *choice* to exhibit as a Peewee or as a regular fair exhibitor.
- All show participants must be Gratiot County Fair for Youth exhibitors.
- All fair exhibitors are to abide by the rules and regulations in the fair book.
- Any exhibitor showing disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike behavior as deemed by the Fair Board may be asked to remove themselves from the fairgrounds and forfeit all awards.
- There will be a \$10 entry fee per exhibitor; this must be paid through [gcffy.fairentry.com](http://gcffy.fairentry.com) upon registration or in the Fair Office prior to registration.
- All exhibitors must check the Fair Release/Indemnification (hold harmless) online at [gcffy.fairentry.com](http://gcffy.fairentry.com). All exhibitors are responsible for reading the fair book and acknowledging online (signing) that you have read and reviewed the fair book in its entirety.

## CAMPING AND PARKING

- Camping is by reservation only.
- Two camping area parking permits will be provided with the camping fee.
- Parking passes will be available for pre-sale at the Fair Office and can also be purchased at the gate during fair.
- Parking rates: \$7.00/day/vehicle or \$18.00/week/vehicle purchased as presale from the Fair Office prior to the week of the fair. Weekly parking passes purchased during fair will be \$20.00 at the gate.
- All fire lanes must always remain open.
- Any vehicle parked in non-designated areas, including the camping area, not displaying the proper parking permit, will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Livestock/horse/utility trailers can be parked east of the South Horse Barn and west of the Dairy Feeder Barn. The fair may move trailers parked on the fairgrounds without notice.
- **Livestock tents, chutes and other outdoor supplies may not be setup until Friday prior to fair at 12:01 a.m. (Same as campers.)**
- **Livestock trailers can start parking North of the beef barn, west of the feeder barn after animal check-in.**

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLES/GOLF CARTS

- Registration forms are available online at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org). The registration fee is \$25.00 on or before **July 1** and \$35 after and must be submitted with the form. The form can be found at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org), under "Registration Dates/Fair Forms." Once the form and fee are submitted you will receive the ORV rules and a permit that must be always visible and on the off-road vehicle/golf cart.
- The intent of off-road vehicles/golf carts on the fairgrounds is to assist with animal chores, perform official fair duties and assisting those needing a ride.
- Off-road vehicles/golf carts must be operated in a safe and orderly manner. The speed limit is 5 mph.
- All off-road vehicles/golf carts must possess an insurance policy that provides \$300,000 liability insurance coverage for operation of the vehicle on the fairgrounds. **Written documentation of this coverage must be submitted when the vehicle is registered.**
- Operators and passengers of off-road vehicles must comply with the manufacturer's operating instructions and seating capacity requirements.
- Driving on the Midway and the roadway between Barn L and the end of the horse arena are prohibited.
- If any of these rules are broken the vehicle must be removed from the fairgrounds or immobilized. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the fairgrounds and/or loss of campsite.

# LIVESTOCK REQUIREMENTS

Large Animal Chairperson: Brent Skinner

Small Animal Chairperson: Martha Stellow

## Registration Dates:

Beef Registration	<b>February 25, 2026</b>	Goat Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>
Dairy Feeder Registration	<b>April 5, 2026</b>	Dog Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>
Horse Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>	Cat Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>
Sheep Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>	Pocket Pet Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>
Swine Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>	Dairy Registration (including Peewee)	<b>June 5, 2026</b>
Peewee Registration	<b>May 5, 2026</b>	Breeding Stock	<b>June 5, 2026</b>
(Excluding rabbits, cavies, pocket pets, poultry & dairy)		Poultry, Rabbit & Cavy Registration	<b>June 20, 2026</b>

\*\*\* Due dates are for all classes within the species unless otherwise noted. (Ex. Market, showmanship, skills, record book, etc.)

\*\*\* Futurity registration has the same deadline as the specie specific deadline. (Beef – February 25 and Goat & Sheep May 5)

- EAR TAG INFORMATION – All cattle, goats and sheep shall bear official USDA identification before they leave their home premises. Swine require official USDA identification prior to being exhibited.
- Call **1-989-785-5616** to receive a National Premises Registration Number and place a tag order.
- The exhibitor is responsible for retagging their animal in the case of the loss of the USDA approved official ear tag identification.
- If the animal has lost a GCFFY ear tag, the exhibitor must contact the Fair Office and/or the species superintendent immediately to get another GCFFY tag and then retag the animal.
- All livestock exhibitors must follow requirements as defined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Complete requirements are found on-line at [https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096\\_49214-401893--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_49214-401893--,00.html) or by contacting the Fair Office.
- An exhibitor in market beef, dairy feeder, sheep, and swine projects may register up to FOUR animals per species to be used for primary or secondary projects.
- An animal can be registered on more than one exhibitor's form as long as the animals are housed at one site.
- Animal cages/pens/stalls will be assigned by the species superintendent the Wednesday prior to start of the fair. No decorating of pens is allowed before assignments are made. Pen decorations must not present a hazard to animals or visitors. Changes may be made by superintendents if need arises.
- Hooves must be trimmed and body clipping must be done before check-in.
- All animals must be fed, watered and pens cleaned by 9:00 a.m. Animals and pens must be monitored throughout the day and evening to ensure cleanliness and proper care. If not, the superintendent will first notify the exhibitor by placing a yellow tag on their pen or stall. Exhibitors who receive a yellow tag must immediately take care of their animal and then promptly contact the superintendent. For the second offense, a red tag will be placed on their pen/stall. The exhibitor must meet with the superintendent and a representative of the Fair Board to determine further action, including, but not limited to, any amount over market value received for the animal sold may be withheld from their sale check.
- Each exhibitor is responsible for feeding and bedding their own animal until release time. Bedding is to be approved by the species superintendent and must be provided by the exhibitor.
- No one except for the exhibitor, his/her family members, leaders (where leaders are defined as an individual who is registered as a leader with the Gratiot County MSU Extension 4-H Office and has been through the MSU Extension Volunteer Selection Process), FFA Advisors, or fellow exhibitors may groom animals during fair week and the exhibitor must be present. Any exhibitor who is in violation of this rule will not be allowed to sell in the sale and any awards will be forfeited.
- Exhibitors are responsible for bringing their own hose for the wash rack. There will be no hoses provided.
- Exhibitors or ring help are the only people allowed in the ring, if an animal is out of control, it will be tied to the rail or will be excused.
- Animals must be free from parasites, contagious diseases or infections, or they will be sent home.
- Horns or scurs on cattle (dairy, beef, or dairy feeder) must be shorter than 1" from the hairline. Any animals with longer horns will be sent home.
- Goats may be shown with or without horns. Goats which have been dehorned must be completely healed.
- All market livestock must be castrated.
- Animals will be sent home, at the discretion of the superintendent and/or the Fair Board, anytime during the week if determined to be a safety hazard or health risk to the public, exhibitors or other animals.
- Any animal which becomes sick or severely injured during the fair will be sent home.
- Superintendents may combine classes for the purposes of judging.
- Record books are required for all market animals. See the Record Book section for more information. Poultry, rabbits and cavies will be doing educational posters instead of record books. YQCA is no longer an option.
- All barns must be cleaned and power washed within 7 days concluding fair. If failure to have the barn power washed in that time frame the cost will be split amongst the exhibitors in the barn and deducted from each exhibitor's check in that barn to get the power washing done.
- **Show order will be showmanship, breeding, market then futurity for beef, dairy, dairy feeders, sheep and swine.**

## MARKET ANIMAL

- Follow livestock rules listed above
- Exhibitors with market animals: beef, dairy feeders, sheep, swine and goats, must have animals tagged with a GCFY tag, have animal photographed and be registered through [www.gcffy.fairentry.com](http://www.gcffy.fairentry.com) by the deadline for each species. The fair will accept late registration entries for 30 calendar days after the deadline with a \$10 per day fee; payable to the fair before registration is accepted.
- Drug testing may be performed on market animals at any time while on fairgrounds. Any animal found to be in violation, will be disqualified. **All medication/drug withdrawal requirements must be met by check-in.** Any animal containing substances at any level not in compliance with United States Food and Drug Administration and/or United States Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service safety standards; illegal substances and or tampered with animals will be disqualified. Any monies and awards awarded to the individuals, including proceeds will be forfeited.
- Only one large market animal may be exhibited per exhibitor.
- See showmanship rules.

## FUTURITY

- Open to all market beef, market goats and market sheep born on a farm in Gratiot County. Each species will show in an additional class separate from their market class.
- The applicable species-specific form must be filled out and submitted, as directed, by the deadline stated on the form. The form can be found at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org), under "Registration Dates/Fair Forms." Once the form is turned in the fair office will register the exhibitor into the class in Fair Entry.
- A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected.
- Placing in this class will not affect the sale order.

## NON-MARKET ANIMAL

- Follow livestock rules listed above
- Exhibitors showing any non-market animals in beef, goat and sheep must be registered through [gcffy.fairentry.com](http://gcffy.fairentry.com) by **June 5**.
- Breeding Stock may not be registered by an exhibitor in more than one class.
- Registration papers must be in the exhibitor's immediate family's name or farm name and must be shown to the superintendent upon arrival.
- Any animals without registration papers MUST show in the Crossbred.
- Breeding stock animals can be housed at the fairgrounds for the entire week if room permits.

## SHOWMANSHIP RULES

- Exhibitors may ONLY show their own animals in showmanship classes. These animals MUST ALSO be registered and shown in a market (unless it does not make weight), breed, halter and/or pet class. This does NOT include sweepstakes or Peeweews.
- Showmanship classes will be set up in chronological order according to age. If the showmanship class needs to be broken into more than one class, superintendents will post class lists in barns.

### Show Ring and Sale Ring Dress Code:

- Appropriate footwear is required. No open toe style such as sandals, flip-flops, crocs, etc.
- Exposed undergarments are NOT permitted.
- Conspicuously thin garments, bare midriffs, swimsuits or halter tops are NOT permitted.
- Show attire regulations that are species specific can be found under each species guideline.
- Exhibitors may be asked to change prior to entering show or auction ring.

### Showmanship Divisions

**Senior Showmanship** (15-19); **Intermediate Showmanship** (12-14); **Junior Showmanship** (8-11)

## SHOWMANSHIP SWEEPSTAKES

**Superintendent: Angela Aubin**

**Superintendent: Martha Stellow**

- Large Animal Sweepstakes includes the first-place winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Division in the Beef, Sheep, Dairy Feeder, Swine, Dairy and Horse classes.
- Small Animal Sweepstakes includes the first-place winners in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Showmanship Division for Cats, Dogs, Goats, Poultry and Rabbits.
- Participants will be entered by the species superintendent.
- The first-place showmanship winner in each species must sign the declaration form at the completion of their species showmanship. At this time, if the exhibitor waives their right to show in the sweepstakes class, then the next placed exhibitor will then be eligible to show in the sweepstakes class.
- The first species in which you declare to show in the sweepstakes class is the species you will compete in.

## LIVESTOCK AUCTION

- For an animal to be eligible for the Livestock Auction, the exhibitor must have shown that same species in showmanship.
- All animals must be shown in market class by the exhibitor to be eligible to be sold in the Livestock Auction. The exhibitor must be the owner of the animal.
- Any exhibitor selling an animal(s) at the GCFFY Livestock Auction **must** turn in a completed current year GCFFY record book or Educational Poster (for poultry and rabbits/cavies only) for every species sold by the exhibitor. This includes participants in the dairy bucket.
- A 5% commission will be deducted from all sale lots by the GCFFY. Insurance and mandatory animal check-off programs will also be deducted if applicable.
- Exhibitors relinquish ownership and all rights to exhibits immediately upon sale. Exhibitors cannot request use or possession of exhibits from the buyer. **Exhibitors must take care of animals until animal is removed by the buyer or shipped.**
- Sale order in large animals will be determined in each species as follows: champion market first, reserve champion market second, champion showman third and other animals to follow.
- **If an animal will NOT be sold, it must be pulled out within 1 hour of the end of the market classes and will be charged \$250/animal cash or card before the animal leaves the grounds. The Grand and Reserve market animals MUST sell.**
- Exhibitors who miss their lot in the sale order will sell last in their species and a 20% of sale penalty will be assessed on the sale of the missed lot. If exhibitor misses their species in the sale order, they will not sell.
- Exhibitor checks will be made out to the exhibitor as listed on [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com) and will be mailed to the address listed in [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com).
- Exhibitors are limited to the sale of one large animal project (beef, dairy feeder, beef, sheep or swine) and two small animal projects (rabbits, poultry or goats).

## FORMAL PROTEST

- Before a formal protest is filed, any problems or concerns should be addressed with the superintendent of the department. If a resolution cannot be achieved, you have the right to file a formal protest.
- A person compelled to bring a complaint regarding conflict of interest of the judge, disqualification of an exhibit or exhibitor, exhibitor, group leader or superintendent's behavior, or eligibility of an exhibit shall make a formal protest *in writing* to the Fair Office no later than ten days following the end of fair. For drug testing, all protests need to be submitted to the Fair Office, no later than 1 hour after the conclusion of that species market show.
- A person making a formal protest shall deposit a sum of \$100.00 along with the cost of any testing and veterinarian or other expenses. If the protest is sustained the deposit shall be returned to the complainant. If it is not sustained the deposit shall be forfeited.
- All protests shall be referred to the fair's Executive Committee, which shall review the protest with interested parties and give parties an opportunity to submit evidence. The party against whom the protest was filed shall have the right to read the statement of protest.
- A report of findings shall be made to the Fair Board for final decision on the protest within 10 days of the original complaint or after test results are received. The Fair Board shall issue an opinion within 2 weeks of receiving the recommendations from the Executive Committee.
- A complainant may file an appeal to the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development within 45 days of filing the initial complaint if the exhibitor is not satisfied with the Fair Board's action. MDARD shall have 60 days after receipt of any appropriately filed appeal to investigate the complaint and issue a finding of fact and notice of department action and any recommended actions.

## SKILLATHON

### Beef, Dairy Feeder, Swine, Sheep

Contestants will earn points in Showmanship, Skills Test/Lab, Livestock Judging Contest, Market Class and Record Books.

### Horse, Goat, Rabbit, Cavy, Poultry, Dog, Dairy

Contestants will earn points in Showmanship, Skills Test/Lab and Record Books or Educational Posters.

### Skillathon Divisions

**Senior Skillathon (15-19); Intermediate Skillathon (12-14); Junior Skillathon (8-11)**

## SKILLS TEST/ LAB

The Skills Test/Lab will test knowledge in the project area.

**Senior Skills Test/Lab (15-19); Intermediate Skills Test/Lab (12-14); Junior Skills Test/Lab (8-11)**

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

### Superintendent: Angie Lake

This contest is open to any exhibitor.

- Contest will consist of market swine, market beef and market sheep.
- No oral reasons will be given.
- Questions will be asked directly at the end of each class and answers will be recorded on the back of score card.

**496) Senior Livestock Judging (15-19)**

**497) Intermediate Livestock Judging (12-14)**

**498) Junior Livestock Judging (8-11)**

## RECORD BOOK OR EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

- Completed record books are mandatory for all beef, dairy feeder, sheep, swine and goat market animals. YQCA is NO longer an option.
- Completed educational posters are mandatory for all poultry, rabbits and cavy market animals.
- Completed record books are encouraged for breeding stock animals.
- Completed record books are mandatory for dairy animals and horses.
- Record books or Educational Posters for market livestock must be submitted at the time and location stated by the species superintendent. If the superintendent deems the record book or poster as incomplete, the superintendent may refuse to accept the record book or poster.
- Record books and educational posters not submitted by the deadline will not be scored and the exhibitor will not be allowed to show or sell that species.
- Educational Poster Guidelines:
  - Standard size poster board 22 x 28
  - Must have name and exhibitor number on front of poster
  - Hand Written and must have:
    - Title
    - Illustrations with descriptions (illustrations can be done by hand or pictures that are cut and pasted, but descriptions need to be hand written)
    - Factual information
  - Graded on: presentation and factual accuracy
  - Topics as listed below by Age Division
    - Senior Poultry
    - Intermediate Poultry
    - Junior Poultry
    - Senior Rabbit/Cavy
    - Intermediate Rabbit/Cavy
    - Junior Rabbit/Cavy
- The required record books info can be found at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org).

### **Record Book Divisions**

**Senior Record Book (15-19) ; Intermediate Record Book (12-14); Junior Record Book (8-11)**

### **Educational Poster Divisions**

**Senior Educational Poster (15-19); Intermediate Educational Poster (12-14); Junior Educational Poster (8-11)**

## ANIMAL CHECK-IN

- All market livestock must be weighed at time listed in Schedule of Events for Exhibitors for each species. The animal brought to the scale will be the exhibitor's official market animal and cannot be switched to a different animal.
- All goats, rabbits, cavies and poultry must be inspected by the superintendent or other fair official before being penned.
- All animal coverings, except for halters, must be removed at check-in.
- All ear tags must be clean and legible at the time of check-in.
- At the scale the superintendent will provide the exhibitor with an official written statement of the animal's official weight.
- Any dispute over the recorded weight of an animal must be addressed while the animal is still at the scales.

## PEEWEEES

**This program is for five to eight-year-olds, as of January 1 of the current year and must be residents of Gratiot County or a member of a Gratiot County 4-H Club, live in a Gratiot County school district, or attend a Gratiot County school.**

- **Five-** to eight- year-old Peewees are eligible to exhibit six items (either one animal and five still exhibits or six still exhibits).
- Peewee's must register an animal project by **May 5 (except Dairy will be by June 5 and rabbits, cavies and poultry will be on June 20)** on <https://www.gcffy.fairentry.com> even if the exhibitor will be using another exhibitor's animal.
- Livestock Restrictions
  - Sheep market weight
  - Swine market weight
- Animal must be the size Peewee can handle.
- Show times will be posted in exhibitor schedule and order will be posted in barn.
- NO SALES in the auctions.
- Peewee livestock are released and must be picked up at the time of Buyer Pick-Up on Saturday. Transportation of Peewee livestock is not the responsibility of the fair.
- An 8-year-old choosing to show as a regular fair exhibitor may not show in any Peewee classes.
- Peewees must sign up still exhibit entries through [www.gcffy.fairentry.com](http://www.gcffy.fairentry.com) by July 1.

- Check fair schedule for judging time and location. Youth will discuss their projects with a judge. Projects will be displayed in the Peewee section of the Exhibit Barn for the week of the fair and will be released with all other exhibits.
- All exhibits in the foods class MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RECIPE CARD INCLUDING RECIPE AND PICTURE that will be on display instead of the food. Recipe cards are available at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org).
- Collections and models must have a photo to be displayed in place of the exhibit.
- Every still exhibit should include an entry tag.
- All entries must be the work of the member, excluding borrowed livestock.
- The Peewee parade will consist of one exhibit per Peewee, they can choose their animal or still exhibit, (if exhibitor is using an animal, they must have an adult or club member with them). Peeweess will only be allowed in classes with other Peeweess.
- Peewee animal projects must follow species or livestock rules.

## PEEWEE CLASSES

500) Peewee Foods	508) Peewee Clothing & Textiles	515) Peewee Scrapbooking & Stamping
501) Peewee Creative Crafts & Recycled Articles	509) Peewee Knitting & Crocheting	516) Peewee Language Arts
502) Peewee Horticulture	510) Peewee Needlework	517) Peewee Wood Working
503) Peewee Fine Arts	511) Peewee Decorated Cakes & Molded Candy	518) Peewee Models
504) Peewee Crops	512) Peewee Graphic Design	519) Peewee Educational Exhibit
505) Peewee Floriculture	513) Peewee Welding	520) Peewee All Others
506) Peewee Photography	514) Peewee Natural Resources/Science Exhibit	
507) Peewee Collections		

\*\*\*All Peewee animal classes can be found under each animal specie's showmanship as well as registering the animal under the specie's department and then Peewee division.

## BEEF

Superintendents: **Kacie Allen**

- Market beef must weigh at least 950 lbs. at check-in. Beef below 950 lbs. can be shown in showmanship but will not sell.
- Market beef may be steers or heifers.
- All cattle must be tied, NO PENS ALLOWED.

100) Market Beef

101) Market Dairy Beef

### Beef Breeding Stock

DIVISIONS – Angus, Hereford, Maine, Maintainer, Shorthorn, Simmental, any other recognized breed cross-bred

102) Bull less than 6 months

103) Junior Heifer Calf (born between January 1 to June 30 of the current year)

104) Senior Heifer Calf (born between July 1 and December 31 of last year)

105) Junior Yearling Heifer (born between January 1 and June 30 of last year)

106) Senior Yearling Heifer (born between July 1 and December 31 two years before the fair)

107) Cow, 2 years and less than 3 years

108) Cow, 3 years and over

109) Cow & calf

### Beef Showmanship

110) Senior Beef Showmanship (15-19)

111) Intermediate Beef Showmanship (12-14)

112) Junior Beef Showmanship (8-11)

113) Peewee Beef Showmanship (5-8)

### Beef Skills Test/Lab

114) Senior Beef Skills Test/Lab (15-19)

115) Intermediate Beef Skills Test/Lab (12-14)

116) Junior Beef Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Beef Skillathon

- 117) Senior Beef Skillathon (15-19)
- 118) Intermediate Beef Skillathon (12-14)
- 119) Junior Beef Skillathon (8-11)

## Beef Record Books

- 120) Senior Beef Record Book (15-19)
- 121) Intermediate Beef Record Book (12-14)
- 122) Junior Beef Record Book (8-11)

## Beef Futurity

- 123) Market Beef Futurity

# DAIRY

Superintendent: Nicole Vanderploeg

Assistant Superintendent: Jennifer Whitford

- Dairy exhibitors will be limited to a 4 head maximum, with no more than 1 entry per class.
- Only Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn or Holstein may show as a DAIRY heifer/cow. Beef crossbreds will be sent home.
- Show Ring Dress Code: white shirt and white pants
- One dairy lot will be sold at the fair's Livestock Auction. Sale proceeds (less the 5% sale commission) will be distributed as follows:
  - 20% will be retained by the Gratiot Dairy 4-H Club to be used for club development, promotion, and scholarships for the youth involved; with remaining proceeds distributed as follows:
  - 15% to the Supreme Champion Cow
  - 15% to the Supreme Champion Heifer
  - 15% to the Supreme Champion Showman
  - 55% will be distributed in equal shares at one share per head excluding Supreme Champion animals.
- Champion payouts to be a maximum \$1,500 per individual. Remaining shares to be split amongst the remaining exhibitors on a 1 share per head basis, excluding champion entries. Maximum payout of \$500 per share. Any amount exceeding maximum payouts will go to Gratiot Dairy 4-H Club.
- If an exhibitor wins more than one of the champions (cow, heifer or showman) the exhibitor will only receive one 15% share and the other 15% won will be added to the remaining shares divide. That would result in 70% instead of 55%.
- All dairy exhibitors are required to be present for the dairy department photograph, in the proper show attire, after the dairy show and are required to be present in the sale ring for the dairy bucket during the auction.
- ALL dairy cattle are to remain at fair all week.
- Exhibitors with lactating cows have the option to bring in lactating cows for the dairy show and then take the lactating cows back home but must keep at least one dairy heifer on exhibit for the entire week.

## DIVISIONS –

**Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Milking Shorthorn, Jersey, AOB**

- 124) Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1 - May 31 of the current year
- 125) Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1 last year - February 28 of the current year
- 126) Fall Heifer Calf, born September 1 - November 30 of last year
- 127) Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1 – August 31 of last year
- 128) Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1 – May 31 of last year
- 129) Winter Yearling Heifer, born Dec 1 two years ago – February 28 of last year
- 130) Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1 two years ago – November 30 two years ago

**Junior & Reserve Supreme Heifer, classes 124-130**

- 131) Two-Year-Old Milking Cow, born September 1 three years ago – August 31 two years ago
- 132) Three-Year-Old Milking Cow, born September 1 four years ago – August 31 three years ago
- 133) Four-Year-Old Milking Cow, born September 1 five years ago – August 31 four years ago
- 134) Aged Cow, born before September 1 four years ago
- 135) Dry Cow (must have completed one lactation)
- 136) Dam & Daughter (cow & one of her daughters)

**Senior & Reserve Supreme Champion Cow, classes 131-136**

## Dairy Showmanship

- 137) Senior Dairy Showmanship (15-19)
- 138) Intermediate Dairy Showmanship (12-14)
- 139) Junior Dairy Showmanship (8-11)
- 140) Peewee Dairy Showmanship (5-8)

## Dairy Skills Test/Lab

- Dairy Skills Test/Lab will test exhibitor's knowledge of the dairy project. Categories include breed identification, anatomy, and feeding, breeding, raising dairy and general knowledge.
  - Please see your superintendent for time and place.
- 141) Senior Dairy Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
  - 142) Intermediate Dairy Skills Test (12-14)
  - 143) Junior Dairy Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Dairy Skillathon

- 444) Senior Dairy Skillathon (15-19)
- 145) Intermediate Dairy Skillathon (12-14)
- 146) Junior Dairy Skillathon (8-11)

## Dairy Record Books

- 147) Senior Dairy Record Book (15-19)
- 148) Intermediate Dairy Record Book (12-14)
- 149) Junior Dairy Record Book (8-11)

# DAIRY FEEDERS

## Superintendent: Jami Bebow

- The minimum weight for dairy feeder calves will be 400 lbs. and the maximum weight will be 700 pounds.
- If the animal is above 700 lbs., it will be sold to the buyer at 700 lbs. Dairy feeders below 400 lbs. can be shown in showmanship but WILL NOT sell.
- **Only** Holstein, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Jersey, or red and white Holstein may show as a dairy feeder. Beef breed crossbreeding or crossbreeding with dairy breeds other than those listed above will NOT be eligible for Grand or Reserve Champion.
- Any dairy feeder not deemed to meet breed requirements will be entered into beef dairy feeder/overweight/ineligible class.

## 150) Dairy Feeder Market Class

## Dairy Feeder Showmanship

- 151) Senior Dairy Feeder Showmanship (15-19)
- 152) Intermediate Dairy Feeder Showmanship (12-14)
- 153) Junior Dairy Feeder Showmanship (8-11)
- 154) Peewee Dairy Feeder Showmanship (5-8)

## Dairy Feeder Skills Test/Lab

- 155) Senior Dairy Feeder Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 156) Intermediate Dairy Feeder Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 157) Junior Dairy Feeder Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Dairy Feeder Skillathon

- 158) Senior Dairy Feeder Skillathon (15-19)
- 159) Intermediate Dairy Feeder Skillathon (12-14)
- 160) Junior Dairy Feeder Skillathon (8-11)

## Dairy Feeder Record Books

- 161) Senior Dairy Feeder Record Book (15-19)
- 162) Intermediate Dairy Feeder Record Book (12-14)
- 163) Junior Dairy Feeder Record Book (8-11)

# SHEEP

Superintendent: **Alex Fisher**

- The minimum weight for market lambs will be 90 lbs. Lambs below 90 lbs. can be shown in showmanship but will not sell.

## 164) Market Lamb

### Sheep Breeding Stock

**DIVISIONS – Southdown, Commercial (crossbreeds) and all other recognized wool breeds**

These are the classes for each of the above divisions

- 165) Yearling Ram (Those born during the previous year's lambing season.)
- 166) Ram Lamb (Those born during the current year's lambing season.)
- 167) Yearling Ewe (Those born during the previous year's lambing season.)
- 168) Ewe Lamb (Those born during the current year's lambing season.)

### Sheep Futurity

- 169) Market Sheep Futurity

### Sheep Showmanship

- 170) Senior Sheep Showmanship (15-19)
- 171) Intermediate Sheep Showmanship (12-14)
- 172) Junior Sheep Showmanship (8-11)
- 173) Peewee Sheep Showmanship (5-8)

### Sheep Skills Test/Lab

- 174) Senior Sheep Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 175) Intermediate Sheep Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 176) Junior Sheep Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

### Sheep Skillathon

- 177) Senior Sheep Skillathon (15-19)
- 178) Intermediate Sheep Skillathon (12-14)
- 179) Junior Sheep Skillathon (8-11)

### Sheep Record Books

- 180) Senior Sheep Record Book (ages 15-19)
- 181) Intermediate Sheep Record Book (ages 12-14)
- 182) Junior Sheep Record Book (ages 8-11)

# SWINE

Superintendent: **Julie Becker & Shayla Jolliff**

- The minimum weight for market swine is 220 lbs. and the maximum weight is 320 lbs. Swine below 220 lbs. can be shown in showmanship but will not sell. If the animal is above 320 lbs., it will be sold to the buyer at 320 lbs.
- All hogs must have a minimum hair length of 1/2 inch.
- All hogs must be ractopamine (paylean) free and must sign an acknowledgement form upon registration at [gcfy.fairentry.com](http://gcfy.fairentry.com).

### Market Swine

- 183) Market Swine

### Swine Showmanship

- 184) Senior Swine Showmanship (15-19)
- 185) Intermediate Swine Showmanship (12-14)
- 186) Junior Swine Showmanship (8-11)
- 187) Peewee Swine Showmanship (5-8)

## Swine Skills

- 188) Senior Swine Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 189) Intermediate Swine Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 190) Junior Swine Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Swine Skillathon

- 191) Senior Swine Skillathon (15-19)
- 192) Intermediate Swine Skillathon (12-14)
- 193) Junior Swine Skillathon (8-11)

## Swine Record Books

- 194) Senior Swine Record Book (15-19)
- 195) Intermediate Swine Record Book (12-14)
- 196) Junior Swine Record Book (8-11)

# HORSES

## Superintendent: Becky Hirschman

- All exhibitors must have their horse registered through [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com) by **May 5**.
- Proof of current negative Coggins will be required with the class registration by **May 5**. All classes must be registered through [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com) by **May 5**.
- All classes will be judged according to the Michigan 4-H Horse & Pony Show Rules and Regulations 2022 revision.
- Exhibitors may enter and ride as many classes as they like, but will declare the 10 classes that will be counted toward high point award during exhibitor check-in. Classes that do not contribute to high point are costume class and freestyle reining.
- One rider per horse (see Peewee below).
- Youth registered in the horse program, parents, and leaders are the only ones that may ride horses at the fair.
- Proper show attire is required as outlined in 4-H Horse & Pony Project Show Rules and Regulations.
- English riders and Gymkhana riders must wear SEI approved safety helmets.
- Helmets are mandatory during practice at the fair.
- Stallions cannot be shown.
- High Point and Reserve High Point awards will be given in each age group in Pleasure, Gymkhana and Beginner.
- **Each department can only send one per age group to Large Animal Sweepstakes. The Gymkhana exhibitors have to show in the Pleasure Showmanship class to be eligible to show in the Large Animal Sweepstakes.**

## Beginner Rules:

- A beginner rider is a youth (8-19) who has had limited experience showing a horse and is not ready to show (lope/canter) in regular classes.
- Beginner classes are walk/trot.
- Only points accumulated in beginner classes will count for beginner highpoint.
- A beginner rider can only ride in beginner classes.
- A beginner rider will not ride in championship classes.
- If you are unsure of your skill level consult with your leader.
- Exhibitors may be beginners for not more than 2 years.
- Once you have ridden in regular classes, you may not go back to beginner classes.

## PEEWEE RULES:

- Only 5-8-year-olds may show in Peewee classes.
- A Peewee horse participant may participate in any Peewee classes and the costume class.
- Peeweeps may have a second handler or be on a lead line and must wear a SEI approved safety helmet.
- Peeweeps may use another exhibitor's horse.

## Horse Skills Test/Lab

- 197) Senior Horse Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 198) Intermediate Horse Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 199) Junior Horse Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Horse Skillathon

- 200) Senior Horse Skillathon (15-19)
- 201) Intermediate Horse Skillathon (12-14)
- 202) Junior Horse Skillathon (8-11)

## Horse Record Books

- 203) Horse Records Senior Division (15-19)
- 204) Horse Records Int. Division (12-14)
- 205) Horse Records Junior Division (8-11)

## HORSE CLASSES

- 001: Barrel Bending
- 002: Keyhole
- 003: Pole Bending
- 004: Beginner Pole Bending (8-19)
- 005: Peewee Pole Bending
- 006: Speed & Action
- 007: Beginner Speed & Action (8-19)
- 008: Peewee Speed & Action
- 009: Indiana Flag
- 010: Beginner Indiana Flag (8-19)
- 011: Peewee Indiana Flag
- 012: Cloverleaf
- 013: Beginner Cloverleaf (8-19)
- 014: Peewee Cloverleaf
- 015: Down & Back Flag
- 016: Down & Back
- 017: Beginner Down & Back (8-19)
- 018: Peewee Down & Back
- 019: Senior Horse Showmanship (15-19)
- 020: Intermediate Horse Showmanship (12-14)
- 021: Junior Horse Showmanship (8-11)
- 022: Senior Gymkhana Showmanship (15-19)
- 023: Intermediate Gymkhana Showmanship (12-14)
- 024: Junior Gymkhana Showmanship (8-11)
- 025: Beginner Showmanship (8-19)
- 026: Peewee Showmanship
- 027: English Pleasure
- 028: Beginner English Pleasure
- 029: Peewee English Pleasure
- 030: English Equitation
- 031: Beginner English Equitation
- 032: Peewee English Equitation
- 033: Western Pleasure
- 034: Ranch Pleasure
- 034: Beginner Western Pleasure (8-9)
- 035: Peewee Western Pleasure
- 036: Peewee Horsemanship
- 037: Western Discipline Rail
- 038: Beginner Discipline Rail
- 039: Gymkhana Horsemanship
- 040: Western Horsemanship
- 041: Beginner Western Horsemanship (8-19)
- 042: Gymkhana Bareback Horsemanship (8-19)
- 043: Pleasure Bareback Horsemanship (8-19)
- 044: Green English or Western Riding Pattern 1
- 045: Reining
- 046: Ranch Riding
- 052: Trail
- 053: Beginner Trail (8-19)
- 054: Peewee Trail
- 055: Costume Class
- 056: Freestyle Reining

# GOATS

## Superintendent: Greg Wolfe

- Exhibitors may show up to 5 goats, with a maximum of 1 goat in the market class.
- No studded collars or choke chains may be used.
- Show Ring Dress Code for Goats: White Shirt and Black Pants or Western attire may be worn for meat goat showing and judging.
- ALL goats must be identified with a USDA or MDARD approved scrapie tag, micro-chip, or legible tattoos. If micro-chipped exhibitor must provide electronic reader.

## Market Goats

- Market goats may only be wethers or does.
- The minimum weight for market goats is 35 lbs. Market goats less than 35 lbs. can be shown in showmanship but will not sell.
- Market goats must still have their milk (baby) teeth at time of show.
- Market goats consist of purebred or percentage meat breed goats, dairy cross goats, or dairy breed goats.

## 206) Market Goat

## Breeding Stock

- Only bucks still nursing can stay at the fair. All other bucks will only be allowed at the fair during the goat show.
- All milking goats will be milked before 9 a.m. the day of the show in the presence of the superintendent or a barn supervisor.

## DIVISIONS - Alpine, Toggenburgs, Saanen, Lamanchas, Nubian, Oberhasli, Nigerian Dwarf, Grade of Mixed Breeds, **Kinder**

- 207) **Junior Doe Kid** - Born after April 1- current yr.
- 208) **Senior Doe Kid** - Born between January 1 & March 31 of current year
- 209) **Dry Yearling Doe** - Born between January 1 & December 31 of last year
- 210) **Junior Milker** - fresh, 2 years and under
- 211) **Senior Milker** - fresh, 3 years and older
- 212) **Dry doe** - not fresh, 2 year and older
- 213) **Best Udder** (no premium)
- 214) **Dam & Daughter** (no premium)
- 215) **Junior Buck Kid** –born after April 1 - current yr.
- 216) **Senior Buck Kid** – born between January 1 & March 31 of current year
- 217) **Yearling Buck** – born between January 1 & December 31 of last year.
- 218) **Family Group** – dam with two or more offspring of either sex born after January 1 of current year

## DIVISIONS - Pygmy, Boer, Kiko, Mixed breed meat goat, Angora, **Kinder**

- 219) **Junior Doe Kid** - born after April 1, current yr.
- 220) **Senior Doe Kid** - born between January 1 and March 31 of current year
- 221) **Yearling Doe** - born between January 1 and December 31 of last year
- 222) **Adult Doe** - 2 years and older
- 223) **Junior Buck Kid** – born after April 1, current yr.
- 224) **Senior Buck Kid** – born between January 1 and March 31 of current year
- 225) **Yearling Buck** – born between January 1 and December 31 of last year.
- 226) **Family Group** – Dam with two or more offspring of either sex born after January 1 of current year

## NON-MARKET WETHERS

Any breed animal is eligible.

- 227) **Pet Wether (Does are put into the breed class)**
- 228) **Working Wether or Doe**

## Goat Futurity

- 229) **Market Goat Futurity**

## Goat Showmanship

Showmanship classes will be divided by market animal showmanship and breeding goat showmanship as determined by the superintendent.

- 230) Senior Goat Showmanship (15-19)
- 231) Intermediate Goat Showmanship (12-14)
- 232) Junior Goat Showmanship (8-11)
- 233) Peewee Goat Showmanship (5-8)

## Goat Skills Test/Lab

- 234) Senior Goat Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 235) Intermediate Goat Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 236) Junior Goat Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## Goat Skillathon

- 237) Senior Goat Skillathon (15-19)
- 238) Intermediate Goat Skillathon (12-14)
- 239) Junior Goat Skillathon (8-11)

## Goat Record Books

- 240) Senior Goat Record Book (15-19)
- 241) Intermediate Goat Record Book (12-14)
- 242) Junior Goat Record Book (8-11)

## Goat Herdsman

Herdsmanship exhibits will be judged on:

- Appearance of stall and exhibit animals
- Appearance of the exhibitor during the fair
- Conduct and attitude of the exhibitor
- Willingness to help or assist others.

All exhibitors will be automatically entered. An award will be given to the most deserving exhibitor.

## CATS

### Superintendent: Aileen Waldron

- Cat project members and/or their family must be the owner and have the animal under their management and care at least 60 days prior to fair.
- Rabies & PCT-R or PVR-CT inoculations are required for all cats shown at the fair. A COPY MUST be submitted to the superintendent at check-in.
- Cats/kittens must be free of fleas, ear mites, fungus and other communicable diseases. Animals will be checked for fleas and ear mites at check-in for the show.
- Cats/kittens may be purebred or crossbred.
- Exhibitor's cat may be purchased, household pet, or kitten at least three months old.
- The exhibitor should train, feed and care for his/her own cat or the family cat.
- Cats in heat or cats with a litter are NOT to be exhibited.
- Exhibitors must provide one unframed 5x7 photo of the exhibitor with their cat to be displayed in the Small Animal Barn during fair.
- Cats are to be brought to the fair in a carrier suitable for the size of the cat on the day of judging. Cats are to be exhibited and taken home the same day.
- Animals must be able to be handled by the exhibitor and on a leash or harness.
- All cats must have the claws clipped, capped or be declawed for the safety of the exhibitor and judge.
- Each cat/kitten will be judged on the following criteria: health, cleanliness, grooming, structural correctness and personality.
- Cat record books are optional.

Cat Project Reference Materials:

- [https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/52171/Cat\\_Fitting\\_and\\_Showing\\_Manual.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/234/52171/Cat_Fitting_and_Showing_Manual.pdf) - Cat Showmanship Manual
- <https://4-h.org/resources/curriculum/> Cat Curriculum Level 1, Cat Curriculum Level 2 Cat Curriculum Helper's Guide
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/236/65858/MI-4H-CatSnapshot-PDF.pdf> - 4H Cat Project, Snapshot 4H1640

- 243) **Adult Cat** (8 months old or older by fair show day)
- 244) **Kitten** (3 months to 8 months old by fair show day)

### Cat Showmanship

- 245) **Senior Cat Showmanship** (15-19)
- 246) **Intermediate Cat Showmanship** (12-14)
- 247) **Junior Cat Showmanship** (8-11)
- 248) **Peewee Cat Showmanship** (5-8)

**Cat Record Book**  
249) **Cat Record Book**

## DOGS

**Superintendent: Martha Stellow**

**Assistant Superintendent: Linda Morrow**

- Copies of inoculations certificates must be uploaded and current/to-date during registration.
- Dogs must be owned or in possession of the exhibitor by **MAY 5**.
- Dogs must be 1 year old or older to participate in the GCFY Dog Show.
- An exhibitor is allowed to show two dogs in all classes except for Showmanship and must declare which dog is the “primary” dog the day of the show during registration.
- Exhibitors must maintain complete control of their dog at all times and any excessive aggression will be subject for dismissal. Any dog showing signs of aggression or nervousness may be asked to wear a muzzle or to leave. If a dog is required to wear a muzzle, please note that the muzzle is not optional. Removal of the muzzle may only be done with the permission of the Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. If a dog is asked to leave due to aggression, this decision will be final. In the case of aggression toward a person or another dog, the participant will be asked to forfeit all ribbons and placing’s and the dog will not be allowed to return to the GCFY Dog Program. In both instances, the decision is up to the discretion of the Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent. Signs of aggression and nervousness are explained as, but not limited to growling, biting, lunging, panting, lip licking, hard stare, and extreme resistance.
- Exhibitor’s dogs may only be handled by the exhibitor, by exhibitor’s guardians/parents or an adult volunteer.
- No dog shall be tethered during the GCFY Dog Show. If participant cannot hold the dog, a crate must be provided.
- No loose dogs or off leash exercises, unless the student is under the direct supervision of an eligible GCFY Volunteer. Any dog that cannot be controlled by the handler will not be allowed to participate.
- Superintendent reserves the right to combine any class with less than three exhibitors.
- All dogs must be registered one-half hour before dog show/program is scheduled.
- Appropriate leads and collars must be used in the show ring. This means a buckle collar with no tags for the obstacle course and a buckle or choke collar and six-foot leash for obedience. A show lead is recommended for showmanship.
- Appearance of the Handler: The handler should appear neat and well groomed. The entire picture of the dog and handler should be one of symmetry and be appealing to the judge. Girls must wear dresses or skirts of knee length or longer or dress pants. Tops must maintain an appropriate neckline and not show any skin at the lower edge. Boys must wear dress pants or slacks, and dress shirts. Jacket and tie are optional. Recommended shoes include tennis shoes or soft-soled shoes. Clothing color should complement the dog but not necessarily match the dog. Blue jeans are not considered appropriate attire for any handler. Handlers must not wear high heels, sandals, or another unsafe footwear. Inappropriate attire includes hat, gloves, and clothing with commercial advertising, or jewelry that might disturb other competitors or dogs. Sunglasses, indoors or outdoors, are not considered appropriate. Clothing should not distract, limit, or hinder the judge’s view of the team. Handlers are to use good judgment concerning any makeup or accessories and in styling hair away from their face.
- Dogs in season may be shown. They will be judged last in a designated area and must be kept away from the judging area, or they will be disqualified. The dogs should be given a bath before going to the fairgrounds and while on the fairgrounds they should wear female dog garment.
- Dogs should be brought to the fair only on the day of judging/dog show and for Small Animal Showmanship Sweepstakes.
- The dog show will be held in the Covered Arena.
- **New dog exhibitors must be enrolled in the Wags N’ Wiggles 4-H club to exhibit at the fair.**

### Dog Showmanship

This class is MANDATORY; all exhibitors must participate in showmanship.

- 250) **Senior Dog Showmanship** (15-19)
- 251) **Intermediate Dog Showmanship** (12-14)
- 252) **Junior Dog Showmanship** (8-11)
- 253) **Peewee Dog Showmanship** (5-8)

## **Dog Obedience**

- 254) Senior Dog Obedience (15-19)
- 255) Intermediate Dog Obedience (12-14)
- 256) Junior Dog Obedience (8-11)

## **Obstacle Course/Agility**

- 257) Senior Obstacle Course (15-19)
- 258) Intermediate Obstacle Course (12-14)
- 259) Junior Obstacle Course (8-11)

## **Rally**

- 260) Senior Rally (15-19)
- 261) Intermediate Rally (12-14)
- 262) Junior Rally (8-11)

## **Dog Record Books**

- 263) Senior Dog Record Book (15-19)
- 264) Intermediate Dog Record Book (12-14)
- 265) Junior Dog Record Book (8-11)

## **Dog Skills Test/Lab**

- 266) Senior Dog Skills Test/Lab (15-19)
- 267) Intermediate Dog Skills Test/Lab (12-14)
- 268) Junior Dog Record Skills Test/Lab (8-11)

## **Dog Skillathon**

- 269) Senior Dog Skillathon (15-19)
- 270) Intermediate Dog Skillathon (12-14)
- 271) Junior Dog Skillathon (8-11)

## **POCKET PETS**

### **Superintendent: Aileen Waldron**

Eligible Animals in this Division are:

Amphibians/Reptiles - Lizards, Salamanders

Birds - Canaries, Cockatiels, Cockatoos, Finches, Mynahs, Parakeets, Parrots, Sugar Gliders (Michigan does not require any vaccinations or testing for pet birds to attend festivals or fairs.)

Mammals - Chinchillas, Ferrets, Gerbils, Hamsters, Hedgehogs, Mice and Rats

- The ownership deadline for all Pocket Pets is May 5 of the current fair year.
- Pocket Pets registration forms are available on the GCFFY website and due by May 5.
- Participants may exhibit only one (1) pocket pet.
- All Ferrets more than three months old in Michigan are required to be vaccinated against rabies. A completed Certificate of Vaccination must be submitted at the check-in table prior to the show in order to exhibit a ferret.
- If you cannot bring the animal to the show in its everyday housing, it is required that you bring pictures so the judge can see the animal's daily living environment.
- Sharing of project animals is not permitted.
- If needed to safely handle the animal, proper equipment must be used.
- Pocket Pet Record Book is MANDATORY. Exhibitors must keep a record of their pocket pet project using the Companion Animal-Pocket Pet Record Book located on the GCFFY website. Record book to be submitted during the Companion Animal-Pocket Pet Show check-in time as listed in the fair book.
- Exhibitors must bring animals to the show in a safe carry case appropriate to the pet. Housing and carry cases are considered separate items. Judges will determine if carry case is appropriate and safe. If the judge determines a carry case is not appropriate and safe, the exhibitor will be disqualified. This is for the protection of exhibitors and others.
- Exhibitors who bring their pets to the fairgrounds assume all risks related to health, proper handling, and security.
- Pocket Pets will be judged as ONE class. All age groups (except Peewee) will compete against one another.

Judging is based on:

- a. The exhibitor's knowledge of the animal.
- b. How well the animal is handled.
- c. Animal's Cleanliness & Grooming.
- d. Animal's general health & appearance.
- e. The animal's living habitat.

## 272) Pocket Pet and Pocket Pet Record Book

## RABBITS & CAVIES

Superintendents: **Ellie Martyn**

- All rabbits and cavies must be checked in before being caged. Cages will be assigned by the superintendents.
- All rabbits exhibited **must** have a **legible** ear tattoo for identification. Ear tags are required for cavies.
- Each exhibitor is limited to EIGHT total entries in this Department. A meat pen of three rabbits or single counts as one entry.
- All breed and mixed-breed rabbits entered must be at least 12 weeks old, unless entered as a doe and litter or market pen.
- Cavies must be at least 12 weeks old and 12 oz. to show.
- Classes will be judged according to the latest edition of the American Rabbit Breeders' Association Standard of Perfection. The decision of the judge will be final.
- Rabbit and cavy food, shavings and/or any other supplies may be stored beneath the cages in a neat manner or brought in daily by exhibitor.
- Resources for Rabbits & Cavies can be found at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/cavy-fitting-showmanship-member-s-guide-4h1345>

### 4 Class Rabbit Breeds

Angora (English, French, Satin), Dutch, Havana, Himalayan, Netherland Dwarf, Holland Lop, Jersey Woolly, Lionhead, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Polish, Tans, **Thrianta**, Any other 4 Class Breed (pedigreed)

273) Sr. Buck (over 6 mos. of age)

274) Sr. Doe (over 6 mos. of age)

275) Jr. Buck (3-6 mos. of age)

276) Jr. Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

### 6 Class Rabbit Breeds

American, Californian, English Lop, French Lop, Flemish Giant, New Zealand, any other 6 Class Breed (pedigreed)

277) Senior Buck (over 8 mos. of age)

278) Senior Doe (over 8 mos. of age)

279) Intermediate Buck (6-8 mos. of age)

280) Intermediate Doe (6-8 mos. of age)

281) Junior Buck (3-6 mos. of age)

282) Junior Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

283) Any Doe with Litter

### Mixed Breed (Grade) Rabbits.

284) Grade Sr. Buck (over 6 mos. of age)

285) Grade Sr. Doe (over 6 mos. of age)

286) Grade Jr. Buck (3-6 mos. of age)

287) Grade Jr. Doe (3-6 mos. of age)

Any rabbit that does not fit into one of the above classes or those without a pedigree are mixed breed. Superintendent reserves the right to move any animal to an appropriate class. Grade rabbits are not eligible for Best of Breed judging.

## CAVIES

If you bring your own cage, it may not be wire bottomed.

**DIVISIONS – All cavy breeds will compete against each other in their respective age group.**

- 286) **Senior Boar** (over 6 mos. or over 32 oz.)
- 287) **Senior Sow** (over 6 mos. or over 32 oz.)
- 288) **Intermediate Boar** (up to 6 mos. or over 22 oz.)
- 289) **Intermediate Sow** (up to 6 mos. or over 22 oz.)
- 290) **Junior Boar** (up to 4 mos. or up to 22 oz.)
- 291) **Junior Sow** (up to 4 mos. or up to 22 oz.)

## MARKET RABBIT PEN

Exhibitors must choose the category Market Pen of 3. *Exhibitors must have the Market Pen registered with the Superintendents.*

- Market (meat) pens shall consist of three rabbits, all the same breed, age and color variety.
- Only one pen of 3 rabbits can be shown.
- A market rabbit must have a maximum age limit of 10 weeks at weigh in and weigh no less than 3 ½ lbs. and no more than 5 ½ lbs.
- All market rabbits must be of a recognized meat breed rabbit (ARBA 6-Class breed). Mixed breeds and 4 Class rabbits will not be allowed as meat pens. Judge's discretion is final and may result in project not being able to participate in the Livestock Auction.
- Animals must be owned and registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by the date specified by the Rabbit Superintendents and must be present at a tattoo clinic for proof of ownership, unless the kits fall under a homegrown category.
- Homegrown Market Rabbits must have the buck and doe registered with the Rabbit Barn Superintendents by the date specified by the Rabbit Superintendents.
  - Homegrown breeding dates will be listed from the Rabbit Barn Superintendents.
  - Homegrown kindle dates will be listed from the Rabbit Barn Superintendents.
  - Pictures of the kits in the nest box and the buck and doe will need to be emailed to the Rabbit Barn Superintendents within one day of kindling.
- Two of the three market rabbits will be sent to be processed after the show and before the sale during fair week. Exhibitors will be required to care for the third rabbit that will remain at the fair for the week. Exhibitor may take the third animal home at the end of the week for future breeding projects or donate the rabbit to the fair. Exhibitors will need to supply a carrying cage to send animals to the processor or be present to help clean carriers that have been used by other exhibitors or the Rabbit Barn Superintendents at 6 pm on Wednesday.
- Grand and Reserve will be chosen from the first and second placements of class 292 and 293.

292) **Market Rabbit Pen of three – Purchased** (between 3.5 – 5.5 lbs. each)

293) **Market Rabbit Pen of Three - Home Grown** (between 3.5 – 5.5 lbs. each)

## RABBIT & CAVY SHOWMANSHIP

- Show Ring Dress Code: white long-sleeve shirt and black pants or white lab coat.
- Exhibitors must show with their own rabbit/cavy or one raised on the same property.
- The same rabbit/cavy may not be shown by more than one exhibitor (not including Peewees).
- Overall Rabbit and Overall Cavy Showman will be invited to compete at the State Level for Overall Rabbit and Overall Cavy Showman.

294) **Senior Rabbit Showmanship** (15-19)

295) **Intermediate Rabbit Showmanship** (12-14)

296) **Junior Rabbit Showmanship** (8-11)

297) **Peewee Rabbit Showmanship** (6-8)

298) **Senior Cavy Showmanship** (15-19)

299) **Intermediate Cavy Showmanship** (12-14)

300) **Junior Cavy Showmanship** (8-11)

301) **Peewee Cavy Showmanship** (6-8)

## RABBIT & CAVY SKILLS TEST/LAB

The Skills Test/Lab will test exhibitor's knowledge of rabbits & cavies

302) **Senior Rabbit/Cavy Skills Test/Lab** (15-19)

303) **Intermediate Rabbit/Cavy Skills Test/Lab** (12-14)

304) **Junior Rabbit/Cavy Record Skills Test/Lab** (8-11)

## RABBIT & CAVY SKILLATHON

305) **Senior Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon** (15-19)

306) **Intermediate Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon** (12-14)

307) **Junior Rabbit/Cavy Skillathon** (8-11)

## RABBIT & CAVY EDUCATIONAL POSTERS

### 308) Senior Rabbit/Cavy Educational Poster (15-19)

Choose one of the following: **Breeding/Production, Genetics, Nutrition, Diseases**

### 309) Intermediate Rabbit/Cavy Educational Poster (12-14)

Choose one of the following: **Breed Identification, Body Types, Fur Types, Eye Colors**

### 310) Junior Rabbit/Cavy Educational Poster (8-11)

Choose one of the following: **Showmanship, Grooming, Pedigrees, Organizations**

## RABBIT & CAVY FUN CLASSES

### 311) Rabbit/Cavy Agility

### 312) Rabbit Costume Contest

### 313) Cavy Costume Contest

## POULTRY

Superintendent: **Clay Mills**

Assistant Superintendent: **Glenda Bowerman**

- Exhibitors may enter up to 10 exhibits, with no more than 2 entries in any class, including market classes. If two market entries are exhibited in the same class, the exhibitor must choose only one to sell.
- All birds exhibited (except for market project birds) must be three months of age or older.
- Dishes for food & water are provided by the fair. Carriers, personal dishes, and cages owned by exhibitors may not be used or stored in the barn.
- All poultry except waterfowl, pigeons and doves must have negative salmonella -pullorum-Typhoid test prior to entry at the fair and must have been kept isolated from other poultry since the time of that test to be entered at the fair. Superintendents reserve the right to retest any bird entered, and any bird having a positive test must be removed immediately.
- No vaccinated birds will be allowed to exhibit, other than those vaccinated for Marek's disease at a hatchery.
- Definitions:
  - A cock is a male bird over one year of age
  - A cockerel is a male bird under one year of age
  - A hen is a female bird over one year of age
  - A pullet is a female bird under one year of age
  - Young: in ducks, geese, turkeys, and wild fowl is defined as a bird under one year of age

## MARKET POULTRY

- An exhibitor may choose their two small animal sale entries from the poultry department. Exhibitors may not sell two market projects from one class.
- Market or meat pen birds will be weighed at time of check-in. Birds must be clean and dry to be weighed.
- Market birds will be sent to be processed after the show and before the sale during fair week. One market chicken or duck from the pen will remain at the fair and will become property of the fair at the end of the week. Market turkeys and geese will be sent entirely to the processor and those exhibitors MUST put a display in their cage after they are sent to be processed.

**314) Egg pullets** (3 birds, born in current year). All three pullets must be of the same breed or crossbreed. Breeds may include egg breeds or dual-purpose breeds such as Rhode Island Reds, Leghorns, Isa Browns, etc.

**315) Market Chickens** (3 birds of any sex from a recognized meat breed. Each bird must weigh a minimum of 5 lbs.)

**316) Market Ducks** (3 ducks, any sex) Minimum weight is 5 lbs. per bird.

**317) Market Goose** (1 bird, any sex) Hatched during the current year, minimum weight 15 lbs.

**318) Market Turkey** (1 per class) born in current year, either sex, weighing 20 lbs. minimum. Exhibitor must be present for judging.

## DUCKS

### Bantam

- 319) Old Drake
- 320) Old Duck
- 321) Young Drake
- 322) Young Duck

### Large Breed

- 323) Drake
- 324) Duck
- 325) Young Drake

326) Young Duck

## GEESE

### Any Breed

- 327) Old Gander
- 328) Old Goose
- 329) Young Gander
- 330) Young Goose

**TURKEY** – not market; these birds will

not be sold.

### Any Variety

- 331) Old Tom
- 332) Old Hen
- 333) Young Tom
- 334) Young Hen

## LARGE CHICKEN

### American Breeds

- 335) Cock

- 336) Hen
- 337) Cockerel
- 338) Pullet

**Asiatic Breeds**

- 339) Cock
- 340) Hen
- 341) Cockerel
- 342) Pullet

**English Breeds**

- 343) Cock
- 344) Hen
- 345) Cockerel
- 346) Pullet

**Continental Breeds**

- 347) Cock
- 348) Hen
- 349) Cockerel
- 350) Pullet

**Mediterranean Breeds**

- 351) Cock
- 352) Hen
- 353) Cockerel
- 354) Pullet

**Other Standard Breed**

- 355) Cock
- 356) Hen
- 357) Cockerel
- 358) Pullet

**BANTAMS**

**Single Comb Clean Legged Breeds**

- 359) Cock
- 360) Hen
- 361) Cockerel
- 362) Pullet

**Rose Comb Clean Legged Breeds**

- 363) Cock
- 364) Hen
- 365) Cockerel
- 366) Pullet

**Feather Legged Breeds**

- 367) Cock
- 368) Hen
- 369) Cockerel
- 370) Pullet

**Any Other Comb, Clean Legged Breeds**

- 371) Cock
- 372) Hen
- 373) Cockerel
- 374) Pullet

**Old English Game**

- 375) Cock
- 376) Hen
- 377) Cockerel
- 378) Pullet

**Modern Game**

- 379) Cock
- 380) Hen
- 381) Cockerel

- 382) Pullet

**Laying Hen**

- 383) Large Fowl Hen
- 384) Large Fowl Pullet
- 385) Small Fowl Hen
- 386) Small Fowl Pullet

**Domesticated Wild Fowl**

**Pheasant**

- 387) Cock
- 388) Hen
- 389) Young Bird

**Quail**

- 390) Cock
- 391) Hen
- 392) Young Bird

**Guinea**

- 393) Cock
- 394) Hen
- 395) Young Bird

**Pigeon**

- 396) Cock
- 397) Hen
- 398) Young Bird

**Dove**

- 399) Cock
- 400) Hen
- 401) Young Bird

**EGGS**

- Exhibitors are limited to two entries.
- Each entry consists of one dozen clean eggs, as uniform in size and tint as possible.
- Exhibitors of Grand Champion eggs are eligible to sell in the Livestock Auction but this must be one of exhibitor's two small animal market projects. Sold eggs must be a fresh dozen of eggs and sold with a token gift of at least a \$25 value.

402) **White eggs**

403) **Brown eggs**

404) **Colored eggs**

405) **Miscellaneous eggs** (duck, geese, quail, etc.)

**POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP**

**Show Ring Dress Code:** White long-sleeve shirt and black pants or white lab coat.

406) **Senior Poultry Showmanship** (15-19)

407) **Intermediate Poultry Showmanship** (12-14)

408) **Junior Poultry Showmanship** (8-11)

409) **Peewee Poultry Showmanship** (6-8)

**POULTRY SKILLS**

The Skills Test/Lab contest will test exhibitors' knowledge of chickens, waterfowl, & turkey.

**Poultry Skills Test/Lab**

410) **Senior Poultry Skills Test/Lab** (15-19)

411) **Intermediate Poultry Skills Test/Lab** (12-14)

412) **Junior Poultry Skills Test/Lab** (8-11)

## POULTRY SKILLATHON

413) Senior Poultry Skillathon (15-19)

414) Intermediate Poultry Skillathon (12-14)

415) Junior Poultry Skillathon (8-11)

## POULTRY EDUCATIONAL POSTER

416) Senior Poultry Educational Poster (15-19)

**Choose either broiler crosses or broad breasted turkeys and explain how the one you picked came about and the development.**

417) Intermediate Poultry Educational Poster (12-14)

**Pick a poultry disease and educate on it.**

418) Junior Poultry Educational Poster (8-11)

**Pick a breed of poultry and provide information about it, how it was developed and where it was developed.**

## STILL EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

Chairperson: Kristin Davenport

- All still exhibits must be registered through [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com) by July 1
- Exhibitors are **limited to 10 projects per still exhibit department** unless otherwise stated in the department rules.
- All Exhibits must have a fully completed entry tag attached. Entry tags will be available at the first clean up night before fair.
- All exhibitors must bring their own project and speak in person with a judge during the scheduled judging time at the Covered Arena, unless approved by Still Exhibit addendum. Information can be found in the Still Exhibit Auction section below.
- Exhibits may be made at home, at school, during a club meeting, etc.
- ALL still exhibit entries must be the work of the exhibitor and exhibited only one time, unless otherwise noted in the appropriate department and section rules.
- It is the exhibitor and family's responsibility to move still exhibit project to and from exhibit barn for the still exhibit sale.
- Exhibitors that have items that are too large to exhibit in the arena must stand in line and then the judge will come out to your project.
- Exhibits must be taken to the appropriate department in the exhibit barns after judging to be displayed for the week of fair. If the project was held back for final judging, you must return to the arena between 12:00 p.m. to get your project to display it in the correct barn.
- Projects are displayed at the exhibitor's own risk.
- Extra-large or valuable items may be replaced by at least an 8"x10" photograph, exhibit tag and ribbons after judging to be displayed.

## STILL EXHIBIT AUCTION

- An exhibitor may sell **ONE** lot in this sale.
- Exhibitors must pre-register their sale item online through [gffy.fairentry.com](http://gffy.fairentry.com) for the Still Exhibit Auction. **The day of judging you MUST check in with the clerk to sign into the sale list with your approval of the item you will be selling;** changes to your auction item can be made at this time. **Exhibitors who fail to check-in with the clerk by the end of Still Exhibit Judging or NOON Saturday will NOT sell in the Still Exhibit Auction.**
- Exhibitors who are participating in a state or national level event that conflicts with the still exhibit judging process on Saturday, July 11, 2026, but still wish to sell in the sale on Sunday, July 12, 2026, must complete the Still Exhibit Absentee Application. The completed application and required items must be submitted to the fair office by June 1<sup>st</sup>. The application can be found on the fair's website ([www.gffy.org](http://www.gffy.org)) under the Registration Dates/Fair Forms tab. The fair board will review each application at the June meeting and make their final decision if the exhibitor is eligible or not.
- If the exhibitor is claimed as eligible, they may select one item to exhibit and they will not be eligible for any awards but can still sell in the auction. Exhibitor must be present for the still exhibit sale. After the sale the exhibit must be displayed in the exhibit barns for the week of fair as normal. The exhibitor must schedule a time to come to the fair office and exhibit their project by Monday, June 30, 2025 during posted office hours. From there the office will submit the exhibitor into the sale via Fair Entry.
- **Exhibitor must sign up for a barn security shift to sell in the still exhibit auction. If the exhibitor, or someone from family to represent, doesn't show up for their time slot the exhibitor will not be paid from the still exhibit auction.**
- Peewees are not eligible to sell.
- All food items sold must be a duplicate of the project the exhibitor had judged. All food items must be whole or at least a full dozen and

must have recipe attached. The attached recipe card should be a standard sized recipe card. All food items must have been safely stored (ex. kept refrigerated if needed).

- If you are selling a still exhibit, you may make a duplicate item to be sold and given to the buyer the night of the sale. If you choose not to make a duplicate item for the sale you will need to tell the superintendent of the department at the time of judging that you will be removing the item for the sale. The buyer will not be given the item the day of the sale (unless you made a duplicate item).
- A form will be provided at auction registration for youth to give to the buyer outlining how the project will be delivered by the exhibitor after fair week and for the exhibitor to get information from the buyer. The still exhibit item must be returned to the exhibit building and remain at the fair. The form can also be found at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org), under "Registration Dates/Fair Forms." ***It is the exhibitor's responsibility to pick up the item when exhibits are released and take the item to the buyer.***
- Exhibitors, who do not deliver sold projects within one week of exhibit release, will forfeit their sale proceeds.
- The exhibitor must be present to sell their project.
- A 5% commission will be deducted from all sale lots by GCFFY.
- The sale lots are assigned alphabetically by last name with odd years starting with "A" and even years starting with "Z" and going in reverse.

## NEEDLEWORK

### CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Bring garments on plastic or wire hangers.

#### SEWN CLOTHING

Examples of sewn clothing exhibits can include:

- Apron
- Skirt (cotton blend or synthetic)
- Blouse or skirt
- Shorts or slacks with elastic waist
- Stretch Knits (sweatshirt)
- Slacks (fitted with zipper)
- One piece (cotton/cotton blend) sleeveless dress, jumper
- One piece (cotton/cotton knit or synthetic) dress with sleeve
- Two-piece dress
- Two or more pieces (cotton blend/synthetic) jacket, skirt, jumper, shorts, slacks, or jeans
- Two or more pieces (wool/wool-blend) same as above outfits
- Jumpsuits, bib overall
- Pajamas, nightgowns, housecoat, beachwear, leisure wear
- Three or more pieces – jacket with sleeves, slacks, skirt, vest-cotton blend or synthetic
- Same as above only wool/wool blend
- Formal or party wear
- Outerwear, coat or jacket
- Outerwear, coat or jacket (tailored and lined)
- Any other worthy item

#### ALTERED STORE BOUGHT CLOTHING

Examples of altered store-bought clothing exhibits can include:

- Cut panel shirts
- Tie-dye shirts
- Painted shirts/sweatshirts (must be original design)
- Appliqué shirts or sweatshirts
- Any other creative clothing

#### EDUCATIONAL BUYSHIP DISPLAYS

- Exhibit purchased outfit with an educational display.
- You must have a notebook and/or a poster related to the project.

#### SEWN TEXTILES

Examples of sewn textile exhibits can include:

- Wall Hanging
- Table Runner
- Pillow Case
- Pillow
- Placemat
- Pot Holder
- Curtains
- Pin Cushion
- Holiday Décor
- Bag/Purse
- Any other worthy item

All above divisions will choose one of the age level appropriate classes below.

**700) Clothing & Textiles (8-19)**

## KNITTING & CROCHETING

Examples of knitted or crocheted exhibits can include:

- Mittens
- Slippers
- Hat or Cap
- Vest
- Baby Sweater
- Hat, mitten &/or scarf set
- Child's Toy
- Sweater, plain stitch
- Coat
- Dress, one/two piece
- Afghans
- Knitted/Crocheted Ensemble
- Sweater, pat. stitch/one color/two/more colors
- All other worthy projects

#### 701) Knitting & Crocheting (8-19)

### NEEDLEWORK

- All projects must be completed; pillows stuffed, finished and wall hangings ready to be hung.
- All needlework will be judged for beauty, degree of perfection, creativity, amount of work involved and suitability of designated purpose.
- Examples of needlework exhibits can include:

- Quilt Making - Machine
- Quilt Making - Hand Quilted
- Quilt Making - Tied Off
- Quilt Making - Any other item
- Quilted Pillow
- Latch hook or punch hook - kit
- Latch hook or punch hook - own design
- Embroidery
- Crewel - Kit
- Crewel - own design
- Needlepoint - kit
- Needlepoint - own design
- Counted Cross Stitch
- Pillow - kit
- Pillow - own design
- Candlewick
- Macramé
- Wall hangings

#### 702) Needlework (8-19)

## CULINARY ARTS (FOODS)

### FOODS AND NUTRITION

- All exhibits must be accompanied by a letter sized (8.5" x11") recipe card, which MUST include the Exhibitor's name, club, fair class name, name of recipe, ingredients, recipe directions and a picture of the finished project. The project will not be judged if all required information is not included. This will be displayed during fair week instead of the exhibit. A recipe card template is available at [www.gcffy.org](http://www.gcffy.org).
- If selling a food item in the Still Exhibit Auction a standard sized recipe card must accompany the item during the auction.
- If a food is being considered for trophy recognition, only the recipe card will be held back.
- Judges may (however, are not required) taste food exhibits. Exhibitor must ensure food is safe to consume.
- No prepackaged/boxed mixes can be used, except for decorated cakes.

A full **PIE** or **TART** must be presented. Crust and pie must be made from scratch.

#### 703) Senior Pie (15-19)

#### 704) Intermediate Pie (12-14)

#### 705) Junior Pie (8-11)

A full **CAKE OR THREE CUPCAKES** or individual serving size cakes must be presented. This class will judge cakes on the quality of the cake. Cakes to be judged solely on their decorations must be entered in the decorated cake class.

#### 706) Senior Cakes & Cupcakes (15-19)

#### 707) Intermediate Cakes & Cupcakes (12-14)

#### 708) Junior Cakes & Cupcakes (8-11)

This class includes drop, rolled and bar **COOKIES**. Bar cookies include brownies. 3 individual serving size cookies must be presented.

#### 709) Senior Cookies (15-19)

#### 710) Intermediate Cookies (12-14)

#### 711) Junior Cookies (8-11)

This class includes **ALL DESSERTS** other than those above including **CHEESECAKES**. Recipe must include a MINIMUM of five (5) ingredients.

#### 712) Senior Desserts (15-19)

#### 713) Intermediate Desserts (12-14)

#### 714) Junior Desserts (8-11)

This class includes **CASSEROLES, SOUPS, and STEWS.**

- 715) **Senior Main Dishes & Meats** (15-19)
- 716) **Intermediate Main Dishes & Meats** (12-14)
- 717) **Junior Main Dishes & Meats** (8-11)

This class includes **APPETIZERS, SALADS and OTHER.**

- 718) **Senior Side Dishes** (15-19)
- 719) **Intermediate Side Dishes** (12-14)
- 720) **Junior Side Dishes** (8-11)

This class includes biscuits and scones. One quick bread loaf or three muffins or individual servings are to be presented.

- 721) **Senior Quick Breads & Muffins** (15-19)
- 722) **Intermediate Quick Breads & Muffins** (12-14)
- 723) **Junior Quick Breads & Muffins** (8-11)

This class includes yeast breads, rolls, and other yeast products. One bread loaf or three individual servings must be presented.

- 724) **Yeast Products**

## FOOD PRESERVATION

- Recipe card must accompany canned goods. Attach the recipe or recipes to the jar(s).
- Food Preservation exhibits must be exhibited in three jars of the product. All jars should be the same size in each class.
- Canned goods brought to the fair must be no more than a year old and must be properly labeled with entry tag, canned date and contents.
- Jars are to be no smaller than 8 ounces in size.

- 725) **Senior Food Preservation** (15-19)
- 726) **Intermediate Food Preservation** (12-14)
- 727) **Junior Food Preservation** (8-11)

## DECORATED CAKES

- Either box or scratch cakes may be used.
- Styrofoam forms may not be used in place of a baked cake.
- Judging will focus on presentation and, as such, recipe cards will *not* be required for Decorated Cakes.

### 728) **Apprentice Cake Decorating**

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> years' experience

Demonstrate simple decorating techniques; you will need at least 3 different techniques. Cake cannot be bigger than 20x20 inches and no more than two tiers. Examples of techniques are: Drop flowers, string work, writing, stems, borders, Spatula icing, piping, fondant work, hand painting, gum pasta, sugar work, airbrushing etc.

### 729) **Advanced Cake Decorating**

4<sup>th</sup> year and up experience

Demonstrate decorating techniques; you will need at least 5 different techniques. Cake cannot be bigger than 20x20 inches and has to be at least two tiers, but no more than three tiers. Examples of techniques are: drop flowers, string work, writing, stems, borders, spatula icing, piping, fondant work, hand painting, gum pasta, sugar work, airbrushing, etc.

## CANDY (3 pieces of candy)

- Three pieces of candy to be presented. Examples of candy includes chocolates, fudge, molded candy, caramels, and other confections.
- Recipe Card must be provided.

### 730) **Candy**

## FINE ARTS

Any hanging item must be framed or on a canvas and **READY TO HANG.**

- Calligraphy
- Pencil

- o Charcoal
- o Pastels or chalk
- o Acrylic
- o Oil Painting
- o Water Color
- o Other Fine Arts

**731) Senior Fine Arts (15-19)**

**732) Intermediate Fine Arts (12-14)**

**733) Junior Fine Arts (8-11)**

### **Fair Book Cover Contest**

- The drawing must depict some phase of the Gratiot County Fair for Youth or a theme for next year's fair.
- The cover must include "Gratiot County Fair for Youth" and dates of the next year's fair.
- The artwork must be in color on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of white paper – cardstock preferred with the 8 1/2" edge on top (portrait style).
- Project will be judged by Fine Arts Judge. All entries will be kept by the superintendent and returned to the Fair Office. Exhibitors may pick them up at the Fair Office.

**734) Fair Book Cover Contest**

### **Barn Quilt**

The barn quilt must be painted on a square panel and be properly finished for outdoor display.

**735) Barn Quilt**

## **FOLK ARTS**

### **CREATIVE CRAFTS & RECYCLED ARTICLES**

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**736) Senior Crafts (15-19)**

**737) Intermediate Crafts (12-14)**

**738) Junior Crafts (10-11)**

**739) Junior Crafts (8-9)**

## **SCRAPBOOKING & STAMPING**

### **Entire Scrapbook**

- A scrapbook consists of photos, memorabilia, and journaling, combined with use of stickers, stamping, die cuts, etc.
- Multi-page scrapbooks must be displayed in a binder with page protectors.

### **Single Creative Page**

- A single creative page would consist of a 12 x 12, 8 1/2 x 11 or 8 x 8 with a unique theme to the one page. Must also include pictures.
- Single creative pages must be displayed in a page protector.

### **Scraping Project**

- Scraping projects would consist of exhibits predominantly decorated by scraping techniques. This is NOT a single page and/or book. Examples would be greeting cards, calendars, wall hanging, tags or any other scrapped project.
- Cards should be exhibited in collections of three to five, though they do not have to relate to each other.

### **Stamping Project**

- Stamping projects would consist of exhibits that were predominantly decorated by rubber stamping. Examples would be greeting

- cards, calendars, tags or any other stamped project.
- Cards should be exhibited in collections of three to five, though they do not have to relate to each other.

The above divisions will choose one of the age-appropriate age divisions.

**740) Senior Scrapbook/Stamping** (15-19)

**741) Intermediate Scrapbook/Stamping** (12-14)

**742) Junior Scrapbook/Stamping** (8-11)

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- **Photos must be ready to hang in the exhibit barn.**
- Photos may be displayed on poster board, matted, framed, or matted and framed.
- Photos may be in color or black and white.
- Exhibits in Section A and B cannot be digitally altered. Digital enhancements such as cropping, brightening, and contrast is acceptable.
- No captions or journaling on exhibited photographs.

### Photo Collection

- Collections of prints must not be smaller than 3" x 3" or not larger than 8" x 10" but may include a variety of sizes.
- Photo collection must consist of four to seven prints in all color or all black and white.
- All photo collections must be in the same category, such as Portrait, Birds, Animals, Fish, Plants, Flowers, Trees, Still Life, Abstracts, Patterns, Landscapes, Miscellaneous.

### Individual Enlargement (5" x 7" and larger) Digitally Altered Photographs

- Must include before and after photos.
- Exhibit may be photo corrections where blemishes are removed, or photo modifications such as combining separate photos, adding elements, or other artistic alterations.

**743) Senior Photography** (15-19)

**744) Intermediate Photography** (12-14)

**745) Junior Photography** (8-11)

## AGRICULTURE

### CROP PRODUCTION

- All entries are to be crops raised as a project by the youth of one or more acres. Joint projects, such as a FFA field lab that the youth is actively involved in are also permitted. Youth can have components of the crop production done by others through custom work, but the youth is expected to be actively involved in as much labor and management as possible.
- Seed/Kernel entries are to consist of four quarts of previous year's crop in a transparent container.
- Plants of soybeans, navy beans, black beans, kidney beans, and cranberry beans should be exhibited as three stalks.
- Three stalks of corn with ears and roots attached without soil. Do not remove husks. Must be tied.
- Sugar beets should be three uniform beets, cleaned, with leaves and petioles removed (no deer beets).
- Clover should be exhibited as two flakes of a bale of a second or third cutting, previous year's crop.
- Alfalfa should be exhibited as two flakes of second or third cutting bale, previous or current year crop.
- Small grain sheaves must be 2" in diameter.
- Judging is part of Still Exhibit Judging.
- The Overall Champion **corn, wheat sheath, bean plant, sugar beets, dried beans, and dried corn** are eligible to be sold in the Livestock Auction.
- A 5% commission will be deducted from all auction lots by GCFY. These exhibitors must have their photographs taken along with the livestock exhibits to give to the buyer of their exhibit.
- The evaluation of the exhibits in Crop Production will be based upon the crop sample and the youth's knowledge about the crop production information.

**746) Corn Plant**

**747) Wheat Sheath**

**748) Bean Plant**

**749) Sugar Beet**

**750) Dried Beans**

**751) Dried Corn**

**752) Any other Crop Production** – not eligible for sale

### AGRICULTURE CONTESTS

#### Crop and Weed Identification Contest

Contest will consist of four categories

- Crop Seeds
- Crop Plants
- Weed Seeds
- Weed Plants
- Participants will be asked to correctly identify the common name of ten specimens per category.
- Plant specimens will be either live or mounted.
- During the contest a list of possible choices will be provided for each category. Information can be found at [http://www.gcffy.org/parts/ProjectAreas/crop\\_id\\_contest.pdf](http://www.gcffy.org/parts/ProjectAreas/crop_id_contest.pdf) to prepare participants for the contest.

**755) Senior Identification Contest (15-19)**

**756) Intermediate Identification Contest (12-14)**

**757) Junior Identification Contest (8-11)**

## TRACTOR OPERATOR CONTEST

- Competition is open to youth and FFA members from ages 8 years-old - 19 years-old.
- Contestants must use tractors and trailer selected by the committee.
- Judges will determine the maximum safe speed.
- Contestants must always operate tractors in a safe manner and at a safe speed.
- Scoring will be done by a "Points Penalty" system. The contestant with the lowest score will be declared the winner.
- Participants should have experience in safe tractor operation.

**758) Senior Tractor Operators (15-19)**

**759) Intermediate Tractor Operators (12-14)**

**760) Junior Tractor Operators (8-11)**

## HORTICULTURE

Superintendent: Aileen Waldron

### HORTICULTURE

Exhibitors are to replace wilted, shriveled or moldy exhibits during fair week before 10:00 a.m. each day. Failure to do so means the exhibitor loses any ribbons or trophies. NO EXCEPTIONS!

- All vegetables must be exhibited in appropriate containers (see below).
- Each type of vegetable included in the display must be in the correct amount.
- When selecting vegetables for exhibit, uniform color and stage of maturity should be considered. Vegetables should be clean with no insect damage and be blemish free.
- PLEASE NOTE: STIFF PAPER PLATES (CHINET STYLE) ARE REQUIRED. FLOPPY PAPER PLATES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.
- Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 0462. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org)

### VEGETABLE GARDENING SAMPLER

Vegetables in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- **Senior Division (15-19)** – exhibit 3 types of vegetable varieties. 3 total vegetables per entry. (example – 1 tomato, 1 potato, 1 onion = one entry). Display exhibit on 9" stiff (Chinet style) paper plate.
- **Intermediate Division (12-14)** – exhibit 2 types of vegetable varieties. 2 total vegetables per entry. (example – 1 tomato, 1 potato = one entry). Display exhibit on 9" stiff (Chinet style) paper plate.
- **Junior Division (8-11)** – exhibit 1 type of vegetable variety. 1 total vegetable per entry. Display exhibit on 9" stiff (Chinet style) paper plate.

### VEGETABLE SPECIMENS

Vegetables in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.

- Each exhibit = one type of vegetable in the correct amount. Use Harvesting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 0462. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org)
- Large vegetables like cabbage should be exhibited in a white cardboard box sized to fit the specimen. All other vegetable specimens should be exhibited on a 9" stiff, paper plate (Chinet type).

- Judging will be based on the quality of each vegetable, uniformity of vegetables in the entry and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Exhibitor MUST ensure that the container for exhibit is sized adequately for the specimens being shown.

All vegetable varieties are eligible in this class. Examples include (list not all inclusive):

Cabbage	Cucumbers	Potatoes	Yellow Squash
Eggplant	Lettuce	Peas	Sweet Corn
Onions	Peppers	Carrots	Brussel Sprouts
Radishes	String beans	Okra	Zucchini

## HERB GARDENING SAMPLER

- Display herbs, either fresh cut tied in 1/2" diameter bunches in containers of water, or dried tied in 1/2" diameter bunches on 9" stiff paper plate (Chinet type), or plants in 4" clay pots with saucers.
- **Herbs in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.**
- Herbs should not be exhibited in "full bloom".
- Herbs can be either culinary or medicinal.
- For guidance use Harvesting and Preparing Herbs for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 5551. A link to download this is found at [gcfy.org](http://gcfy.org).
- **Senior Division (15-19)** – exhibit 3 types of herb varieties. 3 total herb types per entry. (example – 1/2" bunch chives, 1/2" bunch oregano, 1/2" bunch mint = one entry).
- **Intermediate Division (12-14)** – exhibit 2 types of herb varieties. 2 total herb types per entry. (example – 1/2" bunch chives, 1/2" bunch mint = one entry).
- **Junior Division (8-11)** - exhibit 1 type of herb variety. 1 total herb type per entry. (example – 1/2" bunch chives = one entry).

## HERB SPECIALTIES

Herbs used in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.

The use of essential herbal oils can be used in conjunction with herbs grown by the exhibitor or the exhibitor must have made their own essential oil. This is a GARDENING CLASS therefore, herbs grown by the exhibitor must be the main component in the project.

- Herbal Cosmetics – must include complete recipe/material list.
- Herbal Fragrant Crafts – must include complete directions/materials list.
- Herbal Culinary Items – must include recipe with complete cooking instructions.

**All above divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.**

**761) Senior Horticulture (15-19)**

**762) Intermediate Horticulture (12-14)**

**763) Junior Horticulture (8-11)**

## SCARECROWS

- Exhibits will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Scarecrows may be constructed from any type of material, such as wood, metal, plastic, etc. Any type of clothing material may also be used.
- Tabletop scarecrows can be sitting or standing and must stand or sit on its own. All other rules in the scarecrow section apply to tabletop scarecrows.
- Exhibit must be either free standing or sitting.
- Exhibitors may only enter one scarecrow project.
- No live plants or flowers may be used.
- Exhibit pieces must be permanently attached together.

**764) Scarecrow**

## THE "GREAT PUMPKIN" CONTEST

- Exhibits will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Exhibit is a photograph of a pumpkin of your design. Photograph is to be 8" x 10" and placed in a free standing 8" x 10" picture frame.
- Pumpkins photographed may be carved, painted, decoupage, or dressed. Pumpkin can be a real pumpkin or a craft pumpkin from any local arts & craft store.
- Only appropriate creative ideas will be allowed.

## 765) Pumpkin Contest

### FRUIT & VEGETABLE ART

- Projects will be judged on Appearance (Neatness, adherence to guidelines, freshness of produce), Design and Creativity (Done to scale, uniqueness of creation theme, identifiable theme) and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Create and exhibit an imaginative display using fruits and vegetables. Example is a snowman made using oranges and black olives.
- Exhibitor to bring fresh project to present to judge.
- A 8"x10" free standing framed photograph of project that is to be left with the judge for display during fair week.
- Project must be free standing and have all parts securely attached together. The finished project must fit on a 12" x12" base and be displayed in a shallow plastic tray.
- Only fruits and vegetables may be used.
- Embellishments are not permitted.
- Sculpting is only to be used for minimal accent purposes.

### 766) Fruit & Vegetable Art

### TABLE SETTING DISPLAY

- Exhibits will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Exhibitor to bring all materials and present a 'card table' size display to the judge. Project to also include an 8"x10" framed photograph (free standing frame) of project that is to be left with the judge for display during fair week.
- Exhibitor should plan a coordinated, economical table setting for two people including menu around a selected theme.
- Include table covering and/or placemat, dinnerware, stemware, flatware, centerpiece and menu in the display.
- Standard sized card table (30"-36" long and 30"-36" wide) will be provided for use by exhibitor during judging.
- The table must be set and decorated by the exhibitor in front of the judge.
- The use of wine or alcoholic beverages in the menu is prohibited.
- Exhibitor should be able to provide an explanation of culture or theme of party.
- Paper items are permissible if consistent with theme and must be safe to eat from.
- No lit candles permitted.
- Menu to be written in the order of service and correlate with theme.
- Menu should be displayed no smaller than 4"x6" or larger than 8 ½"x11" on your choice of medium (index card, ceramic tile, chalkboard, etc.), printed or typed by the exhibitor.
- Menu should include all of the basic food groups. Preference to menus showing a variety of colors, textures and flavors. Utilize foods in season. Show a wise use of money and time. Be suitable for the occasion.
- List the foods in the order in which they will be served on the menu.
- Centerpiece should be coordinated with and be appropriate for the occasion and no taller than 18".

### 767) Table Setting Display

## FLORICULTURE

Exhibitors are to replace wilted, shriveled or moldy exhibits during fair week before 10:00 a.m. each day. Failure to do so means exhibitor loses any ribbons or trophies. NO EXCEPTIONS!

- For guidance use Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 5551. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org)
- If the bloom is over 3 ½" in diameter, exhibit one flower and one foliage. If the bloom is under 3 ½" in diameter, exhibit three flowers and three foliage.
- Do not remove foliage from stems above the water line and do not add any extra stems of foliage.
- Foliage and blooms should be clean and free of insect or spray damage. Stems should be straight.
- Blooms are to be exhibited in plastic or glass vases. NO jars or bottles.
- In general, specimen blooms are judged for cultural perfection. This includes:
  - Form – roundness of bloom
  - Color – good, clean, clear colors
  - Substance – healthy condition
  - Good Foliage – no spray, insect damage, etc.
  - Presentation – correctly sized in vase, vase style/color/design compliments the bloom, etc.

### FLOWER GARDENING SAMPLER

- **Flowers in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.**
- Annuals, perennials and biennials can be included in the same entry.
  - **Senior Division (15-19):** exhibit 3 types of flower varieties (example – 1 zinnia, 1 marigold, 1 rose = one entry). 3 total flower blooms per entry.

- **Intermediate Division (12-14):** exhibit 2 types of flower varieties (example – 1 zinnia, 1 marigold = one entry). 2 total flower blooms per entry.
- **Junior Division (8-11):** exhibit 1 type of flower variety (example – 1 zinnia = one entry). 1 total flower bloom per entry.

## 768) Flower Gardening

### FLOWER SPECIMENS

**Flowers in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.**

- Each exhibit = one type of flower with the correct number of blooms. For guidance use Preparing Cut Flowers and Houseplants for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 5551. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org).
- When showing specimen blooms, the same variety, same size bloom and stem length should be chosen.
- Judging will be based on the quality of each flower, uniformity of flowers in the entry and the exhibitor's knowledge of their project.
- Exhibitor **MUST** ensure that the container for exhibit is sized adequately for the specimens being shown.
- Each specimen must be equally visible in the display.
- All flower varieties are eligible in this class. Flowers can be grown from seed, corm, tuber or transplant. This includes annuals, perennials and biennials. Examples include (list not all inclusive):

Zinnias	Cosmos	Petunia	Liatris
Roses	Day Lily	Pansy	Geranium
Shasta Daisy	Canna Lily	Cone Flower	Dahlia
Marigolds	Hosta	Iris	Begonia

## 769) Fresh Flower Arranging

### CREATIVE FLOWER DESIGN

- These projects are created prior to the fair.
- Judging is based on skill and artistry of arrangements.
- These projects are flowers in a creative arrangement – NOT a craft project with flowers.
- Quality of blooms and foliage will be considered if fresh flowers are used.
- Examples of project types include: wreath, centerpiece, corsage/boutonniere.
- Dried, fresh or silk flowers and foliage may be used.
- For guidance use Preparing Floral Arrangements for Exhibit, Bulletin ISU 4H 5552. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org).

## 770) Silk & Dried Flower Arranging

### GARDEN CONTAINERS

**Does NOT include Fairy Gardens.**

**Plants in this project must be grown in display container starting no later than May 15th of the current year. Photograph of project showing date it was planted to be submitted when project is entered at the fair.**

- Indoor or Outdoor containers can be exhibited.
- Flowers and plants in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- Maximum container size: 36" x 18".
- Judging will be based on creativity, quality of plants/blooms and exhibitor knowledge of their project.
- Indoor Dish Gardens (container 2-3" deep) may be woodland, tropical or desert.
- Indoor Dish Gardens and Terrariums are to contain a mixture of at least three different plants.
- Indoor Containers (not dish gardens) should contain a minimum of 3 different varieties of standard house plants.
- Outdoor Containers should include a minimum of 3 different varieties of plants.
- For guidance see 4H Bulletin #2765, Container Gardening Series: Common Problems in Container Gardens by UMaine Extension. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org)
- For guidance see 4H Circular 787, Gardening in Containers by UGA Extension. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org).

## 771) Container Gardening

## **FAIRY GARDENS**

A miniature “scene” or “landscape” created in an open container and featuring miniature or small, slow growing indoor or outdoor plants. The garden should be imaginative and create a magical place where fairies can come and bring good luck and blessings to your home. Plants in these projects must be grown in display container starting no later than May 15th of the current year.

Photograph of project showing date it was planted to be submitted when project is entered at the fair.

- Flowers and plants in this class must have been grown by the exhibitor.
- For guidance see 4H Bulletin #2765, Container Gardening Series: Common Problems in Container Gardens by UMaine Extension. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org).
- For guidance see 4H Circular 787, Gardening in Containers by UGA Extension. A link to download this is found at [gcffy.org](http://gcffy.org).
- Maximum container size: 36” x 18”.
- No artificial or plastic plants allowed.
- Perennial, annual, vegetable, succulent, ornamental or herbal plants can be used. Accessories can be purchased or homemade: furniture, natural materials, fairy figurines etc. Minimum of 3 different living plant types must be included.
- Plants should dominate the garden. Artificial materials and accessories should not be a main focus of the exhibit. They should blend in.
- Theme examples include (list not all inclusive): Woodland/Forest life, Gypsy/Boho Garden, Flowery Wonderland, Mermaid/Pirate/Beach, Enchanted Village, Witches City, Dragonland, Halloween/Spookyville.

### **768) Fairy Gardens**

## **SCIENCES**

### **GRAPHIC DESIGN**

- ALL items must be submitted in hard form as well as on your own portable computer. (e.g., laptop, tablet)
- No copyright material (including graphics and logos) without written approval.
- No -adult related material.
- Projects must include a display item which can include but is not limited to a notebook, poster, or electronic media.

### **Computer Arts/Graphics**

Examples include, but are not limited to, desktop publishing focusing on layout and design (examples include but are not limited to flyers, brochures, business cards, and menus), photo enhancements which focus on the enhancements using computer software to change the effect of a photo(s).

- Exhibitors must provide the name(s) of the software used to make the finished project.

### **Internet Design**

- The website must be the work of the exhibitor.
- Exhibitor must print out the entire website and display the site in a 3-ring binder and attach entry tag to binder. Complete web address must be printed on a cover page if exhibited website is submitted on-line.
- Exhibits will be judged on design: clearly labeled and working links, backgrounds and fonts which do not clash, website is useful and educational, spelling and grammar are accurate.

### **Computer Presentations**

- A computer slide presentation using a program like, but not limited to, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Slides or Apple Keynote.
- Project will be judged on: sound affect or music, possible voice over, custom animation (how text or images come on and off the slide), slide transition, background photo used in one slide, one link to internet site, overall presentation. Content is organized, creative, and useful in presentation.

All above divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

### **769) Graphic Design**

## **MODELS**

Includes, but is not limited to, Lego, farm scenes, model kits, Connex, Model (not original design) rockets and other model displays. The actual project must be brought for judging. If exhibit is not being sold in the still exhibit auction a photo needs to be brought to display in place of the exhibit.

### **770) Senior Models (15-19)**

### **771) Intermediate Models (12-14)**

### **772) Junior Models (8-11)**

## WELDING PROJECTS

Projects must include welding and will be judged on overall display and quality of welding skill according to experience and age.

773) **Senior Welding** (15-19)

774) **Intermediate Welding** (12-14)

775) **Junior Welding** (8-11)

## WOODWORKING

Woodworking includes, but is not limited to, projects constructed from wood, refinishing of furniture, wood carvings or other major wood projects. **Items must be made from scratch. Repurposed wood projects will go in the recycled crafts category.**

776) **Senior Woodworking** (15-19)

777) **Intermediate Woodworking** (12-14)

778) **Junior Woodworking** (8-11)

## DEMONSTRATIONS

### LEADERSHIP & ACHIEVEMENT CONTESTS

Superintendent: Aileen Waldron

#### LEADERSHIP CONTEST

- Classes are open to 4-H youth and FFA members.
- Class will include an interview with judge to take place at time scheduled in Exhibitor Schedule. Superintendent will contact exhibitor to schedule interview time with every effort to accommodate exhibitor's schedule.
- Exhibitor **MUST** have previously held or currently hold at least one leadership role within 4-H or FFA (4-H club office, FFA chapter office, teen representative on Leaders' Council or Fair Board).
- This class is open to youth from 15-19 years old (exhibitor age).
- A portfolio should be prepared for presentation to judge during the interview. The portfolio should be no more than 6 pages and can include copies of agendas, meeting minutes, pictures, etc.
- Being a leader involves exhibiting characteristics of patience, honesty, responsibility, initiative, compassion, caring, dedication, respectfulness, communication, trustworthiness and support.

779) **Club Office Award (15-19)**

#### ACHIEVEMENT BOOTH

- Project is to display exhibitor's personal achievements from fair, 4-H, and/or FFA. Examples of booth items include, but are not limited to, pictures, portfolios, awards and certificates.
- This class is open to youth from 15 – 19 years old (exhibitor age).
- The fair will provide a three-dimensional display for exhibitor to set up their display. The provided display will have a back and two sides and the front will be open. The dimensions for the display will be approximately 20 inches wide by 12" deep by 18" high.
- Exhibitor will be required to interview with a judge with their display (see schedule for interview times/location). Superintendent will contact exhibitor to schedule interview time. Interviews will be scheduled with as much flexibility as possible to accommodate other responsibilities.
- Booth to be setup by NOON on Monday of fair week unless prior arrangements have been made with the superintendent.

780) **Achievement Booth (15-19)**

## EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

### LANGUAGE ARTS

- Writings can be handwritten or typed.
- Writings must be in a folder, binder, or notebook.
- Projects can include: poetry, short stories, essays, portfolio development, other creative writings
- Exhibits must include a cover page which tells the name of exhibitor, 4-H Club or FFA chapter (or open exhibitor), age division, and type of exhibit (poetry, short stories, essay, etc.)
- Original work of exhibitor is required.
- Judge and/or superintendent may hold exhibits (at their discretion) for final evaluation through Monday evening at the fair. If so,

projects will be returned to exhibit barn.

**781) Senior Language Arts (15-19)**

**782) Intermediate Language Arts (12-14)**

**783) Junior Language Arts (8-11)**

## **EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS**

All educational exhibits must display more than one item displaying what they have learned about a specific topic

### **NATURAL SCIENCES**

Nature collections such as rocks, insects, leaves, feathers are appropriate under this section provided specimens collected are identified.

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Water Resources
- Soil Resources
- Forest Resources
- Wildlife Resources - Mammals, birds, fish
- Rocks & Minerals
- Wildflowers
- Gun and Hunter Safety
- Archery
- Weather Observation
- Environmental Stewardship
- Earth, Water, Air
- Geology
- Energy
- Waste Management
- Outdoor Education/Recreation
- Entomology & Bees

### **SAFETY & FIRE**

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Fire Prevention
- Livestock and Pet Safety
- Tractor and Machinery Safety
- Bicycle Safety
- Motorcycle Care & Safety
- Home Safety

### **PASSPORT TO UNDERSTANDING**

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Country Study - individual educational exhibit on country studied
- Sister Club - individual educational exhibit on items learned through pen pal letters
- United Nations - individual educational exhibit on a phase of UN studies
- American Heritage - individual educational exhibit on a family tree or item of historical interest about a community, country, state or nation

### **VETERINARY, HORSE, AND LIVESTOCK SCIENCE**

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Animal Anatomy
- Animal Diseases
- Immunology, Zoonosis and Public Health
- Horse Science Project
- Livestock Science
- Dairy Science
- Small Animal Science

- Horse Project Poster

## HOME DESIGN AND FAMILY

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Your Home Activity Centers
- Home Design, Background
- Fun with Furnishings
- Home Design Improvement Projects
- Display Article Upholstered
- The Pre-Schooler
- Living in a Family
- When you take care of Children
- Living with myself and others
- Dating, Marriage and Family Life

## PLANT SCIENCE

Appropriate topic in this section may include:

- Landscaping projects
- Experiments and Research
- Any other

## ANY OTHER EDUCATION EXHIBITS

Topics can be of any nature not mentioned in other sections. Examples include but are not limited to:

- Human Growth and Development
- Health Management
- Nutrition/Menu Planning
- Food Preservation
- Service Learning/Community Service
- Aerospace
- Engine-Automotive, Tractor, Etc.
- Bicycle
- Computer
- Astronomy
- Consumer Science
- Photography

All above educational divisions should choose a class in the appropriate age division.

**784) Education Exhibits (8-19)**

## COLLECTIONS

- Collections of large items need to be a reasonable size due to space.
- Judging will be based on QUALITY not QUANTITY.
- A MAXIMUM of six items may be left on display. Photos of larger displays may be submitted to represent items for judging and display.
- Examples of collection could include: Animals figures, coins, stamps, sports card, any other collection

**785) Senior Collections (15-19)**

**786) Intermediate Collections (12-14)**

**787) Junior Collections (8-11)**

## ARCHERY

**Superintendents: Darren Fish and Tony Miller**

- All participants must have equipment checked prior to shooting. Any equipment found to be unsafe will not be used.
- Ages 8 years-old to 19 years-old are allowed to participate; however, if a Peewee has shot and is deemed safe by the Archery Superintendents then they may be allowed to compete as well.
- Closed toed shoes must be worn.
- **To participate at the fair events, an archer must attend a minimum of 3 practice sessions.** This will be strictly enforced. Archery practices start meeting the second Sunday in January at the Pine River Rec. Club.
- A hip quiver must be used during events.

- If a participant does not agree with a scorer's score, they must ask to have another scorer to score that arrow before arrows are pulled. Once arrows have been removed from targets all scores are final.
- All scoring for events will be explained the day of competition.
- A total score from all the archery events the week of the fair will determine the winners for each class and Reserve and Grand Champions.
- Any person committing unsafe acts or not complying with the general rules of GCFFY will be asked to leave immediately.
- For more information, you may contact the Fair Office.

**788) Senior Archery (15-19)**

**789) Intermediate Archery (12-14)**

**790) Junior Archery (8-11)**

**791) Peewee Archery (6-8)**