

4-H Premium List Exhibit Rules

**2017 COUNTY FAIR - 4-H DIVISION  
PREMIUM LIST**

1. **ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED PRIOR TO FAIR.**
2. All registrations must be entered into FairEntry.com (use your 4HOnline username and password) no later than June 30.
3. Any boy or girl between kindergarten through one year past high school who is enrolled in a West Otter Tail 4-H club, 4-H After School, or 4-H Home School, and is conducting his or her work according to the county and state requirements, may compete for the prizes in this division. Kindergarten through 2nd grade may enter in Cloverbud 4-H Classes only.  
Your grade is the school grade you have completed.
4. **4-H Entry day for all Non-Livestock projects and Swine is Tuesday, July 18. Swine must be brought in Tuesday, as Swine Judging is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19. Swine must be weighed and in its pen no later than 7:00 pm Tuesday evening.**

**Non-livestock projects will be judged Tuesday, July 18 from 2:00 pm ending at 7:00 pm. That will be the only time non-livestock projects will be judged. Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at 7:00 pm.**

**ABSENTEE JUDGING OF GENERAL PROJECTS**  
4-H members who have a conflict with the general project conference judging in their county of membership may be eligible for absentee judging. To be eligible to exhibit a project while being absent from the conference judging process the following must be in place: The judging must be pre-approved with 4-H staff prior to scheduled date of judging.

**Youth with disability of injury non-livestock**  
If a 4-H member is unable to participate in the conference judging process by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must request permission for a conference judging assistant to be with the 4-H member during the conference judging of the member's general project(s).

**Livestock**  
If a 4-H member is unable to exhibit an animal by himself/herself due to a disability or injury, the 4-H member and/or the member's immediate family must

request permission for a substitute showperson to help with the exhibition of the 4-H member's livestock project(s).

5. All work on projects entered should be done by the 4-H member and completed during the current 4-H year unless otherwise noted.
6. A member may enter only one exhibit in each livestock class. Read headings for specific instructions. You may enter up to 3 non-livestock projects per class, unless otherwise stated.
7. **Educational Exhibits/Science Exhibits** for all project areas may not exceed 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high. (Center back 24" wide x 36" high, right and left wings each 12" wide x 36" high.) Foam or corrugated board is highly recommended.

Educational Exhibits/Science Exhibits will be evaluated on the following requirements...

Exhibit quality .....	25%
Educational value .....	25%
Knowledge and ability to explain .....	50%

**Poster** exhibits may not exceed 22" wide x 28" high. They may be smaller.

8. **Floor Space** for any exhibit should not exceed 20 square feet. If your exhibit exceeds this space limitation, contact the Extension office prior to entry day.

9. **All exhibits must be labeled** with name, club, and county. Other appropriate information for the project (e.g., vegetable varieties) should be included. If the exhibit has multiple pieces, each part needs to be labeled and should indicate 1 of 4, 2 of 4, etc.

10. All exhibits will be evaluated by a conference with the judge. Blue, red, and white ribbons will be awarded based on the member's knowledge of the project (50%) and on the merit of the exhibit (50%). **Decision of the judge is final and may not be appealed.**

11. Free passes (wristbands) into the fairgrounds will be given to 4-H'ers who exhibit. Transferring of passes is prohibited. Any boy or girl found doing this will forfeit the pass.

12. Stalls, pens, and cages must be kept clean and orderly at all times by the exhibitor. **Failure to comply will result in loss of premiums.**

13. Livestock exhibitors must provide their own grain, hay, straw and feed equipment. 4-H'ers exhibiting livestock at the

County Fair are responsible for the care and feeding of animals they exhibit.

**14. All grooming of livestock, including clipping, trimming, and blocking (all species) must be clearly done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family, or any other registered Minnesota 4-H member. Immediate family members are defined as parents, step parents, legal guardians, grandparents, brothers or sisters. The 4-H'er exhibiting the animal should be present and involved in the fitting process at the fair.**

15. To show in the registered breed classes, animals must meet the registration requirements for that breed and registration papers must be available. Animals without proper registration papers (crossbreeds and grades) must be shown as commercial.

16. Purebred animals in the breeding classes must be registered in the club member's name or in partnership with parent. Registration papers to be shown upon request on judging day.

**17. All beef, dairy, dairy goat, horse, rabbit, sheep and swine** shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ear tag and/or tattoo. Animals must be entered into 4HOnline and lease agreements and registration papers, if any, must be downloaded into 4HOnline. All livestock exhibits must be pre-registered.

18. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-H youth's parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-H youth's parents actively involved with and working on the farm. Animals owned in partnership with non-family members (as defined above) must be leased and follow guidelines within the lease agreement. Registered animals not leased must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name.

19. Livestock exhibited is subject to the rules and regulations set forth by the Minnesota State Livestock Board. Read the Livestock Health regulations listed in this premium list.

20. 4-H members selected for trips to State Fair and State 4-H Horse Show must have completed 6th grade through one year past high school. Members must be prepared to accept or decline State Fair trip the day of the show. 4-H'er may accept trip for BOTH State Horse Show and State Fair.

**State Fair trips will be posted at 4-H Fair Office Booth – 4-H'er will not be personally called.**

#### 21. DUAL TRIP POLICY!

All 4-H'ers State Fair eligible may take a **trip in both Livestock and Non-Livestock**. Even if you have taken a dual trip in a prior year, you may continue on throughout your 4-H career. There are no limits to dual trips.

#### 22. 4-H Quality Assurance Training

To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Quality Assurance/Ethics Training (LQA&E). (WOT is conducting this training on Monday, August 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Otter Tail Power Community Rooms in Fergus Falls.)

**State Policy: All youth participating as a State Fair 4-H Livestock exhibitor in beef, dairy, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, meat goat, dairy goat and llama must have completed the Livestock Quality Assurance and Ethics workshop. Certification is good for three fair seasons. The level of training required is determined by the grade of the youth at the time the training takes place.**

23. Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons will be awarded in only those divisions with sufficient quality as determined by the judge.

24. State Fair Market animal requirements:

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/projects/animal-science/>

- They must have been tagged with the special 4-H Market Livestock ear tag.
- All market swine must also be properly ear notched (in both ears) **and** identified with plastic 4-H tag **and entered into 4HOnline** by May 15 to be eligible for State Fair.
- No visible eruption of permanent teeth will be permitted in steers exhibited.

25. All State Fair animals must be identified with a tag, tattoo, leg band, ear notch or whatever is appropriate by the proper 4-H project deadlines. This includes the tattooing of rabbits and the identification of all breeding stock going to the State Fair.

**26. ALL POULTRY will be banded at County Fair. Bands will be provided. Chickens must originate from a Pollorum-typhoid flock and documentation must accompany birds to fair. (Obtain from hatchery.) If testing has not been done, please contact the Extension office no later than Monday, July 17 to make arrangements for testing. Testing must be done**

prior to caging or any contact with other animals. Call Extension if you have questions (218-998-8760). Print 4-H'er's name on the Pollorum-typhoid form which must accompany birds to the fair and deposited in designated box.

**27. The Show Ring Committee will have the authority to immediately dismiss from the judging ring or staging area, any exhibitor who is unable to control his/her animal. Animals dismissed from the ring will receive no higher than a red ribbon and will not be considered for the State Fair line-up or Blue Ribbon Auction. Our advice to cattle exhibitors is that if they are having trouble at home controlling their animal(s) at halter and it is fairly obvious that they will have trouble controlling the animal at the fair--it may be wise to consider leaving the animal at home.**

28. The Fair will use diligence to protect livestock and articles entered for exhibition after their arrival and placement, but under no circumstances will it be responsible for any loss, injury or damage done to or caused by any animal or article on exhibition. It is the responsibility of the Competitive Exhibitor to obtain appropriate insurance for any damages due to or caused by the exhibit and to indemnify and hold the Fair harmless against any claim arising out of incidents involving the exhibit.

### **JUDGING 4-H AT THE COUNTY FAIR**

The 4-H member, the project and the ribbon are all important parts of the County Fair.

4-H membership provides an opportunity to compete against yourself, to learn to make your best even better.

Most 4-H exhibits are conference judged and are rated on the quality of the exhibit in addition to what the 4-H'er has learned or knows. Each project has goals for each level of learning.

Here are your 4-H award guidelines:

The **WHITE RIBBON** is awarded when the exhibit and the 4-H'er's expressed learning are adequate but meet less than the agreed upon standards of quality and workmanship.

The **RED RIBBON** is awarded when the exhibit and 4-H'er's expressed learning meet acceptable standards of quality and workmanship.

The **BLUE RIBBON** is awarded when the exhibit and 4-H'er's knowledge show very high quality, workmanship and meet all agreed upon standards.

**GRAND CHAMPION and RESERVE CHAMPION** will be awarded in only those divisions with sufficient quality as determined by the judge.

### **A MESSAGE TO 4-H'ers ON JUDGING**

In conference judging, you and the judge talk about your exhibit. Besides the quality and details of your exhibit, the judge will ask you questions to evaluate you on the following:

- \* 4-H'er's general attitude toward your project
- \* 4-H'er's sense of learning from your project
- \* 4-H'er's knowledge of total process involved, in this project or exhibit. (See your project objectives.)

### **STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW ELIGIBILITY**

1. Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only (see State Dog Show Rules for exceptions).
2. Members selected to represent the county at State Fair and State Horse Show **must have completed sixth grade.**
3. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Quality Assurance/Ethics Training within the last three (3) years. **See #22 for clarification.**
4. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, or judging teams.

### **WEST OTTER TAIL 4-H GRIEVANCE/ETHICS POLICY**

All 4-H issues may be appealed with the exception of judges' decisions. This may include eligibility, auction eligibility, deadline violations, rule violations, etc. WOT County 4-H members and parents/guardians have the right to file an appeal. The Appeal Committee will consist of 10 members (8 adults and 2 youth).

### **PROCESS FOR FILING AN APPEAL**

Appeals must be filed within 24 hours (1 day) of the incident. They must be turned into the 4-H Office at the County Fair.

An appeal form must be filled out and signed by the person(s) filing the appeal. There is no limit to the number of individuals who can sign an appeal. If an appeal has been properly filed, 4-H Extension staff will schedule a hearing with the Ethics/Grievance Committee.

**The appeal form must be submitted with \$25 (cash or money order only).** The money will be returned only if the decision is ruled in favor of the person(s) filing the appeal. If the decision is ruled against the person(s) filing the appeal, the money will be donated to the WOT 4-H Leaders Council. See more about Grievance at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/youth/mn4-H/policies/docs/grievance-process-grievance-committee-process.pdf>