



4-H 2017 Show Schedule

**Tuesday, May 30**

5:00-7:00 pm Work Night at fairgrounds
7:00 pm Livestock Sale Meeting

Monday, June 5

5:00-7:00 pm Work Night at fairgrounds

Monday, June 12

5:00-7:00 pm Work Night at fairgrounds

Monday, June 19

5:00-7:00 pm Work Night at fairgrounds

Monday, June 26

10:00 am Work Day at 4-H Building
1:00 pm 4-H Clothing Judging at St. George's in Melvin
3:00-6:00 pm 4-H Visual Arts and Scrapbook Judging (follow individual scheduled times)
6:45 pm Flag Raising & Presentation of Clubs

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 am 4-H Beef & Swine in place
9:30 am 4-H Swine Weigh-In
10:00 am 4-H Beef Weigh-In
10:00 am 4-H Cat Show *
11:30 am 4-H Swine Show
12:00pm 4-H Rabbits in place
1:30-5:00 pm 4-H General Projects Judging (follow individual scheduled times)
2:00-3:00 Cloverbud Project Judging

Wednesday, June 28

8:00 am 4-H Beef Show
10:00 am 4-H Floriculture/Horticulture, Plants and Soils, Crops Judging in 4-H Building
1:30 pm 4-H Poultry in place
2:00 pm 4-H Poultry Show
5:00 pm 4-H Showmanship Classic

Thursday, June 29

9:00 am 4-H Rabbit Show
1:00-3:00pm 4-H Foods, Nutrition, Food Decorating, and Health Project Judging (all members need to return at 4:00pm to pick up their food, judging sheets, and ribbons)
4:30 pm 4-H Fashion Revue in the Dance Building
6:00 pm 4-H Livestock Sale-Show Barn

Saturday, July 1

10:00 am 4-H Dog Show in the Dance Building
12:00-1:00 pm Project pick-up

All projects must be picked up by 1:00. If unable to pick up your projects please arrange for someone else to pick them up for you. All unclaimed projects will be brought to the Extension office.

*schedule subject to change



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FORD-IROQUOIS EXTENSION UNIT STAFF

Ginger Boas- Unit 13 Extension Director
Jamie Boas – 4-H Youth Educator
Jen Odle- Ford County 4-H Program Coordinator & SPIN Club Coordinator
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FORD-IROQUOIS 4-H FOUNDATION

Sharlene Finegan, President , Brad Pilcher, Vice President
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David Hazen, Deb Krones, Julie Lange,
Barb Schumacher, Brett Wauthier, Leanne Wright

Change the World --- Be a 4-H Volunteer!

FORD 4-H CLUB LEADERS

Melvin Adventurers – Kari Ryan-Cline and Kim Rahn
Melvin Adventurers Cloverbuds – Debra Field
Prairie Fire – Leanne Wright
Prairie Fire Cloverbuds - Kelsy Brewer
Ponderosa- Dave Hazen, Terry Swidergal
Ponderosa Cloverbuds – Kathy Swidergal
Seek and Discover – Mary Giroux
Town and Country Helpers – Kim Meenen
Town and Country Helpers Cloverbuds – Theresa Rueck
Walltown – Heather Wilson
Walltown Cloverbuds – Amy Johnson



GENERAL 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. See the **Ford-Iroquois 4-H Program Handbook** for general policies, procedures, and fair entry information.
2. 4-Hers may only exhibit projects in which they are properly enrolled in by set deadlines.
3. 4-H members who are unable to show their projects at the summer judging shows due to an excused absence should send the completed project with another 4-H member or their leader accompanied by a written summary of the exhibit. These exhibit forms are available from club leaders or the Extension office prior to the fair. Exhibitors who do not accompany their own projects will **not** be eligible for State Fair selection.
4. Absolutely no projects receiving lower than a “blue” rating will be considered for a champion rating or State Fair selection.
5. All projects will remain on display until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.
6. General projects will be released from 12:00–12:30p.m. on Saturday. If you are unable to pick up your projects you may arrange for someone else to get them for you. (Unclaimed projects must be picked up by club leaders.) 4-H members are strongly encouraged to help clean the 4-H Building after projects are released. Any remaining projects will be taken to the Extension office in Onarga.
7. Any 4-H member may attend the State Fair and exhibit in one exhibit class in the 4-H Exhibit Division. Members may also participate in the Dog Show.
8. **4-H Show enrollment will be done online this year. Members must register their show entries by the date determined by the Extension office.**
9. Each individual 4-H exhibitor must have personally cared for the animals exhibited.
10. The Unit 13 Extension Director and 4-H Youth Development staff reserve the right to make any additional rules or interpretations deemed necessary for the best interest of the majority of all 4-H members exhibiting.
11. General Exhibits will be judged at the times listed. There will **not** be a separate check in time to drop off general projects.
12. All beef and swine must be in place by Tuesday 9:00a.m., rabbits must be in place by Tuesday 12:00p.m., and poultry must be in place by 1:30p.m. Tuesday.
13. Members are paid premiums based on an x-factor based on the availability of funds from the State Ag Premium Fund. For more information about premiums, please refer to the Ford County 4-H Program Handbook.
14. All precautions will be taken to protect the exhibits on display during the fair. However, University of Illinois Extension is not responsible for damage, loss, or injury to any project during the 4-H Show or at the time of release.
15. If you need reasonable accommodations in order to participate in the 4-H Show, contact University of Illinois Extension, Ford-Iroquois Extension office by June 15, 2017. (815)268-4051

GENERAL RULES FOR 4-H LIVESTOCK MEMBERS

1. Health certificates are required as set forth in the State of Illinois Livestock Exhibition regulations. It is the 4-H member's responsibility to comply with these rules. To exhibit, 4-H members must comply with animal identification procedures for the respective species.
2. Health certificates will be collected before the animals will be unloaded at the fairgrounds.
3. Purebred breeding stock in all classes must have been registered in the 4-H member's name. Registration papers must be available for inspection. No partnership or family registrations will be accepted.
4. All animals must be exhibited by the 4-H member or another 4-H member. If a youth is absent from the entire fair and another 4-H member shows his animal for him he will only be eligible to receive an A, B, or C rating. He will not be eligible to receive any additional ribbons/trophies/awards. Decisions on if the youth can sell his animal at the sale are up to the Livestock Sale Committee and requests will have to be made to them. If the member chooses to arrive on the fairgrounds in time to show his own animal, he will still be eligible to compete for any additional ribbons/trophies/awards. However, the animals must be brought to the fairgrounds at the proper time, weighed in and cared for by another 4-H member or their family until the 4-H member arrives.
5. All livestock except swine will be released following the 4-H Livestock Sale.
6. 4-Hers who remove their livestock before the designated release time will not receive a premium check.
7. If violations are observed, the animals will be excused from exhibition and possibly be ordered to be removed from the grounds with all awards being forfeited as determined by superintendents, fair board, and/or Extension staff. Any practice or deviation from normal humane husbandry practices, including but not limited to artificial manipulations, physical abuse, medical treatments or mechanical applications of any substance, other than on the prescriptions of a licensed veterinarian, will constitute a violation of show rules and are subject to the above provisions.
8. In certain situations a 4-H member may be allowed to borrow an animal from another 4-H member for Showmanship. However, they must have prior approval from the superintendent and Ford-Iroquois Extension Staff **before** the show.
9. If you elect not to bring an animal or scratch an entry that you entered on the 4-H Show Entry Form please notify the Extension office by June 15.



LIVESTOCK SALE RULES

Chairman – Heidi Walls

1. Members may sell one market animal or one carcass animal in each division that they have shown in the 4-H Show. If a member owns both the Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion carcass or live animal, they may sell both at the sale. Rabbit and poultry exhibitors may sell a market pen.
2. 4-Hers may only sell one market animal in each category. The categories include **large animals**: steer, market heifer, barrow, and **small animals**: rabbits or poultry.
3. Members or parents may not bid on their own stock.
4. In order to qualify for the sale, the market animal must meet the following minimum weight requirements during weigh-in on show day. Hogs 220 lbs. (maximum weight - 280 lbs.), Beef 875 lbs., Poultry and rabbits must be marketable. Superintendents have the right to determine if animals are marketable.
5. Sale order will be announced at the sale meeting prior to the fair. Grand and Reserve Champions of each specie will sell first with others following in predetermined order. Carcass animals will sell before live animals. For rabbits and poultry, only the Champion Meat Pen receives preference to sell first. The sale will be held in the show barn.
6. For identification purposes, swine will be paint marked and sheep will be tattooed. These numbers will be checked as the animal enters the sale ring.
7. Pictures will be taken immediately after the sale. All 4-Hers participating in the sale are required to have their picture taken with the buyer.
8. The committee will retain 5% of the profits (above market price) for sale expenses and livestock expenses at the 4-H Show. For example, if the market price is 55 cents per pound and your animal sells for 60 cents per pound, the committee will take commission on the 5 cents per pound. A minimum fee will be set for rabbits and poultry.
9. 4-Hers participating in the sale will encourage attendance of potential buyers from their community.
10. 4-Hers selling an animal must attend the 4-H Livestock Sale Meeting will take place on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H building. 4-H member must be present with a parent. Anyone not having representation at the meeting will be placed at the bottom of the sale order. **All 4-Her's must bring their sale card with them to the Sale Meeting on May 30. A parent or guardian must sign the sale card.**
11. The sale committee will handle all questions relating to the sale.
12. 4-H members must be present during the Livestock Auction to sell. No exceptions unless prior clearance from Livestock Committee on or before 4-H member Livestock Sale meeting.

Thank you to all our 2016 buyers and bidders!

AHW John Deere – Melvin, Alamo Group – Rhino, Alliance Grain, Bank of Gibson, Bellflower Feed, Big R - Gibson City, Brian Bane Autobody, Busey Bank Employees – Gibson City, Chenoa Locker, Country Thyme Tea Room, Conrad Trucking, Inc., Crop Production Services – Fairbury and Paxton, EIEC/Mike Wison, Fairbury Vet Clinic, Farmers Merchant Bank-Paxton, Feese Insurance, First Farm Credit, First State Bank of Forrest, Ford County Happy Bidding FB Auction Site, Gibson Veterinary Clinic, Hopedale Ag/Kelly Bowen, Johnny on the Spot, NAPA – Gibson City, One Earth Energy, Paxton Vet. Clinic, Roberts Grain, S & S Farms, Salyards Insurance, Van Horn/Joel Schwartz, Walls Drywall Finishing, Wyatt's Collision Repair, Wycoff Farms

And a special thank you to our 2016 volunteer auctioneers!

Raymond Cleary & Bill Kruse



4-H BEEF DEPARTMENT

Superintendent - Rod Loschen

Committee - Diane Perkins, Bryan Cole, Brian Loschen

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

- Animals must be clean and may have head, tail, and belly clipped. No extra grooming will be allowed.
- Any animal displaying repeated unruly behavior will be dismissed from the class at the discretion of Extension staff and the superintendent.
- All beef animals must go to tie-outs each night. No exceptions!
- The top blue ribbon steer and female in each class will compete for breed champion. The second place blue ribbon steer and female in each class will be eligible to compete for reserve breed champion.

Show Schedule

Breeding Stock

Steers - Angus, Charolaise, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, Crossbred / All Other Breeds

Market Heifers (No breed classes)

Showmanship

Classes Defined

Junior Heifer Calf - Born on or after January 1, 2017

Senior Heifer Calf - calved between September 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016

Late Summer Yearling Heifers - calved between July 1 and August 31, 2016

Early Summer Yearling Heifers - calved between May 1 and June 30, 2016

Late Jr. Yearling Heifers - calved between March 1 and April 30, 2016

Early Jr. Yearling Heifers - calved between January 1 and February 28, 2016

Senior Yearling Heifer - Any heifer calved in 2015

Cow & Calf (Cow must have dropped calf) - cow any age. Calf born in 2017

Cow Class-cow any age (Exhibitor not permitted to show same cow in both cow & calf class and cow class.)



Awards:

- Grand Champion Steer - Alliance Grain Co.
- Reserve Grand Champion Steer - R & C Loschen Farms, Inc.
- Grand Champion Female - Heartland Bank & Trust Co.
- Reserve Grand Champion Female – Prairie Fire 4-H Club
- Champion Rate of Gain – Cole’s Polled Herefords
- Junior Beef Showmanship – Paxton Veterinary Clinic
- Senior Beef Showmanship – Loschen Farms, Inc.

Special thanks goes to Rollie T. Seibring for use of his facilities in weighing and tattooing the Ford County animals.

4-H FORD COUNTY BORN & RAISED BEEF CLASS DEPARTMENT

Committee - Rod and Connie Loschen, Bryan and Stephanie Cole

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

2016 Participating Breeders: Cole Farms-Bryan and Stephanie Cole, Cow Creek Farms-Jeff and Rita Glazik, Gibb Angus Farms-David Gibb, Houtzel Show Cattle – Bill Houtzel, Loschen Farms, Inc.-Brian and Allie Loschen

Awards:

- County Born & Raised Champion
- County Born & Raised Reserve Champion



4-H CAT DEPARTMENT

Cats must be in open air crates. 4-H members are required to bring a collar, leash, and water for their cat.

Posters (Cat II & III) will be judged with cats.

*If there are not a minimum number of entries, the cat show will be canceled. Members will instead exhibit a poster/display to be judged during General Project judging Tuesday. Members will be notified prior to June 1st.

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Cat Project – Howard and Cindy Simmons
Junior Cat Showmanship – Howard and Cindy Simmons
Senior Cat Showmanship – Howard and Cindy Simmons

4-H DOGS DEPARTMENT

Dog Obedience Instructor – Linda Fleming

The dog show will take place Saturday, 10:00 a.m. in the Dance Building.

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Thank you to the Paxton Park District for allowing 4-H to hold dog obedience classes at the Paxton Dog Park.

Awards: High Score Beginner Dog Obedience - Melvin Adventurers 4-H Club
High Score Advanced Dog Obedience - Daisy Mae Kennels
Most Improved Dog Obedience - Daisy Mae Kennels
Jr. Showmanship – Maggie’s Groom Room
Intermediate Showmanship - Daisy Mae Kennels
Sr. Showmanship - Daisy Mae Kennels

4-H POULTRY DEPARTMENT

Superintendent – Darrell Foster

Members may bring their birds the day of the show. All poultry must be there by 1:30 pm Wednesday for 2:00 judging time. Please keep birds in their cages/carriers until called up for judging. Birds will be permitted to go home upon the completion of judging. However, any members participating in the 4-H Livestock Sale should keep their birds at the fairgrounds until the sale Thursday night.

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Chicken Exhibit - Bill Kruse Auction Service
Champion Miscellaneous Poultry Exhibit - Lamb's Prairie Farm
Champion Poultry Market Pen – S & S Farms
Champion Waterfowl Exhibit - Farmer Electric
Jr. Poultry Showmanship – Bleich Roofing
Sr. Poultry Showmanship – Walls Drywall Finishing



4-H RABBIT DEPARTMENT

Superintendents – Roger & Sandy Wycoff

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Rabbits must be cooped by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27 and will be released following the livestock sale Thursday, June 29.

Cages will be provided.

Awards: Best of Show - Bank of Gibson City
Champion Meat Pen –Roger Wycoff Family
Champion Single Fryer – Abbe Insurance Agency
Best Purebred Six Class (Commercial) - Livingston County Rabbit Breeders

Association

Best Purebred Four Class (Fancy) - Iroquois Rabbit Breeders Association
Jr. Rabbit Showmanship - Meyer's Bunny Barn
Sr. Rabbit Showmanship – First National Bank in Paxton

4-H SWINE DEPARTMENT

Superintendent – Bob Wright

Assistant Superintendent – Brett Beyers

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Grand Champion Overall Barrow - Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers
Grand Champion Overall Barrow (Director's chair) - Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Barrow - Farm Credit Illinois
Grand Champion Overall Gilt – Miller Farms
Grand Champion Overall Gilt (Director's chair) - Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers
Reserve Grand Champion Overall Gilt – Town & Country Helpers 4-H Club
Grand Champion Purebred Barrow – Heritage FS
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Barrow – Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers
Grand Champion Purebred Gilt - Meiss Feed & Supply
Reserve Grand Champion Purebred Gilt - Crop Production Services
Champion Crossbred Barrow - Farm Credit Illinois
Champion Crossbred Gilt - Farmers-Merchants National Bank of Paxton
Jr. Swine Showmanship - Niewold's Hog Haven, Inc.
Sr. Swine Showmanship – Paxton Veterinary Clinic

4-H SHOWMANSHIP CLASSIC

Committee - Diane Perkins, Rod Loschen, Bob Wright

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Champion and Reserve Champion Senior Showmanship winners in beef and swine are eligible to compete for the Ford County Showmanship Classic title. 4-Hers are responsible for getting their own animals in each specie and must have the owner's permission. Each competitor will show beef, swine, and sheep (if available). Should a specie not be represented by a participant that specie will not show in the master showman competition unless it is one of the species shown at the state fair (beef, swine, and sheep).

WJBC Radio will sponsor the Showmanship Classic winner as they represent Ford County at the State Master Showmanship Contest in Springfield in August. Once a 4-H member wins at the state level, they are no longer eligible for any showmanship classes.

Awards: Showmanship Classic trophy – Ford County 4-H Federation



4-H CLOTHING

Superintendent & Fashion Board Coordinator – Kathy Swidergal

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

- For protection please place your garment in a clear plastic bag.
- All clothing projects must be brought to the 4-H Building following the clothing judging for display.
- Garments constructed for another person are eligible. However, the individual for which the garment was constructed must be present for judging and will need to wear the garment.
- All 4-Hers with clothing projects will participate in the Fashion Revue on Thursday, June 28 at 4:30 p.m. in the Dance Building.

Awards: All 1st year members receive sewing kits from the Ford County Association for Home & Community Education
Champion Sewing 1 Project – Cyndi Punke
Champion Clothing Construction - Ford-Iroquois Farm Bureau
Top Model - Town & Country Helpers 4-H Club

4-H COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & GLOBAL AWARENESS DEPARTMENT

*Citizenship, Community Service, Leadership,
Passport to the World, Public Adventures, Service Learning*

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Intercultural Project – Melvin Women’s Club

4-H ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

*Beekeeping, Entomology, Exploring Your Environment, Forestry, Geology,
Natural Resources, Outdoor Adventures, Shooting Sports, Sportfishing, Wildlife*

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Conservation Exhibit (Beginner) - Farm Credit Illinois
Champion Conservation Exhibit (Advanced) - Ford County SWCD

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4-H FOOD, NUTRITION & HEALTH DEPARTMENT
*Cooking 101, Cooking 201, Cooking 301, Cooking 401, Food Preservation,
Food Science, Meat and Other Protein Sources, Health & Fitness, Food Decorating*

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

1. Bring projects directly to the 4-H Building on Thursday, June 29 at the time of judging (follow individual scheduled judging times).
2. Selection of State Fair Delegates and Alternates and Champion projects will take place immediately after all projects in that category are judged. All foods projects will be released immediately following. Projects must be picked up by 4:00pm that day along with judges' comment sheets and ribbons/awards.
3. As listed in the Ford County 4-H Program Handbook all foods projects must be accompanied by a menu and the recipe used.

Awards: Champion Cooking 101 Project – Black & White Confections, Inc.
Champion Cooking 201 Project – Brent's Burgers & Beer Inc
Champion Cooking 301 Project – Prairie Fire 4-H Club
Champion Cooking 401 Project – Celestial Skies Rabbitry
Champion Decorated Food - Melvin Adventurers 4-H Club
Champion Health Project – Ford-Iroquois Farm Bureau

4-H HOME AND FAMILY DEPARTMENT
Child Development, Interior Design

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Interior Design Project – The Fashion Shop

4-H MECHANICS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
*Aerospace, Bicycles, Computer Science, Electricity, Geospatial, Robotics,
Small Engines, Tractor, Video/Filmmaking, Welding, Woodworking*

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Aerospace Project – Busey Bank
Champion Electrical Display - Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative
Champion Robotics Project – Hood's Ace Hardware
Champion Welding Project – Davis Welding
Champion Woodworking Project – Creative Concepts

4-H PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
*Communications, Consumer Education, Entrepreneurship, Exploratory,
Journalism, Photography, Theatre Arts, Workforce Prep*

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Awards: Champion Photography Exhibit – Dueringer Farms



4-H CROPS / PLANTS & SOILS / HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

*Corn, Soybeans, Small Grains, Vegetable Gardening, Floriculture,
Horticulture Display, Plant and Soil Science*

Superintendent - Rodger Bennett
Committee - Jay Bennett, Joe Blaha

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

All exhibits will be judged in the 4-H Building.

Thank you to DuPont Pioneer for donating shirts to 4-H members!

Awards: Champion Crops Display: Heritage FS
Champion Floriculture Exhibit: Ropp's Flower Factory
Champion Garden Exhibit: Bennett Marking

4-H SMALL PETS DEPARTMENT

Small Pets, Vet Science, Animal Science (livestock) posters/displays

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirement.

Awards: Champion Vet Science Project – Paxton Veterinary Clinic

4-H VISUAL ARTS

Refer to the 4-H Program Handbook for complete list of project requirements.

Bring projects directly to the 4-H Building on Monday, June 26 at the time of judging (follow individual scheduled judging times).

All visual arts projects will remain on display in the 4-H building during the entire fair.

Trophy Awards: Best Original Visual Arts Exhibit – Salyards Insurance
Best Non-Original Visual Arts Exhibit – Roberts Grain Co.

**Also look for the Cloverbud exhibits in the 4-H Building!
Cloverbud project judging will take place
Tuesday, June 27 from 2:00-3:00p.m.**

