



## ***Ford County 4-H 2025 Show Schedule***



Sunday, June 22

2:00 p.m. Set-up of 4-H Building

Monday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Beef and Swine in place

9:00 a.m. 4-H General Project Judging

- Foods, Nutrition, Food Decorating, Visual Arts

11:00 a.m. Rabbits in place

11:30 a.m. Rabbit Barn Meeting

1:00 p.m. 4-H General Project Judging

- All Other 4-H General Projects

3:00 p.m. 4-H Poultry Show

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4-H Cloverbud Project Judging

4:00 p.m. Beef Weigh-in

Tuesday, June 24

8:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Show

8:00 a.m. Rabbit Pre-Show Orientation

9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show

10:00 a.m. 4-H Swine Show

4:00 p.m. 4-H Master Showmanship

Saturday, June 28

12:00-1:00 p.m. Project pick-up

Clothing Show will occur at the Champaign County Farm Bureau. Please contact the Extension Office for more details at 815-268-4051.

All projects must be picked up by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. 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.



**FORD-IROQUOIS EXTENSION STAFF**

Ginger Boas – Extension County Director  
Mynda Tracy – 4-H Youth Development Educator  
Sara Seyfert – 4-H Program Coordinator  
Gracie Schleef – Ag in the Classroom Coordinator  
Pam Munro – Office Support Assistant

**FORD-IROQUOIS 4-H FOUNDATION**

Nita Dubble, President  
Amber Price, Vice President  
Leanne Wright, Secretary  
Kurt Albers, Treasurer  
Roxanne Adsit, Beth Behrends, Dennis Behrends, Kim Bohlmann,  
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Lisa Jensen, Angela Jones,  
Deb Krones, Jennifer Lindgren, Brad Pilcher, Stephanie Schippert, Barb  
Schumacher, Susan Thomas

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

**FORD 4-H CLUB LEADERS**

PRAIRIE PACERS – Angie Cavanagh  
MELVIN ADVENTURERS – Gabrielle Pollard  
PRAIRIE FIRE – Leanne Wright  
PRAIRIE FIRE CLOVERBUDS– Ella Bowen  
SEEK AND DISCOVER – Kristin Welborn  
WALLTOWN – Kyla DeOrnellas



### **GENERAL 4-H RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. See the **Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion County 4-H Show Guide** for general policies, procedures, and fair entry information. The Show Guide can be found at the Ford-Iroquois Extension website or at
2. 4-Hers may only exhibit projects in which they are properly enrolled in by deadlines set by 4-H Extension staff.
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 or online at
4. 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 12:00–1:00 p.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 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 4-H State Dog Show.
8. 4-H Show fair entry will be done online. Members must register their show entries by June 1.
9. Each individual 4-H exhibitor must have personally cared for the animals exhibited.
10. The Extension County 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.
12. 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 Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion 4-H 2025 Show Guide.
13. All precautions will be taken to protect the exhibits on display during the fair. However, University of Illinois Extension staff or volunteers are not responsible for damage, loss, or injury to any project during the 4-H Show or at the time of release.
14. 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 5, 2025. (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 4-H exhibitors enrolled in dairy cattle, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and goats will be required to certify in the YQCA program each year starting for the 2025 show season. Members can either attend a face to face class or certify on-line via the website <http://yqcaprogram.org>. The YQCA program is for youth ages 8-21. This certification is needed each year with test out options of 1-3 years. The course must be completed by June 1, 2025 in order for youth to show at county and/or state livestock shows. Members who do not complete the certification before June 1, 2025 will be removed from the project and not be allowed to show.
5. All 4-H youth enrolled in poultry, horses, rabbits, cats, and dogs will be required to complete the Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification online course. The Quality Assurance and Ethics Certification has been developed to review what is expected of youth when preparing for and exhibiting animals in competition. The course can be accessed in their ZSuite account at Clover Academy. Members who do not complete the certification before June 1, 2025 will be removed from the project and are not allowed to show. The course only needs to be taken once during a member's 4-H career. Anyone who has already taken the certification does not need to retake the test. The Extension office has a list of those who have taken the certification. Members should print out their affidavit and certificates and keep with their 4-H records.
6. 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 a blue, red, or white rating. He will not be eligible to receive any additional ribbons/trophies/awards. If the member chooses to arrive on the fairgrounds in time to show his/her own animal, he/she 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.
7. 4-Hers who remove their livestock before the designated release time will not receive a premium check.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. If you elect not to bring an animal or scratch an entry that you entered on the 4-H Fair Entry website please notify the Extension office.



#### **4-H BEEF DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent - Brian Loschen

Assistant Superintendent - Bryan Cole

The beef show will take place Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide 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 the superintendent and/ or Extension staff.
- 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, Charolais, Hereford, Shorthorn, Simmental, Crossbred / All Other Breeds

Market Heifers (No breed classes)

Showmanship

#### **Classes Defined**

Junior Heifer Calf - Born on or after January 1, 2024

Senior Heifer Calf - calved between September 1, 2019 and December 31, 2024

Late Summer Yearling Heifers - calved between July 1 and August 31, 2024

Early Summer Yearling Heifers - calved between May 1 and June 30, 2024

Late Jr. Yearling Heifers - calved between March 1 and April 30, 2024

Early Jr. Yearling Heifers - calved between January 1 and February 28, 2024

Senior Yearling Heifer - Any heifer calved in 2022

Cow & Calf (Cow must have dropped calf) - cow any age. Calf born in 2025

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

Jr. Beef Showmanship – Paxton Veterinary Clinic

Sr. Beef Showmanship – Loschen Farms, Inc.

Sr. Beef Showmanship Belt Buckle – WGFA



#### **4-H DOGS DEPARTMENT**

Dog Obedience Instructor –Faith Foster

The dog show will take place Saturday, 10:00am next to the Dance Building.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

**Thank you to the Paxton Park District for allowing 4-H to hold dog obedience classes at the Pells 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  
Sr. Showmanship - Daisy Mae Kennels

#### **4-H POULTRY DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent – Darrell Foster

The poultry show will take place Monday, 3:00 p.m.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide 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 - Farm Credit Illinois  
Champion Waterfowl Exhibit - Farmer Electric  
Jr. Poultry Showmanship - Bleich Roofing  
Sr. Poultry Showmanship - Alliance Grain  
Sr. Poultry Showmanship Belt Buckle – WGFA

#### **4-H RABBIT DEPARTMENT**

Superintendents – Heidi Walls, Kim Rahn, Jodie Luebchow

The rabbit show will take place Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

Rabbits must be checked-in no later than Monday at 11:00 am.

**Awards:** Best of Show - Bank of Gibson City  
Champion Meat Pen - Roger Wycoff Family  
Champion Single Fryer – EDGE Insurance Agency LLC  
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 - Frederick Community Bank  
Sr. Rabbit Showmanship Belt Buckle – WGFA



#### **4-H SWINE DEPARTMENT**

Superintendent – Bob Wright

Assistant Superintendent – Brett Beyers

The swine show will take place Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

#### **Awards:**

Grand Champion Overall Barrow - Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers

Reserve Grand Champion Overall Barrow – Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers

Grand Champion Overall Gilt - Miller Farms

Reserve Grand Champion Overall Gilt – Wright Show Pigs

Champion Purebred Barrow - Heritage FS

Reserve Champion Purebred Barrow - Ford-Iroquois Pork Producers

Champion Purebred Gilt – Beyers Farms

Reserve Champion Purebred Gilt – Ford-Iroquois 4-H Foundation

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

Sr. Swine Showmanship Belt Buckle – WGFA

#### **MASTER SHOWMANSHIP**

The showmanship contest will take place Tuesday, 4:00 p.m.

*Refer to the Ford County 4-H Livestock Show Guide for a complete list of objectives, guidelines and rules for eligibility.*

Exhibitors who have won Sr. Showmanship or Sr. Reserve Showmanship honors in their own species will be eligible to compete in the 4-H Master Showman Contest. The Overall Master Showman will be selected from those competing from the following species: Swine, Beef, Rabbits, and Poultry. 4-Hers are responsible for getting their own animals to show in each species and must have the owner's permission. Each competitor will show beef and swine. WGFA will sponsor belt buckles for each species showmanship winner as well as the overall Showmanship Classic winner.

#### **Awards:**

Showmanship Classic trophy – Ford-Iroquois Farm Bureau

Belt Buckles for Species Showmanship winners and Overall Showmanship Classic winner



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#### **4-H FOOD, NUTRITION, FOOD DECORATING & HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Judging will take place Monday, 9:00 a.m. in the 4-H Building.

*Refer to the Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion County 4-H Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

Selection of Champion projects and State Fair Delegates/Alternates will take place after all projects in that class are judged. All foods projects will be released immediately following (approximately noon). Please pick up food projects with judge's comment sheets and ribbons/awards by noon that day or the food will be thrown away (including decorated foods).

**Awards:** Champion Cooking 101 Project – Gibson Girls CE  
Champion Cooking 201 Project – Brent's Burgers & Beer Inc  
Champion Cooking 301 Project – Prairie Fire 4-H Club  
Champion Cooking 401 Project – Ford-Iroquois Farm Bureau  
Champion Health Project – Gibson Area Hospital and Health Services

#### **4-H CROPS, PLANTS & SOILS, FLORICULTURE/HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT**

Judging will take place Monday at 1:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building.

*Refer to the Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion County 4-H Show Guide for complete list of exhibit requirements.*

**Awards:** Champion Crops Project - Heritage FS  
Champion Floriculture Exhibit - Ropp's Flower Factory  
Champion Garden Exhibit – Rodger Bennett

#### **4-H VISUAL ARTS**

Judging will take place Monday, 9:00 a.m. in the 4-H Building.

*Refer to the Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion County 4-H Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

**Awards:** Champion Visual Arts Exhibit – Karen Moore  
Reserve Champion Visual Arts Exhibit – Ford-Iroquois 4-H Foundation





#### **4-H GENERAL PROJECTS**

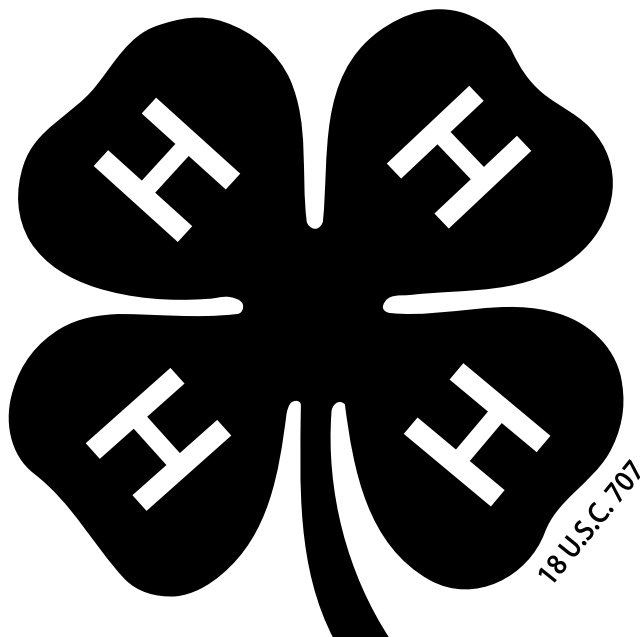
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**Awards:** Champion Animal Sciences/Small Pets Exhibit –  
Melvin Adventurers 4-H Club  
Champion Electricity Project – Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative  
Champion Interior Design Project – The Fashion Shop  
Champion Natural Resources Exhibit –  
Ford Co. Soil & Water Conservation District  
Champion Photography Exhibit – In Memory of Toni Swan  
Champion Welding Project – Magers Repair  
Champion Woodworking Project – Ford-Iroquois 4-H Foundation

#### **4-H CLOTHING**

*Refer to the Champaign, Ford, Iroquois and Vermilion County 4-H Show Guide for complete list of project requirements.*

**Awards:** Champion Clothing & Textiles Project – Ford County HCE  
\*All 1st year members will receive sewing kits from the Ford County  
Association for Home & Community Education



# FORD COUNTY 4-H PREMIUM AUCTION

Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Show Barn

5:00 PM Dinner with Auction to follow

Participant Deadline: May 31<sup>st</sup>

Contact: Micah Luebchow  
(217) 278-1189

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Ford County 4-H Premium Auction Committee is to help our youth acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and form attitudes that will enable them to become independent, productive, and contributing members of society.*

## **RULES**

1. 4-Hers are allowed to sell 1 project either livestock or general.
2. Livestock can be for market or breeding purposes.
3. 4-Hers will be required to attend auction.
4. This is strictly a premium auction. No projects or livestock will exchange ownership. The 4-Hers retain all rights and ownership.
5. The Ford County 4H Premium Auction Committee will have a predetermined value of each animal/project prior to the auction based upon funding.
6. 4-Hers **Will Be Required** to help obtain funding.
7. There will be a reward and slight increase to predetermined value for Grand Champion, BOS, or equivalent.
8. Direct relation to 4-Her (Parent or Grandparent) can upbid the predetermined amount. This **MUST** be communicated with Ford County 4H Premium Auction Committee by 3:00 day of show.
9. Live animals and projects required at sale.
10. Contact Committee for further explanation of rules.