

4-H, FFA & OTHER YOUTH FAIR PREMIUM BOOK

September 17 - 23, 2023

St. Joseph County Grange Fair
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Welcome to the 173rd St. Joseph County Grange Fair
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Fair Admission, Ticket and Camping Information

2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Gate Admission Passes

Fair gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day Sunday, September 18 through Saturday, September 24.

Adults..... \$8.00

Children (12 years and under) FREE

Season Pass (1 person only):

- Purchased before Sept. 1 \$40.00
- Purchased Sept. 1 and after..... \$45.00

Parking (Sunday through Saturday)..... FREE

Special Day Prices (8:00 a.m. to closing)

- Kid's Day (Monday) 18 and under..... FREE
- Senior Citizens' Day (Wednesday)..... \$6.00
- Veterans' Day (Friday) \$5.00

Grandstand Show Tickets

No refunds on show tickets. No smoking is allowed in grandstands or bleachers. No laser lights are allowed in the grandstand or track.

Harness Racing (Mon. & Tues. at 12 p.m.)..... FREE

Antique Tractor Pulls (Friday at 8 a.m.) FREE

2023 Pulling Special (Grandstand seats only) \$35.00

Grandstand Shows:

	<u>Pit Passes</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child (5-12)</u>
Sunday - Farm Truck Pulls & Semi Pulls at 3 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Monday - Super Kicker Rodeo at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Tuesday – Figure 8 Races at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Wednesday - TNT Bump N Run & Demo Derby at 7 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Thursday – Dirt Drags presented by: Boosted Adrenaline Sand Racing at 6 p.m.	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Friday - NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00
Saturday – Too Hot to Farm Tractor Pulls & Modified Truck Pulls at 11 a.m.	\$25.00	\$12.00	\$6.00
Saturday – Regional Show NTPA Modified Truck & Tractor Pulls at 7 p.m.	\$25.00	\$15.00	\$6.00

Michigan State Law Regarding Fair Admissions: Any person who shall wrongfully or maliciously gain admission to the fairgrounds contrary to the rules of said society, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not less than one (1) or more than twenty-

five (25) dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or such fine and imprisonment both, at the discretion of the court before whom the offender may be tried.

Fair Camping

Reserve your camp site now for \$220.00 for two weeks of camping. Call 269-467-8935 for reservations! All prices are subject to change.

- Week Admission Pass (limit 2 per campsite) \$25.00/person
- Daily Admission \$8.00/person
- Children (12 years and under) FREE

St. Joseph County Grange Fair camping rules (In accordance with the Michigan Health Department):

- The electric company requires all extension cords to be 12 ga. or larger.
- All campers in the upgraded area will require a 30amp RV plug or adapter.
- All campers, including pre-registered campers MUST check in with the camping office upon arrival to fill out papers and get passes.
- All campers MUST pay upon arrival
- All campers MUST have a permit
- All campers use Nottawa Drive-in Gate
- NO Gray Water pits
- No campfires or fire pits allowed
- Bicycles are NOT allowed on fairgrounds
- Each person in the camper must have a season pass, which can be purchased from the camping superintendent.
- All pets brought to the Fairgrounds must have appropriate papers and shots and be confined to the immediate campsite area. Pets may NOT accompany owners into commercial buildings, livestock barns, or on the grounds outside of the owner's campsite. Violation will be grounds for expulsion from the Fairgrounds and campsite with no refund.
- All pets shall be on a 6' leash and never unattended
- Only one (1) car per campsite
- NO refunds to persons leaving early.
- Camping superintendent has the authority to ask campers to move or leave the grounds.



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Carcass Hog Evaluation..... 6:00 p.m.
Carcass Sheep Evaluation 6:30 p.m.
Carcass Beef Evaluation 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

4-H Cat Show 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Poultry Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Rabbit Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Sheep Check-In..... 4:00 p.m.
Swine Check-In 4:30 p.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

4-H Dog Show 8:30 a.m.
Beef & Dairy Beef Check-In 8:00 a.m.
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Swine Check-In 8:00 a.m.
Dairy Cattle Check-In 8:00 a.m.
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4-H Dairy Cattle Interviews..... 3:00 p.m.
*Skill-A-Thons and Interviews will end at 6:00 p.m.



...To Make the Best Better.

Sunday, September 17

4-H Horse Show (Day 1)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Rabbit Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Poultry Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Swine Interviews 9:00 a.m.
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4-H Sheep Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.
4-H Beef Interviews..... 9:00 a.m.
*Interviews will end at 12:00 noon.

Monday, September 18

4-H Horse Show (Day 2)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H Goat Show 8:30 a.m.
4-H Swine Show 9:30 a.m.
Open Class Goat Show 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 19

4-H Horse Show (Day 3)..... 8:30 a.m.
4-H & Open Class Beef Cattle Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Beef Show 9:00 a.m.
4-H Sheep Show..... 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 20

4-H & Open Class Dairy Cattle Show 10:00 a.m.
4-H Demonstrations/Performances/
Public Speaking/lllustrated Talks 3:00 p.m.
4-H Animal Project Demonstrations. 3:00 p.m.
4-H "Style Revue" 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

4-H Small (Market) Animal Sale..... 10:00 a.m.
4-H Large (Market) Animal Sale 10:30 a.m.

Friday, September 22

4-H Sweepstakes Showmanship
Contest..... 7:00 p.m.
4-H Fun Night..... 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 23

4-H Horse Show (Day 4) 8:00 a.m.
Livestock Judging Contest..... 10:00 a.m.

***ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program

Sponsorship: The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Program is the non-formal youth educational component of Michigan State University Extension, which is jointly funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, Michigan State University, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association and the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners. Many St. Joseph County businesses, civic organizations and private individuals provide materials and financial support for the 4-H program.

4-H Clubs: 4-H clubs are comprised of groups of five or more young people between the ages of 5 and 19 years in urban, suburban, small town and rural settings. 4-H clubs carry out a wide variety of educational projects in civic and community service, agriculture, home economics and other areas. Volunteer adult leaders and older 4-H members enrolled in the 4-H Teen Leadership project give 4-H members direction and leadership.

4-H clubs function democratically. 4-H members run their own clubs with the guidance of adult leaders, elect officers, help plan and hold meetings and select educational projects. Each club drafts its programs to suit its members and the localities in which they live.

Current Situation: 137 Cloverbud members ages 5-7 and 513 4-H members ages 8-19 are enrolled in 4-H this year (2023). These youth are members of one or more of the 19 4-H clubs in the county. These 4-H members have planned and conducted meetings and completed projects with the help and guidance of over 200 adult volunteer leaders and 11 teen leaders.

Emblem Colors and Pledge: The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green and white. The white background on the 4-H flag symbolizes purity. The green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national 4-H pledge reads as follows:

I pledge My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
My health to better living,
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

Contributions made by local businesses, civic organizations and private individuals help provide 4-H citizenship, leadership and "life skills" development activities throughout the year.



4-H Youth Division Code of Conduct for Exhibition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair

In an effort to promote high standards of character and service to community the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board, MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development and the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council endorse the following code of conduct, which represent:

Conduct Expectations: Fair and 4-H officials expect courteous and orderly conduct by exhibitors and fair attendants. **Harassment, profanity or unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, judges, show manager, staff, leaders or other exhibitors will not be tolerated.**

Members:

All 4-H members in St. Joseph County MSU Extension activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse, profanity or threatening behavior.
- Comply with equal opportunity and antidiscrimination laws.
- Abstain from criminal activities.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances or use any form of tobacco at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds

Failure to follow the code of conduct can result in discipline and penalties as stated on page 9.

Volunteers:

All 4-H Volunteer Leaders in St. Joseph County MSU Extension Activities will:

- Accept their responsibility to represent St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs with dignity and pride by being positive role models.
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Respect, adhere to and enforce the rules, policies and guidelines established by St. Joseph County 4-H and MSU Extension programs.
- Abstain from and not tolerate physical or verbal abuse or profanity.
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Avoid criminal activities.

- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- Accept the responsibility to promote and support MSU Extension program to develop an effective, county, state and national program.
- Operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Accept and respect decisions made by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council and MSU Extension Staff.
- Under no circumstances steal or misuse 4-H property and/or donated funds.

It is imperative that all MSU Extension volunteers comply with the St. Joseph County 4-H Code of Conduct.

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St. Joseph County Grange Fair 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division

General Rules

1. **Exhibitor Eligibility:** Entry in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division is open to all youth ages 8-19 by January 1 (Cloverbud members ages 5-7 by January 1) of the current year who are duly enrolled (at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension Office) members of a St. Joseph County 4-H club or FFA chapter, or any other youth. Members must be enrolled by May 1.
2. **Exhibit Eligibility:** Following are the rules governing exhibit eligibility:
 - A. Exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per class, unless otherwise noted.
 - B. The youth exhibitor must complete all exhibits.
 - C. School projects are not eligible as 4-H exhibits.
 - D. Exhibitors may not exhibit in a class that they have exhibited in at another fair during the current year.
 - E. Youth exhibitors may not enter an exhibit that has been exhibited at another fair.
 - F. 4-H members may not participate in St. Joseph County Sweepstakes if participated in a sweepstakes contest in another county in the current year.
3. **Liability:** The following is the policy of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association:
 - The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Association, its agents, volunteers and employees shall not be held liable in case of injury to exhibitors, concessionaires, or the public on the grounds of the St. Joseph County Grange Fair.
 - Every possible protection and courtesy will be extended to all at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair, but the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board/Association shall not be responsible for any loss of exhibits, animals or equipment in case of fire, theft or loss from any other cause.
4. **Entries:** Each exhibitor must complete and submit a 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division Entry Form by Monday, August 14, 2023. **Horse entry forms are due by August**

- 1, 2023. Both deadlines are subject to change. Forms available online for download at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_fair.
5. **Still Project Excused Absence:** 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their still exhibits evaluation must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a one-page "Absentee Project Report Form" for each still project.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and absentee project report(s) delivered to the fair during the regular still exhibit project evaluation time.
6. **Livestock Excused Absence:** 4-H/FFA members who are unable (for a valid and excused reason) to be present for their livestock evaluations must:
 - A. Contact the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator prior to the fair to request approval of the absence.
 - B. Complete a Market or Breeding record book for each livestock project for which he/she is enrolled.
 - C. Arrange to have project(s) and Market or Breeding record book delivered to the 4-H Program Coordinator by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 2023.
 - D. Make up Skill-A-Thon.
7. **Emergency Absence:** Emergency absences should be brought to the attention of the Extension 4-H Program Coordinator **in writing** as soon as possible for approval.
8. **Fair Passes and Exhibit Tags (subject to change):**
 - A. Exhibitors (13-19 years of age) and registered 4-H leaders and FFA advisors will be issued a fair admission pass.
 - B. Still project exhibitors must have their exhibit tag(s) in hand before starting through the project evaluation process. Exhibit tags can be picked up in Building #46 (red barn), unless otherwise stated on Saturday, September 16, 2023 starting at 8:30 a.m.
9. **Judging:**
 - A. The judge's decision is final.
 - B. All animal and still project exhibits will be judged according to the "Danish" (A, B, C) judging system unless otherwise noted. Each exhibit will be judged on its individual merit and an A, B or C ribbon and associated premium awarded accordingly.
 - C. All other classes will be judged in competition against each other and 1st-8th place "placing" ribbons and premiums awarded as indicated for each class.
 - D. Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit the work they complete in their 4-H groups or clubs. The setting must be noncompetitive, with equal recognition given to all participants. Participation ribbons will be given to all participants in Cloverbud classes.
10. **Premiums:** Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for a given class), and refer to one of the premium payment tables inside back cover of the fair book. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.
11. **4-H Livestock members DO NOT need a current Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification on file at the MSU Extension office for 2023.**
12. **Ribbons/Rosettes:** Ribbons/rosettes will be awarded in all classes as specified in the Departments, Sections and Classes detailed in this book.

General 4-H Livestock Rules

Introduction: The 4-H program is educational by design. Its first priority is to help youth develop character, community service and skills in preparation of serving others in society. Members should strive to present the animals they have in the best manner possible. Each member should willingly teach others the things they have learned and are learning in 4-H. Because of the priority of developing high character and service to others, all livestock exhibitors and families will care for and prepare their animals for showing in the areas designated by the appropriate livestock superintendent so that 4-H members and families can learn from each other.

Preparation, Care & Exhibition of Animals

1. **Animals will be treated Humanely:** All 4-H animals shall be brought to the fairgrounds in a clean and presentable fashion. All 4-H members and families shall provide feed and water daily between **6:00 - 8:00 a.m.** and **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** All 4-H members and families shall not inflict undue pain for any purpose. If there is a question about the appropriateness of any treatment of an animal, the member or family members should get permission from the superintendent before implementing the practice. Abusive use of show aids will not be tolerated. Parents may intervene if safety or excessive handling is observed.
2. **“Report to Superintendent Immediately”** tags will be placed on any pen where animals have not been properly cared for by the exhibitor; *Explanation of tagging process:* 1st yellow tag = warning - verbal. 2nd yellow tag = written warning. Red tag results in loss of privileges and may result in loss of monies. Refer to 4-H project Animal Certification/Care form for full details.
3. **Proper Fitting and Representation of Animal Information:** The exhibitor is responsible for preparing their animal for presentation during the show. Immediate family members, grandparents, legal guardians, other current year St. Joseph County 4-H members or St. Joseph County 4-H leaders may assist them during fair week. However, the **exhibitor must actively participate in the grooming of the animal** as well. It is expected that the animals will be washed and clipped as allowed in species rules. Tampering with the color or quality of the animal’s coat is not allowed unless species rules provide an exception. If there is a question about the appropriateness of a grooming or fitting technique the appropriate superintendent should be consulted for approval prior to using the technique. Tampering or misrepresentation of ownership, breeding, age, preparation or other irregularity in exhibiting will be considered fraud and deception. Any use of a professional fitter, groomer, arranger, etc. at the fair facilities is prohibited. Violation of this rule, as determined by the appropriate 4-H Species Superintendent and the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator will result in the disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal(s) will be removed from the fair facilities and market animals will not be sold at the auction.
4. **Fraud and Deception:** Fraud and/or deception will not be allowed relative to any 4-H exhibit. Fraud and/or

13. **Trophies/Plaques:** 4-H and FFA exhibitors who have been awarded a trophy, plaque or other special award **must** write a “thank you” note to each donor(s) in order to take the award(s) home at the conclusion of fair week. The “thank you” note must be properly addressed, stamped and submitted in exchange for the award in Building No. 43 **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 23, 2023. The 4-H St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council sells special 4-H “thank you” note cards (including pre-stamped envelope) at the 4-H Fair Office. The cost is \$2.00 per card/envelope "set".
14. **Special Awards:** Special awards (rosettes, trophies, plaques, gift certificates, etc.) will be given only for those exhibits judged worthy of this recognition by the judge.
15. **Special Award Codes:**
 - (P) = plaque
 - (R) = rosette appropriate to class
 - (T) = trophy
 - (PR) = plaque & rosette appropriate to class
 - (TR) = trophy & rosette appropriate to class
16. **Project Guidelines:** Refer to specific project guidelines (where they exist) for information on exhibit requirements.
17. **Exhibit and Animal Release:** All still project exhibits will be available to take home **10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.** on Saturday, September 23, 2023 and **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** on Sunday, September 24, 2023. All animal project exhibits will be released at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2023. **Attention:** A fine will be assessed against any and all premiums earned on any and all exhibits removed prior to the published release times without the permission of the St. Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator and the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board.
18. **Unclaimed Exhibits:** Any project exhibit not picked up by October 31 will either be donated to charity or disposed of as appropriate.
19. **Solicitations:** Solicitations of any nature on the fairgrounds except by contracted concession or commercial rental spaces are prohibited.
20. **Advertising/Free Merchandise:** No person will be permitted to post or display signs, or distribute handbills or merchandise except under fair contract.
21. **Pets:** No pets are allowed on the fairgrounds.
22. **No Smoking Regulation:** No smoking in any building or tent on the fairgrounds by order of the fire marshal.
23. **Golf/ATV/Off-Road Vehicles Policy:** Please check with the St. Joseph County Grange Fair at (269) 467-8935 or <https://centrevillefair.com/fair-week-info/rules-and-policies/>.
24. **Open Class:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board passed the following rule regarding cross-over into open class: 4-H youth exhibitors may enter the same animals in appropriate classes in the Open Class division of the fair if they do so by the **open class entry deadline, September 1, 2023**. The 4-H exhibitor will pay entry fees and housing fees.

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deception being defined to include, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to 4-H non-livestock projects (i.e., a 4-H non-livestock project may only be exhibited one time at the Fair).
 - B. Tampering, altering, and/or misrepresentation relative to but is not limited to 4-H animal's breeding, age, ownership, and/or method of preparation or completion. (For example, with animal exhibits this includes, but is not limited to coloring that alters or misrepresents breed characteristics, pumping, drenching, and filling).
 - C. Unethical fitting of animal exhibits is defined as the administration of any substance (to include, but not limited to, drugs covered in letter (D) below, blood, oils, steroids, air, chemical substances) or performance of any surgical or nonsurgical procedure altering the animal's configuration or natural conformation of any part of the animal's body, or rendering its tissues unfit for human consumption and is prohibited. Exceptions that are allowed to letters (A) & (B) above include hoof trimming, dehorning, removal of hair, manipulation of normally attached hair, castration, branding, tattooing, ear notching, docking of tails on sheep and swine, and coloring that does not alter or misrepresent breed characteristics.
 - D. THE 4-H MARKET ANIMALS SHALL NOT CONTAIN any identifiable or unidentifiable foreign substance, including drugs, steroids, or chemicals, greater than those standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as permissible for sale for consumption as human food both on day of show and day of shipment to market from the fair. Test samples that may be collected from any 4-H animal exhibit shall be free of any foreign substance including any steroids, drug or chemical affecting the central nervous system (for example, stimulants, depressants or pain killers). Refusing such tests will result in disqualification and forfeiture of all awards.
 - E. Species superintendent team may file documentation without filing fees if rules A - D are not followed.
5. **Animal Exhibitor Dress Code:** Exhibitors may not wear any item that promotes their club's name or logo, a farm name, award(s) won by the exhibitor or species or breed associations while exhibiting in animal classes at the fair. **Note:** Volunteers working at the fair in support of a livestock show must also follow the Animal Exhibitor Dress Code during the show. Exhibitors must be dressed appropriately for shows and evaluations as specified in the St. Joseph County 4-H Fair Book under each species requirements.
 6. **Substitute Exhibitor:** An exhibitor/parent/guardian may request permission **in writing** for a substitute showman from the project superintendent **prior to** the class being shown. Some valid reasons are: personal emergency or an approved scheduling conflict that prevents the exhibitor from being able to show their own animal. The substitute exhibitor must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member. Substitute showmen are not allowed in Showmanship classes.
 7. **Assistant Animal Handlers:** Assistant handlers are allowed when an exhibitor has more than one animal in a market class. The assistant handler must be a current year St. Joseph County 4-H or FFA member.

8. **Accommodations for Youth with Disabilities:** Accommodations in judging will be given to exhibitors identified on fair entry forms prior to fair in writing as having a disability (physical, mental, emotional and/or learning) that affects their ability to compete effectively with exhibitors without disabilities. Youth with disabilities may be assisted, as necessary, during project evaluation and/or in the show ring by a parent/guardian, leader or other current St. Joseph County 4-H/FFA member. It will be the responsibility of the "assistant" to inform the judging clerk (in the case of project evaluation) or the show superintendent (in the case of animal science classes) of the reason for his/her presence at the evaluation or in the show ring.
9. **Coaching is prohibited:** Coaching of an exhibitor while they are in the show ring or participating in the evaluation of their project work is prohibited. Coaching is any behavior intended to direct the actions of a given exhibitor during the show or evaluation. Exhibitors determined to be the recipient of coaching may be disqualified from the class at the discretion of the project superintendent, judge and/or St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. * Parents may intervene if safety or excessive animal handling is observed.
10. **Examination and Testing of Project Animals:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council, St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors and St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff reserve the right to order the examination or testing of any animal for any reason by officials or veterinarians appointed by any of the above-mentioned organizations.
11. **All 4-H Livestock members/clubs** will be held responsible for cleaning and tearing down their project pen/stall at the end of fair. Individuals or clubs maybe assessed a \$50.00 fine for failure to do so.
12. All pen/stall cards must be above pen/stalls by **Sunday September 17, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.** Any pen/stall without signs will be yellow tagged.

Filing a Rules Related Complaint

The following procedure will be followed regarding the handling of a 4-H rule violation complaint:

1. Contact the appropriate superintendent or assistant superintendent and discuss your concerns with them to determine if rules have been violated. The superintendent may then choose to consult with local St. Joseph County MSU Extension staff. If you are not satisfied with the results of this process, you may file a complaint, see rule 2 and following.
2. Any person interested in bringing a 4-H rule violation complaint against a member must complete, sign and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 24 hours of the alleged violation or becoming aware of the situation and within the seven (7) day fair time frame. Every effort should be made, if possible, to submit a complaint prior to an animal exhibition in a show. If an alleged violation happens after exhibition, a complaint form must be submitted no later than the last Saturday of the current fair week by 7:00 p.m. A \$25 cash filing fee per complaint form is due and payable at the time the complaint is filed. If the complaint is upheld, the filing fee will be refunded.

3. The member and/or parent or guardian against whom a 4-H rule violation complaint has been filed has the right to read the complaint.
4. The animal may be placed under quarantine until appropriate examination and collection of samples for testing are completed.
5. The member or their parent/guardian against whom the complaint is filed (hereafter referred to as the respondent) is required to complete and submit a "4-H Rule Violation Response Form" to the 4-H Program Coordinator within 12 hours of receiving a copy of the "4-H Rule Violation Complaint Form" filed against them. The individual who brought the complaint (hereafter known as the complainant) has the right to read the response form.
6. Both the complainant and the respondent will be asked to appear before the 4-H/Executive Council Complaint Committee and Livestock Association representative for a hearing on the matter. Any 4-H member appearing before this committee must have their parents/legal guardians or their designee present and they may speak on behalf of the 4-H member. Each side has a maximum of 10 minutes to present the facts of their case, with the complainant speaking first. Each side also has five minutes for rebuttal. The Committee will deliberate as they determine appropriate and render its decision. **Upon the decision it will be final.**
7. A written copy of the 4-H and Livestock Association Complaint Committee's decision and penalties assessed, if applicable will be delivered by the 4-H Program Coordinator to the respondent and the complainant as soon as possible after a decision has been rendered. If, for any reason, a decision regarding the rule violation cannot be rendered until after the fair, both parties will be notified by mail of the Committee's decision.
8. The St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of Directors has final authority over decisions involving the Fair per the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

4-H/Livestock Association Executive Council Complaint Committee: Committee is comprised of four persons designated by the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Council and 4-H Program Coordinator as well as the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board of 4-H Extension Liaison. Livestock Association Committee members. The 4-H Youth Council President, or their designee, will serve as the chairperson. If there is a conflict of interest with any of the above representatives, the 4-H Program Coordinator will choose a designee to stand in place of said representative.

Fair Management Rights: In addition to the right of protest provided exhibitors, the fair management reserves the right to take cognizance of fraud/deception or violation of rules in connection with a given exhibit and take such action as deemed just and proper. It also reserves the right of the Fair, MSU Extension, or their affiliated organizations to take action in a situation when behavior inappropriate to the purpose of 4-H or FFA that is not explicitly addressed in these rules has occurred.

4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form: All 4-H members exhibiting animals at the fair are required to complete the "4-H Project Animal Certification/Care Form" and turn it into their club organizational leader by the deadline set by the leader. 4-H club organizational leaders must turn all Project Animal Certification/Care Forms for their club in with fair entry forms by August 11, 2023 (subject to change).

Penalties for 4-H/FFA Member Misconduct

When it is determined that a rule has been violated or misconduct has occurred while exhibiting in the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division of the fair, any and all of the following actions may be taken:

1. The exhibit in question shall be barred from the show if discovered prior to the show or disqualified if discovered after completion of the class or show. Other animals will be moved up a place.
2. Any or all other 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division exhibits of the exhibitor may be disqualified and the animals may be made ineligible for the 4-H Market Livestock Sale. Should a rule violation be established after a market animal has been sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales, the sale will be voided.
3. Awards and/or premiums earned by said exhibitor **in any or all** 4-H/ FFA & Other Youth departments may be forfeited and/or withheld pending final decision.
4. At the discretion of a committee comprised of the 4-H Youth Coordinator, the St. Joseph County Grange Fair Board 4-H Liaison, the St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council Executive Board and Livestock Association, the exhibitor and/or exhibitor's family may be barred from competition at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of up to three years.

Registration and Check-in

1. Ear tags, leg bands and wing bands will be supplied, and tattoo numbers assigned by the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office. 4-H leaders and FFA advisors may borrow tagging pliers and tattoo kits for a maximum of three (3) days only.
2. Reweighing, at the request of the exhibitor, is prohibited.
3. Fair weigh-in and check-in times are listed in each appropriate section by species.
4. All animals must be checked in by the exhibitor or an immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check in times at fair.

4-H Livestock Association Market Livestock Sales

1. Market animals must be shown at the fair in order to be sold in the 4-H Market Livestock Sales.
2. **Goats, poultry, rabbits:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Small Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Tuesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Swine, beef, sheep:** All market livestock will be consigned to the Large Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Wednesday, September 20 at 9:00 a.m.
4. The Champion and Reserve Champion goat, steer, lamb and hog carcasses will be sold at the livestock auction.
5. **Sale Times and Orders (2023):** Two sale rings will be auctioning livestock at the same time in the Henningsen Show Arena; the small animal sale will be held in the east end and the large animal sale will be held in the west end.
 - **Small Animal Sale:** 10:00 a.m. Rabbits, Goats, Chickens, Turkeys

Department 2 - Dairy

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Department 4 - Beef

General Cattle Rules

(Includes Beef Market, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Cattle)

- **Large Animal Sale:** 10:30 a.m. Lambs, Market Beef, Dairy Beef Steers, Gallon of Milk, Dairy Feeder Steers, Hogs
- 5. Exhibitors showing two individual hogs or two individual lambs will sell their higher placing hog/lamb as an individual in the regular Large Animal Sale. The second individual animal will be sold as part of a weight-group. In the event both hogs or both lambs place as Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion both animals will sell as individuals.
- 6. **Sale Commission Fee:** A four percent (4%) sale commission (subject to change without notice) will be charged on each lot sold through the sales.
- 7. **Market Livestock Insurance:** The St. Joseph County Grange Fair, Michigan State University or any of their affiliated organizations provides no insurance coverage for livestock animals. It is the animal owners' responsibility to provide insurance at their own expense and the animal owner is fully responsible for any veterinary fees.
- 8. **After The Sale** all 4-H members must:
 - A. Post a sign above their animal identifying the buyer and purchase price.
 - B. Care for market animals until they are shipped.
 - C. Write a **"thank you" note** to the buyer(s) of each individual, pen of market or weight group of livestock sold by the exhibitor and submit the note to the 4-H Fair Office by 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023. **Sale checks will be held until the thank you note is submitted to the MSU Extension office.** Thank you note envelopes must include the buyer's complete address, the exhibitor's return address and the appropriate postage. Buyer names and addresses will be available in Still Exhibit Barn #43 starting at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 22, 2023. **Note:** A separate thank you must be written to a buyer if they purchased different species. (i.e., bought swine, sheep and rabbits = 3 thank you notes.)
- 9. It is strongly recommended that market livestock not be returned to the farm for animal health reasons.
- 10. Resale of market livestock to a second party other than through the 4-H market livestock sales will be the total and complete responsibility of the parties involved.
- 11. Dairy Feeder Steers may **not** go for processing following the livestock auction; they **MUST** go to a farm or feedlot for a minimum of 30 days following the conclusion of the fair.

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Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development - Animal Industry Division

2023 Health Requirements for Livestock Exhibited in Michigan

The requirements for livestock exhibited in Michigan: The complete set of requirements can be obtained by downloading them from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development website www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo or by contacting the fair/exposition staff or livestock entry office.

1. See www.michigan.gov/mda-exhibitinfo.
2. 4-H Exhibitors will not be allowed to enter or exhibit in this species department if exhibited at another county fair during the current year.
3. **Watering and Feeding:** No commercial water tanks are allowed. All watering buckets or tanks must be emptied immediately after the animal has finished drinking. All animals must be fed between the hours of 6:00 - 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. - all feed buckets or pans must be removed immediately after each feeding.
4. **Ownership:** The exhibitor must own all cattle or have joint ownership within a family corporation and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings and/or legal guardians are acceptable. Dairy Cattle (Department 2) may also be leased.
5. **Beef Sale "Check-Off" Fee:** In accordance with state law (Act No. 291) a \$1.00/head fee on all market cattle sold at fair livestock sales will be collected.
6. **All animals must be checked in by exhibitor or immediate family member unless prior arrangements are made in writing and filed at the MSU Extension office 24 hours in advance of check in times at the fair.**
7. **Limitations:** Exhibitors may register all four types of cattle (market heifer, market steer, dairy market steer and dairy feeder steers) but may only show and sell **one** type of market cattle at fair with the exception of a carcass animal. All cattle may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household. **Exception:** Exhibitors may show both a Dairy Market Steer and a Dairy Feeder Steer. The Market Steer must be shown for showmanship and market classes and Dairy Feeder Steer for market class only, but must sell the Dairy Market Steer.
8. No barn set-up in the beef barns on Saturday, September 9, 2023 until **all** carcass weigh-ins are completed.
9. All fans must be suspended in front or side of cattle, not behind. Placement of fans will be at the discretion of the beef superintendent and/or the MSU Extension staff.
10. Final cleanup of stalls cannot be done prior to release time on Sunday morning at 5:30 a.m.
11. At the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension's discretion and exhibitor with a market animal forced to leave for veterinary reasons by the fair veterinarian may be allowed to bring their other duly registered 4-H animal to replace the disqualified animal. Replacement animals must be exchanged within 12 hours of the disqualified animal's departure but no later than 9:00 p.m. Monday night. Replacement animals are subject to normal check-in procedures and vet checks.

Department 2 - Dairy Cattle
Bill Prichard, Superintendent
Tricia Ulsh, Assistant Superintendent

1. Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
2. 2023 Dairy Cattle Leasing Rules/Guidelines must be followed. All lease/borrow release forms are due to the MSU Extension Office by August 1, 2023 4:00 p.m. Guidelines and lease agreement form available online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/4_h_project_resources or at the MSU Extension Office. 4-H members may lease up to two dairy animals as a beginner showman. 4-H dairy project members may lease and show up to three dairy animals as an intermediate showman. 4-H dairy project members may lease and show up to four dairy animals as a senior showman. A senior member may exceed project animal if animals are prodigy of original 4-H lease animals.
3. **Exhibitor Dress Code:** The St. Joseph County 4-H Dairy Cattle Project exhibitor dress code is as follows: white shirt, black slacks/pants, belt and leather shoes.
4. All 4-H dairy cattle must be checked in on Friday, September 15, 2023, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 16, 2023, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
5. Exhibitors may show up to two animals per class in sections D - J, as applicable.
6. Dairy cattle exhibited in 4-H dairy cattle classes must be purebred stock. No crossbreds. Registration is not required.
7. Dairy cattle must be tied to managers with rope or leather halters. Ropes or binder twine tied around the neck is not acceptable.
8. All Dairy Cattle born prior to April 1, 2023 must be dehorned and completely healed by fair. Horn re-growth on scurs is at the discretion of the superintendent.
9. **Gallon of Milk Pledges:** Proceeds from the sale of the milk will be divided as follows: after expenses, 3% to Dairy Cattle Project Developmental Fund, 5% (capped at \$500.00) to 1st place Dairy Cattle Senior Showmanship winner, each remaining senior showmanship class participant split 5%, with the balance divided among Dairy Cattle project members based on number of dairy animals shown at the fair. If a 4-H member is leasing their dairy project animals: beginning members receive gallon of milk money not to exceed two animals worth, intermediate members may receive gallon of milk money not to exceed three animals worth, senior members may receive gallon of milk money not to exceed four animals worth. Based on the leasing program.
10. **Dairy Cattle Feeding/Milking schedule:** 5:00-8:00 a.m. and 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Section A - Evaluation
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of dairy cattle breeding stock must participate in the 4-H Dairy Cattle Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes both an interview with a judge and the completion of a project report notebook. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their dairy cattle project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their cattle from the fairgrounds.
2. **Dairy Cattle Project Evaluations will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis at the stall where the exhibitor's dairy cattle project animal(s) are housed.

3. **Project Report:** The exhibitor must turn in the completed project report in a plastic or 3-ring binder notebook with the exhibitor's picture (at least 4" x 6") on the cover. It will be reviewed with the member during the interview process.
4. **Evaluation Dress Code:** Long pants (no rips or holes), collared dress shirt with sleeves (no sleeveless), leather shoes/boots.

Class

- 1200 - Dairy Cattle Project Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 yrs. old.
- 1201 - Best-of-Show in class 1200. **(R)**
- 1202 - Dairy Cattle Project Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 yrs. old.
- 1203 - Best-of-Show in class 1202. **(R)**
- 1204 - Dairy Cattle Project Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 yrs. old.
- 1205 - Best-of-Show in class 1204. **(R)**

Section B - Dairy Cattle Fitting & Showmanship
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are eligible to compete in showmanship classes. Pre-registration is required.
2. If there are too many entries in a class, it may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
3. Exhibitors must show their own project animal.
4. Must follow Dairy Cattle Project dress code.

Class

- 1209 - Dairy Cattle Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 **(PR, Show Halter)**
- 1210 - Dairy Cattle Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 **(PR, Show Halter)**
- 1211 - Dairy Cattle Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 **(Cow Bell Trophy, Special Award, R)**

Section C - Holstein
(Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1212 - Spring Heifer Calf, born March 1 – July 21, 2023
- 1213 - Winter Heifer Calf, born December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023
- 1214 - Fall Heifer Calf, born Sept. 1 - Nov. 30, 2022
- 1215 - Summer Yearling Heifer, born June 1 - August 31, 2022
- 1216 - Spring Yearling Heifer, born March 1 - May 31, 2022
- 1217 - Winter Yearling Heifer, born December 1, 2021 - February 29, 2022
- 1218 - Fall Yearling Heifer, born September 1, - November 30, 2021 (Fall Yearling Heifers in production must be shown in class 1221)
- 1219 - Junior Champion Female (winners of classes 1212-1218) **(TR)**
- 1220 - Reserve Jr. Champion Female (winners of classes 1212-1218 except Jr. Champion, plus the second-place animal in the Jr. Champion's age class) **(TR)**
- 1221 - Yearling Heifer in Production, born September 1, 2021 - February 29, 2022
- 1222 - Junior Two-Year-Old Cow, born March 1 - August 31, 2021
- 1223 - Senior Two-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2020 - February 28, 2021
- 1224 - Three-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2019 - August 31, 2020
- 1225 - Four-Year-Old Cow, born September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019

- 1226 - Aged Cow, five years old and older, born before September 1, 2018
- 1227 - Senior Champion Female (winners of classes 1221-1226) **(TR)**
- 1228 - Reserve Senior Champion Female (winners in classes 1221-1226 except Sr. Champion, plus the second-place animal in the Sr. Champion's age class) **(TR)**
- 1229 - Grand Champion Female (winners of classes 1219, 1220, 1227 and 1228) **(PR)**
- 1230 - Reserve Grand Champion Female (winners of classes 1219, 1220, 1227 & 1228 except Grand Champion). **(PR)**
- 1231 - Produce of Dam, two daughters, any age, produce of one cow, owned by one exhibitor
- 1232 - Dam and Daughter, owned by one exhibitor

Section D - Ayrshire
Section E - Brown Swiss
Section F - Guernsey
Section G - Jersey

Section H - Any other Breed
 (Same classes and premiums as Section C)

Section I - Dairy Herd
(Placing premium table = 102)

Class

- 1233 - Three Best Females - three best females owned or leased by one exhibitor, which have been shown in the regular youth classes **(R)**
- 1234 - Club Dairy Herd - herd to consist of three animals owned or leased by two or more exhibitors. One entry per 4-H club. Premium payable to club only **(A, B, C premium table = 7a) (R)**

Section J - Bred & Own

Class

- 1235 - Animal Bred and Owned by exhibitor **(Banner)**

Section K – Championships

- 1. All Grand Champion Cows in Sections C-H are entered in this class.

Class

- 1236 - Supreme Cow **(Banner)**

Department 4 - Beef Cattle

Steve Trattles, Superintendent
Matt Littlefield, Assistant Superintendent
Jim Trattles, Assistant Superintendent

- 1. Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
- 2. **Possession:** Each 4-H member must remain in possession of their animals after tag/weight-in and must be housed at the member's home. If an animal is determined to be in violation by Superintendent, that animal will be disqualified unless special permission is granted by Superintendent and/or MSU Extension prior to moving animal outside of range.
- 3. Market Heifers must be accompanied by a dated vet slip that confirms the animal is not pregnant within 30 days of fair. All Breeding Stock cattle must be unloaded at weigh-in scales, not to be weighed in, just to be checked in.
- 4. **Dehorning:** All Dairy Feeders Steers must be dehorned before they will be allowed to be registered and weighed

in June. All other cattle born prior to April 1st of the project year must be clean-polled or dehorned with allowance of 1 ½" regrowth at fair weigh in. **Exception:** Carcass beef animal horn regrowth at the discretion of the Beef Superintendent.

- 5. All Beef animals must be weighed-in on Saturday September 16, 2023 between 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- 6. **Exhibitor Dress Code:** The St. Joseph County 4-H dress code is as follows: For evaluations and show: long pants (no rips or holes), collared dress shirt with sleeves (NO sleeveless), leather shoes/boots.
- 7. **Order of Show:** Fitting & Showmanship (oldest to youngest age group including Cloverbuds), Dairy Market Steers, Market Steers (lightest to heaviest classes), Market Heifer, County Bred & Raised, Grand Drive, Breeding Stock.
- 8. All market beef/dairy beef animals must have a destination on file by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23, 2023 or it will be shipped for resale.
- 9. All beef animals must be shown by registered exhibitor in both showmanship and market class unless approval by beef superintendent 24 hours prior to show in writing.

Section A – Beef Project Evaluation
(A, B, C premium table = 2)

- 1. **Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of beef cattle project must participate in the 4-H Beef Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the beef skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their cattle project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their cattle from the fairgrounds.
- 2. **Interview Schedule:** Beef Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Sunday, September 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** at the stall where the exhibitor's cattle project animal(s) are housed.

Class

- 1000 - Market Animal Evaluation, exhibitor 8-11 years old
- 1001 - Best-of-Show in class 1000 **(R)**
- 1002 - Market Animal Evaluation, exhibitor 12-14 years old
- 1003 - Best-of-Show in class 1002 **(R)**
- 1004 - Market Animal Evaluation, exhibitor 15-19 years old
- 1005 - Best-of-Show in class 1004 **(R)**
- 1006 - Beef Breeding Stock Project Evaluation, exhibitor 8-11 years old
- 1007 - Best-of-Show in class 1006 **(R)**
- 1008 - Beef Breeding Stock Project Evaluation, exhibitor 12-14 years old
- 1009 - Best-of-Show in class 1008 **(R)**
- 1010 - Beef Breeding Stock Project Evaluation, exhibitor 15-19 years old
- 1011 - Best-of-Show in class 1010 **(R)**

Section B - Beef Project Skill-A-Thon
(No premium - Ribbon only)

- 1. All livestock skill-a-thons will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Class

- 1012 - Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1013 - Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1014 - Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

Section C - Market Steers/Heifer & Beef Breeding Stock Fitting & Showmanship
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. All exhibitors are required to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes showing their own project animal. Pre-registration is required.
2. All beef (market, dairy and breeding stock) will be shown in this section except Dairy Feeder Steers which will be shown in Department 4, Section U.
3. Classes will be judged from oldest to youngest age group.
4. Classes may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
5. Bull calf under 1-year can be used as showmanship animal only if calf is the exhibitors only animal.

Class

- 1015 - Market Steers/Heifer & Beef Breeding Stock Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)
1016 - Market Steers/Heifer & Beef Breeding Stock Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)
1017 - Market Steers/Heifer & Beef Breeding Stock Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)

Section D - Market Steers/Heifers
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
2. **Registration and Ear-tagging:** All beef market steers/heifers must be ear-tagged and registered at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension countywide weigh-in/registration on March 25, 2023, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register two market steers/heifer, but may show and sell only one at the fair and one in the Beef Carcass Contest. All animals may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household.
3. Market steer/heifer must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. to compete in this section.
4. "County Bred and Raised Steer Certification Form" must be filed in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office **date stamped** by April 17, 2023 for a steer to be eligible for Classes 1025 and 1026.
5. Beef Market Steers will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
6. All market steers/heifers will be consigned to the Large Animal Auction unless the Livestock Removal Authorization Form is submitted to the 4-H office by Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Class

- 1018 - Beef Market Steer
1019 - Champion Lightweight Beef Steer (TR)
1020 - Res. Champion Lightweight Beef Steer (TR)
1021 - Champion Mediumweight Beef Steer (TR)
1022 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Beef Steer (TR)
1023 - Champion Heavyweight Beef Steer (TR)
1024 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Beef Steer (TR)
1025 - Champion County Bred and Raised Beef Steer (TR)
1026 - Res. Champion County Bred and Raise Beef Steer (TR)
1027 - Beef Market Heifer
1028 - Champion Beef Market Heifer (TR)
1029 - Res. Champion Beef Heifer (TR)
1030 - Grand Champion Beef Animal (PR)
1031 - Res. Grand Champion Beef Animal (PR)

Section E - Carcass Beef Contest
(Placing premium table = 105a)

1. Due to the limited number of beef that can be handled for slaughter entries in this section are limited to 10 participants. If more than 10 participants submit entry forms, selection of the 10 participants will be based on a combined factor of exhibitor's age plus number of years in project.
2. Animals must be weighed at the fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Beef project leaders will coordinate trucking of carcass contest entries to processor.
3. The Carcass Beef Evaluation will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Bontrager's Custom Meat Processing, Leonidas.
4. Exhibitors participating in this contest are required to attend the Carcass Beef Evaluation Workshop in order to receive a premium and any associated awards. College students will be exempt from the Carcass Beef Evaluation Workshop **if** approved by MSU Extension 4-H Program Coordinator by August 11, 2023. Any member who fails to meet this requirement will have his/her animal disqualified from the contest.
5. Carcass beef animals (steer or heifer) must weigh a minimum of 1,000 lbs. for market beef and 1,100 lbs. for dairy market beef at weigh-in at the fairgrounds on Saturday, September 9, 2023 to be eligible to compete.
6. All beef carcass animals **MUST** be broken to lead.
7. If a carcass animal is disqualified at the live evaluation, the member can request that the animal be shipped with the rest of the carcass animals for butchering, however, the member will be responsible for all processing expenses and the animal will **not** be entered into the carcass contest.
8. Additional information is available at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office and will be mailed to those enrolled in this class.

Class

- 1032 - Carcass Beef
1033 - Champion Beef Carcass (Special T & R)
1034 - Reserve Champion Beef Carcass (Special T & R)

Section F - Market Beef Rate-of-Gain
(Placing premium table = 105a)

1. Animals exhibited in a market beef class are eligible.
2. Each properly registered market beef for which complete information is on file will automatically be entered in the rate-of-gain class.
3. First place is awarded to the individual market beef, with the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

Class

- 1035 - Beef Market Beef Rate-of-Gain (1st T, 2nd T)

Section G - P
Breeding Stock Rules
(Placing premium table = 102)

1. Exhibitors may exhibit more than one breed of beef cattle breeding stock, with Sections G-P each representing a different breed for purposes of this rule. Exhibitors with dual registered animals may only show in one breed class.
2. **Ownership and Registration:** All breeding stock animals must meet 4-H ownership criteria and be registered in their name by September 1 of the current year.

- All breeding stock animals must meet breed standards under which they are entered for competition. **Exception:** Section P, Commercial Females.
- Exhibitors may exhibit only one exhibit in each breeding stock class.
- All bulls must be confined to 4-H Beef Cattle Barn unless being led for judging.

Section G - Angus

Class

- 1036 - Junior Bull Calf, born May 1, 2023 and after
- 1037 - Intermediate Bull Calf, born January 1 - April 30, 2023
- 1038 - Senior Bull Calf, born September 1 - December 31, 2022
- 1039 - Grand Champion Bull (R)
- 1040 - Reserve Grand Champion Bull (R)
- 1041 - Junior Heifer Calf, born May 1, 2023 and after.
- 1042 - Intermediate Heifer Calf, born January 1 - April 30, 2023
- 1043 - Senior Heifer Calf, born September 1 - December 31, 2022
- 1044 - Junior Yearling Heifer, born January 1 - April 30, 2022
- 1045 - Summer Yearling Heifer, born May 1 - August 31, 2022
- 1046 - Junior Champion Female (R)
- 1047 - Reserve Junior Champion Female (R)
- 1048 - Senior Yearling Heifer, born September 1 - December 31, 2021
- 1049 - 2-Year-Old Cow with calf at side, calf born in 2023
- 1050 - 3-Year-Old Cow or older with calf at side, calf born 2023
- 1051 - Senior Champion Female (R)
- 1052 - Reserve Senior Champion Female (R)
- 1053 - Champion Female (classes 1043 & 1048) (R)
- 1054 - Reserve Champion Female (classes 1044 & 1049) (R)

Section H - Maine Anjou

Section J - Chianina

Section K - Hereford

Section L - Shorthorn

- Registered Appendix Shorthorn cattle may not show against purebred registered Shorthorns per National Shorthorn Association policy.

Section M - Simmental

Section N - Other Breeds

Section P - Commercial Females

(Same Classes and Premiums as Section F, no bull classes)

Section Q - Championships

Class

- 1055 - Supreme Champion Female in Sections G - P (PR)
- 1056 - Reserve Supreme Champion Female (TR)
- 1057 - Supreme Champion Bull in Sections F - N (PR)

Section R - Club Herd

(A, B, C premium table = 7a)

Class

- 1058 - Club Beef Herd - three animals owned by one or more members of the same 4-H club or FFA chapter. If the club has two or more members exhibiting breeding stock at the fair, the exhibit must include animals shown by at least two different exhibitors. Limited to one entry per 4-H club or FFA chapter. Premium payable to club or chapter only.

Dairy Beef

Steve Trattles, Superintendent

Ralph Gage, Assistant Superintendent

Matt Littlefield, Assistant Superintendent

- Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
- Possession:** Each 4-H member must remain in possession of their animals after tag-in/weigh-in and must be housed at the member's home. If an animal is determined to be in violation by Superintendent, that animal will be disqualified unless special permission is granted by Superintendent and/or MSU Extension prior to moving animal outside of range.

Section S - Dairy Beef Project Evaluation

(A, B, C premium table = 2)

- Required participation by all exhibitors:** All 4-H members exhibiting any type of beef cattle project must participate in the 4-H Beef Project Evaluation. A completed evaluation includes an interview with a judge and competing in the beef skill-a-thon. Failure to complete the appropriate evaluation(s) will result in their cattle project animal(s) disqualification from the show(s) and require the removal of their cattle from the fairgrounds.
- Interview Schedule:** Dairy Beef Project Interviews will be conducted on an individual basis on **Sunday, September 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon** at the stall where the exhibitor's cattle project animal(s) are housed.

Class

- 1100 - Dairy Beef Evaluation - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1101 - Best-of-Show in class 1100 (R)
- 1102 - Dairy Beef Evaluation - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1103 - Best-of-Show in class 1102 (R)
- 1104 - Dairy Beef Evaluation - exhibitors 15-19 years old
- 1105 - Best-of-Show in class 1104 (R)

Section T - Dairy Beef Project Skill-A-Thon

(No premium - Ribbon only)

- All livestock skill-a-thons will take place on **Saturday, September 16, 2023, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.**

Class

- 1106 - Dairy Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 8-11 years old
- 1107 - Dairy Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 12-14 years old
- 1108 - Dairy Beef Project Skill-a-thon - exhibitors 15-19 years old

Section U - Dairy Feeder Fitting & Showmanship

(Placing premium table = 102)

- All exhibitors are required to compete in Fitting & Showmanship classes showing their own project animal. Pre-registration is required.
- Only Dairy Feeder Steers may be shown in this section. Dairy Beef Market Steers will be shown in Section C.
- Classes will be judged from oldest to youngest age group.
- Classes may be divided at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class

- 1109 - Dairy Feeder Steer Fitting & Showmanship, 15-19 (TR)
- 1110 - Dairy Feeder Steer Fitting & Showmanship, 12-14 (TR)
- 1111 - Dairy Feeder Steer Fitting & Showmanship, 8-11 (TR)

**Section V - Dairy Feeder Steers
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
2. All dairy feeder steers must be registered in the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office by **June 8** of current project year (see rule no. 3 below). Exhibitors may ear-tag and register two dairy feeder steers, but may show and sell only one at the fair. All animals may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household.
3. Dairy feeder steers must be castrated and dehorned by the countywide weigh-in at the fairgrounds on June 6, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and June 8, 2023, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Calves that are not registered on either of these dates are not eligible to be shown at the fair.
4. Dairy feeder steers must receive one vaccination at the June weigh-in to help protect them against Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD), Para-Influenza (PI3) and Bovine Respiratory Syncytial Virus (BRSV). A booster vaccination must be administered 2-4 weeks following the first vaccination. Naselgen to be administered August 17 - 31, 2023, in order to be exhibited at fair. Contact the St. Joseph County MSU Extension office for specific vaccination requirements. The club Dairy Beef Project leader will help club members ensure that the required vaccinations are administered in accordance with the vaccination timetable. Active, duly registered St. Joseph County 4-H Dairy Beef Project leaders or veterinarians may only administer vaccinations.
5. All dairy feeder steers must be a purebred or crossbred dairy animal of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Dutch Belt, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Lineback.
6. Dairy feeder steers must weigh 175 - 325 lbs. at initial weigh-in at the countywide weigh/tag registration days on June 6 or June 8. Calves that weigh less than 175 lbs. or more than 325 lbs. will not be registered as dairy feeder steers.
7. Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion dairy feeder steers must be sold in the 4-H Large Animal Sale. All other dairy feeder steers may be sold in the sale or, upon completion of the dairy feeder steer removal authorization form by the exhibitor and one parent/guardian by 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, may take the animal home when animals are released from the fair on Sunday morning. **Exception:** See General Cattle Rule #7 on page 10.
8. Dairy feeder steers will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.
9. **Dairy Feeder Steers must gain at least 1.75#/day.**

Class

- 1112 - Dairy Feeder Steer
- 1113 - Champion Lightweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1114 - Res. Champion Lightweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1115 - Champion Mediumweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1116 - Res. Champion Mediumweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1117 - Champion Heavyweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1118 - Res. Champion Heavyweight Dairy Feeder Steer (TR)
- 1119 - Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer (PR)
- 1120 - Res. Grand Champion Dairy Feeder Steer (PR)

**Section W - Dairy Feeder Steer Rate-of-Gain
(Placing premium table = 105a)**

1. Each properly registered dairy feeder steer for which complete information is on file will automatically be entered in the rate-of-gain class.
2. First place is awarded to the individual dairy feeder steer, with the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

Class

- 1121 - Dairy Feeder Steer Rate-of-Gain (1st T), (2nd T)

**Section X - Dairy Market Steers
(Placing premium table = 102)**

1. Read and follow "General Cattle Rules", see page 10.
2. All dairy market steers must be ear-tagged and registered at the St. Joseph County MSU Extension countywide weigh-in/registration on March 25, 2023, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Exhibitors may ear-tag and register two market steers, but may show and sell only one at the fair and one in the Beef Carcass Contest. All animals may be cross-tagged between family members living in the **SAME** primary household.
3. All dairy market steers must be a purebred or crossbred dairy animal of the following breeds: Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Dutch Belt, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey, and Lineback.
4. Dairy market steer must weigh a minimum of 1,100 lbs. to compete in this section.
5. Dairy market steers will be divided into classes at the discretion of the Superintendent and/or MSU Extension.

Class

- 1122 - Dairy Market Steer
- 1123 - Grand Champion Dairy Market Steer (PR)
- 1124 - Res. Grand Champion Dairy Market Steer (PR)

**Section Y - Dairy Market Steer Rate-of-Gain
(Placing premium table = 105a)**

1. Each properly registered dairy market steer for which complete information is on file will automatically be entered in the rate-of-gain class.
2. First place is awarded to the individual dairy market steer, with the highest average daily rate-of-gain.

Class

- 1125 - Dairy Market Steer Rate-of-Gain (1st T, 2nd T)

Department 72 - Educational Projects

**Section ZK - Cloverbud Projects
(No Premiums - Ribbons Only)**

Learning Objective: To have fun creating and interacting with other Cloverbud members; learn about 4-H animals and display knowledge learned; learn new craft skills, and how to select tools for display; learn new gardening skills, and select a sample garden project for display.

A copy of the Cloverbud Animal Demonstration Guidelines is available for download at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/cloverbud-corner

Class

- 72187 - Animal Demonstration: Dairy Feeder Steer Showmanship.

Premium Tables
4-H & Other Youth Fair Premium Book
2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

Premium table numbers are listed directly under each section heading (and in some cases for specific classes), and refer to the premium tables listed below. The premium table for a given section applies to all classes in the section. **Exception:** No premiums are awarded in Best Exhibit, Best-in-Class, Best-of-Show, Champion, Reserve Champion, Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion classes. **Note:** In the event the receipts of the fair or MDA funding are insufficient to pay the expenses and premiums in full, the premiums will be prorated among those entitled to premiums.

A, B, C Premium Tables			
Table No.	"A" Rating	"B" Rating	"C" Rating
1	3.00	2.00	1.00
2	4.00	3.00	2.00
3	5.00	4.00	3.00
4	6.00	5.00	4.00
5	7.00	6.00	5.00
6	8.00	7.00	6.00
7	10.00	5.00	3.00
7a	11.00	7.00	4.00
8	15.00	10.00	----
9	15.00	10.00	5.00
10	18.00	11.00	7.00
11	25.00	15.00	----
12	25.00	15.00	10.00
12a	25.00	18.00	11.00
13	35.00	25.00	----
14	35.00	25.00	15.00

Placing Premium Tables								
Table No.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
101	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
102	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
103	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
104	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
105	8.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
105a	12.00	10.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	2.00
106	15.00	10.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
107	16.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	4.00	2.00



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