

2011 COUNTY FAIR – 4-H DIVISION PREMIUM LIST

**1. ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE
PRE-REGISTERED PRIOR TO FAIR.**

2. Pre-registration forms will be mailed to all members.

3. Any boy or girl between Kindergarten through one year past high school who is enrolled in a West Otter Tail 4-H club, and is conducting his or her work according to the county and state requirements, may compete for the prizes in this division. Kindergarten through 2nd grade may enter in Cloverbud 4-H Classes only.

4. 4-H Entry day for all Non-Livestock projects and Swine is Tuesday, July 19. Swine must be brought in Tuesday, as Swine Judging is at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 20. Swine must be weighed and in its pen no later than 8:00 pm Tuesday evening. Non-livestock projects will be judged Tuesday, July 19 from 2:00 pm ending at 7:00 pm. That will be the only time non-livestock projects will be judged. Champion and Reserve Champions will be selected at 7:00 pm.

5. 4-H members may exhibit only in project units in which they are enrolled and exhibit must be made during the current year.

6. A member may enter only one exhibit in each livestock lot. Read headings for specific instructions. Non-livestock projects you may enter up to 3 projects per lot, unless otherwise stated.

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

8. **Education Exhibits / Science Exhibits** for all project areas, may not exceed 12" deep x 24" wide x 36" high. (Center back 24" wide x 36" high, right and left wings each 12" wide x 36" high.) Educational Exhibits / Science Exhibits will be evaluated on the following requirements...

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

9. **Floor Space for any exhibit should not exceed 20 square feet.** If your exhibit exceeds this space limitation, contact the extension office.

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

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

12. Free passes into the fairgrounds will be given 4-H'ers who exhibit. **Lost tickets cannot be duplicated.** Transferring of passes is prohibited. Any boy or girl found doing this will forfeit the pass.

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

14. Livestock exhibitors must provide their own grain, hay, straw and feed equipment.

15. Grooming of **all** livestock, including clipping, trimming, and blocking (all species) must be done by the exhibitor, members of the immediate family, or any other bona-fide 4-H member. Exhibitors in violation of this rule may show for ribbon only and will not be considered for championship, State Fair trips, or auction.

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

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

18. **All beef, dairy, dairy goat, horse, rabbit, sheep and swine** shown in 4-H livestock shows must have the required State 4-H ear tag and/or tattoo. Animals must be identified on the appropriate 4-H livestock ownership affidavit or lease agreement and the form(s) must be on file at the county extension office. All livestock exhibits, including showmanship, must be pre-registered.

19. All animals exhibited must be owned solely by the member, member's family or leased by agreement. The family includes the 4-H'er's parents or guardians and siblings living together as a family unit. The definition of family includes an extended family where the animals may be owned by grandparents with the 4-H'er's parents actively involved with and working on the farm. Registered animals, not leased, must be registered in the exhibitor's name and/or the exhibitor's family name.

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

21. 4-H members selected for trips to State Fair and State 4-H Horse Show must have completed 6th grade through one year past high school. **Members must be prepared to accept or decline State Fair trip the day of the show.** 4-H'er may accept trip for BOTH State Horse Show and State Fair. State Fair trips will be posted at 4-H Fair Office Booth – 4-H'er will not be personally called.

STATE FAIR Qualifiers in Beef & Dairy TB Testing:

Effective in 2007: Bovine Tuberculosis testing. All beef and dairy cattle (6 months or older) showing at State Fair must be tested negative for TB within 60 days of the first day of State Fair (August 24). This is not a requirement for County Fair. Further details forthcoming.

22. DUAL TRIP POLICY!

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

23. 4-H Quality Assurance Training

Any 4-H'ers selected for a State Fair Livestock trip in Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine **MUST** have attended within the last three (3) years a Quality Livestock Assurance training **PRIOR** to County Fair.

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

judge.

25. State Fair Market animal requirements:

***Market animals do NOT have to be weighed prior to County Fair. However, swine will be weighed from 4:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday, July 19. See specific specie area for exact weigh times.**

They must have been tagged with the special 4-H Market Livestock eartag.

*All market barrows and gilts must also be properly earnotched (in both ears) and identified with plastic 4-H tag by May 16 to be eligible for State Fair.

*Market gilts will be eligible for the Blue Ribbon Auction and will be eligible for State Fair.

*No visible eruption of permanent teeth will be permitted in steers exhibited.

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

27. ALL POULTRY will be banded at County Fair. Bands will be provided.

Chickens must originate from a Pollorum-typhoid flock and documentation must accompany birds to fair. If testing has not been done, bring chickens between 8:00-11:00 am Wednesday of County Fair to be tested. Testing must be done prior to caging or any contact with other animals.

Print 4-H'er's name on the Pollorum-typhoid form which must accompany birds to the fair and deposited in designated box.

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

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

JUDGING 4-H AT THE COUNTY FAIR

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

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

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

Here is your 4-H award guidelines:

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

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

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

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

A MESSAGE TO 4-H'ERS ON JUDGING

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

* 4-H'ers general attitude toward your project

* 4-H'ers sense of learning from your project

* 4-H'ers knowledge of total process involved, in this project or exhibit. (See your project objectives.)

STATE FAIR OR STATE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

1. Trips for State Fair, State Horse Show, and State Dog Show will be selected from blue ribbon exhibits only (see State Dog Show Rules for exceptions). **Exhibit classes eligible for State Fair are marked with an asterisk *.**

2. Members selected to represent the county at State Fair and State Horse Show **must have completed sixth grade.**

3. To be eligible for a livestock trip to the State Fair, 4-H'ers must have completed Quality Assurance/Ethics Training within the last three (3) years.

4. Along with their qualifying state fair exhibit trip(s), 4-H members may participate in activities such as Share-the-Fun, demonstrations, Arts-In, or judging teams.