

91st Litchfield County 4-H Fair
Safety By Choice, Not By Chance



August 2-4, 2024
Goshen Fairgrounds

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THE 91st LITCHFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR

August 2, 3 and 4, 2024

**GOSHEN FAIRGROUNDS
ROUTE 63, GOSHEN, CT**



President's Message

Hello and welcome to the Litchfield County 4-H Fair. On behalf of the fair association team, I welcome everyone to the 91st Litchfield County 4-H Fair. Although we are all extremely excited to embark on the next 3 days, which I'm sure will be filled with fun events and plenty of friendly competition, let's all take a moment to look at the hard work that we have put in all year to make these short, but long, three days possible. Not only has every 4-H member here helped to make today possible, but we must also send out a special thank you to the many other volunteers, parents, guardians, 4-H leaders, Extension staff, and all other supporters for the tremendous amounts of help they have also put in. The fair would truly not be possible without all of you.

Now when we think of our big focuses this year, I think of this year's theme, Safety by Choice, Not by Chance. When thinking about this theme, I think of safety in many ways. The first thing that comes to mind when I think about safety is the obvious, which I think most everyone else would too; reflective vests, hard hats, safety glasses and so on. Then I start to apply this theme to my daily life - thinking about precautions I take when working with my livestock, running tractors, operating power tools, and simply just driving in my car.

Furthermore, when I think of safety, I think of the things I do in life because they make me feel safe. I'm sure we all have our own fears and things we do to keep ourselves safe from these fears. But the kind of safety I'm talking about here is on a stronger level. Personally, for me, things like "staying in my own bubble", avoiding having to do anything where I stand out, having to speak up, and so many more things that I can't even think about naming them all are the types of things I would avoid doing to be able to keep my feeling of safety. However, like our fair theme, I can relate to safety by choice. It was my choice to step out of my safety, it was my choice to run for president. Through expanding my personal safety this year on my 4-H journey, I have been able to accomplish many goals such as being able to become a strong public speaker, being able to easily step out of my comfort zone and present myself in front of others when the time comes. So in your 4-H journey, or even simply just this weekend, I challenge each and every one of you, and not just the 4-H members here but EVERYONE, to step out of the mental safety zone that each and every one of you have made up for yourself and take the challenge of choosing to do something that makes you uncomfortable. You never know where it will lead you to.

As the weekend goes on, remember to choose safety when it comes to the everyday activities such as the work you'll be doing with your livestock, the tractors you'll be operating, and simply just the car you'll be driving home in; but, don't forget to also step out of the mental safety zone you have made for yourself. Finally through the next three days, I wish all competitors the best of luck, the most fun, and remind you all to remember our fair theme - Safety by Choice, Not by Chance.

Thank you,

Haley Sarandrea
Litchfield County 4-H President

IN MEMORIAM



Helen Loomis was a former 4-H member and has been a devoted 4-H volunteer, leader and Litchfield County 4-H Foundation director for several decades. Her countless hours of support of and dedication to all aspects of 4-H will be sorely missed.

From her days as a 4-H member, as the county 4-H camp nurse, and as serving in various leadership roles at the club and county level since then, Helen made a positive difference in the lives of so many 4-H members as a mentor and role model through her hard work, dedication, outgoing personality and sense of humor in promoting 4-H.

It is with sincere sympathy to their families that we also acknowledge the following who have impacted the 4-H program in Litchfield County:

Holly Bottass
Robert Burden
Marion Lightfoot
Tom March
Dave Rennison
Edwin Whitehead

THE 91st ANNUAL LITCHFIELD COUNTY 4-H FAIR IS DEDICATED TO Jeanne Vaill



Jeanne Vaill is a hardworking, nurturing, respected advocate for 4-H. She has spent many years involved in 4-H and continues to offer her assistance when she can. Jeanne first got involved with rabbits to help take care of and tend to her family's needs by trying to get food on the table. She would raise them and do all the processing herself asking for help not only from her husband Alfred Vaill but also from her three sons Bruce, Christopher and Darrin Vaill. As time went on her knowledge and personal rabbitry grew. She started to use her rabbits to gain an income from them to help pay for things. She would sell rabbits as pets, for show and for meat. She would also sell the fur, manure, and later she started selling supplies and feed to those in the area. At her peak she had over 11 different breeds with over 500 rabbits in her care.

In the late 1960s she formed the Goshen 4-H Rabbit Club where she taught all she knew about rabbits to the kids in Litchfield County. When she was first approached with the idea of teaching all she knew, she was hesitant thinking she didn't know enough but was finally persuaded to take a huge leap that would turn her world upside down not only in the rabbit world but in 4-H as well. She continued to work with her rabbit club for many years after her boys got out of 4-H. She went on many 4-H trips with her club and even had the opportunity to foster two boys from Japan through 4-H. If you find any of her 4-H kids they will always tell fond stories of how much they learned and loved being in 4-H with her and how she was a second mother to most of these kids. She never stops at just one thing, she helped gain a rabbit barn built at the Goshen fairgrounds, later on she helped start up and run the Nutmeg Rabbit Breeders Association, a rabbit club that would meet to help answer questions on rabbits and even host a rabbit show themselves. This club was a huge part of her life as she learned how much she loved helping others by telling them things she's learned from her rabbitry.

Even now she continues to help the Busy Bunnies and Friends club with judging their record books and tries to make an appearance at the fair to see the kids and smiles that come from the 4-H fair as she reminisces when she was a leader. Jeanne Vaill is truly deserving of having the 91st Litchfield County 4-H Fair dedicated to her and her legacy.

Past Presidents of the Litchfield County 4-H Fair

1931 Litchfield County 4-H Club Exhibit (at Goshen Fair)	1977 John Burdick
1932 Litchfield County 4-H Club Exhibit (at Goshen Fair)	1978 Susan Harris (Bailey)
1933 George Dudley (1st)	1979 John Nye
1934 George Dudley	1980 James Sullivan
1935 George Dudley	1981 Sandra Carlson (Boardman)
1936 Raymond Thuillard	1982 William Davenport
1937 Raymond Thuillard	1983 Cindi McLaughlin
1938 Raymond Thulliard	1984 Amy Sullivan
1939 Robert Whitehead	1985 Jim Kennedy
1940 Robert Whitehead	1986 Tim Stuart
1941 Frederick B Plumb Jr.	1987 Wendy Shreders
1942 Frederick B. Plumb Jr. no fair due to war	1988 Tim Egan
1943 Joseph Ruwet, no fair due to war	1989 Shannon Crimmons (Allyn)
1944 Joseph Ruwet	1990 Stephanie Skargenski (Gillotti)
1945 Joseph Ruwet	1991 Becky Burr (Petro)
1946 Lloyd Shanley Jr.	1992 Charlene Marek (Bottass)
1947 Theodore P. Litwin	1993 Chris Hannan
1948 Theodore P. Litwin	1994 Anne Lidington
1949 Henry Delay Jr.	1995 Marie Rogaleski (Sartorelli)
1950 Henry Delay Jr.	1996 Todd Hannan
1951 George Ruwet	1997 Susan Curtis
1952 George Ruwet	1998 Liz Tanner (Horn)
1953 Gordon Vaill	1999 Brian Whitlow
1954 Gordon Vaill	2000 Mike Shanahan
1955 Malcolm Smith (fair cancelled: flood) Exhibit held Sept. 24, 1955	2001 Molly Ambrozaitis (Worden)
1956 Phillip D Weingart	2002 Jade LaBella (Athas)
1957 Phillip D Weingart	2003 Heather Lord
1958 Richard Hunt	2004 Joshua Tanner
1959 Richard Hunt	2005 Chelsea Mangan (Bottum)
1960 Calvin Wheaton	2006 Sarah Bailey (Carberry)
1961 Calvin Wheaton	2007 Melissa Gangell
1962 Helen Pepper (Loomis)	2008 Kara Gabriel
1963 Helen Pepper (Loomis)	2009 Meghan Tanner
1964 Alan Stickles Jr.	2010 Lyndon Thorn
1965 Thomas March	2011 Arielle Betti
1966 Thomas March	2012 Kelsey Cosgrove (Gilbert)
1967 Austin Tanner	2013 Ethan Coutu
1968 Austin Tanner	2014 Marissa Cosgrove
1969 David Jacquier	2015 Rachel Martineau
1970 Ken Murphy	2016 Rachel Martineau
1971 Ken Murphy	2017 Jackie Johnson
1972 Cathy Revaz (Hughes)	2018 Mikaela Schneider
1973 Dennis Hughes	2019 Ellie Hall
1974 Joan Kalenauskas	2020 Ellie Hall
1975 Calvin Tanner	2021 Matt Syrotiak
1976 George Harris	2022 Madeline Hall
	2023 Madeline Hall
	2024 Haley Sarandrea

The 2024 Litchfield County 4-H Theme is...

Safety by Choice, Not by Chance

During the 4-H fair, clubs will be highlighting the importance of safety, regardless of project area. Clubs will incorporate this theme throughout the fair displays.



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

The rules, regulations, and requirements presented within this book for the operation of this fair supersede any other state orders, regulations, or other printed materials. Statements made within this book are considered to be the legal contract for conducting this fair.

1. Competition is open to any Litchfield County 4-H member enrolled as of May 1 of the year of the fair. 4-H members may exhibit in any or all classes as long as they meet the requirements of that class. CT 4-H members from other counties may show only upon request and with permission from the Litchfield County 4-H Fair Association. **However, any “out of county” 4-H members given permission to show will not be eligible for championships.**
2. Only project animals listed on the animal verification forms on file at the 4-H office are eligible to be shown at the fair. Proper health papers are required and need to be available when animals arrive at the grounds. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
3. **No dogs are allowed on the grounds, this includes the camping area. Only 4-H dog projects entered into the fair are allowed on the grounds, or bona fide service animals.**
4. **All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaientry> by July 22, 2024.**

The only exception is that **home show entries are due by July 29, 2024.** If you do not submit Home Show entries by the due date, your entries will not be accepted for judging and exhibition.

5. 4-H Project Records are expected for all exhibitors. Records for home show exhibits should be entered in “Class 10: Project Records” and are required for 4-H members to win championships. Records for livestock exhibits should be displayed with your animals. Follow the guidelines for assembling your project records. The guide and records are available online: www.4-H.uconn.edu or request copies from the 4-H Office.
6. There are no entry fees and no cash premiums paid on exhibits at this fair.
7. All project work exhibited at this fair must be owned by, or the work of, the 4-H member, except for certain classes of livestock where lease programs exist.
8. Home show entries must be in place between 4 & 7 p.m. Thursday before the fair. Home show exhibitors must pick up their exhibit tags at the secretary’s booth and put them on their own exhibits. Be sure your assigned exhibitor’s number is on each home show exhibit tag. Home show superintendents may add, combine, or delete classes at their discretion.
9. Livestock entries must be in place by 12 noon Friday of the fair, or as directed in the department rules.
10. Exhibits may be removed after 3 p.m. on Sunday of the fair.
11. Ribbons are awarded according to the Danish System: Purple Ribbon = Outstanding Quality; Blue Ribbon = Excellent Quality; Red Ribbon = Very Good Quality; White Ribbon = Good Quality; Green Ribbon = Participation. Other awards are presented as listed in each class.
12. Judges’ decisions are final. As per the Constitution & Bylaws of the Litchfield County 4-H Fair Association, Inc. *“The Executive Committee shall be the court of final appeal in all cases of dispute.”*
13. Animals with housing facilities remain on the grounds throughout the fair.
14. **IMPORTANT:** Each club or individual must completely remove all animals, feed and related equipment from their barn or area and plan to leave the fairgrounds by 5 p.m. on Sunday. EVERY CLUB must appoint one adult person who is responsible for staying and helping with the cleanup of the entire fairgrounds. Names should be given to the Grounds Vice President by the Thursday before the fair.
15. Overnight permission forms will be issued to club leaders who will distribute them to members. Each 4-H Club Leader determines who will be staying for their group. No one is allowed to stay without proper permission forms. More information on overnight rules and forms will be sent to leaders in July.
16. **Alcoholic beverages and other controlled or illegal substances are not allowed on the fairgrounds. Violation will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds.**
17. Only authorized vehicles are allowed to drive around the fairgrounds during the operation of the fair. This means garbage crews or those on specific fair business. All other vehicles are to remain parked in the designated areas.
18. The Litchfield County 4-H Fair Association officers, directors, and superintendents will assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to exhibits. Exhibitors must give personal attention to their property and at the close of the fair take charge of the same. Exhibitors are responsible for their animals including any damage occurring to the animal or by the animal while on the grounds. The fair management assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to livestock, or injury to persons.

HOME SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS

The following 4-H members will be working in various departments in the home show building during the fair, accepting entries, assisting judges, and recording awards:

Erin Blore

Vienne Pelizzari

HOME SHOW AWARDS

Home Show Grand Champion: The Kathy Assard Bixby Memorial Tray will be presented to the Home Show exhibitor with the highest quality exhibits and greatest participation in home show activities based on an accumulation of points for each exhibit entered. Point system is as follows:

Purple:	10 points
Blue:	8 points
Red:	4 points
White:	0 points
Green/participant:	0 points

Age Categories: Home Show classes 1 - 8 are as follows: (ages as of January 1 of the current 4-H year)

Junior:	7 to 12 year olds
Senior:	13 to 18 year olds

Class Champion: In Home Show Classes 1-8, Junior and Senior class champions will be named, based on accumulation of points, provided there is a minimum of 3 different exhibitors and ten entries in each class.

Awards will be presented to the Class Champions. (Note: classes 3 and 4 will be combined to result in naming one class champion total for classes 3 and 4 as one)

Best Club Booth Exhibit: The name of the club whose entry in Club Exhibits is designated as the best by the judges for that class will be engraved on the **Kathy Assard Bixby Plaque** at the 4-H office.

Litchfield County Council of Fairs Contest:

2024 Framed Button Art Project: Sponsored by the Litchfield County Council of Fairs. The winner will be eligible for county competition.

Junior Baking Contest: (4-H members only) The winner of the local contest will receive a blue ribbon from the Association of Connecticut Fairs and will then become eligible to submit their entry at the state contest.

Class 1: Clothing & Textiles

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairententry>
by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be evaluated.
2. Entries must have been made since the most recent 4-H Fair.
3. All clothing must be clean and pressed.
4. ATTACH ALL EXHIBIT TAGS SECURELY.
5. Exhibitors may enter up to three exhibits in any lot number.
6. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.

LOT

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| 1. Sewing Kit or Basket | 17. Repurposed Item |
| 2. Accessories (hats, belts, tote bags, etc.) | 18. Quilt (Machine) |
| 3. Apron | 19. Quilt (Handwork) |
| 4. Blouse | 20. Pillow |
| 5. Vest | 21. Pillowcase |
| 6. Skirt | 22. Stuffed Toy |
| 7. Shorts | 23. Wall Hanging |
| 8. Pants | 24. Blanket |
| 9. Sportswear | 25. Household Item |
| 10. Night wear | 26. Other Sewing |
| 11. Dress | 27. Knitting |
| 12. Jacket | 28. Crocheting |
| 13. Poncho/Cape | 29. Other Textile |
| 14. Suit | |
| 15. Coat | |
| 16. Gown | |

AWARDS: Court of Honor & others as listed under Home Show Awards.

Class 2: Food Preparation or Preservation & Dairy Products

Note: Exhibits received after 7 pm Thursday before the fair will not be evaluated.

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> by July 29th

1. Please **include the recipe** with your exhibit.
2. Exhibit foods that won't deteriorate in 2 days.
3. Use paper plates when possible. Put your name on all dishes used. The 4-H Fair Association is not responsible for lost or broken dishes.
4. **Cover all food with a zip lock type plastic bag. Pies and cakes in plastic wrap.**
5. Entry tags must be attached to your exhibits.
6. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.
7. You may exhibit up to 3 items in any LOT, as long as it is a different type, for example:
LOT 1 Chocolate chip cookies, LOT 1 Peanut butter cookies.
8. The numbers in parentheses after the lot descriptions refer to the number of items that must be on the plate.

LOT

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| 1. Cookies (6 of one type) | 13. Frosted Cupcakes (4) |
| 2. Muffins (4 of one type) | 14. Yeast Bread loaf |
| 3. Baking Powder Biscuits (4 of one kind) | 15. Yeast Rolls (4) |
| 4. Quick Bread Loaf | 16. Sponge or Chiffon Cake |
| 5. Gingerbread | 17. Decorated Cake |
| 6. Loaf cake (no frosting) | 18. Decorated Cupcakes (4) |
| 7. Bar cookies (4 of one kind) | 19. Pie |
| 8. Old Family Favorite | 20. Other Baking |
| 9. Doughnuts (4) | |
| 10. Candy (6 pieces) | |
| 11. Layer Cake | |
| 12. Pound Cake | |

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Food Preservation: Rules & Regulations

1. All articles must be canned or preserved by the exhibitor.
2. Attach labels including name of item and date canned or preserved to containers. Include entry tags with each exhibit.
3. Jams and Jellies will not be opened during judging.
4. Use uniform containers.
5. Containers must be cleaned and properly sealed.
6. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.
7. You may exhibit up to 3 items in any LOT, as long as it is a different type.

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| 21. 1 Jar Fruit (any one variety) | 24. 1 Jar Jelly (any one variety) |
| 22. 1 Jar Vegetables (any one variety) | 25. 1 Jar Pickles or Relish (any one variety) |
| 23. 1 Jar Jams or Marmalade (any one variety) | 26. Other Canning |

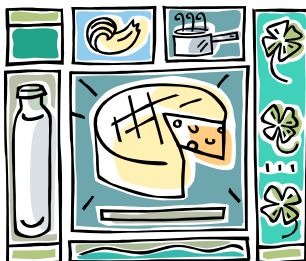


Dairy Products: Rules & Regulations

1. All foods must have been made by the exhibitor or be a product of an animal belonging to the exhibitor.
2. Please include recipe with exhibit as needed.
3. All exhibits must be clean and attractively presented
4. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.
5. You may exhibit up to 3 items in any LOT, as long as it is a different type.

LOT

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| 27. Goat Milk (1 pint) | 32. Cow Yogurt (1/2 cup) |
| 28. Cow Milk (1 pint) | 33. Aged Cheese, cow or goat |
| 29. Butter (1/4 pound) | 34. Soft Cheese, cow or goat |
| 30. Cream (1/2 pint) | 35. Other Dairy |
| 31. Goat Yogurt (1/2 cup) | |



AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Class 3: Flowers & Herbs

(Rules & Regulations)

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry> by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be evaluated.
2. Exhibits must have been grown, cared for, and selected by the exhibitor.
3. Flower exhibitors must provide their own containers and remove them after the fair.
4. Entries must be **3-5 stems unless otherwise listed** with lot description.
5. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.
6. Each exhibitor may only enter one entry per lot.
7. **One class champion will be chosen from the combined class 3 and 4.**

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| 1. Ageratum | 14. Impatiens—Double | 27. Sunflower (ornamental) |
| 2. Aster | 15. Larkspur | 28. Snapdragon, Standard |
| 3. Bachelor buttons | 16. Marigold, Dwarf | 29. Snapdragon, Dwarf |
| 4. Calendula | 17. Marigold, Double | 30. Strawflower |
| 5. Celosia, plumed | 18. Marigold, Giant | 31. Verbena |
| 6. Cleome | 19. Nasturtium with foliage | 32. Zinnias, Dwarf |
| 7. Coleus | 20. Nicotania | 33. Zinnias, Standard |
| 8. Cosmos | 21. Pansy with foliage | 34. Zinnias, Giant |
| 9. Cockscomb | 22. Supertunia | 35. Other (any annual not listed) * |
| 10. Gaillardia | 23. Petunia, Single | |
| 11. Geranium | 24. Petunia, Double | |
| 12. Impatiens | 25. Petunia, variegated | |
| 13. Impatiens—New Guinea | 26. Salvia | |

Perennials:

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| 36. Chrysanthemum, Giant | 44. Hydrangea |
| 37. Chrysanthemum, Cushion | 45. Phlox |
| 38. Chrysanthemum, Daisy | 46. Rose, miniature |
| 39. Dahlia, Pompom | 47. Rose, standard |
| 40. Dahlia, Small <6" | 48. Rudbeckia |
| 41. Dahlia, Giant >6" | 49. Sedum |
| 42. Gladiolus, Miniature | 50. Begonia |
| 43. Gladiolus, Standard | 51. Other (any perennial not listed) * |

* Members are able to enter up to 3 items in these classes but items must be different.

Plant Arrangements:

52. Wildflower Arrangement
53. Annual Flower Arrangement
54. Perennial Flower Arrangement
55. Dried Flower Arrangement
56. Specimen, single stem (any annual or perennial)
57. Houseplant *
58. Planter
59. Other *

Herbs:

60. Herbs (3 stems of any one variety) marked properly
61. Herb collection (4 kinds) marked properly
62. Other *

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards 13

Class 4: Vegetables & Fruits

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry> by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be evaluated.
2. Exhibits must have been grown, cared for, and selected by the exhibitor.
3. Vegetables should be uniform size, shape, and color and at the proper maturity for table use (with the exception of tomatoes which will be accepted green). Specimens should be clean, fresh, firm, and free from blemishes.
4. Only one entry is allowed in each fruit and vegetable lot.
5. Enter on disposable plates. Fair will not be responsible for damage or lost plates.
6. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.
7. **One class champion will be chosen from the combined class 3 and 4.**

Beans: (10 per plate)

1. Green Beans
2. Yellow Beans
3. Purple Beans
4. Lima Beans

Beets: (3 per plate)

5. Red Beets
6. Other Beets (state variety) *

Cabbage: (1 per plate)

7. Green Cabbage
8. Red Cabbage
9. Savoy Cabbage

Carrots: (3 per plate, tops off)

10. Long Orange Carrots (> 8")
11. Short Orange Carrots (< 8")
12. Other Carrots (state variety) *

Sweet Corn: (3 per plate, remove 1/2 husk)

13. White Sweet Corn
14. Yellow Sweet Corn
15. Bicolor Sweet Corn
16. Other Sweet Corn (state variety) *

Cucumbers: (3 per plate of each type)

17. Green Table Cucumbers
18. Pickling Cucumbers

Eggplant: (2 per plate of each type)

19. Dark Eggplant
20. White Eggplant
21. Oriental Eggplant
22. Other Eggplant (state variety) *

* Members may enter up to 3 items in these classes but items must be different.



AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Melon (1 per plate)

- 23. Cantaloupe
- 24. Mini Watermelon
- 25. Long Watermelon
- 26. Other Melon (state variety) *

Onions: (3 per plate)

- 27. Yellow Onion
- 28. White Onions
- 29. Red Onions
- 30. Shallots
- 31. Garlic (state variety)*
- 32. Other Onion (state variety) *

Peppers: (3 per plate)

- 33. Green Peppers
- 34. Red Peppers
- 35. Purple Peppers
- 36. Yellow Peppers
- 37. Jalapeno Peppers
- 38. Habanero Peppers
- 39. Orange Peppers
- 40. Other Peppers (state variety) *

Potatoes: (3 per plate)

- 41. White Potatoes
- 42. Gold Potatoes
- 43. Red Potatoes
- 44. Blue Potatoes

Pumpkins: (1 per plate)

- 45. Small Sugar Pumpkin (<6")
- 46. Large Sugar Pumpkin (>6")
- 47. Mini Pumpkin
- 48. Other Pumpkin (state variety) *

Summer Squash: (3 per plate)

- 49. Green Zucchini
- 50. Golden Zucchini
- 51. Straight Neck Squash
- 52. Crook Neck Squash
- 53. Patty Pan Squash
- 54. Other Summer Squash (state variety) *

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Tomatoes: (5 per plate)

- 55. Red Standard Tomatoes
- 56. Yellow Standard Tomatoes
- 57. Red Pear Tomatoes
- 58. Yellow Pear Tomatoes
- 59. Red Plum Tomatoes
- 60. Yellow Plum Tomatoes
- 61. Red Cherry Tomatoes
- 62. Orange Cherry Tomatoes
- 63. Yellow Cherry Tomatoes
- 64. Grape Tomatoes

Winter Squash: (2 per plate)

- 65. Acorn Squash
- 66. Spaghetti Squash
- 67. Blue Hubbard Squash
- 68. Buttercup Squash
- 69. Butternut Squash
- 70. Other Winter Squash (state variety) *
- 71. Other Vegetable (state variety) *

Fruits: (5 per plate)

- 72. Apples (state variety) *
- 73. Peaches (state variety) *
- 74. Pears (state variety) *
- 75. Plums
- 76. Quinces
- 77. Grapes (1 bunch)

Berries: (Pint Basket)

- 78. Strawberries
- 79. Blackberries
- 80. Blueberries
- 81. Raspberries
- 82. Other Berries (state variety) *
- 83. Nuts (quart, state variety) *
- 84. Other (state variety) *

*Members may enter more than one item in these classes
but items must be different.

Class 5: Crafts

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry>

by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be judged.
2. Kits are allowed BUT MUST BE MARKED AS SUCH.
3. **Exhibitors may enter up to three exhibits in any lot number, but items must be of different design.**
4. All work must have been done in the current 4-H year.
5. Name and address should be on all articles to ensure safe return.
6. Exhibits will be judged on the basis of originality, neatness, completeness, arrangement of display and interest.
7. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.

LOT

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| 1. Candles | 20. Crewel |
| 2. Hobby Collection-Cannot take up an area larger than 24" X 24" and must be mounted (for example: box or board) and moveable. Only one collection per exhibitor. | 21. Embroidery |
| 3. Mobile | 22. Candle wicking |
| 4. Wind chimes | 23. Electrical |
| 5. Ceramics | 24. Basketry |
| 6. Decoupage | 25. Macramé |
| 7. Stencils (quality of stenciling judged, not article stenciled on) | 26. Hand Made Jewelry |
| 8. Wood Burning | 27. Needle felting |
| 9. Dream Catchers | 28. Kit |
| 10. Hoops with needlework | 29. Other Crafts |
| 11. Felt Craft | |
| 12. Paper Mache | |
| 13. Woodworking | |
| 14. Leather Craft | |
| 15. Metal Craft | |
| 16. Tile Craft | |
| 17. Puppets | |
| 18. String Art | |
| 19. Pottery | |



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AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Class 6: Art

Rules & Regulations:

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry> by July 29th

1. All entries must have proper **Lot Number** indicated.
2. Exhibits received after 7:00 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be judged.
3. All work must have been done by 4-H member during current 4-H project year.
4. Each exhibitor may make one entry per lot, except as noted.
5. **Artwork must be quality mounted and able to be hung on a wall.**
6. All exhibits must be marked with name and address to ensure safe return.
7. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.

ART

LOT

1. Oils & Acrylics
2. Watercolors
3. Charcoal or pencil
4. Pen & Ink
5. Collage
6. Mixed media
7. Color Drawing Pastels
8. Color Drawing Crayons
9. Color Drawing Colored Pencil
10. Graphic Design
11. Computer Art
12. Cartoon Art
13. Clay Model
14. Sculpture, mixed media
15. Print Making
16. Other Art *



* Members are able to enter up to 3 items in this class but items must be different.

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Class 7 : Photography

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairententry> by July 29th

1. All entries must have proper **Lot Number** indicated.
2. Exhibits received after 7:00 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be judged.
3. All work must have been done by 4-H member since Oct. 1, 2023 except **LOT 1**.
4. In Photography, only 1 entry per person per lot number is allowed, except where indicated otherwise.
5. All exhibits must be marked with name and address to ensure safe return
- 6. Mount all photos on card stock.**
7. In order to be a class champion, the 4-H member must have a record book entered in the fair.

PHOTOGRAPHY

LOT

1. 4-H Fair Snapshot
2. 4-H Project Snapshots with signed record (min. 25) (must be mounted as one exhibit)
3. Group of 5 snapshots, one subject (must be mounted as one exhibit)
4. Flash Indoor Pictures
5. Scenic Picture
6. Portrait of people or a person
7. Angle Shot
8. Enlargement (5 X 7)
9. Animal Portrait
10. Action Picture
11. Photo Story (series of 5-10 snapshots)
12. Black & White Enlargement
13. Other Photography *

* Members are able to enter more up to 3 items in this class but items must be different.

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Class 8: Natural Sciences

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry>

by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be evaluated.
2. Each entry must have been made, collected and identified by the exhibitor since September first of prior year.
3. Exhibits will be judged on neatness, quality and completeness.
4. Specimens should be clearly labeled and appropriately displayed.
5. Limited to one entry per lot.
6. All exhibits must be table top exhibits.

LOT

Entomology

1. Insect Collection

Exhibit 15 or more species of adult insects representing four or more orders. Collection must be accurately labeled.

2. Self-Determined Entomology Exhibit - Designed to allow exhibitors to prepare educational Entomology exhibits. Exhibits should be educational, neat, attractive and easy to understand. A one-page written report explaining the nature or purpose of the project must accompany the exhibit.

- a. Careers in Entomology
- b. Biodiversity- the roles insects play in the ecosystem
- c. Invasive species
- d. Integrated Pest Management

Beekeeping

3. Beekeeping Exhibit - Exhibit an educational display for one (1) of the following:

- Flowers used to make honey. Display pressed flowers from ten (10) different Connecticut plants that bees use for making honey.
- Uses of honey and beeswax.
- Setting up a beehive.
- Safe handling of bees.
- Equipment needed by a beekeeper.

Geology

4. Rock Collection - Display 15 rocks and mineral specimens with three minerals in the collection. Collection may include duplications that show variations. Label collection and note where found.

Leaves

5. Leaf Identification - Collection of 15 leaf specimens, representing at least three of the five basic leaf types, from trees native to Connecticut. Include a twig with buds with each broadleaf specimen. Exhibit must be properly labeled and displayed on a poster board.

Wildlife and Natural Resources

6. Scrapbook of Connecticut Wildlife (cutouts, pictures or drawings) of at least five (5) mammals, five (5) birds and five (5) reptiles or amphibians.

Give common name and what habitat they can be found in.

Common names should be specific.

7. Educational Poster (must be 14"x22") on careers in Natural Resources.

8. Self-Determined Exhibit

Posters must be on a poster board.

Possible examples include but are not limited to: description of a Wildlife Management Area detailing area, location, habitat, management, and wildlife population trends (if known); or a poster with an emphasis on the life cycle, status, range map and habitat of a Connecticut threatened or endangered species.

Species names must be used for plants and wildlife in addition to common names.

9. Wildlife Track Exhibit

Poster board of pictures of the tracks of eight (8) wild animals or birds commonly found in Connecticut. Label each track with kind of animal or bird, location where track was found in, and what habitat it was found in.

Wildflowers

10. Wildflower Collection - Collection of 15 Connecticut wildflowers properly pressed and mounted on wildflower cards. Label with common name flower family and tell location and date collected. Display in a notebook.

Vermi Composting (with Worms)

11. Compost Exhibit - Sample and poster that explains how to compost with worms. Must include report (1 page) for one or more of the following areas: bins for vermi composting, feeding and care, moisture requirements, harvesting compost. Poster must be on a poster board and must include a photograph of your compost bin. One pint of compost (worm castings) in a sandwich-size zip-lock bag or pint jar with lid must be included.

Natural Resources of My County Poster

12. Educational Poster - Create a poster board with your photos showing a mixture of local natural resources like fields, forests, scenic views, water bodies, agriculture, wildlife or similar things. Each photo must have a caption naming the resource. Overall, the poster should convince the reader that your county is a great place to live.

Recycled Item

13. Recycled Project - Create a useable item made from trash other than craft type item. Original ideas and useful items will be ranked higher. Attach 3" x 5" card listing all materials used.

Group Environmental Project Display

14. Group Environmental Display - This exhibit is to consist of a display and written report of an environmental project carried out by 4 or more 4-H members under the supervision of a 4-H leader. The project may focus on any area of environmental stewardship including recycling, education about a local environmental issue, planting trees or other area of interest. Display not to exceed 3' x 4' (depth x width).

Judging criteria:

- A brief project description and statement of purpose and objectives.
- Creativity and quality of project.
- A brief summary of project activities, extent to which objectives were achieved, knowledge gained, significance of the project to the environment in the community, and number of people involved and/or impacted by project.
- Media campaign. Include copies of newspaper clippings and other publicity related to the project.
- Photographs may be included.

Terrariums

15. Terrarium - Create a terrarium of plant life.

No specific size of container, materials, plants or methods.

Criteria for judging will be (1) compatibility and arrangement of plants and materials, (2) appropriate potting media, (3) attractiveness and originality, (4) appropriate size of plants for container.

Terrariums should feature either woodland or tropical plants and feature at least 3 different species of plants.

Terrariums must be completely covered at all times.

Terrariums containing succulents will be disqualified; succulents belong in dish gardens.

Dish Gardens

16. Dish Garden Project - Create a dish garden of plant life.

Criteria for judging will be (1) compatibility and arrangement of plants, potting media, and container (2) attractiveness and originality (3) appropriate size of plants for container. Dish Gardens may feature succulents, carnivorous plants, or foliage plants.

Dish Gardens should be no larger than 15 inches in diameter, length, width, or height, and weigh no more than 15 pounds and contain at least 80% living plant material.

Dish Garden should feature at least 3 different species of plants.

Landscape Design

17. Landscape Design Project - Create a landscape design in a copy paper box top (12" by 18") using the parameters on the following pages.

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards

Dear 4-H Member,

Congratulations on your new role as a landscape design consultant with the Litchfield Country 4-H Landscape Commission! Our role is to provide our client, who will be attending the Litchfield County 4-H Fair this summer, with designs and water/weather management ideas for their new property near the Goshen Fair Grounds. The property is very large and has several different ecosystems including, in parts, river, forest, and field settings. Your design may take place in any small part of this property, *with or without* these specific elements (it's a very large piece of acreage).

Our client has hired a **secret judge** to score each submitted design. All designs will be on display during the fair, with the highest scoring design being the choice of our client. The key areas that will be scored are creativity, 2024 theme elements, landscape design, and overall effort. Each score component will be worth 25 points, for a potential total score of 100 points.

Luckily, our client has provided a "Project Outline" to help guide your design efforts. Be sure to review the Project Outline sheet prior to starting your design. Above all, the secret judge and client will be looking for a design that represents effort, neatness, and follows the Project Outline components (*see page #2*).

On behalf of the Litchfield County 4-H Landscape Commission I would like to welcome you to our crew and wish you the best of luck on this project!



Sincerely,

Chief Landscape Architect | Litchfield Country 4-H Landscape Commission

How to Submit for Event Participation & Scoring:

Important: All entries for this competition must be dropped off in the Home Show building on the Goshen Fair Grounds building by Thursday, August 1 by 7:00pm.

2024 Theme: **Rain & Weather Planning**

1. Concept:

Following the forecasted 2024 landscape and garden design trends, the theme will be all about **Rain & Weather**. Each submitted design should include elements of weather incorporations (rain gardens, wetlands, drainage planning). Please be sure to plan your design and pick your supplies with this theme in mind, as it is worth 25 points on the score sheet.

Helpful Tip: For this theme, think about where all the water naturally flows and goes during storms and heavy rain! How can we channel where this water will go, while still making a beautiful landscape? Does a pond or path-side stream help control the water, or a rain garden with a large range of plants? Creativity is key! **Real water in design is a plus!**

Quick Note: No fair goers will be allowed to physically touch your submitted designs.

2. Parameters:

Please use the box provided, with side "walls", which is 12" x 18".

Design must remain within parameters of side walls but can be taller.

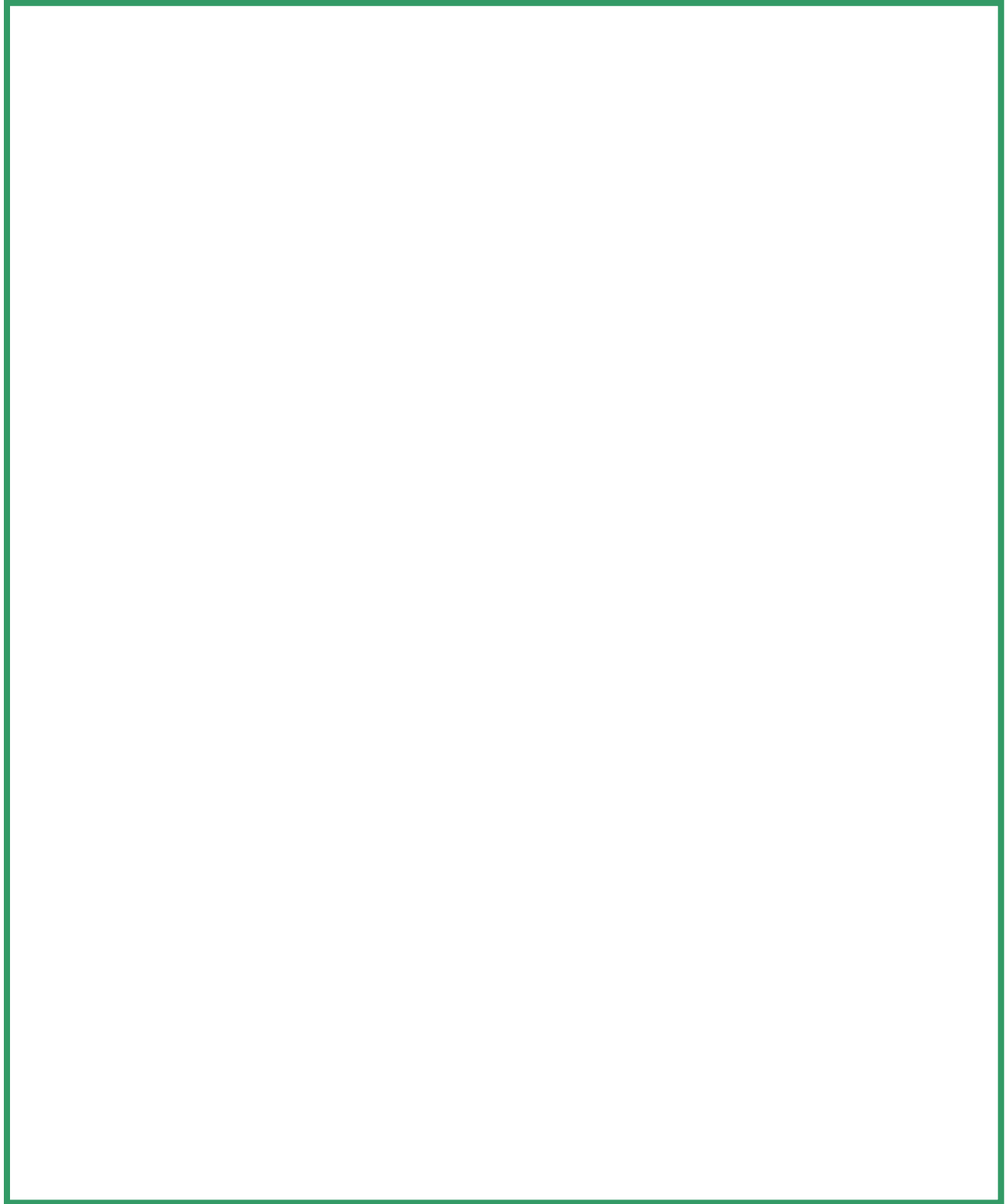
The inclusion of natural supplies (water, pebbles, dirt, grass patches, mulch, twigs, etc.) is **highly encouraged and recommended**. The use of paint, markers, (hot) glue, tape, craft paper, glitter, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, diorama landscaping, small figurines, tin foil, plastic wrap, felt, and other creative arts and crafts supplies is welcome!

3. Required Submission Components Checklist:

(per each participant)

- ✿ (x1) 12" x 18" Box Diorama
- ✿ (x1) Blueprint Layout Sheet *(attached, see Step #3, Page #3)*
- ✿ (x1) Key List Referencing Blueprint Layout Sheet *(attached, see Step #4, Page #4)* building on the Goshen Fair Grounds building by Thursday, August 1 by 7:00pm.

Please use the following space to hand-draw a blueprint map of your landscape layout. Be sure to include all elements within the box, using number labels to reference the key sheet (*next page*) to label what each item is. *Relative size/space accuracy is acceptable- exact measurements/specifications not needed.*

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin green border, occupying the majority of the page below the instructions. It is intended for a hand-drawn landscape blueprint map.

Please use the following space to create a key/list of your design elements that you included in your blueprint map. Use numbers to reference and explain what each item is. *Relative accuracy, as well as common plant/material names, are acceptable.*



Litchfield County 4-H

Landscape Design Contest 2024

Theme: Rain & Weather

Category

Score

Feedback

Creativity:

4-H member created an overall creative landscape design that has artistic and innovative landscaping elements for the size of the space given.

_____/25

2024 Theme Elements:

4-H member includes components aligning with the 2024 design theme in an organized and intentional way.

_____/25

Landscaping Design:

4-H member displays strong knowledge of design elements used in landscaping through their project.

_____/25

Overall Effort:

4-H member dedicated a significant amount of time and passion into their landscaping design.

_____/25

Total Score

_____/100

Judge Comments:

Class 9: Booth Exhibits

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry>

by July 29th

1. Exhibits received after 7 P.M. Thursday of the fair will not be judged.
2. The Club Booth is intended as a club project. This is a fine way for club members to learn to work together to show the public what they are learning in their group. Make your entry by placing your club name in the description field for Class 9, Lot 1.
3. **Individual entries are accepted under Lot 2.**
4. The exhibit is not intended to show accomplishments in the way of quality or amount of work done, only to show methods of work/practices learned/used by 4-H members.
5. Booth back should fill a space no larger than 6 feet long and 4 feet high, and a "table width" wide. It can be shaped in a "U" or "W" position and will be displayed on a fair table.
6. Articles exhibited in a booth exhibit may not be exhibited in any other class.
7. A booth exhibit may be on any theme and should tell a story to the public passing by the exhibit.
8. One club exhibit will be chosen by the judges as the Best Club Exhibit.

LOT

- 1. Club Booth 2. Individual Booth 3. Other Individual Booth Exhibits on any subject of interest**

SCORE CARD: (approximate percent of rating)

1. Subject (20)
 - a. one main idea
 - b. important to public
 - c. expressed simply and clearly
 - d. accurate information, readable signs
2. Public appeal (40)
 - a. causes people to stop, look and listen
 - b. makes people keep on looking
 - c. idea shown in an unusual way (motion, color, slogan, etc.)
 - d. stimulates action or decision
 - e. will be remembered and talked about later
 - f. tells where to get further information
3. Attractiveness (20)
 - a. neat
 - b. good arrangement
 - c. simplicity
4. Originality (20)

AWARDS: As listed under Home Show Awards.

Class 10: Project Records

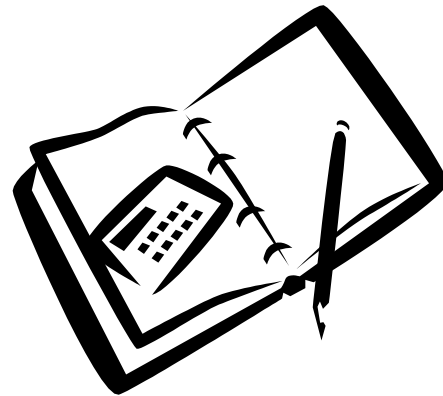
Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairent> by July 29th

1. All entries must be securely fastened in a record book cover with current records grouped at the front of the book. Follow the new guidelines for assembling your project records this year. Records and instructions are available online at <https://4-h.extension.uconn.edu/>
2. All project records must be complete through July 25th, of the current year.
3. Items of recognition or achievement are not part of records. Keep these in a scrapbook.
4. Enter Livestock Records in your livestock department.
6. Entries received after 7 p.m. Thursday of the fair will not be judged.

LOT

1. Novice Members Records (first year)
2. Junior Members Records (7-12 year olds)
3. Senior Members Records (13-18 year olds)
4. Club Secretary's Records
5. Club Scrapbook
6. 4-H Member Scrapbook



Class 11: 4-H Explorers

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairent> by July 29th

1. All Explorer displays/entries must be from Explorer Club activities
2. All entries must be from an enrolled 4-H Explorer
3. Entries to be displayed in Homeshow building and are to be in place by 7:00 Thursday evening.

Lot

1. Explorer entry



Class 12: Demonstrations

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> by July 29th

1. A demonstration may be given by one member or by a team of two or more in the designated area in the Home Show building.
2. Subject of demonstration and names of members must be noted on the online entry form.
3. The only equipment provided will be a table high work surface and an electrical outlet.
4. Presentations will be made Sunday starting at 9:00 am in the Home Show building. Demonstration times will be assigned once all entries have been received and members will be notified of their presentation time before the opening of the fair.
5. Judges will evaluate based on:
 - 25 pts: Demonstrator (Appearance, Voice, Posture and Manner)
 - 30 pts: Presentation (Introduction, Equipment and Use, Grammar, Vocabulary, Organization, Handling)
 - 30 pts: Subject Matter (Source Material, Knowledge, Accuracy, Completeness)
 - 15 pts: Conclusion (Summary, Results, Answers to Questions)
6. Junior presentations should be 3-5 minutes long. Senior presentations should be 6-8 minutes long. (3 points to be deducted from total score for each minute before minimum time or after maximum time allowed.)
7. This class is open to all 4-H members. Novice are first year and any age, Juniors are ages 7 to 12, Seniors are ages 13 to 18, as of January 1.
8. **Animal (pet) demonstrations will be an educational demonstration including a live animal. Live animals must adhere to health requirements as directed by the CT. Department of Agriculture. Live animals must arrive in carriers appropriate for their needs and safety, must remain in carriers until the demonstration, and then replaced back into the carriers after the demonstration and then must leave the fairgrounds at the conclusion of the demonstrations.**

LOT

1. Novice Members: Individual Demonstrations (including Animal (pet) demonstrations)
2. Junior Members: Individual Demonstrations (including Animal (pet) demonstrations)
3. Senior Members: Individual Demonstrations (including Animal (pet) demonstrations)
4. Novice Members: Illustrated Talks (Posters)
5. Junior Members: Illustrated Talks (Posters)
6. Senior Members: Illustrated Talks (Posters)
7. Novice Members: Team Demonstrations
8. Junior Members: Team Demonstrations
9. Senior Members: Team Demonstrations

AWARDS: Certificates of Participation and Danish Ribbons

Class 13: State and County Contests

Rules & Regulations

NOTE: All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry>

1. The Association of Connecticut Fairs offers opportunities for youth to enter state baking and quilting **by July 29th** contest each year.
2. Details for each contest are provided on the following pages.
3. 4-H members can submit their entries and the first place participant at our fair in each category are invited to enter their item in the state contest to be held in November at the Association of Connecticut Fairs annual meeting.
4. **These contests are only open to Litchfield County 4-H members.**
5. Members must enter their item in this class and lot in order to be considered to move on for state competition.
6. The Litchfield County Council of Fairs also has a contest each year and the winning entry from our fair gets to compete at the county level later this year. This year's theme is Framed Button Art. Please refer to further information following this page in the fair book for details.

LOT

1. Junior Quilt Contest (Wall Hanging)
2. Junior Baking Contest (Hermits) (Ages 7 to 15 as of July 1)
3. Senior Baking Contest (Zebra Cake) (ages 16 to 18 as of July 1 can enter)
4. Junior Litchfield County Council of Fairs Contest (Framed Button Art) (ages 7 to 15 as of July 1)
5. Senior Litchfield County Council of Fairs Contest (Framed Button Art) (ages 16 to 18 as of July 1)

2024 State Junior Quilt Contest

Wall Hanging

Junior Quilt Contest Rules:

1. All work must be completed by an individual quilt maker.
2. Work can be pieced by hand or by machine but applique must be done by hand.
3. Quilts must be either hand or machine quilted, no hand tied quilts.
4. Quilts may not be made from pre-cut quilt kits.
5. A quilt can only compete in the Association of Connecticut Fairs Quilt Contest once.
6. Participant must be between 7 and 18 years of age at the time of judging.
7. Wall hanging Quilt perimeter must measure a minimum of 64 inches.
8. Wall hanging Quilt must include a sleeve for hanging.
9. Wall hanging can be applique, or pieced. It can be hand or machine quilted, but not tied.
10. An exhibitor can only represent 1 Wall hanging at the State Quilt Contest.

Prizes:

The following prizes will be awarded:

Junior Quilt Contest:

1st place: \$25.00

2nd place: \$15.00

3rd place: \$10.00

2024 Baking Contests Rules

Each year The Association of Connecticut Fairs sponsors baking contests open to the public at participating member fairs. There are separate contests for Junior and Adult divisions, each with a specific recipe. A Two-Crusted Apple Pie Baking contest is also held.

WHO MAY ENTER: The contests at each participating member fair are open to all men, women and juniors. Commercial, industrial or professional bakers are not eligible. Divisions: Juniors (ages 7 to 15 as of July 1st) and Adult.

HOW TO ENTER: All men, women or juniors entering a contest at any participating member fair is automatically entered and competing in the local contest. Contestants may enter the contest at as many fairs as they wish until they win first prize. They will then represent that fair at the state baking contest. Please submit entries to both the local and state contest on disposable plates. The Association of Connecticut Fairs and the member fairs are not responsible for the return of plates, trays or containers.

JUDGING: The judging will be based upon appearance, flavor and texture. The Association of Connecticut Fairs will furnish judges' score sheets to each fair and the contestant will receive these sheets at the end of the contest. Additions, deletions or substitutions in the recipe are not permitted and will result in disqualification. All decisions of the judges are final.

LOCAL CONTEST: The winner of the local contest will receive a blue ribbon from the Association of Connecticut Fairs and will then become eligible to submit their entry at the state contest. In the event that only one entry is received at the local contest and that entry is worthy of first prize, that entry must be awarded the first place ribbon.

STATE CONTEST: The state contest is held as part of the Fall Meeting and Convention of the Association of Connecticut Fairs. Entries for the state contests are accepted from **8:00am to 10:00am** on the day of the judging (contact your local fair or visit www.ctagfairs.org for the date and location). Contest winners are announced at the Fall Meeting. Each fair is responsible for contacting their contest winner and providing them with information. The Association of Connecticut Fairs does not contact individual fairs or contest winners in regards to the contest and banquet reservations nor does the Association of Connecticut Fairs cover the costs of attending the awards banquet. ***NO BANQUET RESERVATIONS FOR CONTEST WINNERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.***

The Association of Connecticut Fairs, Inc

Junior Baking Contest - 2024

Hermits



Ingredients

1 ½ cups King Arthur Baking Unbleached All-Purpose Flour
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup raisins
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla
2 teaspoons molasses
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves
¾ teaspoon baking soda
8 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick)

Directions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
Spray a 9x13 pan and line with parchment paper that hangs over the sides for easy removal.
In a bowl, mix all the ingredients except the butter.
Melt the butter and mix in with the other ingredients.
Spread in the pan and bake for 30 minutes.
Cool in pan for 10 minutes. Transfer to a rack until completely cool.
Cut into 3-inch squares.

Submit 6 squares on a white paper plate.

Judging Criteria

Overall appearance	25 points
Following Directions	10 points
Texture	15 points
Aroma	10 points
Flavor	<u>40 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

The following prizes and a rosette will be awarded at the annual state contest held in November 2024. Honorable Mention Ribbons will be awarded.

1st Place: \$20.00	5th Place: \$5.00	9th Place: \$2.50
2nd Place: \$15.00	6th Place: \$5.00	10th Place: \$2.50
3rd Place: \$10.00	7th Place: \$5.00	
4th Place: \$7.50	8th Place: \$5.00	

King Arthur Baking is sponsoring ribbons and prizes at the Annual State Contest held in November.

Association of Connecticut Fairs Two-Crusted Apple Pie Contest 2024

Contest Rules

1. Each pie must be a 9" (measured at the top inside edge of the dish) Two-Crusted Pie, lattice-top is excluded
2. Submit a 3" x 5" card with your recipe, your name and address.
3. No pre-made or pie mixes will be allowed.
4. The main ingredient must be apples. However, pies may include other fruits or ingredients.
5. Failure to adhere to these rules will **disqualify** the entered pie from the competition.
6. All pies become the property of the Association of Connecticut Fairs (baking dishes will not be returned).

Judging Criteria

Overall Appearance	40 points
Crust	10 points
Flavor	40 points
Texture	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

The following prizes plus a rosette will be awarded at the annual state contest held in November 2023. Honorable Mention Ribbons will also be awarded.

1st Place: \$40.00	5th Place: \$15.00	9th Place: \$5.00
2nd Place: \$35.00	6th Place: \$12.50	10th Place: \$5.00
3rd Place: \$30.00	7th Place: \$10.00	
4th Place: \$25.00	8th Place: \$7.50	

Bishops Orchards is sponsoring by awarding bags of apples at the Annual State Contest held in November.

King Arthur Baking is sponsoring ribbons and prizes at the Annual State Contest in November.

LITCHFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL OF FAIRS 2024 CONTEST

THEME: FRAMED BUTTON ART

WHO MAY ENTER: Contest is open to all residents of Connecticut. Prizes will be awarded in two divisions at each fair: Youth (up to age 15) and Adult (age 16 and over).

LOCAL CONTEST: Exhibits may be entered at any fair which is a member of the Litchfield County Council of Fairs. Contestants may enter their exhibit in as many fairs as they wish until they win first prize. Once they win first prize, they will represent that Fair at the Litchfield County Council of Fairs Contest in the fall. If it is found that the contestant has entered and won first prize in more than one Litchfield County Fair, they will be disqualified from participating in the Litchfield County Council of Fairs contest in the fall of 2024.

If for any reason the first place winner cannot participate in the fall contest, the second place winner of that fair will be the representative.

First prize winners at each fair in both the Youth and Adult divisions will be awarded the blue rosettes by the Litchfield County Council of Fairs. Please contact the fair you are representing for information about the time and place of the fall dinner meeting.

COUNTY CONTEST: Representative first place winners from each fair for both Youth and Adult divisions will be eligible to enter their exhibit in the County Contest held at the Fall meeting of the Litchfield County Council of Fairs, held on the last Wednesday in October. Entries must be in place by 6:30pm to be judged.

COUNTY PRIZES:

1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place	5 th Place	6 th – 9 th Place
\$25.00	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	Rosette

CONTEST RULES: The theme of the contest is **framed button art** – basically, a picture made from buttons, fastened on a fabric or other suitable background, and framed. The theme for the picture should depict the fall harvest or a holiday (e.g., Valentine's Day, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Acceptable framed artwork should measure between 5x7 and 16x20. You may provide a small stand to display your artwork.

JUDGING:

Attractiveness -----	20%
Originality -----	30%
Workmanship -----	30%
Suitability of Materials -----	20%
Total -----	100%

BEEF CATTLE

Superintendent: Samantha DeMarest

All Litchfield County 4-H members with steers and/or heifers entered in the Eastern States 4-H Beef Program must exhibit their projects at this show to qualify for Eastern States.

Rules & Regulations:

All entries must be submitted online using this link:<https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> **by July 22, 2024.**

All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 2nd (special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. Animals will be released Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
2. Barn must be cleaned out prior to leaving grounds.
3. Exhibitors must supply their own hay, grain, watering, feeding, and cleaning equipment. Bedding will be furnished.
4. The show will begin at **2:00 p.m.** on Saturday.
5. All members must be entered in Showmanship classes.
6. Inoculation for shipping fever is mandatory and is to be administered no later than two weeks before the fair. Proof of Rabies Vaccination is required.
7. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
8. Project records should be exhibited as part of your beef exhibit.
9. It is mandatory that members double tie their animals with a halter and neck rope.
10. Only heifers and steers less than 2 years old on show day are allowed to enter and show at the 4H fair. There are no cow/calf pair classes

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Steers - classes set up in accordance with entries.

1. Light weight steer
2. Medium weight steer
3. Heavy weight steer

Heifers - classes set up in accordance with entries

4. Senior heifer calf
5. Summer yearling heifer
6. Junior yearling heifer
7. Senior yearling heifer
8. Senior Showmanship - for ages 13 to 18 as of January 1
9. Junior Showmanship - for ages 7 to 12 as of January 1
10. Novice Showmanship - first time showing

BEEF SKILL-A-THON:

This will be on Sunday, time to be announced at fair.

SHOW UNIFORM:

Slacks, Shirts, or official 4-H Shirts, neat & clean. While showing, members will be disqualified if they are wearing shorts, clothing advertising a farm or breed, and/or other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event.

CAVY

Superintendent: Mae Eastham

Who May Enter: Any Verified Cavy 4-H member from the State of CT

Entry Tags: Attached to cages by a Cavy Superintendent

Deliver Animals: To the Rabbit / Cavy barn. Animals must remain until the fair's close - see the fair schedule and rules.

NOTE: Cavy participation is weather dependent - extended, extreme heat, or cold, may postpone cavy participation to another date and location. Adjustments would be made to ensure member participation at the fair. This decision is made by leaders and announced with as much notice as possible.

Rules and Regulations

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All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 2nd (special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. All exhibitors must enter using the link above.
2. The Cavy department will open at 9:00 am on Friday, August 2nd. All cavies must be on the fairgrounds by 12 noon on Friday. Exceptions must be approved by the Cavy Superintendent in advance. No early arrivals.
3. All cavy entered must be in good health with nails trimmed upon check-in. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules> All cavy will undergo a health inspection by the Cavy Superintendent or designee upon arrival. Any cavy showing any signs of disease (ringworm, mites, etc) will not be allowed in the show. Cavies must be born by June 1st and weigh at least 12 oz. to show in all events - weight, age, sex, and class will be verified upon arrival. No pregnant or nursing cavies.
4. All cavy exhibitors participating in the show must participate in cavy showmanship and confirmation. Cavy Crafts, Training, and Agility classes are encouraged but optional. Showmanship animals must come from the exhibitor's caviary or have a signed lease agreement in place by June 1st. The highest scorecard score from all junior and senior classes including novices will determine who goes to premiere on Sunday. In the event of a tie the judge will make the final determination who goes to premiere.
5. Dress code for showmanship will be announced in advance and adjusted as appropriate for the weather. Exhibitors should be dressed and ready to show 15 minutes before judging time.
6. The decision of the judge will be final in all classes.
7. Breed Conformation classes will be judged according to the latest edition of the ARBA Standard of Perfection however this is not a sanctioned event. Pet/mixed breed classes which will be judged on condition (fur/coat, body, condition, etc).
8. For the safety of all Cavy all animals entered in the show must have a permanent ear tag. The number must be listed on the entry form. If an ear tag cannot be placed (the animal has torn or missing ears) an alternative may be discussed.
9. All exhibitors will be responsible for feeding and caring for their own cavy. Exhibitors must bring their own supply of feed in a labeled container. Zip tied bundles of hay are the preferred method of hay feeding for the duration of the fair. If other hay feeding methods are preferred those must be cleared with the superintendent. Exhibitors may bring their own hay or use zip tied bundles provided. Cavy supplies and personal items must be neat, preferably in a labeled black storage tote. Food for human consumption will not be stored in the animal area.
10. Cavy can be placed in single or double cages (same-sex and caviary cohabitation only - no breeding). Exhibitors may set up their cages with bedding they prefer - large flake pine wood shavings will be provided. If other bedding - fleece, reusable pads, hides, hay, cage covers, is preferred - the exhibitor must provide those and is responsible for their care. You must also bring your own heavy-weight feed bowls/water bottles or bowls.
11. Exhibitors are required to handle their own cavy for judging. If the exhibitor has more than one animal in a class or they can not be present for Breed Conformation due to scheduling they need to ask for help from fellow 4-H members. Stewards may also be assigned in advance by seeing the show superintendent. Adults may not show or handle cavy for youth. Animals should not be scratched from competition without club leader approval.

12. Animals for sale: 4-H exhibitors may put up "For Sale" signs on their cages upon conclusion of the confirmation portion of judging. All sale signs must include the breed, age, and price of the cavy as well as the full name and phone number of the parent responsible for the exhibitor. For sale, sign dimensions may not exceed a 3x5 index card. No animals may leave the fairgrounds until the conclusion of the fair. NO SALES to children without DIRECT parental permission.

13. Absolutely no leashing or diapering of cavies is allowed for the duration of the fair. Any costuming used should be limited to the event for which it is required - i.e. the pet parade or photo backdrop.

14. Danish System ribbons (number required in parentheses is for office use). Blue (200), Red (150), White (100), Purple (20), and Green (20). Trophies will be awarded for the following: Each Showmanship Class (4), Best in Show Cavy (1), Best In Show Pet Class (1), Best in Show Cavy Crafts (1), Best In Show Cavy Training (1), Best In Show Cavy Agility (1). (1) A large fancy rosette is needed for Reserve Best in Show. Blue Rosettes will be awarded for each Best of Breed (8), Best Opposite Sex of Breed (7), Best of Variety (20), Best Opposite Sex of Variety (10). Green Participation Rosettes will be awarded for Cavy Training (8) and Honorable Mention Best in Show (1). Purple Rosettes (6) will be awarded for the cavy maze and knowledge test. (Fun classes) Additional prizes may be awarded at the judges, leaders or counties discretion.

15. Exhibitors are asked not to leave the area until after ALL Cavy judging is complete. Classes will not be re-judged if an exhibitor is absent. Reminder - The Best of Breed Winners will return at the end of the show to compete for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show (Pet/mixed breed classes are not eligible but they do receive a trophy for Best Pet in Show).

16. All cavy and cavy exhibitors must remain after the conclusion of the fair on Sunday for clean up. No one is dismissed until the barn has been cleared by the Cavy Superintendent. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Cavy Superintendent and their Club Leader.

17. The 4-H Fair and the show superintendent will take all due precautions against animal loss, but will not be responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage from any cause.

Showmanship Classes - choose one per exhibitor - Select from the drop-down menu on the entry form

Lot 1: Senior Showmanship - Ages 13 - 18 as of January 1st

Lot 2: Novice Senior Showmanship - This is your first year in 4-H ages 13-18

Lot 3: Junior Showmanship - Ages 7 - 12 as of January 1st

Lot 4: Novice Junior Showmanship - This is your first year in 4-H ages 7-12

Conformation Breed Classes - Write in the cavy name and ear tag number. Then select from the drop-down menu on the entry form for Breed, Age class, and Variety group.

Breed - Choose one per animal

Abyssinian	Silkie
Abyssinian Satin	Silkie Satin
American	Teddy
American Satin	Teddy Satin
Coronet	Texel
Peruvian	White Crested
Peruvian Satin	Pet Class - Other non conforming Breed, Mixed Breeds, Neutered or Spayed Cavies.

Age Class - Choose one per animal

Lot 5: Junior Sow under 4 months
(12oz to 22 oz.)
Lot 6: Junior Boar under 4 months
(12oz to 22 oz.)
Lot 7: Intermediate Sow 4 to 6 months
(22 oz. to 32 oz)

Lot 8: Intermediate Boar 4 to 6 months
(22 oz. to 32 oz.)
Lot 9: Senior Sow over 6 months
(over 32 oz.)
Lot 10: Senior Boar over 6 months
(over 32 oz.)

NOTE: Please be sure to enter variety in the entry comment box.

Variety Group - Choose one per animal

- SELF

Beige
Black
Chocolate
Cream
Gold
Lilac
Red-Eyed Orange
Red
White

- AGOUTI

Dilute Agouti
Golden Agouti
Silver Agouti

- MARKED
Broken Color
Dalmatian
Dutch
Himalayan
Tortoiseshell
Tortoiseshell and White
California

- SOLID

Brindle
Roan
Dilute Solid
Golden Solid
Silver Solid

- TAN PATTERN

Marten
Otter
Tan

Lot 11: Cavy Maze

1. Timing of the Cavy Maze contest will be announced. It is highly recommended that you do not “over practice” animals. Two people and one supervising adult must be present at the course any time an animal is on it.
2. Food, treats or comfort items will be allowed during the competition. They may also be used in practice. Exhibitors must be clean about their use. Treats are only placed in the end gate during competition.
3. Exhibitors may not blow, clap or excessively cheer (screaming, loud banter may incur a warning) on the cavy to pass obstacles on the competition course. Any mistreatment will not be tolerated.
4. Cavy must never be left unattended in the maze area. No leashes or diapering is allowed. Waste left on the course by their animal must be cleaned by the exhibitor.
5. Lane assignments are random and are not subject to change. Agility judges rulings are final.
6. Pigs will be numbered with labels on their ears.
7. Cavy will be entered the day of the races - one animal per exhibitor until slots are filled.

DAIRY CATTLE

Superintendents: Logan Padelli and Shanyyn Hardisty

Rules and Regulations:

All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> by 7/22/24.

All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 2nd. (special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. Animals must be on the grounds by noon on Friday, August 2nd. **Your animals must be checked in with the superintendents. Please bring health papers & record books when checking in.**
2. **Showmanship will start at 9 am on Saturday**, novice juniors show first.
Breed Classes will begin at 1 pm on Saturday.
3. All animals must be on verification forms for the current year (due to the 4-H office on May 1st). To be eligible to show an animal, a member must have a 4-H record on their animal from at least May 1st as well. **Animals can be shown as two year olds and in cow classes only if the 4-H member owned or leased the same animal as a calf or yearling.**
4. **All records will be checked and 4-H records will be collected on Wednesday evening before the show. No member will be allowed to show without his or her 4-H record book.**
5. The Showmanship Contest is mandatory for all exhibitors, unless they have won the premier showmanship contest. Juniors (ages 7-12 as of Jan 1st) who have won the Premier Showmanship Contest are required to participate in the showmanship classes if they are now seniors (ages 13 and up as of January 1st). **If you do not show in showmanship, you are ineligible for breed show. The junior and senior showmanship class winners must show in premier showmanship.**
6. Exhibitors must supply their own hay, grain, feeding, and cleaning equipment. Bedding will be provided.
7. Special events concerning this department: Old Timer Showmanship (Saturday after showmanship classes).
8. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>

All entries must be vaccinated against Rabies. Animals must be vaccinated early enough (at least 30 days before the show) and must have their health papers or they will be sent home.

9. Inoculation for shipping fever is strongly recommended and should be administered 30 days in advance of the fair.
10. Health papers will be checked will be checked upon arrival.
11. ***Entries for the Dairy Show will be based on Animal Verification Forms submitted. This allows for printing of the Dairy Show Book, and the ordering of sawdust for the dairy barn.
12. **IMPORTANT:** No manure or bedding is to be piled up at the ends of the dairy barn. This causes an unsightly situation and detracts from the dairy exhibits. Put manure only where indicated.
13. **Show Uniform:** White or khaki pants or skirt and an appropriate white shirt (no tee shirts or tank tops). Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a farm or breed, or any other clothing that the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event. Appropriate and sturdy footwear is required.
14. Adults will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example for the exhibitors and other spectators at the show. 4-H members are expected to manage their cattle projects without assistance from adults.
15. Any discussion of rules, show management, or other dairy department issues will be handled by the show committee made up of the superintendents and one volunteer leader per club.
16. All dairy cattle housed in the dairy barn must stay throughout the fair.

DAIRY CATTLE RECORD BOOK CONTEST:

This contest is held to encourage all members to keep up to date record books. **Each member must submit records for every animal they show at the fair (NO RECORDS - NO SHOW!!).** Records will be collected Wednesday evening before the fair. The record books should follow the new record keeping guidelines. Records must be signed by your 4-H leader. They will be judged on completion, accuracy, and attention to detail.

LOTS - For All Breeds – Saturday

1. Spring Heifer Calves - born March 1, 2024 to April 30, 2024
2. Winter Heifer Calves - born December 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024
3. Fall Heifer Calves - born September 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023
4. Summer Yearling Heifer- born June 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023
5. Spring Yearling Heifer - born March 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023
6. Winter Yearling Heifer - born December 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023
7. Fall Yearling Heifer - born September 1, 2022 to November 30, 2022 not in milk; yearlings which have calved will show in "Two Year Old Heifer" class.
8. Two Year Old Heifer - born September 1, 2021 to August 31, 2022
9. Three Year Old Cows - born September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021
10. Four Year Old & Older Cows - born before September 1, 2020
11. Dry Cow
12. Best 2 females owned/leased by exhibitor. All breeds
13. Best animal bred and owned by exhibitor. All breeds

NOTE: Club Herd class (any five animals owned by at least four exhibitors in a club) will be judged at the end of the breed show, limit 1 herd per club, no need to enter.

Supreme Champion Heifer (Best of classes 1-7)

Supreme Champion Cow (Best of Classes 8-11)

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Rules & Regulations:

1. Mandatory for all 4-H dairy cattle exhibitors (see rule #5 under dairy cattle rules & regulations). General rules on ownership/leasing apply. Exhibitors must show their own animal in the contest.
2. Novice Showmanship is for a first year dairy showman, regardless of age. Junior Showmanship is for those aged 7 - 12 as of January 1st. Senior Showmanship is for those aged 13-18 as of January 1st.
3. Any class which is too large may be divided.
4. "SHOW WHITES" ARE MANDATORY. White or khaki pants or skirt and an appropriate white shirt

LOTS

14. Novice Junior Class (7-12, as of January 1st)
15. Novice Senior Class (13-18, as of January 1st)
16. Junior Showmanship (7-12, as of January 1st)
17. Senior Showmanship (13-18, as of January 1st)

OLD TIMER'S CONTEST: Open to all 4-H alumni, parents, leaders, etc... Borrow animals by arrangement with the 4-H member owning the animal. Make entries at ringside.

Awards to be given in DAIRY SHOW: Blue, red and white ribbons, all classes. Danish System.

Breed Champion Trophies given by the Davenport family in memory of Lowell James Davenport.

Rosettes for Champions and Reserve Champions for each breed.

Trophy for Supreme Cow, and perpetual plaque in memory of Ted Layton.

Trophy for Supreme Heifer in memory of Robert "Butch" Neal.

Trophy for Novice, Junior & Senior Showmanship Class winners

Trophy for Junior Champion of each breed

Trophy for Best Animal Bred and Owned by Exhibitor, in memory of Martha Kilmer

DOGS

Superintendents: Allison Barber

Rules and Regulations

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1. Any 4-H member wishing to participate in Eastern States must have a score in both Showmanship and Obedience with the same dog.
2. Dogs with disabilities, such as but not limited to blindness, deafness, or a permanent limp will be allowed to compete. If, during judging, the handler wishes a disability to be taken into consideration for the dog's general well-being a letter must be provided from a veterinarian stating the disability and any permanent conditions that may be present.
3. All General Fair Rules and Regulations shall apply.
4. All exhibitors must enter a Fitting and Showmanship class.
5. Dress Code will be as follows: Green pants, skirts (up to 2 inches above knee), skorts, culottes, and jumpers will be allowed, and a plain white shirt. Pants must be worn on the waist and not dragging on the ground. NO open-toed shoes, flip-flops, sandals, or clogs will be allowed. Properly secured sneakers or closed shoes are allowed. NO bare midriffs, shorts, short skirts or overly revealing clothes will be allowed. Any questionable clothing will be up to the committee to decide if acceptable. Long hair needs to be pulled back.
6. Obedience begins a 9:00 AM Saturday, and showmanship classes will begin at 1:00 PM. on Saturday.
7. The general knowledge test will begin at 9:00 AM on Sunday or at the end of the day on Sat. whichever leaders prefer with rally to follow.
8. Dogs must be leashed or crated at all times., unless showing in the ring.
9. All dogs must be on the fairgrounds by 12 noon on Friday, 8:00 AM Saturday & Sunday and may not leave before 4:00 PM or before classes have all been completed either day.
10. Participants are responsible for completely cleaning the area before and after the fair.
11. **Participants must provide all care for their dogs, and supervise the exhibit area. This includes crates, containers for food and water, and food for their dogs.**
12. Exhibitor MUST complete record books for the current year.
13. Dogs must have proof of vaccinations including rabies, and current town license. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
14. **All dogs must be the 4-H member's project. The exhibitor must be completely responsible for their dog.** The dog must be trained by the exhibitor and managed since June 1 of the current year.
15. **Adults are not allowed to handle or groom dogs at a 4-H dog show.** 4-H members may receive assistance from another 4-H member at the show. If a member is not immediately available, assistance may come from an approved leader, instructor, or judge.
16. In case of family projects (more than one child in a family sharing a dog in a 4-H club) the dog and handler may be entered once in a class where he or she qualifies competitively.
17. Dog club exhibits will be judged as part of the Display Contest.
18. The show committee reserves the right to cancel, split or combine classes depending on the number of entries.
19. Exhibitors must have appropriate size crate for individual dog and animal needs to be properly crate trained.
20. **Dogs showing undo amounts of stress, (i.e. aggression, excessive barking, or health-related problems) must be turned over to a parent or guardian and removed from the fair grounds. Dogs showing any aggression towards people will be asked to leave the grounds.**
21. **If the member is training and working more than one dog, one dog MUST be designated as the "primary" project, and the other designated as the "alternate".**

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP: (Saturday following Obedience classes)

Age of exhibitor determined as of January 1st year of the show.

Scoring of showmanship: **Dog (30%)** includes general condition (10), condition of nails (5), condition of teeth (5), condition of ears (5), condition of coat (5), **Handler (20%)** includes appearance (10), cleanliness (10), and **Handling of Dog (50%)** includes gaiting (25) presentation (25). Trophies awarded to top placing showman in each division. An overall fitting and showmanship champion award will be awarded to the top showman of the four divisions.

Lot:

1. Senior Showmanship 13-18 yrs.
2. Junior Showmanship 7-12 yrs.
3. Novice Senior 13-18 yrs. First time showing anywhere.
4. Novice Junior 7-12 yrs. First time showing anywhere.

OBEDIENCE: (Saturday- Obedience first, followed by Fitting and Showmanship)

All obedience competitions will be based on a perfect score of 200 points. In each division, Clover, Junior and Senior will be awarded a High Scoring trophy. An overall champion trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring dog and reserved champion to the second highest scoring dog in Obedience, excluding Pre-Sub Novice.

All Levels

- AKC classes will be used unless otherwise specified.
- Unless otherwise specified A and B class qualifications are:

A classes - For exhibitors and their dog who:

- are both in their first year showing at the level in 4-H and,
- who are not competing at that level or higher in sanctioned obedience trials and,
- have not earned 3 qualifying scores (170 or higher) at 4-H events at the level

B classes - For exhibitors who:

- are in their second year or beyond at the level in 4-H, or
- have previously trained a dog to that level or above, or
- have competed in sanctioned trials at that level or above, or

Lot:

- 5. Graduate Novice:** For 4-H members and dogs who have successfully completed the novice level, but do not have a qualifying score in Open.
- 6. Novice B:** Dog may have CD title, but must not have a qualifying score in Open or Preferred Open.
- 7. Novice A:** Dog may not have CD title.
- 8. Beginner Novice B:** Dog may have BN title, but must not have a qualifying score in Novice heeling is on lead with rally type signs, stay and recall are off lead, sit for exam is on lead. MUST have 6 foot lead.
- 9. Beginner Novice A:** Dog may not have BN title. Heeling is on lead with rally type signs, stay and recall are off lead, sit for exam is on lead. MUST have 6 foot lead.
- 10. Sub-Novice B:** For 4-H members who have previously trained a dog at the beginner or more advanced levels of training, or who have shown this dog at a Sub Novice "A" level in a previous year. Dogs must not have a BN. All exercises are on lead
- 11. Sub-Novice A:** For 4-H members who have never shown at this level before, and whose dog has slightly more experience than required for the Pre-Sub-Novice level. Dog may not have a qualifying score in Beginner Novice, Novice or Preferred Novice. All exercises are on lead.
- 12. Pre-Sub-Novice:** For first time 4-H members, and dogs that do not have an Obedience title. *4-H member can only participate at this level for one year.* Handler may stay next to dog for exam and pivots in front of dog for stays. All exercises are on lead, (not AKC class)

Sub Novice Exercises

Sit & Stay 1 minute	30pts.	Figure 8	30pts.
Down & Stay 1 minute	30pts.	Heel	40pts.
Stand for examination	30pts.	Recall	40pts.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST: (Sunday) 9:00 am, may be moved to Sat. pm, after classes
Test is to be taken by all 4-H members and will be scored and awarded to be included in High point.

RALLY: we will have rally classes first thing on Sunday.

Classes to include:

Novice "A" & "B" - all done on lead and fairly easy signs.

Intermediate - slightly harder signs, but all done on lead.

Advanced - "A" & "B" All off lead, and a mandatory jump with height no higher than 16"

****FUN CLASSES TO BE DETERMINED DAY OF SHOW****

GOATS

Superintendents: Charlotte Gowell, Cassie Neidt, Owen Horn

Rules & Regulations

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1. Please submit a copy of your verification and lease forms to your superintendent.
2. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
3. All general fair rules and regulations shall apply.
4. Exhibitors are restricted to current Litchfield County 4-H Members with a completed goat record book turned in by August 1st, 2024.
5. The order of the show is subject to change.
6. The base date for computing animal ages is August 3, 2024.
7. All dairy goats must be disbudded if not naturally hornless. Fiber and meat goats are allowed to have horns. All animals must be fit for show and free from all disease and have the required Connecticut Veterinary Inspection papers.
8. All exhibitors must enter a fitting and showing contest and wear white or khaki pants and white shirts.
Only 4-H members will be permitted to work on animals after they arrive on the grounds.
9. All animals must have been owned or leased by June 1st, year of the show, with the exception of kids born into the exhibitor's herd. No animal less than one month old may be shown.
10. No bucks 6 weeks of age or older are allowed on the grounds. Wethers must be in the process of being castrated or completely castrated.
11. Utility goats cannot be entered in the group classes.
12. All animals must be on the grounds before 12 noon on Friday, otherwise animals may not be shown.
13. Showmanship classes and the dairy goat show will begin promptly at 9am on Saturday.
14. Record books must be signed by your leader and brought to set up the Wednesday previous to the show.
No exhibitor will be allowed to show without handing in a completed 4-H record book.

Fitting and Showmanship:

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1. Senior: 13 to 18 years
2. Junior: 7 to 12 years
3. Novice: 7 to 18 years, never shown at 4-H fair

Age of participants is as of January 1st

The show order will be as follows:

Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Recorded Grade, Saanen, Sable, Toggenburg

Senior Doe Show:

4. Milking Yearling - Under 2 Years, In milk
5. Junior Milker - 2 to under 3 years
6. Intermediate Milker - 3 to under 4 years
7. Senior Milker - 4 to under 6 years
8. Aged Doe - 6 years and over

SENIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE SENIOR CHAMPION - Each breed
BEST UDDER OF BREED AND RESERVE BEST UDDER OF BREED - Each breed
BEST SENIOR DOE IN SHOW
BEST UDDER OF SHOW

9. Dairy Herd: Strongest group of four does currently in milk. Does do not have to be related. Must be family owned; limited to one entry.

10. Minis (Standard breed mixed with Nigerian) - 1 year and over, in milk or dry milker

Lunch and Milk Out Break -

Junior Doe Show:

- 11. Junior Kid - 1 to under 2 months
- 12. Intermediate Kid - 2 to under 4 months
- 13. Senior Kid - 4 to under 8 months
- 14. Doeling - 8 to under 12 months
- 15. Dry Yearling - 12 to under 24 months, Never freshened

JUNIOR CHAMPION AND RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION - Each breed
BEST JUNIOR DOE IN SHOW

16. Minis (Standard breed mixed w/Nigerian) - 1 to 24 months old, never fresh

Utility Classes:

- 17. Wethers
- 18. Does over two years old, never fresh
- 19. Unregistered does
- 20. Fiber Goats
- 21. Angora Goats
- 22. Meat Goats: Breeding does
- 23. Meat Goats: Market wethers

GRAND CHAMPION AND RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION - Each Utility Division
BEST IN DIVISION

Group Classes (No Utility goats):

24. Dam and Daughter: The strongest dam and daughter pair showing consistency of good traits and improvement of bad traits from one generation to the next. Can be dry, in milk, or mixed. Does not have to be family owned; limited to two entries.

25. Produce of Dam: Strongest pair of maternal sisters with consistency of good traits, can be full or half-sisters. Can be dry, in milk, or mixed. Dam must be named on entry form. Does not have to be family owned; limited to two entries.

26. Get of Sire: Strongest trio of paternal sisters with consistency of good traits, can be full or half-sisters. Can be dry, in milk, or mixed. Sire must be named on entry form. Does not have to be family owned; limited to two entries.

27. Best Three Does: Strongest trio of does. Can be dry, in milk, or mixed. Does do not have to be related. Limited to one entry per exhibitor.

28. Bred and Owned: Best animal of any age that was bred and owned by the exhibitor. Must be handled by the exhibitor.

Club Herd: Best five animals owned by four or more members of the same club. Limited to one herd per club. (Note: There is no need to enter Club Herd online, will be done on-site.)

Dairy Goat Milk Competition:

Official weighing of milk on Saturday night and Sunday morning, time to be announced. Does will be milked out after the senior doe show on Saturday, this milking will not be weighed. All does will be checked by a designated person after the first milking, strict sanitary precautions will be followed including changing gloves between each doe. Animals must be milked by the owner. All does in milk must participate. It is preferred that all kids are weaned at least a week before the fair to prevent any sick kids at the fair. The winners will be determined based off of a point system. Every pound of milk equals 1 point. Every day in milk equals .01 points. A winner will be announced and awarded a rosette from each breed, a trophy will be awarded to the Nigerian Dwarf, unregistered goats, and standard breed with the most milk.

Over the Hill:

Individuals over the age of 19 as of January 1st are judged on showing and responses to questions asked by a judge. To be held on Sunday, time to be announced.

Costume Class:

Animals are dressed up and judged on outfit. To be held on Sunday, time to be announced.

Obstacle Course:

Participants lead their goat around a ring with various obstacles set up. At each of these obstacles, a judge grades the skill and elegance of the goat and trainer as they complete the obstacle. The team with the highest score wins.

Cart Pulling Class:

Goats under a harness or cart. To be held on Sunday, time to be announced.

POULTRY

Superintendent: Gavin Wilhelm

Rules and Regulations

- All entries must be submitted via <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentury> by July 22nd, 2024
- All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on August 2nd
(special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. All birds must be accompanied with current health papers and project books and inspected at check-in before entering the barn. Only healthy birds will be allowed on the grounds. To obtain health papers, testing must be done by the state veterinarian and takes several weeks to process.
2. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
3. Exhibitors must provide feed. Water containers, cages, and bedding provided by fair.
4. Waterfowl exhibitors must bring your own heavy weighted water dishes.
5. All birds must have been raised by the exhibitor or have been owned/leased and cared for by the exhibitor since prior to June 1 of the current year.
6. All exhibitors will participate in showmanship. 4-H member entering showmanship must use a bird that has been entered in the show and has been checked at check-in.
7. 4-H members exhibiting poultry must sign up and serve barn duty during fair hours.
8. All individuals exhibiting in the fair should participate in set-up before the fair and clean-up after the fair.
9. No sale of birds will be allowed on Saturday. All sale birds must be tested and be part of the youth's 4-H project.

Breed Classes (Birds that have been bred to the APA or ABA Standard)

Lots

Standard

1. Hen
2. Cock
3. Pullet
4. Cockerel

Bantam

5. Hen
6. Cock
7. Pullet
8. Cockerel

Turkey

15. Female
16. Male

Pet Class

17. Hen
18. Cock
19. Pullet
20. Cockerel

Showmanship Classes

- Lot 31: Novice (1st year showing)
Lot 32: Junior (ages 7 to 12, on January 1)
Lot 33: Senior (ages 13-18, on January 1)

Production Classes (Includes feed store birds)

Ducks

9. Female
10. Male

Geese

11. Female
12. Male

Pigeons

13. Female
14. Male

Egg Production

21. Hen
22. Cock
23. Pullet
24. Cockerel

Meat Production (Cornish crosses)

25. Hen
26. Cock
27. Pullet
28. Cockerel

Eggs

29. One Dozen
30. Strangest

RABBITS

Superintendent: Elizabeth Cain

Rules and Regulations

All entries must be submitted online using this link: s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry by July 22, 2024.

All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 2nd

(special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. Animals must be on the grounds by 12 noon on Friday, August 2, 2024. Your animals must be checked in with the Superintendents. All animals entered in the show must have a permanent tattoo in their left ear. The number must be listed on the entry blank.
2. Showmanship will start at 10AM on Saturday (subject to change - check event schedule)
Breed Classes will begin at the conclusion of the showmanship contest (subject to change - check event schedule)
3. All animals must be on verification forms for the current year (due to the 4-H office on June 1st). To be eligible to show an animal, a member must have a 4-H record on their animal from at least May 1st as well.
4. All records will be checked and 4-H records will be collected on Wednesday evening before the show. No member will be allowed to show without his or her 4-H record book.
5. The Showmanship Contest is mandatory for all exhibitors, unless they have won the premier showmanship contest. Juniors (ages 7-12 as of Jan 1) who have won the Premier Showmanship Contest are required to participate in the showmanship classes if they are now seniors (ages 13 and up as of Jan 1). **If you do not show in showmanship, you are ineligible for breed show. The junior and senior showmanship class winners must show in premier showmanship.**
6. Exhibitors must supply their own hay, grain, feeding and grooming equipment. Bedding will be provided.
7. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules
8. No breeding will be permitted at the show.
9. Sick or diseased animals will not be admitted and will be removed from cages if noticed after admission, or disqualification if found to be diseased by the judge.
10. **Show Uniform:** Black pants or jeans, white long sleeve blouse, black tie, black belt, and black boots. No jewelry is permitted. Long hair must be pulled back for the show. Members will be disqualified if they are wearing clothing advertising a breed or any other clothing that the superintendent considered inappropriate for the event. Club shirts and jeans are acceptable after the show has completed.
11. **ALL EXHIBITORS** will conduct themselves as young adults would. Politeness and good sportsmanship are mandatory. Adults will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example for the exhibitors and other spectators at the show. 4-H member are expected to manage their rabbit projects without assistance from adults.
12. Any discussion of rules, show management, or other rabbit department issues will be handled by the show committee made up of the superintendents and one volunteer leader per club.
13. No advertising will be permitted until after judging. At that time neat cards may be placed on the cages. NO SALES to children without DIRECT parental permission.
14. **Exhibitors must supply 2 weighted appropriately sized bowls per animal. No bottles, no exceptions.**
15. The 4-H Fair and the show superintendent will take all due precautions against loss, but will not be responsible for any accident, mistake, loss or damage from any cause. All exhibitors are required to show their animals when judged. 4-H members must enter a Showmanship class. Rabbit used must be shown in breed or pet classes.
16. Pet rabbit classes will be determined at the fair. The rabbit must exhibit the qualities of a good, well cared for pet. They should be gentle and easy to handle, well fed and groomed.

RABBIT RECORD BOOK CONTEST:

This contest is held to encourage all members to keep up to date record books. **Each member must submit records for every animal they show at the fair (NO RECORDS - NO SHOW!!).** Records will be collected Wednesday evening before the fair. The record books should follow the new record keeping guidelines. Records must be signed by your 4-H leader. They will be judged on completion, accuracy, and attention to detail.

LOTS - For ALL Breeds

- 1. Junior (up to 6 months) doe**
- 2. Junior (up to 6 months) buck**
- 3. Intermediate (6-8 months) doe**
- 4. Intermediate (6-8 months) buck**
- 5. Senior (over 8 months) doe**
- 6. Senior (over 8 months) buck**

LOTS

All breeds will compete together.

7. Novice Junior Class (first time showing, 7-12 as of Jan 1)
8. Novice Senior Class (first time showing, 13-18 as of Jan 1)
9. Junior Showmanship (7-12 as of Jan 1)
10. Senior Showmanship (13-18 as of Jan 1)

RABBIT AGILITY - Select times Saturday and Sunday (see calendar of events)

AWARDS to be given in RABBIT SHOW: Blue, red, and white ribbons, all classes. Danish System.

Best in Show Rabbit - Richard Curtiss Memorial Trophy
Best of Breed
Best Opposite Sex
Reserve in Show Rabbit Trophy
Best in Show and Reserve in Show Trophies to Pet Rabbit
Trophies to Novice, Junior, & Senior Showmanship Record Book winners

SHEEP

Superintendent: Penny Kemp

Rules and Regulations

All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentury> by July 22, 2024.

All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon on Friday, August 2nd. (special accommodations may be made)

1. Health papers, Record books & registration will be checked as sheep arrive on Friday.
2. All entries **must** be shown.
3. All 4-H members must participate in a showmanship class showing their own animals.
4. Exhibitors must provide their own feed and water containers.
5. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
6. The Fair Association reserves the right to disqualify any animal in question.
7. Exhibitors show uniform: any color slacks, white shirts or official 4-H T-Shirts.
8. The show is on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

LOT A: Wool Breed Classes:

Individual breeds may be combined or judged separately, depending on the number of entries received.

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| 1. Yearling Ram | 8. Sr. Ewe Lamb (cut off Feb. 1) |
| 2. Sr. Ram Lamb (cut off Feb. 1) | 9. Jr. Ewe Lamb |
| 3. Jr. Ram Lamb | 10. Pair of Ewe Lambs |
| 4. Pair of Ram Lambs | 11. Flock (1 ram, 2 ewes) |
| 5. Aged Ewe | 12. Bred & Owned Pair |
| 6. Yearling Ewe | 13. Pen of 3 Lambs |
| 7. Pair of Yearling Ewes | |
| Champion.& Reserve Ram (all Breeds), Champion.& Reserve Ewe (all Breeds) | |

LOT B: Non-Wool Breed Classes:

Individual breeds may be combined or judged separately, depending on the number of entries received.

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| 14. Yearling Ram | 21. Sr. Ewe Lamb (cut off Feb. 1) |
| 15. Sr. Ram Lamb (cut off Feb. 1) | 22. Jr. Ewe Lamb |
| 16. Jr. Ram Lamb | 23. Pair of Ewe Lambs |
| 17. Pair of Ram Lambs | 24. Flock (1 ram, 2 ewes) |
| 18. Aged Ewe | 25. Bred & Owned Pair |
| 19. Yearling Ewe | 26. Pen of 3 Lambs |
| 20. Pair of Yearling Ewes | |
| Champion & Reserve Ram (all Breeds), Champion and Reserve Ewe (all breeds) | |

LOT C: Specialty Classes

27. Best Fleece
28. Best Head
29. Lead-line Class

LOT D: Market Classes:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 30. Market Lamb, heavyweight | 32. Pair of heavyweights |
| 31. Market Lamb, lightweight | 33. Pair of lightweights |
| Champion & Reserve Market Lamb | |

SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES:

34. Novice Showmanship - showing for the first time
35. Junior Showmanship - ages 7-12 as of January 1
36. Senior Showmanship - ages 13-18 as of January 1

SWINE

Rules and Regulations

All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> by July 22, 2024

All exhibits must be in place by 12 noon Friday, August 2nd. (special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

1. A record book must accompany each exhibit.
2. Every exhibitor must show his or her own animal in a Showmanship Class.
3. Each exhibitor must provide own cleaning and feeding equipment, as well as grain.
4. Members may show more than one animal.
5. The committee reserves the right to disqualify any animal in question.
6. Click on this link to view 2024 State Health Regulations: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024fairhealthrules>
7. Weight divisions will be determined on show day (Saturday). Show starts at 10:00 am Sunday.
8. Show attire: Black pants & white or green collared shirt, or plaid shirt to be tucked in. No t-shirts or tank tops. Shirts can be official 4-H club swine shirts with collars (no advertising a farm or breed or any other clothing the superintendent considers inappropriate for the event) Appropriate and sturdy footwear required. Belt recommended but optional. No hats or cellphones are to be on in the show ring.

SHOWMANSHIP:

LOT

1. Novice: 1st time showing pigs
2. Junior: 7-12 yrs. as of January 1st
3. Senior: 13-18 yrs. as of January 1st

BREEDING CLASSES:

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| 4. Gilt under 6 months of age | 7. Sow & litter |
| 5. Gilt 6 months to 1 year | 8. Boar under 6 months of age |
| 6. Gilt or Sow 1 to 2 years | 9. Boar 6 months to 1 year |

Champion Breeder Hog - all hogs placing 1st in above classes

MARKET HOG CLASSES:

10. Light weight Market Hog
 11. Medium weight Market Hog
 12. Heavy weight Market Hog
- Champion Market Hog - all hogs placing 1st in above classes

AWARDS: Ribbons awarded according to Danish System. Trophies for Novice, Junior and Senior Showmanship; Grand Champion Breeder Pig; Grand Champion Market Hog.

TRACTORS

People's Choice - Garden Tractors, Large Antique Tractors

Lot 1: People's Choice (please enter type of tractor in "entry comment" box)

Rules and Regulations:

- All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfaireentry> by **July 29, 2024.**
- All exhibits must be in place by 7 p.m. on August 2nd (special accommodations may be made if there is a conflict)

Piece of equipment must be within the following years

Garden year must be 1979 and older

Large Antique 1959 and older

Ask an adult leader before bringing a tractor to pull

Rules & Regulations:

- All tractors must be registered by JULY 29th
- This contest is open only to 4-H members in the Working Wheels 4-H Club and the Mighty Mechanics 4-H Club
- Tractors will be released Sunday at 4:00 p.m.
- Department area must be cleaned out prior to leaving grounds.
- Exhibitors must supply their own fuel.
- The contest will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- All members must be entered either in Senior or Junior classes.
- Refer to Tractor Contest Regulations for contest rules.
- Project records should be exhibited as part of your tractor exhibit.

AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST

GENERAL RULES

There are two divisions, Junior and Senior, in the contest.

Lot 1: Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year. **Lot 2:** Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.

- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers.
- The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violation of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points.
- Note: Officials, prior to the contest, may waive the eight-minute time limit. • In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (tractor operation on course), and time on course. The order for breaking a tie is:

1. Safety
2. Parts identification
3. Obstacle course score
4. Time

If comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories fails to break the tie, the contestants re-drive (safety, obstacle course score, and time are counted).

Any rule or interpretation not covered here will be decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Agricultural Tractor Driving Contest Entry Form

Driver's Name: _____ Driver's Age on 1/1/24: _____ Division: _____ Driver's

4-H Club: _____

All members who would like to participate must be registered by JULY 29th by emailing this completed form to william.davenport@uconn.edu

AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST RULES:

- There are two divisions, Junior and Senior, in the contest.
- Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.
- Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.
- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
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3. Obstacle Course Score
4. Time

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- Any rule or interpretation not covered here will be decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Parent/Guardian Consent to Participate (**NOTE: One parent/guardian must be present during the competition**)

Name Participant Signature Print

Participant Consent to Participate:

Print Name Signature (Parent/Guardian)

LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR OPERATORS

CONTEST GENERAL RULES

There are three divisions, Youth, Junior and Senior, in the contest.

Lot 1: Youth Division contestants must be ages 7 - 9 on January 1 of the contest year.

Lot 2: Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.

Lot 3: Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.

- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- At the state contest, a separate course is provided for each division.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers. • The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violations of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, Lawn and Garden Tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points. In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (lawn and garden tractor operation on the course), and time on course.

The order for breaking a tie is:

1. Safety
2. Parts identification
3. Obstacle course score
4. Time

• When comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories, if it fails to break the tie, the contestants will re-drive. (Safety, obstacle course score, and time is counted.) • Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Lawn and Garden Tractor Driving Contest Entry Form

Driver's Name: _____ Driver's Age on 1/1/24: _____ Division: _____ Driver's 4-H Club: _____

All member who would like to participate must be registered by JULY 29th by emailing this completed form to william.davenport@uconn.edu

LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST RULES:

a. There are three divisions, Youth, Junior and Senior, in the contest.

Youth Division contestants must be ages 7 - 9 on January 1 of the contest year.

Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.

Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.

- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- At the state contest, a separate course is provided for each division.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers. • The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violations of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, Lawn and Garden Tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points. In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (lawn and garden tractor operation on the course), and time on course. The order for breaking a tie is:

1. Safety
2. Parts identification
3. Obstacle course score
4. Time

- When comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories, if it fails to break the tie, the contestants will re-drive. (Safety, obstacle course score, and time is counted.)
- Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Parent/Guardian Consent to Participate (**NOTE: One parent/guardian must be present during the competition**)

_____ Participant Signature Print Name

Participant Consent to Participate:

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature Print

Name

ZERO TURN TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST

GENERAL RULES

There are two divisions, Junior and Senior, in the contest.

Lot 1: Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.

Lot 2: Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.

- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- At the state contest, a separate course is provided for each division.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers. • The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violations of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, Zero Turn Tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points. In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (lawn and garden tractor operation on the course), and time on course.

The order for breaking a tie is:

1. Safety
2. Parts identification
3. Obstacle course score
4. Time

• When comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories, if it fails to break the tie, the contestants will re-drive. (Safety, obstacle course score, and time is counted.) • Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Zero Turn Tractor Driving Contest Entry Form

Driver's Name: _____ Driver's Age on 1/1/24: _____ Division: _____ Driver's 4-H Club: _____

All member who would like to participate must be registered by JULY 29th by emailing this completed form to william.davenport@uconn.edu

LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST RULES:

- There are two divisions, Junior and Senior, in the contest.
- Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.
- Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.
- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- At the state contest, a separate course is provided for each division.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers. • The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violations of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, Zero Turn Tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points. In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (lawn and garden tractor operation on the course), and time on course. The order for breaking a tie is:
 1. Safety
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 4. Time
- When comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories, if it fails to break the tie, the contestants will re-drive. (Safety, obstacle course score, and time is counted.)
- Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Parent/Guardian Consent to Participate (**NOTE: One parent/guardian must be present during the competition**)

_____ Participant Signature Print Name

Participant Consent to Participate:

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature Print

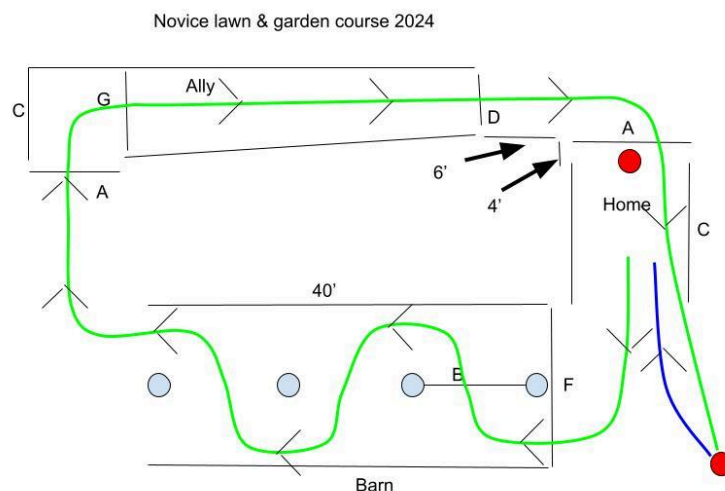
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Novice Garden Tractor Driving

GENERAL RULES

- There are three divisions, Youth, Junior and Senior, in the contest.
Lot 1: Youth Division contestants must be ages 7 - 9 on January 1 of the contest year.
Lot 2: Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.
Lot 3: Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- The driving event is timed
- In case of a tie, the tie is broken by re-driving the course.
- Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.



A = Width of LARGEST part of tractor plus 8"
 B = 10'
 C = Length of tractor & trailer
 D = Same as A but 4" instead of 8"
 F = A x 2
 G = Same as A but 10" instead of 8"

Green = Forward Drive
 Blue = Backwards Drive

NOVICE Lawn and Garden Tractor Driving Contest Entry Form

Driver's Name: _____ Driver's Age on 1/1/24: _____ Division: _____ Driver's 4-H Club: _____

All member who would like to participate must be registered by JULY 29th by emailing this completed form to william.davenport@uconn.edu

LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR OPERATORS CONTEST RULES:

a. There are three divisions, Youth, Junior and Senior, in the contest.

Youth Division contestants must be ages 7 - 9 on January 1 of the contest year.

Junior Division contestants must be ages 10 - 12 on January 1 of the contest year.

Senior Division contestants must be ages 13 - 18 years old on January 1 of the contest year.

- Contestants participating in the area and/or state contest must have their project records completed before entering the contest.
- Contestants are judged on safety at all times while at the contest site: before, during, and after their contest operation. At the discretion of the judges, an unsafe operation may disqualify a contestant.
- At the state contest, a separate course is provided for each division.
- The driving order should be determined by allowing the contestants to draw numbers. • The penalty scoring system is to be used. Unanswered or incorrectly answered questions and violations of rules draw penalty points for the contestant. In each division, the contestant who completes the event with the lowest total score or number of penalty points is the contest winner.
- While at the contest, all participants are scored on safety, parts identification, Lawn and Garden Tractor operation on the course, and time.
- The driving event is timed and scored on the basis of one penalty point for each second of operation. However, penalty points for safety violations, hit stakes, etc. are severe enough that the importance of speed is minimized.
- In both divisions, failure to complete the course in eight minutes results in the driver being assessed a penalty of 400 points. In case of a tie score for an award, the tie is broken using the contestants' scores in the specific scoring categories: safety, parts identification, obstacle course score (lawn and garden tractor operation on the course), and time on course. The order for breaking a tie is:

1. Safety
2. Parts identification
3. Obstacle course score
4. Time

- When comparing the contestants' scores in each of the above categories, if it fails to break the tie, the contestants will re-drive. (Safety, obstacle course score, and time is counted.)
- Any rule or interpretation not covered here is decided by the superintendent, assistants, and leaders of the contest. Their decisions are final.

Parent/Guardian Consent to Participate (**NOTE: One parent/guardian must be present during the competition**)

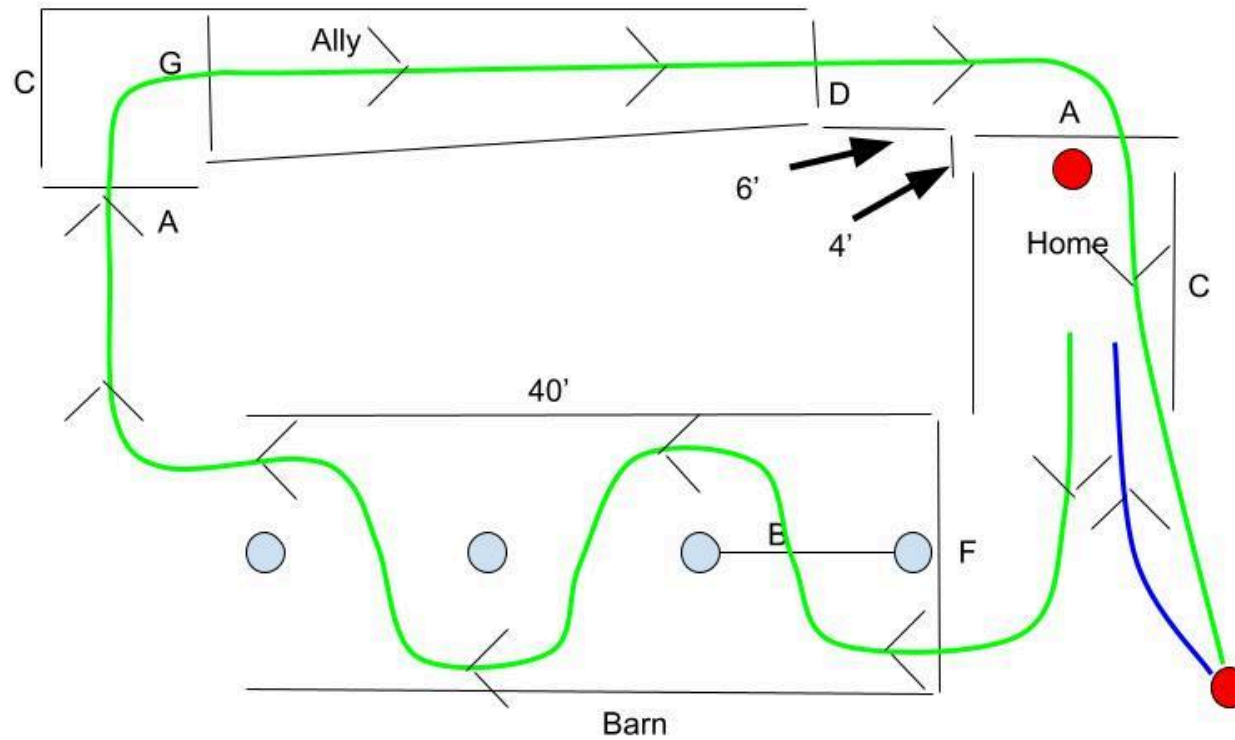
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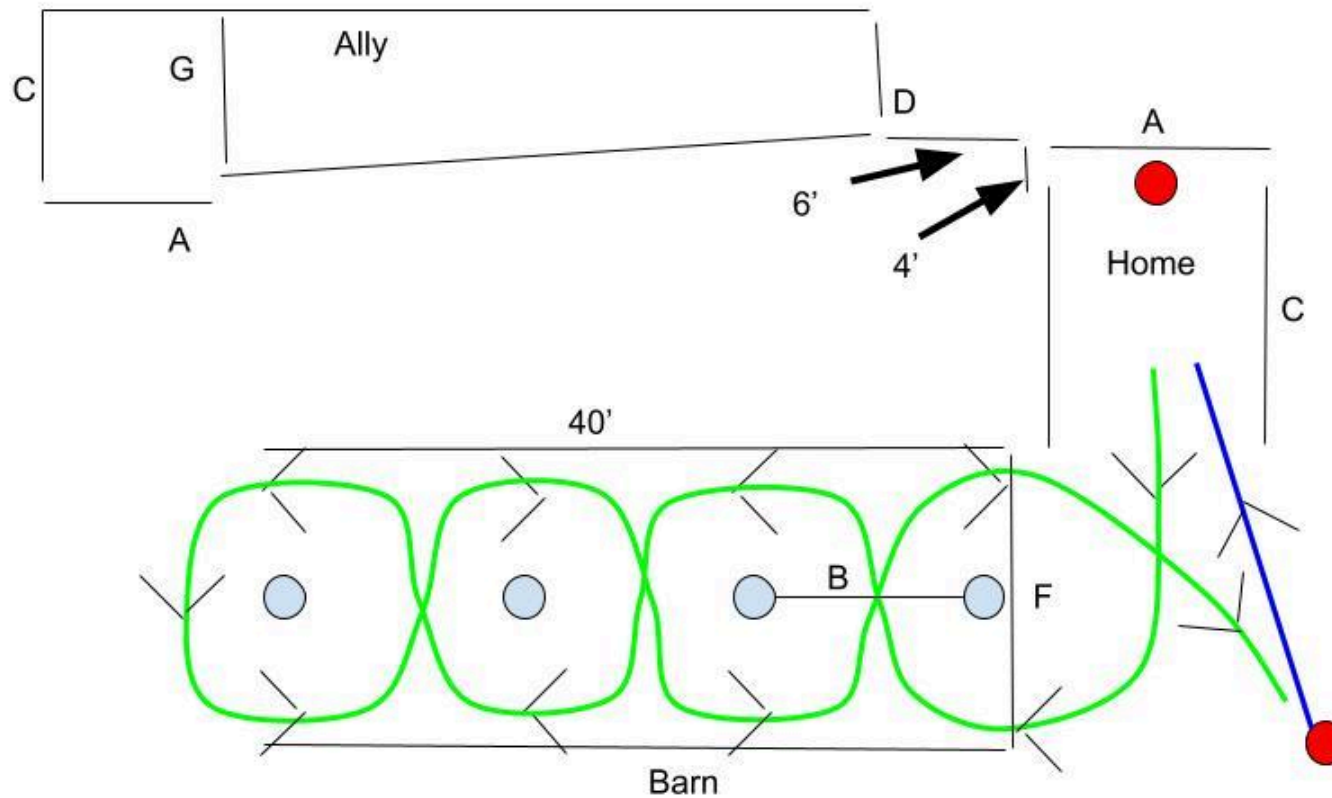
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A = Width of LARGEST part of tractor
plus 8"
B = 10'
C = Length of tractor & trailer
D = Same as A but 4" instead of 8"
F = A x 2
G = Same as A but 10" instead of 8"

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Youth lawn & garden course



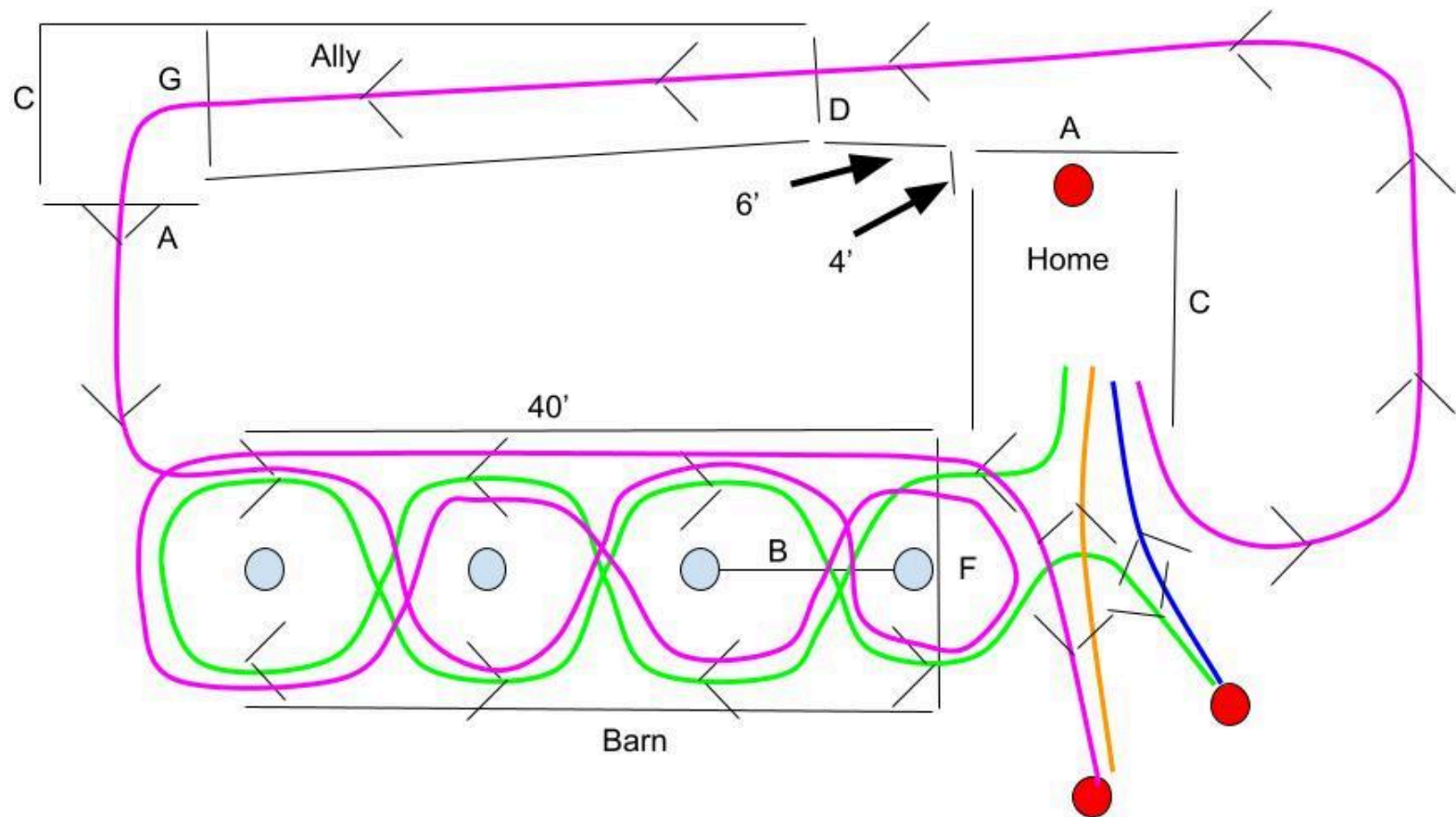
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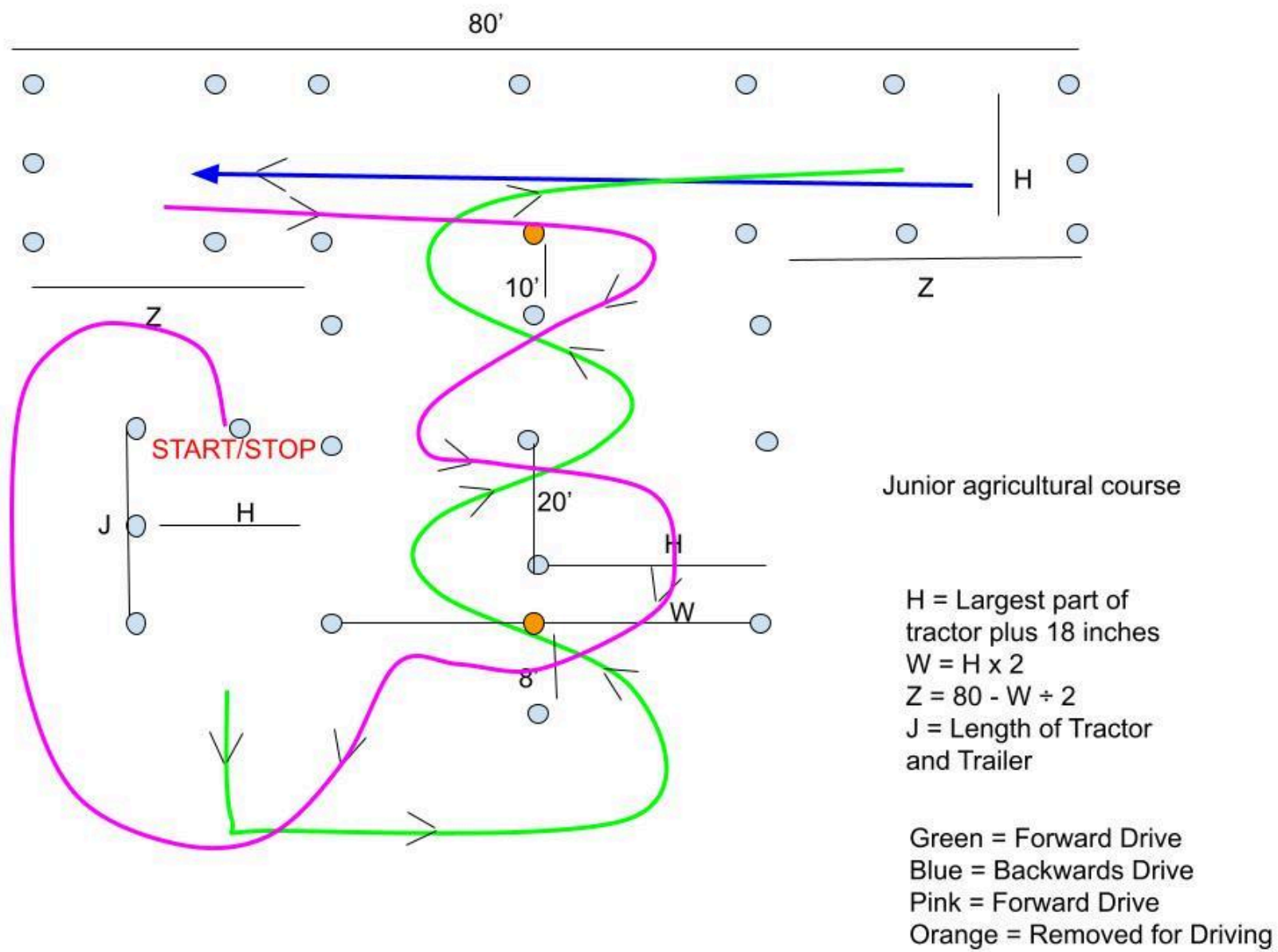
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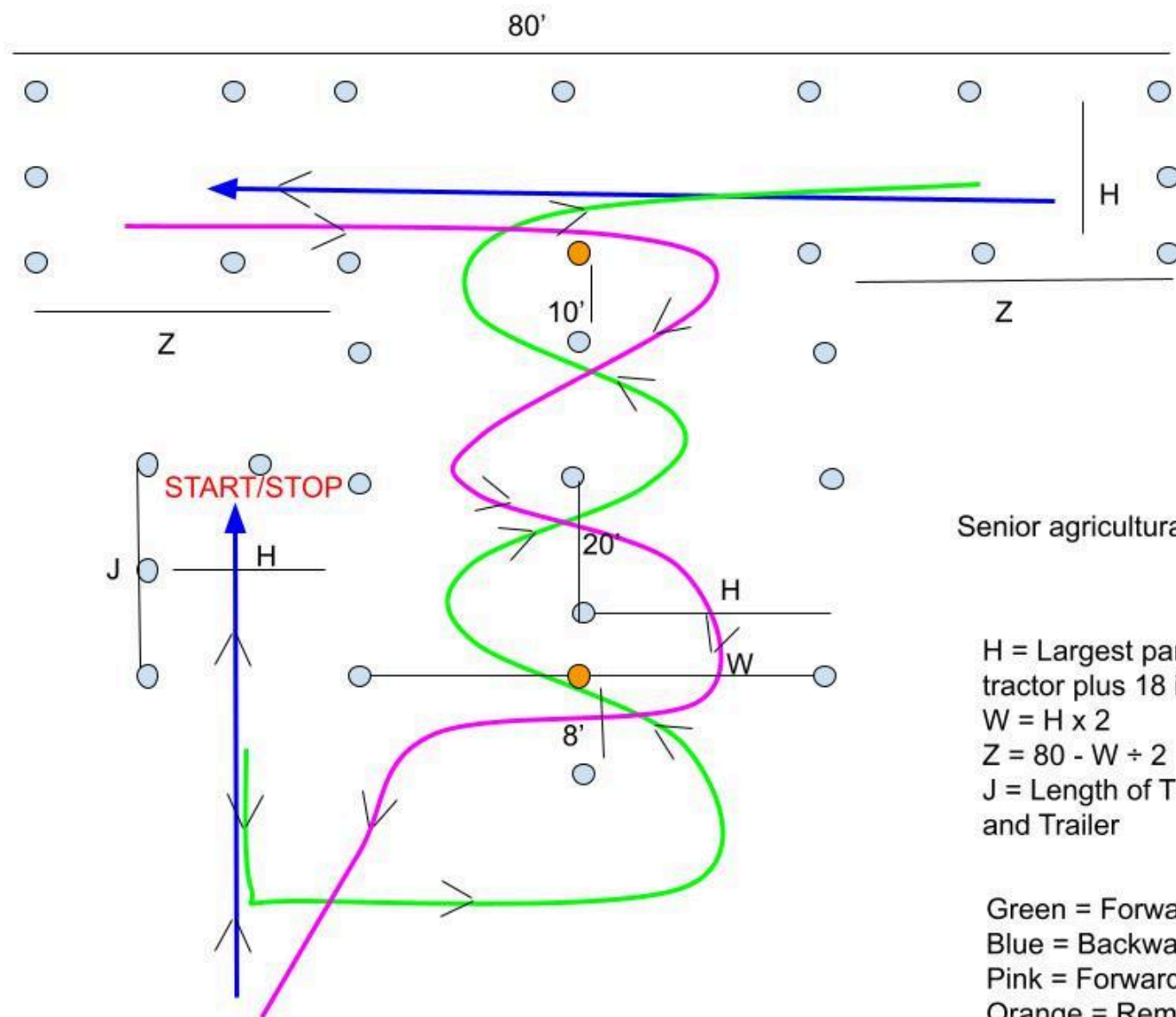
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A = Width of LARGEST part of tractor
plus 8"
B = 10'
C = Length of tractor & trailer
D = Same as A but 4" instead of 8"
F = A x 2
G = Same as A but 10" instead of 8"

Green = Forward Drive
Pink = Forward Drive
Blue = Backwards Drive
Orange = Backwards Drive





Senior agricultural course

H = Largest part of tractor plus 18 inches

W = H x 2

Z = 80 - W ÷ 2

J = Length of Tractor and Trailer

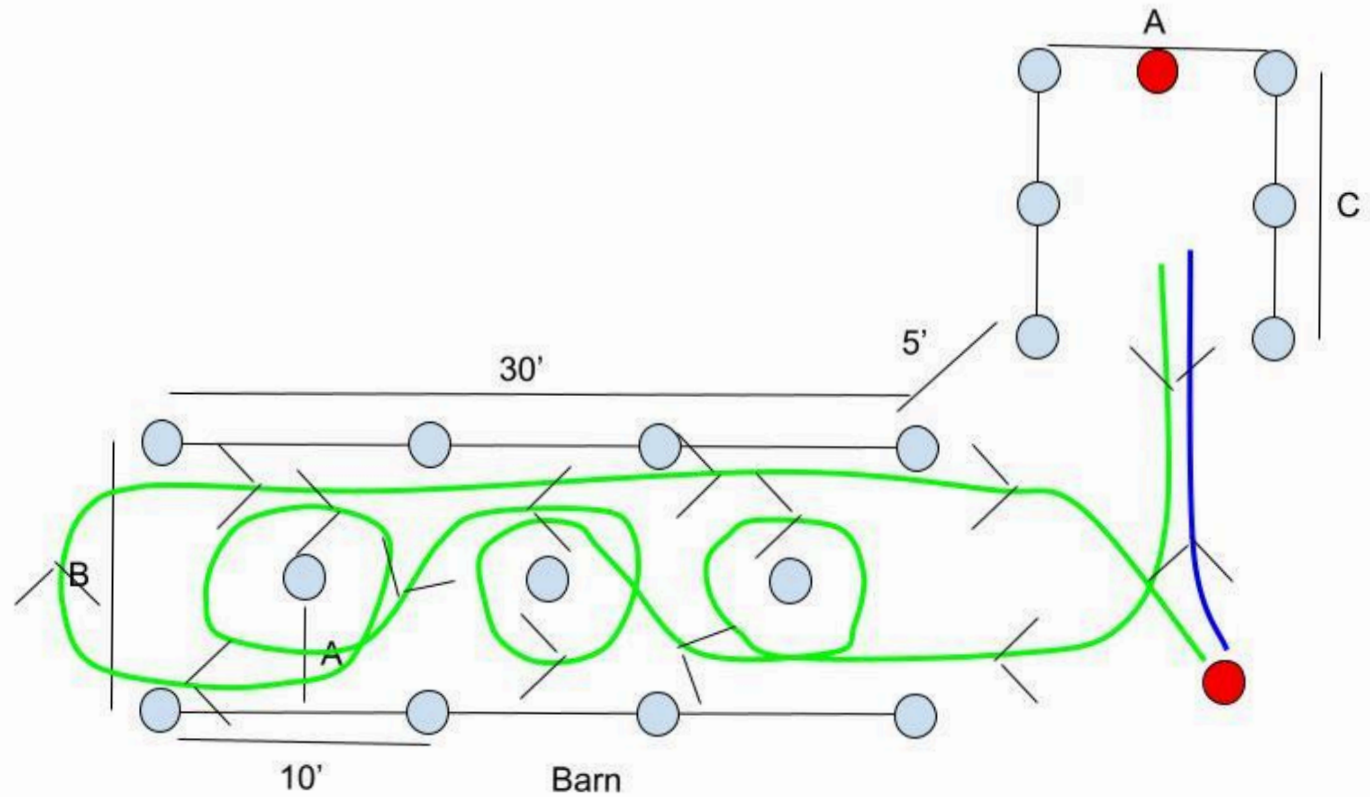
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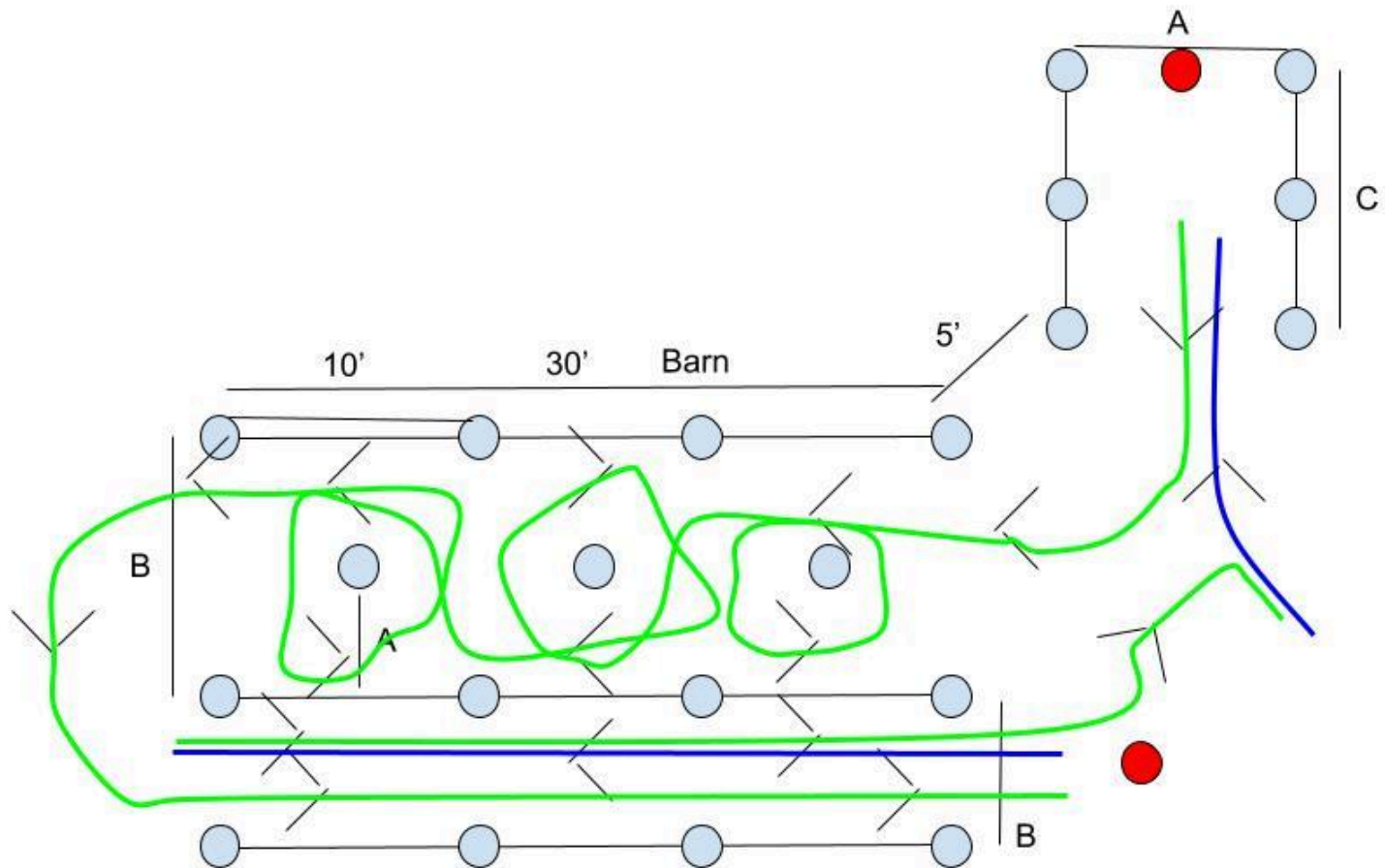
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Junior Zero-Turn Course



A = Width of largest part of zero-turn plus 5"
 B = Double A
 C = Length of zero-turn plus 5"
 Green = forward drive
 Blue = reverse drive

Senior Zero-Turn Course



A = Width of largest part of
zero-turn plus 5"
B = Double A
C = Length of zero-turn plus 5"

Green = forward drive
Blue = reverse drive

ANTIQUE TRACTOR PULL RULES

Stock Farm Tractors, 1959 and older:

- Stock drawbars only. No modifications. A clevis is to be used and cannot be modified.
- The maximum hitch height is 18 inches. This will be measured from the point of contact that hook on the chain will have with the tractor.
- Washers may be used to shim the clevis.
- The clevis must be attached to the drawbar in the normal location.
- The minimum distance from the centerline of the rear axle to the pinhole where the clevis is attached is 24 inches.
- Tractors with 2 or 3-point hitch drawbar must have drawbar secured with stabilizer bars or pins.
- Unusual stock items: The owner of any tractor equipped with unusual or seldom seen parts will be required to bring parts, operators or service manuals to verify to officials that the parts are factory stock.
- Industrial tractors that cannot meet this requirement must remain stock.

Tires

- Regular or radial tires are legal. NO CUT TIRES.
- Tractors in the 2500, 3500, 4500, and 5500 pound classes will be limited to a maximum tire width of 15.5 inches.
- Tractors in the 6500, 7500, pound classes will be limited to a maximum tire width of 16.9 inches.
- Tractors in the 8500, 9500, 10,500, and 11,500 classes will be limited to maximum tire width of 18.4 inches on row crop style and 23.1 inches for standard/orchard tractors.

Safety Bars

- All tractors must be equipped with safety bars. The safety bars must be made out of three-inch channel iron or the equivalent.
- Safety bars must be rigid and stationary and extend 4 inches past the rear tires and 10 inches from the ground.
- Three-point hitch arms may be used, if bolted into a stationary position.
- All safety bars must be equipped with safety pads on the ends of the bars. Safety pads must be stationary and must not be less than 25 square inches per pad.
- All tractors must be equipped with safety bars strong enough to support the weight of the tractor when tested by a judge.

Weight of Tractors:

- Front frame weights are legal. This means any factory cast frame weights bolted in the stock location.
- Front wheel weights are legal. This means any factory front cast wheel weights bolted securely in the stock location. Two sets maximum at events with no scales. No limit at events with scales.
- Rear wheel weights are legal. This means any factory cast rear wheel weights bolted securely in the stock location. Three sets maximum at events with no scales. No limit at events with scales.
- Loaded tires are legal. Either loaded tires or three sets of wheel weights, not both events with no scales. Both loaded tires and any amount of wheel weights at events with scales.
- Hanging weights are legal. All weights must be secured to tractors as determined by 4-H leaders and/or pull official.

Weight Classes

- 2,500 LBS
- 3,500 LBS
- 4,500 LBS
- 5,500 LBS
- 6,500 LBS
- 8,500 LBS
- 9,500 LBS
- 10,500 LBS
- 11,500 LBS
- Half classes and higher weight classes may be added the morning of the pull as determined by the 4-H leaders and/or pull officials.

General Rules

The officials of events reserve the right to add any additional rules or correct any problems that happen at an event that are not written in the rules.

- **PULL:** 20' is a full pull.
- **HITCHING UP:** You may not bring your tractor onto the track until the flagman allows you to do so. No packing the track! You are allowed to back up once and hook up to the stone boat. No pulling ahead and backing up repeatedly. Tractors must be in neutral and hands off the controls when you are being hooked on. No jerking of the stone boat allowed. You must tighten the chain before pulling. Disengaging and engaging clutch after your pull begins is not allowed.
- **OUT OF BOUNDS:** Guide ropes will be placed on the ground at a distance of 14 feet apart. Any part of the tractor touching the guide rope or going over the ropes during the pull will disqualify the pull and the tractor from the event.
- **STONE BOAT:** The stone boat will only be centered to track at the official's discretion.
- **WEIGHING IN:** all tractors must be weighed in 1 hour prior to the start of the event. Once a tractor is weighed it will be parked in the staging area and not allowed to go back to the pit area.
- **NO RIDERS:** No riders on the tractors in any area of the event. Any coaching must be done outside of the out of bounds markers.
- **FLUIDS:** Any fluids leaking from tractors in excessive amounts will disqualify the tractor from the event.
- **CLASS WINNERS:** A winner of a class can move up to the next class and compete only if he/she won his/her class by making a full pull. No weight can be added, and no changes can be made to the tractor. Winning tractors may be reinspected and re-weighed at the official's discretion.
- **DRIVERS:** the drivers must be able to safely operate the tractor and maintain good, safe adult behavior at all times. Drivers who do not remain seated while pulling will be automatically disqualified. All drivers are expected to help out on the track crew at some point during the event. Any driver intoxicated or disrespectful will be disqualified.
- **BRAKES:** All tractors must have good working brakes.
- **SHEET METAL:** Major sheet metal shall be in place and properly attached.
- **NO Fordson tractors allowed.** (Because of worm gear drive)
- Anything that falls off a tractor while on the track will disqualify the tractor.
- **NO:** 4-wheel drive tractors, dual rear wheels, tire chains, half tracks, crawler tractors and no implements on tractors.

GARDEN TRACTOR PULL RULES

Stock Garden Tractor Pull

Classes

- Class 1. Stock. Kids 7-10 years old. up to 12HP with 23/10.5/12 or smaller tires.
Class 2. Stock. Kids 11-14 years old. up to 12HP with 23/10.5/12 or smaller tires.
Class 3. Stock. Kids 7-14 years old. up to 14-20HP with 26/12/12 or smaller tires.
Class 3G. Gravely-Kids 7-14 years old and up with 26/12/12 or smaller tires.
Class 4. Stock. Adult. 15 years and older. up to 11HP with 23/10.5/12 or smaller tires.
Class 5. Stock. Adult. 15 years and older. 12-16HP with 23/10.5/12 or smaller tires.
Class 6. Stock. Adult. 15 years and older. 17-20HP with 26/12/12 or smaller tires.
Class 6G. Gravely-Adult. 15 years or older with 26/12/12 or smaller tires.
Class 7. Stock Big Wheels. Kids 7-14 years old. up to 20HP 16-24 inch tires. No tires larger than 8.3×24 or 9.5.
Class 8. Stock Big Wheels. Adult, 15 years and older, up to 20HP 16-24 inch tires. none larger than 8.3×24 or 9.5.
Class 9. Super Stock, Adult, 15 years and older.

General Rules, All Classes

- A Full pull will be 8 feet. If your 1st pull is less than 2 feet you will have the option to try again.
NOTE: some pulls may not allow this.
- Boundary lines will be 10 feet apart. If tractor or stone boat hits the boundary lines, the driver and tractor will be disqualified.
- NO JERKING STONE BOAT. You must tighten the chain before pulling.
- Drivers must remain seated. NO BOUNCING ALLOWED. Drivers must keep one hand on steering wheel at all times while pulling.
- Only one person per tractor per class. (Adults) Two kids from immediate family per tractor.
- Kids 7-14 years must be able to safely operate the tractor to the satisfaction of our officials. Kids must have an adult coach at ALL TIMES. Coaches must remain outside the boundary lines at time of pull.
- Officials will class and check all the tractors. Their judgment is final.
- No horseplay, smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed. No passengers on tractors.
- NO cheating:
 - CHEAT ONCE – WARNING
 - CHEAT TWICE – MISS TWO PULLS
 - CHEAT 3 TIMES – KIDS OUT FOR SEASON – ADULTS OUT PERMANENTLY
- All tractors must have clevis or hole in draw bar large enough to accept hook from stone boat. Hole must be at least 2" diameter.
- Class winners will be allowed to move up to next class. They will compete for fun only, not for ribbons.
- Pulling committee and officials reserve the right to add any additional rules or correct any problems that happen at a pull.

IMPORTANT: THE AGE OF THE PULLER ON January 1st will determine the class he/she will pull for the entire season.

NOTE: There are a few tractors with factory stock 15" rims. These will be classed on an individual basis.

FYI: A 23/10.5/12 tire is 23: tall 10.5" wide and on a 12" rim. A 26/12/12 is 26" tall: 12" wide and on a 12" rim.

Garden Tractor Pull Rules

- Stock garden tractors up to 20 hp, 1 or 2 cylinders, gas or electric.
- All tractors must have a rigid draw bar.
- Maximum bar height in classes 1-6 will be one inch below rear axle centerline.
- Max draw bar height for Big Wheels. classes 7 & 8 will be 12 inches from the ground.
- Classes 7 & 8 Economy tractors will have a stock hitch that was original equipment or one rebuilt to original specs. NO BOLT ON DRAW BARS BEHIND THE REAR AXLE.
- One set of stock garden tractor wheel weights or tires loaded with liquid ballast. NOT both.

Wheel Weights, Classes 1-8

- 8" wheels-can be homemade-not to exceed 75 lbs per wheel – 12" wheels, not to exceed 75 lbs per wheel may be homemade, big wheels-manufactured only – not to exceed 140 lbs per wheel-note: weights may be weighted at any time at discretion of an official. They must be removable.
- Under mounted mowers are allowed. No chains over 10" long to hold mower deck to tractor. No other attachments. The engine cannot run over 3600 rpm.
- No cut tires, no tire chains, dual wheels, 4x4's, crawlers, steel wheels, pit bulls, cupels, or professional pulling tires.
- Tractors in classes 7 & 8 MUST be equipped with wheelie bars that are strong enough to support tractor.
- Wheelie bars must be strong enough to support tractor. Bars must be made of 2" sq. tubing, 1/8th" thick, or flat stock, 1/4 x 2 1/4 max. Brace 1 1/4 x 1 1/4 x 1/8th angle.
- Cross brace must not interfere with hitch or chain. Bars must not extend more than 4" behind the exterior of the tire, no more than 6" from the ground. They must have wheels or pads.
- Wheelie bars are not mandatory for classes 1 thru 6 but are highly recommended for safety. if you have them they must meet the standards listed above.
- Cub cadets – MUST have a shield to deflect any flying parts to ground in event of a mishap. Shields must be made of 15 gauge steel or 1/8" aluminum and surround the clutch housing on top and both sides. STOCK SEATS ONLY – No car, trucks, bucket seats or other.
- Flagrant violators of any rules will not pull-per decision of official

Super Stock Rules, Class 9

- Garden tractors, up to 20hp. One or two cylinder, four cycle, gasoline engines.
- The frame cannot be lengthened more than four inches. The hood cannot be raised more than 3" Tractors must have wheelie bars that are strong enough to support the tractor, must extend 4" behind the exterior of the tire, and will be no more than 6 inches from the ground. See Stock Garden tractor rules for requirements.
- All tractors must have a rigid draw bar. Max height will be 14". Bars must not extend rearward more than 15" from center of the axle. Rear engine tractors accepted, with rigid bars being as close as possible to the engine.
- Tractors can run two pair of wheel weights and add up to 300 lbs. of extra weight. All weights must be secured to tractor. No weights allowed on tractor seats or driver. Nothing can protrude more than 20" in front of the tractor frame. Losing weight while pulling will result in disqualification.
- Maximum engine rpm must not exceed 4000 rpm and may be checked at any time. All tractors must have sufficient shielding of belts, chains, clutches, etc. to deflect any flying parts to ground.
- Any type of tire may be used. Tires can be modified. Max size will be 31- 15.50/15. No dual wheels, no tire chains or studs.
- A tractor that pulls in Super Stock cannot pull in any other class. Tractor may not weigh more than 1700 lbs. with 3 1/15.5x15 tires, and 1800 lbs. with 26x12.5x12 tires.
- NOTICE: Super Stock tractors will be weighed. There will be a one-time fee for the scale to be paid by the puller. Tractors may be rechecked at any later pull at no fee at the discretion of official.

ARCHERY

Certified Leaders: Elaine Pelizzari, David Pelizzari, Emily Starr

Who May Enter: Registered Litchfield County 4-H Archery Members ages 8-18 Only

All entries must be submitted online using this link: <https://s.uconn.edu/2024lc4hfairentry> by July 29, 2024.

Litchfield County 4-H Archery Rules and Regulations Apply.

It is required that all Archery equipment, exhibits, and record books be present on the fairgrounds by 12 noon on Friday. Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Archery Superintendent in advance.

Upon arrival at the fairgrounds, all Archery equipment must be checked in at the Archery department, and under no circumstances should it be stored outside of the Archery department's secure storage area. Only Archery registered 4-H members are allowed to bring Archery equipment to the fair, and no other archery equipment or targets of any kind are permitted on the fairgrounds. A completed Equipment Check-in form is required upon arrival, and competitors are limited to check-in a maximum of three bows and associated equipment for the duration of the fair. If new or replacement equipment is brought to the fairgrounds, it must also be checked in.

The decision of the Range officer will be final in all classes.

No equipment sales for the duration of the fair.

All archery competitors must compete in a brief Archery knowledge test. The Archery Poster Contest is optional.

The archery competition will have various awards and recognitions for the participants. These include trophies or equivalent awards for Age Classes (5), Knowledge Test (1), and Poster Contest (1). Additionally, participants will receive rosettes for each Bow Division (20 Blue, 20 Red, 20 White). For the Educational Poster Contest and knowledge test, Danish Ribbons will be given out with the following colors and quantity: Purple (1), Blue (10), Red (10), White (10), and Green (12). Furthermore, a special leader-provided award will be given to the winner of the "3DFun" Shoot.

The 4-H Fair, the show superintendent and Certified Archery Leaders take every precaution to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators. However, accidents can still occur, and it is important for all members and their parents or guardians to exercise caution and follow all safety guidelines. The 4-H Fair and the show superintendent will not be held responsible for any accident, mistake, loss, or damage from any cause. A Litchfield County 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Consent Form will be completed at Check in.

Class 1: Age Class - choose one per exhibitor. Exhibitors should select a class that suits their comfort level with the bow and their age group. The Show Superintendent will move people who choose an inappropriate class.

Lot 1. Novice Junior (8-10 years by January 1st): First year shooting - 10 Yards

Lot 2. Junior (8-10 years by January 1st): 20 Yards

Lot 3. Novice Intermediate (11-12 years by January 1st): First year shooting - 10 Yards

Lot 4. Intermediate (11-12 years by January 1st): 20 Yards

Lot 5. Novice Senior (13-18 years by January 1st): First Year Shooting - 20 Yards

Lot 6. Senior (13-18 years by January 1st): 30 Yards

Bow Division - Check ALL Bow Divisions that you wish to compete in on the entry form - Max of 2.

Limited club equipment available - First come first serve.

Recurve with Sight
Barebow & Recurve NASP & Other Recurve

Compound Bow with Sight and Release
Compound NASP or Genesis

Classes - Enter ALL Events that you wish to compete in when entering

Class 2: Close Range Target Shooting

Lot 1: Target: 40 or 80 cm, 5-color face or Shooter's may request a 5-Spot Target Distance: 10 - 30 yards based on age class

Course of fire: 3 ends of 5 arrows each from 10 yards and 3 ends of 5 arrows each from 20 yards (20 yards only for Senior Class). Shooters will shoot two to a target at the same time. Each shooter will bring 6 arrows that are unique to that shooter to the range. Time Limit: 4 minutes per 5 arrow end

Scoring: Points are awarded from 10 to 1 from the center outward, with inner 10's (10x) recorded but not awarded additional points. For the 5-Spot target, one arrow is allowed per spot with points awarded from 10-9 from the center outward (white rings= 10, blue rings= 9). Any arrow missing the scoring rings is awarded the score of 0, with inner 10's (10x) recorded but not awarded additional points. In the case of a tie, the number of inner 10's is used for tie-breakers, followed by the number of inner 10's at the longer distance, scoring of an additional end at the longer distance, and the score of a single arrow from the longer distance until the tie is broken. If an arrow bounces off the target, it is allowed to be reshot.

Class 3: 3-D Archery Exhibition

3-D targets will be placed in natural cover and at unmarked distances from designated shooting stakes. One or more stakes may be placed for various classes and age groups of shooters at the option of the shoot management. Only one arrow will be shot from each shooting station by an archer.

Stake Assignments - number of targets may vary

Lot 1: Junior - Pink (5 yards - 20 yd Max)

Lot 2: Intermediate - Blue (10 yards - 25 yd Max)

Lot 3: Senior - White (10 yards - 30 yd Max)

Class 4: 3D FUN Shoot

Fun - Non humanoid - 3-D targets will be placed in natural cover and at unmarked distances from designated shooting stakes. One or more stakes may be placed for various classes and age groups of shooters at the option of the shoot management. Only one arrow will be shot from each shooting station by an archer. Number of targets will not be excessive as this is just being set up for fun and to give members some 3-D experience.

Lot 1: Juniors - Juniors will shoot targets at unknown ranges from 5 to 10 yards

Lot 2: Intermediates - Intermediates will shoot targets at unknown ranges from 5 to 15 yards

Lot 3: Seniors - Seniors will shoot targets at unknown ranges from 5 to 20 yards

Stake Assignments Junior - Pink (10 yd Max), Intermediate - Blue (15 yd Max), Senior - White (20 yd Max)

Optional Archery Educational Poster Contest

Get creative and make an educational Archery poster! Make sure to use poster board, not foam board, and aim for a minimum size of 18"x24". The judges will be looking for creativity, neatness, and your knowledge of the subject matter. Don't forget: your poster cannot have your name, picture, age, or club name on the front or back, or it will be disqualified. Make sure all parts and pieces are firmly attached, and no vinyl applications produced by cutting with "Cricut" or similar machines are allowed. You can use printed materials as long as you created them yourself, and remember to cite all of your resources.

Archery Knowledge Test - All members will be given a brief knowledge test upon arrival.

In order to participate in archery at the fair, a short knowledge test covering safety, basic operation, bow handling, and other related topics must be taken. The test should be completed by noon on Saturday, and most exhibitors are advised to take it during check-in. To ensure fairness, a one-hour time limit is imposed, though the test can usually be completed much faster. No electronic devices or other resources are permitted during the test, and any accommodations needed should be discussed with the Show superintendent. A trophy will be given to the participant with the highest test score. It's worth noting that the test answers will be posted by Saturday at noon for public knowledge.

Suggested Event Photo Tags for Social Media: Set privacy settings to the public. #4HArchery #LitchfieldCounty4H #LitchfieldCounty4HArchery #4HShootingSports #4Hgrowshere #UConn4H #UConnExtension



Premier Showmanship Contest

Superintendents: Kyle Meholik and Emily Grant (First Vice Presidents, Livestock)

There are two divisions in this contest which tests the ability of 4-H members to show their animal in addition to every other species. The junior champion showman in each animal division competes for the Junior Premier Showman award. The senior champion in each animal division competes for the Senior Premier Showman award.

Any member who wins Premier Showmanship may not compete in the same age division again (i.e., once a member has won Junior Premier Showmanship, they may not compete again until eligible for the Senior Premier Showmanship contest. Even if they are named champion of their animal division again, the reserve champion will represent the division in Premier Showmanship).

Both the Junior and Senior Contests will run at the same time. Along with showing the different species, judges may ask the showman questions about the species the contestant is showing. Contestants can earn from 1-10 points as they handle each animal. The highest total score wins. Ties are broken by the number of 10's (a perfect score) each contestant has.

Holly Bottass Memorial Award

The Junior Premier Showmanship trophy is given in memory of Holly Bottass. Holly was an active member of the Litchfield County Shepherds 4-H Club for 11 years and served as the club's President. Holly was always willing to help younger members with projects and competed many years in the Premier Showmanship contest as both a junior and senior.

Calvin Wheaton Memorial Award

The Senior Premier Showmanship trophy is given in memory of Cal Wheaton. Cal grew up in Washington, CT and was active with dairy and beef projects. He was president of the Litchfield County 4-H Fair in 1960-61 and was president of the 4-H Service Club. After graduating from Penn State, Cal farmed in Washington and served as a volunteer 4-H leader in Litchfield County. The memorial award is given by the friends of Cal Wheaton.

Pet Parade

This year's theme is...

Safety

Time: 12 pm noon on Sunday

Dress up with your animal in safety-related apparel! Old and young alike are welcome to join with their favorite 4-H project pet!

Prizes will be awarded for each category. Categories are decided at the judges' discretion.

Camper Space Request Form

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, JULY 19 to the 4-H Office

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

License Plate #: _____

Club/Barn name: _____

Special Requests: (if possible) _____

Type: Please circle one:

RV 5th Wheel Tag Along Pop-up Tent

Length: _____ Slide out? _____ (if yes-width _____)

Awning? _____ (if yes-width _____) Water? _____

Power? _____ (Note: outlets on poles are simple 110-120 volt, 15-20 amp.)

Mail this form to:

Bill Davenport, UConn Extension, 843 University Drive, Torrington CT 06790

(FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JULY 19th)

***** Please Note*****

- Campers are **ONLY** allowed to arrive Wednesday evening, July 31st, between 5 pm and 8 pm, or Thursday evening, August 1st, between 5 pm and 8 pm.
- (Note: Campers will not be allowed to arrive anytime on Friday, Saturday or Sunday.)
- Because spots are limited, camper requests will be assigned spaces on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of this form at the 4-H office. Campers must be checked in upon arrival (between 5 pm and 8 pm on Wednesday, July 31st or between 5 pm and 8 pm on Thursday, August 1st) in order to secure your assigned spot.
- Water and power subject to availability
- All campers, trailers and other vehicles must be removed from the grounds by 6 pm Sunday

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Join us in thanking the following businesses for their donation of supplies and services that help make our fair possible...

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