

**90TH ANNUAL
HARTFORD COUNTY**



4-H FAIR

**AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 2026
56 EGYPT RD, SOMERS, CT**



Dear 4-Hers, Families, Friends, and Supporters,

I would like to welcome you to the 90th Annual Hartford County 4-H Fair—an incredible milestone to celebrate together! I would like personally thank everyone who has made an impact on our fair this year through your generous donations, volunteer time, and the many ways you helped bring this event together. All of this hard work has such a positive impact on the fair and on our 4-Hers. It truly could not be done without you.

4-H holds a special place in each of our hearts in different ways. Whether it is showing animals, exhibiting in the exhibition center, volunteering, sponsoring, or participating in the many other aspects of the fair, we all share something in common. No matter how you are involved, the 4-H motto “Learn by Doing” surrounds us. Throughout the fair, we all have the opportunity to live out this motto. Each year we leave the fair with new knowledge, new friendships, and lasting memories.

This year’s fair marks 90 years filled with memories, experiences, and growth. During the fair, I encourage you to take a moment to notice the people around you and ask about their 4-H experiences. Try something new—maybe enter a vegetable in the exhibition center, show a new species, or spend some time volunteering in the food building. Take time to appreciate everything the people around you have accomplished. I am always reminded of a quote by Benjamin Franklin: “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I will learn.” 4-H is truly about trying new things and following your passions.

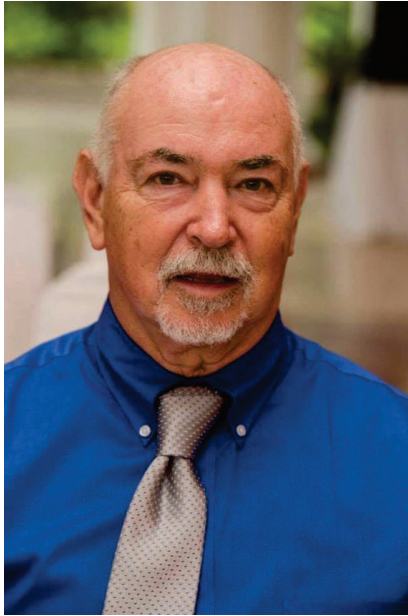
4-H has been a huge part of so many of our lives. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this fair happen. Because of you, the impact that 4-H has had on my life and others can continue to be passed on to others.

Best Regards,

Marion Fil

Marion Fil
2025-2026 Hartford County 4-H Fair President

The Hartford County 4-H Fair Association
is proud to dedicate our 2026 Fair Book
to



Walter Skowron

Walter is a 23-year volunteer who has served as a vital resource for 4-H youth in the rabbit project area. He has donated a significant amount of time, resources, and energy to Hartford County 4-H, as an ambassador of the 4-H program at the fair. He has engaged with the public in discussions on rabbits, the fair, and the benefits of positive youth development through 4-H. At the county level, he has previously served as a Hartford County 4-H Fair Advisor, mentoring youth in various officer positions, and currently serves as a 4-H Fair Director.

At the club level, Walter is the leader of the Hip Hoppin Hares 4-H Club, where he has mentored dozens of 4-Hers. He is committed to assisting youth with rabbit showmanship and management, frequently lending his expertise to other 4-H clubs. As the Rabbit Barn steward, a position he's held for more than a decade,

Walter is passionate about sharing his knowledge and supporting new and experienced exhibitors and their families at the fair.

Walter has guided youth with patience, assurance, and passion, providing them with support and confidence in their exhibits.

Thank you, Walter, for all that you do for Hartford County 4-H!

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- 8:30 a.m. Livestock & Dairy Judging Contests
- 9:00 a.m. Rabbit Showmanship & Rabbit Knowledge Test
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Exhibition Center Closed for Judging
- 10:00 a.m. Goat Breed Show
- 12:00 p.m. Pocket Pet Show
- 1:00 p.m. Poultry Showmanship
- 2:00 p.m. Rabbit Breed Judging
- 3:30 p.m. Goat Knowledge Test
Poultry Breed Show
- 5:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies: Announcement of 4-H Fair Ambassador
& Fair Book Dedication
- 6:00 p.m. Doodlebug Draw: Middle Weight (Weigh-in at 5:15)
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. To Be Continued band
- 6:30 p.m. Swine Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Dog Show
Beef Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Garden Tractor Pull
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Robotics Competition
- 10:00 a.m. Goat Showmanship
- 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Touch a Truck event
- 11:00 a.m. Magician
- 12:00 p.m. Stompin' Boots line dancing
- 1:00 p.m. Magician
- 2:00 p.m. Dairy Showmanship
Stompin' Boots line dancing
- 3:00 p.m. Magician
- 4:00 pm. 90th Fair Alumni Reception
- 4:30 p.m. Llama & Alpaca Show
- 5:00 p.m. Sheep Show
90th Fair Ceremony
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 4-H Advisory Chicken Dinner (reservations required)
- 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Face Down band
- 6:30 p.m. Horse Draw (Scale opens at 3:30 p.m.)

ALL WEEKEND:

Barrel Train & Hayrides
by Fair Weather Growers,
Kids Tent Activities

As Announced:
Demonstrations, Midway Games,
Children's Entertainment

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. Dairy Breed Show
- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00p.m. Robotics Competition
- 10:00 a.m. Mad Science Demonstration
Doodlebug Draw: Light Weight & Heavy Weight Class (Weigh in at 9:00)
- 10:30 a.m. Donkey Show
- 11:00 a.m. Veterinary Science Knowledge Test
- 11:30 a.m. Animal Costume Class
- 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. DJ & Games
- 1:30 p.m. Premier Livestock Showmanship
- 4:30 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

All scheduled times are subject to change without notice.

Pets or Dogs & Alcoholic Beverages ARE NOT ALLOWED on Grounds.

Exhibits may not be removed until closing ceremonies are finished on Sunday.

ADMISSION: General Admission: \$7.00 / Seniors: \$4.00 / Military ID: FREE / 3 & under: FREE
Parking: FREE

We Remember

*our 4-H friends
and how they touched our lives*

Marjorie Brown

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Margaret Farone

Roger Hayes

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What is UConn Hartford County 4-H?

UConn 4-H, part of UConn Extension, is Connecticut's youth development program with the nation's largest youth organization. 4-H provides hands-on learning, mentorship, and real-world experiences to help youth build confidence and essential life skills for youth ages 5-19.

For over 100 years, 4-H has empowered young people to be leaders, problem-solvers, and engaged residents. We are committed to ensuring all youth have access to opportunities that prepare them for success.

UConn Extension delivers research-based programs and services in all 169 Connecticut communities, as part of the nationwide Cooperative Extension System, connecting people with knowledge and resources from UConn's College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources (CAHNR).

Through UConn 4-H, we:

- Help youth develop critical skills for careers and life.
- Provide mentorship and hands-on learning experiences.
- Foster healthy, engaged, and productive youth leaders.



Beyond Ready

To find out more about becoming a 4-H member, volunteer, or leader, contact:

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Beyond Ready



HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wishes everyone a great time at the fair!

The Advisory Committee provides financial and volunteer support for all of Hartford County 4-H, including:

Awards ♦ Scholarships ♦ National Trips

& County Programs such as:

4-H Nutrition & Food Show ♦ Hartford County 4-H Fair

Support us at the fair:

Silent Auction
& Raffle

Milkshake
& Iced Coffee Booth

Chicken Dinner
(Saturday)



**Join
us**

The 4-H Advisory Committee is seeking additional adult members representing a wide range of Hartford County 4-H programming. We meet monthly September-June to assist with promoting and extending 4-H in the county, advise the 4-H Educator in program planning, assist with evaluation of awards and events, and raise funds to support 4-H youth and volunteer programs.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Jennifer.cushman@uconn.edu

HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H OUTDOOR CENTER



Continuing traditions since 1930, 4-H Camper & Counselor of the week.

Join us at Hartford County 4-H Camp
for our 2027 camping season
Registration opens in February 2027

<https://www.hartfordcounty4hcamp.org>



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GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

All UConn 4-H Fairs, including the Hartford County 4-H Fair, require proof of current rabies inoculations for all species for which there is an approved rabies vaccination, in addition to current health papers and approved permanent identification appropriate for that species.

All UConn 4-H shows will adhere to health requirements and advisories set forth by USDA and State of CT with review and recommendations by UConn CAHNR. Please note, health requirements may change after animal verification forms and/or fair entries are turned into the 4-H office causing shows to be canceled at any time.

1. Entries in any of the classes will be open to Hartford County 4-H members who are at least age 7, but not yet 19 before January 1, of the current year, unless otherwise specified in individual class rules. 4-H members in clubs or individual 4-H members must be enrolled in any project area by May 1 of the current year. Participants in special interest and enrichment programs must be enrolled by July 15 of the current year. No exhibit will be entered without the appropriate yearly record and project record sheet. Project record sheets must be included in a completed 4-H Record Book. Animal entries must have the appropriate UConn 4-H Animal Verification form for each animal being entered on file at the 4-H office by the specified date given by the UConn 4-H program.
2. 4-H members entering projects in the Exhibition Center may list projects on the Yearly Record sheet if fewer than 15 items are being entered in the category (class). The full record book, including a separate record sheet for each class, is required if the 4-Her wishes to be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center (not applicable to Booths).
3. There will be no entry fee on exhibits shown by Hartford County 4-H members at this Fair.
4. All livestock, Poultry, Rabbits, Pocket Pets, Donkey, Dog, Booth, and some STEM and Communication entries must be made in advance using the entry links in this book. **NO OTHER ADVANCE ENTRIES REQUIRED.** Entries must be received by the August 1 deadline to allow time for proper classification and arrangements of exhibits. No premiums will be paid on entries received after the deadline. Late entries may not be allowed to exhibit due to space limitations.
5. All articles exhibited at this Fair must be the property of the exhibitor and must have been made or raised by the exhibitor, as a 4-H project, since September 1 of the current 4-H year. (No graded projects made in school during a formal class with the teacher advising students.) All UConn 4-H Animal Verification and lease forms must be submitted by their deadlines in order to participate in this 4-H Fair. A 4-H member cannot lease more than four animals of the same species, except ten (10) for Rabbit, Poultry, Cavy, Reptile, Crustacean, and Small Animal project areas.
6. **ALL LIVESTOCK OR ANIMAL EXHIBITS MUST BE FITTED EXCLUSIVELY BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL. ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS. Any violations of this rule should be shared directly with the 4-H Educator.**
7. All Dairy, Beef, Working Steer, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Donkeys, Llamas, Rabbits, and Poultry staying the weekend must be entered and on the grounds on Thursday between 2:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. (Animals that are not a Hartford County member's projects cannot stay for the weekend.) Check specific class for exceptions to arrival times. **No animal can be unloaded until verification and health forms are checked. Proof of current rabies inoculations must be shown. Animals must be free from open or draining wounds. The decision of the Fair Advisors with consultation of the Extension Educator is final.**
8. Exhibition Center exhibits can be entered on Thursday between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. or on Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. No exhibitor numbers will be issued after Friday at 9:30 a.m. except for Dog entries on Saturday.

9. All animals must remain in their respective barn areas when exercising. No animals are allowed on the midway. Use caution around the spectators. Animals must be able to be controlled by the exhibitor. Unruly animals may be dismissed from the grounds.
10. Livestock will be judged by the Standard system, except for showmanship classes which will be judged on the Dual-Merit system; all other exhibits will be judged by the Danish system unless specified otherwise in a class. See a detailed explanation of each on page 12.
11. When there is no competition, each animal or article shown will be judged and placed according to its own merits. All awards will be made at the discretion of the judges, and are outlined in each class.
12. **The decisions of the judges are final.**
13. No person will be allowed to interfere with the judges while in discharge of their duties, and any person so interfering will be excluded from competition. Competent judges will be chosen to judge all exhibits. There is to be no coaching of exhibitors by spectators.
14. All 4-H project animals are shown at the risk of the 4-H member. During the Fair, all exhibits are under the direction of the appropriate 4-H Fair Association, who will exercise every reasonable care in the protection of exhibits. In no case will the said Fair Association or management be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. Each exhibitor will be solely responsible for any loss, injury, or damage to any animal; or loss, injury, or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by them and shall indemnify said Fair Association against legal or other proceedings in regard thereto. IT IS ADVISED THAT ALL EXHIBITORS GIVE PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THEIR PROPERTY, AND AT THE CLOSE OF THE FAIR TAKE CHARGE OF THE SAME.
15. No exhibit may be removed until released by the Department Steward or Superintendent on Sunday after Closing Ceremonies, unless in the event of an emergency, either medical or personal, it is deemed in the best interest of the 4-Her, their project(s), and the Fair Association by a Fair Advisor and 4-H Educator or two Fair Advisors that the 4-Her and their project(s) be sent home. It shall be done without any penalty or loss of premiums or awards earned.
16. The Hartford County 4-H Fair Association reserves the right to deny entry or dismiss an animal or project entry that is not suitable or appropriate for display or competition, as deemed by a Fair Advisor and 4-H Educator or two Fair Advisors.
17. No vehicles or trailers can be moved or staged by the barns on the fairgrounds before the end of Closing Ceremonies. Traffic flow will be one way.
18. Classes and lots are subject to change without notice.
19. Notification should be given 21 days prior to the Hartford County 4-H Fair if any 4-H member needs special accommodations in order to participate in the Fair by calling (860) 409-9074.
20. No cash premium other than those listed in this book will be paid on any exhibit. Read the premium list carefully and make your exhibits conform to the classes published.
21. Failure to comply with the General Rules and Regulations, or breed-specific rules, will result in the forfeit of premium money.
22. Premiums and trophies not awarded during the Fair will be distributed at the Fair Awards Night in early October. Date and place to be announced.
23. **Rules of conduct on the fairgrounds:**
 - a. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the fairgrounds.
 - b. No smoking or vaping in or around the show rings, tents, barns, and buildings.
 - c. No dogs or pets allowed on the grounds if not a 4-H exhibit and they may NOT be left in your car. Service animals welcome.
 - d. No misconduct of any type will be allowed.
 - e. Shirt and shoes required in all buildings and when working with animals.
 - f. Animals should be under control at all times and in their designated areas.
 - g. No grills, crockpots, campfires, or cooking in the barns or tents.
 - h. All pop-up tents must be in a designated area determined by the Fair Association.

24. **Violations will result in dismissal from the fairgrounds and withholding of premiums.**
25. All 4-H members entering the gate must have an exhibitor number or membership card to enter. All adults must have an entry ticket, a leader card, weekend pass, Lifetime Pass, or current CT Fairs season pass to enter. All others must pay admission price. Gates will open between 6:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. Friday through Sunday and only 4-H members, people with weekend passes, leader cards, vendor passes, entry tickets, judges, stewards, and all others as needed, will be allowed to enter the gates.
26. Only individuals authorized by the Fair Association Advisors may drive a golf cart on the grounds. All operators must have a signed waiver on file.
27. Exhibitors who are not Hartford County 4-H members will not receive premium money.
28. Premium monies are subject to change without notice.

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HOW EXHIBITS SHALL BE JUDGED

Overview – The purpose of judging or evaluating exhibits at the 4-H Fair is to enable 4-H members to learn from the judges different methods of completing their project and showing their exhibit.

THE STANDARD SYSTEM: Each exhibit is judged against others in its class. Awards are made accordingly. **All livestock will be judged under the Standard System**, with the exception of showmanship classes, which will be judged under the Dual-Merit System.

THE DANISH SYSTEM: Each exhibit is judged on its own individual merit. **All non-livestock exhibits will be judged under the Danish System**, unless state otherwise within the class. Point values for first, second, and third awards have been set for each lot of each class. The Executive Committee of the Fair Association will determine the cash value of a point.

THE DUAL-MERIT SYSTEM: Each exhibit will be judged by BOTH the Danish System and the Standard System. **All showmanship classes will be judged using the Dual-Merit System.**

GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Only 4-Hers who completed the proper record sheets are eligible to be considered for Grand and Reserve Champion awards. In most classes judged by the Danish System, unless otherwise stated in the class rules, championships will be awarded on the basis of an individual's total blue ribbon points for that class. Ties will be broken by total red ribbon points for those individuals, and if necessary, by total white ribbon points. *If no blue ribbons are received, no championships will be awarded.* **A Best of Show ribbon may be awarded at the judges' discretion** in each class judged on the Danish System.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR: All Exhibition Center classes, with the exception of Booths and Record Books, will be judged according to Juniors (4-H members through age 12) and Seniors (ages 13 through 19). Ages are as of January 1st of the current year.

4-H EXPLORER CLASS

The purpose of this class is to encourage 4-H Explorer members to enter projects created during the 4-H year to receive feedback.

- This class is open to enrolled 4-H Explorer members ages 5 and 6, who would like to enter their handmade items.
 - Exhibits must be entered at the times specified in the Rules and Regulations, page 10.
 - No Record Book is required.
 - Ribbons only will be awarded.
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FUTURE 4-HERS EXHIBITS

The purpose of this class to encourage youth to get involved with 4-H, experience the 4-H Fair as an exhibitor, and in the future, enroll as a 4-H member when old enough.

- This class is open to youth under the age of 9 who are not enrolled as a 4-H member, but would like to exhibit their handmade items.
 - Exhibits must be entered at the times specified in the Rules and Regulations, page 10.
 - No Record Book is required.
 - Ribbons only will be awarded.
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CAMP CRAFT EXHIBITS

All articles made at 4-H Camp during the current season must be entered in this class. No Record Book is needed. This class gives campers a chance to show what they did while at camp. Non-4-H members and 4-Hers attending camp may enter. Ribbons only will be awarded.

ANIMAL COSTUME CLASS

Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

1. Exhibitors and animals must be dressed in a costume.
 2. Classes will be divided by age based on the number of entries. The youngest exhibitors will be considered the Junior group and the older exhibitors will be considered the Senior group.
 3. Entries will be judged on the Danish System.
 4. Ribbons will be awarded for First Place in each of the following 11 categories:
Funniest, Fanciest, Cutest, Most Original, Most Unusual, Scariest, Best Behaved Animal, Most Smiley, Most Elegant, Most Colorful, Most 4-H Spirit.
 5. A Best in Show rosette will be awarded in both Junior and Senior divisions.
 6. NO pre-entry is required. Just show up in costume in the designated area. Please be prompt!
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FOREVER 4-HERS / OVER THE HILL CLASSES

4-H leaders, parents, and alumni will have an opportunity to exhibit items you've made during the year. Home arts, woodworking, photography, sewing, floral arrangements, and other items may be exhibited in the Forever 4-Her Class. Participation ribbons will be awarded. Exhibits will not be evaluated. Bring your quilts, pillows, and other handcrafted items to share with the 4-Hers. In livestock Over the Hill classes, adults will use 4-Hers animals to show, which should be chosen before judging.

ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT FAIRS CONTESTS

For complete and current contest rules, prizes, and recipes, go to the Association of CT Fairs website:
<http://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/contests>

Only currently-enrolled Hartford County 4-H members may enter the state baking contests and state quilt contest at the Hartford County 4-H Fair.

PREMIER SHOWMAN OF EXHIBITION CENTER

Sunday, 10:00 a.m., Exhibition Center

The Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center is a competition to determine the overall show-person in the Exhibition Center. This prestigious award recognizes an individual's ability to create several award-winning exhibits as well as measure their ability to discuss a variety of aspects of their exhibits. Considering the strict criteria necessary to compete, it is an honor to event place in the top ten.

For an individual to qualify to compete for the Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center, the individual must satisfy the following criteria:

- Must have submitted an exhibit in at least four (4) different Exhibition Center classes, excluding the Record Book class, with completed separate Project Record pages for each class included in the record book.
- The individual's record book must be entered in the Record Book class.
- An individual's Booth may be considered part of an exhibit and must be recorded on the Yearly Record page for that class.
- Must have received at least one Grand Champion award (junior or senior).
- Must be available to meet with the judges on Sunday morning.
- An individual may be eligible for the Premier Showman Grand Champion award more than once, **only** if they represent a different grand champion class.

From the list of qualifying individuals, the top ten will be selected to compete according to the number of awards they receive in the following order: blues, reds, and whites. Once the ten finalists have been selected, their ranking is established by interviews with the judges. Each individual must select three (3) of their exhibits which showcase the extent and quality of their work to discuss with the judges.

Judging Criteria:

- Ability of the exhibitor to show their projects and discuss their choices and techniques used.
- Quality of the exhibits.
- Ability of the exhibitor to discuss their work and answer the judge's questions.

Scoring:

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| • Appearance of Exhibitor | 10 points |
| • Selection of Exhibits | 40 points |
| • Exhibitor explains exhibits and answers questions | 40 points |
| • Exhibitor courteous, alert, and knowledgeable | <u>10 points</u> |
| | 100 points |

Awards:

A Grand and Reserve Champion will be selected and will receive champion rosette ribbons. All other participants will receive participation rosettes. Awards will be announced during Closing Ceremonies at the 4-H Fair.

The Premier Showman will receive a special award at the Annual Fair Awards Night.

RECORD BOOKS

Sponsored by: Colin D'Abreo, New York, NY

4-H members are encouraged to keep records as part of their leadership experience. Your 4-H records present a picture of your growth and development as a 4-H member. Accurate record keeping will provide you with personal satisfaction as you record your accomplishments and see improvement in yourself and in your project work. To be of greatest value, Record Books should be kept up to date as the project develops, not made up or carefully copied at the end of the project. Ribbons, news clippings, photographs, and other items of recognition are not to be kept in record books. They are appropriate for a 4-H scrapbook. One or two select pictures or news clippings that apply directly to the project area and which add to the value of the record may be included with the record sheets only where requested on the record sheet.

1. 4-H member's Record Book must have the current year's 4-H Yearly Record sheet FIRST, followed by the Project Record for each project area, enclosed in a UConn 4-H Record Cover (front and back). A 3-ring binder may be used. The cover can be on the inside or the outside of the binder. Sheet protectors may be used with a front side showing and a back side showing in each page protector.
2. Current year's records and the completion of past years' records will be judged. Verify that past years' records were updated with: fair participation, fair premium received, any awards for last year (i.e. club, fair, or county), and animal feed sheets completed for August and September; up to the end date of the lease which is noted on the record sheets or September 30th. This information goes on the record sheets for the time in which it was earned, regardless of when it was received. To be considered for a Record Book Award, page dividers or tabs MUST be used and clearly marked to separate each YEAR, no other page dividers are permitted.
3. Leader, parent, or guardian's signature and date MUST be on the 4-H Yearly Record sheet. Independent members MUST have a parent or guardian's signature and date. No other record sheets require a signature.
4. Read General Rules and Regulations on page 10.
5. Record book pages are available online at s.uconn.edu/4-H.

TOP QUALITY Record Books will be recognized from those exhibited at the Fair. Two awards will be present to Seniors who have earned a top quality Record Book. Criteria for these awards include completeness, including all past years, growth and development, neatness, and effort. Second place will receive an award from Fair Association.

Once the 1st place award has been received, the 4-Her is no longer eligible for this Record Book Award. However, the 2nd place award can be received *more than once*.

Up to five awards for *OUTSTANDING RECORD BOOKS* exhibited by a *JUNIOR 4-H member* will also be awarded. There is no limit to the number of years that a 4-Her can receive this award.

Lanie Neumann Memorial Award

This award is open to any 4-Her who has submitted a record book for judging in at least two previous fairs. Judges will be looking for record books that express the 4-Her's enthusiasm for their 4-H experiences and projects, and who have demonstrated growth in their 4-H experience. Pictures are appreciated where appropriate in the record book. The Lanie Neumann Memorial Award may be awarded to the same 4-Her multiple times but no 4-Her can win the award two years in a row.

The "Excellence in Record Keeping" Travel Trophy, donated by June Zoppa, will be awarded to the 4-Her exhibiting the 1st Place Top Quality Record Book.

RECORD BOOKS – CONTINUED

Lots:

In lots 2-5 below, only the current year is judged.

	Blue	Red	White
1. Member's 4-H Record Book	15	10	5
2. Member's 4-H Scrapbook (can include other activities such as religious, school, community, etc.)	6	4	2
3. Club Secretary's book	6	4	2
4. Club News Scrapbook	6	4	2
5. Club Treasurer's book	4	3	2

SCORE SHEET FOR RECORD BOOKS

Yearly Record Sheet (35 points):

- 10 points All sections must be completed or one line marked with 'Does not apply' or 'None'
(2 points for each: Leadership, Public Speaking, 4-H Community Service, Competition and Recognition, Other 4-H Participation and Promotion)
- 10 points Age-appropriate story
- 5 points Goals section complete
- 5 points Financial Summary is complete (should match project record total)
- 2 points Signed and dated by leader (parent or guardian for independent members; if the 4-Her had help completing the record sheets, the appropriate line needs to be marked)
- 3 points Signed and dated by member

Project Sheets (30 points):

- 5 points All sections must be completed or one line marked with 'Does not apply' or 'None'
(If an animal project, feed and activities including subtotals and yearly totals up to July 31st must be present)
- 5 points Project goals section complete
- 5 points Project activities listed
- 5 points Time spent on project is listed
- 5 points Financial statement completed with expenses and income listed and totaled for projects or subtotaled if the project is still in progress
- 5 points Financial review completed

Neatness (10 points):

- 5 points Clean sheets; No excessive erase marks or cross-outs, pictures mounted neatly
- 5 points Sheets not torn or dog-eared, all page holes aligned

Previous years' sheets completed (25 points)

1st year members will automatically receive these points

- 2 points Previous year totals and remaining year participation completed
- 4 points All sheets have final totals
- 4 points COMPETITION AND RECOGNITION section of Yearly Record sheet completed and updated
- 5 points Arrangement of record sheets – Yearly Record sheet must be first for each year
- 5 points Record Sheets enclosed in a UConn 4-H Record cover front and back (can be printed from the 4-H website)
- 5 points Record Book **does not** include extra pages of pictures, newspaper articles, ribbons, verification forms, animal registration papers, etc.

Blue: 100-90

Red: 89-75

White: 74-50

Participation: 49-0

New as of 2025:

To be eligible for Record Book awards, dividers or tabs MUST be used between years

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Sponsored by: Diane Andrus, Granby

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Any articles in this class must have been made by the exhibitor since last September 1st.
3. Crafts made at 4-H Camp MUST be entered in the Camp Craft class.
4. No more than 4 entries per lot; each entry must be of different material or design, upon the discretion of the steward.
5. Exhibits should be placed in clear plastic bags.

Lots:

Point values: Blue-3, Red-2, White-1

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| 1. Articles made of paper | 12. Decoupage/collage/mosaic |
| 2. Articles made from cloth (not sewn) | 13. Molded articles (plastic, liquid plastic, etc.) |
| 3. Bead Craft | 14. Party decorations |
| a. Made from a kit | 15. Christmas decorations |
| b. Original design | 16. Other holiday decorations |
| 4. String and wire art | 17. Handicraft of natural materials (including sand art) |
| 5. Plastic or glass bottle articles | 18. Article made in boards, bricks, or boxes (one of a kind) |
| 6. Articles made of plastic | 19. Diamond art |
| 7. Small articles made of wood | |
| 8. Pictures | |
| 9. Leather work | |
| 10. Stained glass kits | |
| 11. Kits (model and craft) | |

Point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-2

20. Papier-mache
21. Ceramics
22. Print and stencil on wood/tile, etc.
23. Sculpture not made of clay
24. Sculpture made of clay
25. Pottery – painted & fired
26. Leaded glass art
27. Fabric painting/stenciling
28. Painting on wood, etc.
29. Macramé
30. Creative scrapbook
31. Homemade beauty products (soap, lip balm, lotions, etc., one of a kind)
32. Homemade wax candles, including beeswax (one of a kind)
33. Decorated table runner or bureau scarf
34. Stenciled article (one of a kind)

Point values: Blue-10, Red-8, White-6

35. Miscellaneous (one of a kind; items not listed above)

**The “Susan Lathrop Memorial Travel Trophy”
donated by the Clovers & Overs 4-H Club of Suffield,
will be awarded to the Arts & Crafts Junior Grand Champion**

BOOTHS

Sponsored by: Jane C Miller, Granby

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. No record sheet is required. No Grand/Reserve Champion will be awarded for this class.
2. Application for booth space **MUST** be made in advance using the entry link. **INDICATE SIZE OF BOOTH ON ENTRY. NO PREMIUMS WILL BE PAID** if not pre-registered.
3. Exhibitor must provide their own booth. Pre-made three-section display board can be purchased for use. Dimensions for your booth should be a minimum of 36" high x 24" wide x 12" deep but cannot exceed maximum of 36" high x 60" wide x 30" deep. Your display **MUST FIT** the booth.
4. Preparation and setting up of booths **MUST** be the work of the club member(s) **AND NOT** of the leader or parent. If a booth is entered by a club, the club name, and all member's names and ages who worked on it, must be displayed in the booth. Title of booth must be displayed.
5. Booths to be checked **IN** and **OUT** by the booth steward or superintendent.
6. **ALL** booth exhibits must be set up and ready for judging before 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Judging will be done using the Danish System.
7. Exhibitor is responsible for neat, clean appearance of booth for duration of the Fair. It is advisable to avoid using crepe paper.
8. Point values: Blue-20, Red-15, White-10.

The following trophies may be awarded by the judges:

Best of Show Trophy for a booth made by an individual 4-H member.

Edward H. Merritt Best of Show Trophy for a booth made by a 4-H club.

Lots to be divided as: A-Individual booth; B-Club booth

1. Homemaking
2. Forestry, Nature
3. Electrical
4. Conservation
5. Handicraft (exhibits which teach or demonstrate a method or object)
6. Health or First Aid
7. Agricultural
8. 4-H FIRST LEGO Leage (FLL) Innovation project presentation
9. Miscellaneous

JUDGES WILL SCORE ON:

- 20 points** SUBJECT – accurate, expressed clearly, one main idea, important to public
- 20 points** ATTRACTIVENESS – neat, simple, arrangement, size & style of lettering, color
- 30 points** PUBLIC APPEAL – causes people to stop, holds interest, tells where to get further information, will be remembered, stimulates action or decision
- 20 points** ORIGINALITY – new idea, idea shown in unusual way
- 10 points** FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS – size, table surface, etc.

Booth Entry Form



s.uconn.edu/fair26booth

Entries due August 1

COMMUNICATIONS

Sponsored by: iHeartRadio – Rob & Mallory, Rockville, MD

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. No record sheet needed.
2. Entry to this class is eligible to one 4-H member or team of two or more.
3. Pre-registration is required for lots 1, 2, and 6, using the entry link on this page. Subject and names of participants MUST be pre-entered on entry form.
4. The class will be divided into Junior, Senior, and Team. Trophies and champion rosettes will be awarded to the outstanding presentation in each division.
5. Written entries are preferably typed using size 12 font, double-spaced.
6. All Hartford County 4-H members giving spoken presentations will be considered for the Judith Feery Public Speaking Award, presented annually by the Hartford County 4-H Advisory Committee.
7. All point values are: Blue-30, Red-20, White-10.

Judges will evaluate spoken presentations based on:

- 10 points..... Introduction – generates interest, concise
- 15 points..... Organization – main points easy to follow and in order, easy to understand, interesting to audience
- 20 points..... Content – accurate, sufficient detail, appropriate to level of speaker, preparation
- 15 points..... Stage Presence – speaker neat and appropriately dressed, maintained eye contact with audience, posture and movement appropriate for presentation
- 20 points..... Delivery – speaker had appropriate voice control and expressions, clear pronunciation, notes used appropriately and discreetly
- 10 points..... Conclusion – short, interesting, wrapped up speech, cited necessary sources
- 10 points..... Questions – answered thoughtfully and confidently, indicated deeper understanding

Judges will evaluate written entries or performance art based on subject, originality, efficacy, or creativity.

Lots:

1. Speech, talk, presentation, or performing arts, not to exceed 8 minutes
2. Demonstration of a product, idea, or “how to”, not to exceed 8 minutes
3. Original Essay or short story, not to exceed 3 pages
4. Original Poetry collection (up to 3 items)
5. Original Press Release or news article
6. Performance art (e.g. dance, song, etc.)

The Fair Association Travel Trophy will be awarded to the outstanding spoken presentation at the Fair

Communications Entry Form



s.uconn.edu/fair26communication

Entries due August 1

FINE ARTS

Sponsored by: Joyce Noy, Lebanon

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Any articles in this class must have been made by the exhibitor since last September 1st.
3. No more than 4 entries per lot. Each must be different.
4. Exhibits should be protected from dust by clear plastic or other suitable covering.

Lots:

Point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-2

1. Drawings (must be signed; framed or mounted)
2. Original paintings or pastels (must be signed; framed or mounted)
3. Original verse with illustration
4. Sculpture

Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

5. Original verse without illustration
6. Sculpturing – soft sculpture
7. Jewelry – made from a kit
8. Jewelry – original (no kit used)
9. Kits or tracings, painted (limited to ages 7-12) (must be signed; framed or mounted)
10. Miscellaneous

Point values: Blue-10, Red-8, White-6

11. Calligraphy
12. Creative writing

FLOWERS

Sponsored by: Kathleen Keller, Concord, CA

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Horticultural entries must be grown by the exhibitor.
3. Horticultural entries will be judged on quality of flowers and foliage, and freedom from disease and insect injury.
4. Exhibitors are limited to five (5) entries per lot, except lots 26-33 which are limited to 20 entries per lot. Each entry must be a different variety/cultivar.
5. Arrangement entries must be arranged by, but need not be grown by, exhibitor.
6. Invasive and endangered plants should not be entered in any lots.
7. In this schedule, the following definitions of terms will be used:
 - STEM – Any upper part of a plant, having one flower at the top and no side branches.
 - SPRAY – Portion of the plant with a number of flowers on a stem.
 - SPIKE – A stiff stem with numerous flowers having no stems or very short ones.
 - STALK – A stiff stem with one or a few flowers at the top.

**A Junior Best in Show trophy and a Senior Best in Show trophy
will be awarded In Memory of Billie Baldwin.**

Lots:

HORTICULTURE (5 entry limit – each entry being a different variety/cultivar)

Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

1. Amaranth – 1 stem
2. Ageratum – 3 sprays
3. Aster – any variety – 3 stems
4. Bachelor button – 3 stems
5. Bells of Ireland – 1 spike
6. Celosia – 1 spray or 1 spike
7. Coleus – 1 stem
8. Cosmos – 3 stems
9. Dahlia – 1 stem
10. Dianthus – 1 stem
11. Gladiolus – 1 spike
12. Gomphrena – 3 stems
13. Helichrysum or straw flower – 1 stalk
14. Lisinathus – 1 spray
15. Marigold – 3 stems
16. Petunias – 1 spray
17. Rose – 1 stem
18. Rudbeckia – 1 stem
19. Salvia – blue – 3 spikes
20. Salvia – any other variety – 3 spikes
21. Snapdragon – 3 spikes
22. Statice – 1 spray
23. Sunflower – miniature – 1 stem
24. Sunflower – giant – 1 stem
25. Zinnia – 3 stems

FLOWERS - CONTINUED

HORTICULTURE (20 entry limit – each entry being a different variety/cultivar)

Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

26. Any other annual or variety not listed – 1 or 3 stems
27. Any other perennial or variety not listed – 1 or 3 stems
28. Flowering potted house plant
29. Non-flowering potted house plant
30. Ornamental tree
31. Cactus/succulent plant
32. Potted plant started from cutting or seed by 4-H member during current 4-H year
33. Herb – 1 stem or 1 spray

ARRANGEMENTS

Point values: Blue-6, Red-5, White-3

34. Dish garden (list plant materials used on 3x5 card)
35. Terrarium (list plant materials used on 3x5 card)
36. Wearable flower (corsage, boutonniere, crown, etc.)
37. Arrangement of artificial flowers
38. Table centerpiece – may use any of the following: fruit, vegetables, flowers, coleus and other foliage
39. Miniature arrangement – flowers and container on a small scale, not to exceed 6” in either height or width.
40. Arrangement of wild flowers
41. Arrangement in a basket or other container
42. Arrangement with a Holiday theme
43. Arrangement in a teacup
44. Arrangement in a monochromatic (one) color scheme
45. 4-H spirit arrangement
46. Vase arrangement
47. Hand-tied bouquet (in a vase)
48. “America” arrangement
49. “Modern” arrangement

FOOD ART

Sponsored by: Capital Ice Cream, Hartford

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. All entries must be on cardboard or other hard surface. Your name **MUST** be on the bottom of the surface.
3. A commercial package mix may be used as entries will be judged on the attractiveness of the decorating job and not on the flavor of the item itself.
4. Nothing that needs refrigeration accepted.
5. Only one exhibitor per entry – one item decorated by multiple exhibitors will not be accepted.
6. Only one entry per lot, e.g. 1A.
7. All point values: Blue-20, Red-15, White-10

Decorated cookies will be judged on the following characteristics: cookie uniformity & color, decorative skill level (particularly when compared to exhibitor age and experience), design creativity.

Decorated cakes will be judged on the following characteristics: cake's adherence to design concept, decorative skill level (particularly when compared to exhibitor age and experience), frosting consistency, design creativity.

1. Cookies (6)
 - a. Flow method
 - b. Other
2. Cake – Icing
 - a. Small-under 8" in circumference
 - b. Medium-single tier, 8" and up
 - c. Multi-tier
 - d. Hand-carved
 - e. Mold used
3. Cake – Fondant
 - a. Small-under 8" in circumference
 - b. Medium-single tier, 8" and up
 - c. Multi-tier
 - d. Hand-carved
 - e. Mold used
4. Garnishes (6)
5. Edible Arrangements
6. Animal shaped from food
7. Creative food art project

FOOD PRESERVATION

**Sponsored by: Honey Rock Farm, Granby
Eric Wilson, Granby**

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. All exhibits must have been prepared since September 1st of last year by the exhibitor alone. Exhibitor may have had supervision but no other help.

CANNING

1. Jars made specifically for canning purposes must be used. Jars from commercially prepared products will be disqualified.
2. All canned foods should be checked for spoilage and proper seal before exhibiting.
3. All exhibits MUST have YOUR label. Labels should only contain the date preserved and the contents of the jar. Labels should be placed neatly and consistently on the jars.
4. Exhibits in one lot must be in uniform containers (all pints, all quarts, etc.).
5. Every jar should be labeled with product name and date processed. Non-acid vegetables and meats must be processed in a pressure canner to ensure against spoilage and food poisoning.
6. Jams & jellies must be processed in a boiling water bath canner. Jars sealed with paraffin will be disqualified.
7. Only one entry is allowed in lots where variety is specified. In lots such as berries, fruit, vegetables – more than one entry is allowed, as long as each entry is a different variety.

Entries will be judged on:

JAR – Well-sealed, clean and neatly labeled, processing method used.

PACK – Full but not packed too tightly, liquid clear-not discolored, liquid covering the pieces, pieces size convenient for serving, no foreign pack (no extra credit for fancy pack).

PRODUCT – Good texture, right stage of maturity, uniform size & shape.

APPEARANCE – Natural color, careful preparation.

Lots 1-28 point values: Blue-5, Red-4, White-2

Lots 1-19 will be exhibited as 3 jars of ONE VARIETY.

1. 3 Jars of Fruit
2. 3 Jars of Rhubarb
3. 3 Jars of Green Beans
4. 3 Jars of Beets
5. 3 Jars of Peas
6. 3 Jars of a Vegetable not listed
7. 3 Jars of Jam
8. 3 Jars of Fruit Juice
9. 3 Jars of Meat or Poultry
10. 3 Jars of Berries
11. 3 Jars of Tomatoes
12. 3 Jars of Wax Beans
13. 3 Jars of Carrots
14. 3 Jars of Corn
15. 3 Jars of Jelly
16. 3 Jars of Pickles or Relish
17. 3 Jars of Vegetable Juice
18. 3 Jars of Salsa
19. 3 Jars of Miscellaneous items not listed above

FOOD PRESERVATION – CONTINUED

Lots 20-28 will be exhibited as 3 jars of MIXED VARIETIES (each different).

- 20. 3 Jars of Vegetable Juice
- 21. 3 Jars of Jam
- 22. 3 Jars of Fruit
- 23. 3 Jars of Vegetables
- 24. 3 Jars of Fruit Juice
- 25. 3 Jars of Jelly
- 26. 3 Jars of Berries
- 27. 3 Jars of Pickles
- 28. 3 Jars of Salsa

Lot 29 point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

- 29. Menu from a shelf, 5 jars

May include juice, fruit, vegetable, meat, relish, or preserves which may be combined with bread and butter and other foods to provide a quick, easily prepared and well-balanced meal. Menu for the meal is to be printed on a 6" x 5" card and displayed with exhibit. Can be an exhibit by an individual or work of combined club members.

FREEZING

1. BRING FROZEN FOOD EXHIBITS ON FRIDAY MORNING, if possible. Care should be exercised in transporting exhibits to prevent thawing. It is suggested that frozen foods be carried in a well-insulated bag or container with ice or an ice pack.
2. It is recommended that at the close of the fair, any frozen foods exhibited be checked carefully. If still in good condition, they should be used promptly at home.
3. Only one entry per lot, except lots 30, 31, and 32. No duplicate varieties.
4. All exhibits MUST have YOUR label. Label MUST include name, specific product name, class, and lot, as well as date frozen, batch #, and amount of product (1 cup, etc.). Include type of preparation for lots 30-33 (for example, blanched, amount of sugar and other ingredients added).
5. Frozen foods must be packaged in suitable but moisture, vapor-proof freezer containers, heavy duty foil with appropriate outer freezer type wrap which can be easily removed. (This is absolutely necessary in order for the judges to see the product.) Suggestion: if using freezer bags, use smaller ones so there's less opportunity for air in the bag. Any product not conforming may be disqualified.

Lots 30-43 point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

- 30. 2 packages fruit (each different)
- 31. 2 packages berries (each different)
- 32. 2 packages vegetables (each different)
- 33. 2 packages meat (different kinds or different cuts of same kind)
- 34. 2 packages fish
- 35. 1 package poultry
- 36. 1 package baked (anything)
- 37. 1 package baked cookies
- 38. 1 package baked pie
- 39. 1 package baked or ready to bake bread or rolls
- 40. 1 package ready to bake (anything)
- 41. Meal on a plate
- 42. 2 jams or 2 jellies
- 43. Miscellaneous – one of a kind not listed above

Lot 44 point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

- 44. Meal from the freezer (5 packages, including a menu). Menu for the meal to be printed on an index card and displayed with exhibit.

FOOD PRESERVATION – CONTINUED

DRIED FOODS

1. Foods may be dried in a microwave, conventional gas or electric oven, or food dehydrator; herbs may be air dried.
2. After drying, store in glass jars with screw top lids; cork-topped jars may also be used.
3. During the first week of drying and storing, check every few days to make sure they are still crisp.
4. Two entries per lot, no duplicate varieties.

Entries will be judged on:

PRODUCT – Uniform size and shape, good quality, correct state of maturity

APPEARANCE – Shows careful preparation, absence of foreign matter, good color, no signs of spoilage

LABEL – Neat, specific product name, date, quantity, process used, and other ingredients added

Lots 45-48 point values: Blue-5, Red-4, White-2

45. Fruit, 1 jar
46. Vegetables, 1 jar
47. Herbs, 1 jar
48. Other, 1 jar

Lot 49 point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

49. Gift basket of 3 jars, all different

FOODS

**Sponsored by: Farley's Pub, Simsbury
Katie Riordan / In Memory of Jimmy Riordan, Ellington
Suffield Pizza, Suffield**

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center.
2. All entries except pies must be on paper plates or cardboard. Your name MUST be on the bottom of the plate.
3. All foods MUST be covered with a clear (not colored) transparent wrap or it will not be displayed.
4. Recipes on 3 x 5 index cards are to accompany ALL exhibits, except lots 18 and 31. Include frosting and pie crust recipes used.
5. No commercial package mixes, except in lot 17.
6. Nothing that needs refrigeration accepted.
7. Lots that are noted with **: If exhibiting items smaller than a loaf of bread, (4) must be entered as one entry. If a loaf of bread or larger is entered, only (1) is required.
8. Only 3 entries per lot, all different.
9. Only currently enrolled Hartford County 4-H members may enter the State Baking Contests at this fair. No record sheet is required to enter a State Baking Contest exhibit. Go to the Association of CT Fairs website for this year's recipes. www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/contests/bakingcontests
10. Pies, cakes, and breads must be exhibited as a WHOLE item, not as a slice or portion. Pies must be 8 inch or larger.

Your food will be judged on the following qualities:

Outside characteristics – color, shape, size, frosting

Inside characteristics – texture, grain, crumb, filling

Flavor – pleasing blend, characteristic of product

Lots 1-19 point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

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| 1. Bar cookies (4) | 11. Gingerbread |
| 2. Rolled cookies (4) | 12. Loaf of quick bread |
| 3. Drop cookies (4) | 13. Jelly roll |
| 4. Refrigerator cookies (4) | 14. Biscuits (4) |
| 5. Pressed cookies (4) | 15. Item with whole wheat flour ** |
| 6. Coffee cake | 16. Item using honey ** |
| 7. Cake, unfrosted (fruitcake, streusel, etc.) | 17. Item using mix as base ** |
| 8. Cupcakes (4) | 18. Poster or booklet on good nutrition |
| 9. Muffins (4) | 19. Miscellaneous |
| 10. Brownies (4) | |

Lots 20-31 point values: Blue-6, Red-5, White-3

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| 20. Item made in microwave oven ** | 26. Loaf of yeast bread |
| 21. Pie | 27. Fudge (4) |
| 22. Homemade pet treats (3) | 28. International foods |
| 23. Cake, frosted | 29. Gluten free food ** |
| 24. Tarts or turnovers (4) | 30. Sugar free food ** |
| 25. Yeast rolls (4) | 31. State Baking Contest |

For State Baking Contest complete and current contest rules, prizes, and recipes, go to the Association of CT Fairs website:

<https://www.ctagfairs.org/p/news--resources/contests/bakingcontests>

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Sponsored by: Luke's Uncle John & Aunt Helen, Sarasota, FL

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center.
2. Any article exhibited must have been made by the 4-H member since September 1, as a 4-H project.
3. No more than 4 entries per lot. Each entry must be different.

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

1. Single color – sample or collection of work using only one color
2. Multiple color – sample or collection of work using more than one color
3. Architectural drafting
4. Computer drafting
5. Electrical drafting
6. Mechanical drafting
7. Computer graphics with a 4-H theme
8. Advertising design – deals with creating visual artwork (i.e. magazine and newspaper ads, infographics, display ads, direct mail/personal ads, social media ads, email templates, video ads, websites/blogs, and other materials promoting products or services)
9. Corporate logo – used to define brand through the artistic representation (i.e. logo, colors, modern typography, quality, branding, and corporate culture)
10. Art and illustration – skills in this category are unique styles, creativity, communication, drawing, IT skills, and branding
11. Environmental design – a broad type of design that connects people to places and explains a story through various elements like colors, patterns, typography, materials, etc. Often used in professional disciplines such as landscape, interior, architectural, and industrial design. Skills include a strong visual sense, communication skills, signage printing, office branding, exhibition/exhibit design, and blueprint/digital design
12. Packaging design – used as a marketing tool on a regular basis to grab customers' attention quickly. Must have knowledge of industrial design, branding, current trends, illustrations, and manufacturing (i.e. box and paper, bottle, bag, can/container, plastic, glass, and metals)
13. Publication design – deals with books, magazines, annual reports, directories, newspapers, journals, comics, and product catalogs. Crucial skills to be familiar with are typography, design and layout, illustrations, infographics, and color management. An understanding of publication types and messages will help express the theme
14. UI Design/User Interface Design – skills of UI/UX principles, responsive web design, minimalist design, interface elements, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, color/brightness/contrast, and brand consistency
15. Motion design – a process of designing elements like typography, imagery, audio, video, or animation that are in motion. Used in online media, television, websites, and other sectors. Communicates with the viewer and expresses the depth of the story in a compelling way (i.e. advertisements, animated logos/text, film title design, presentations, websites and banners, video games, and GIFs)
16. Website design – deals with the web layout, images, colors, textural elements, and much more, to achieve the best user experience. Skills of visual design, print design, HTML/CSS, color theory, and design software
17. Vehicle Wrap design – uses information along with some technical things for inspiration (i.e. sports cars, pickup trucks, vans/mini-vans, sport utility vehicles, sedan, coupe, etc.)
18. Stationery design – used for branding throughout an organization (i.e. writing equipment, envelopes, business cards, postcards, and letterhead)
19. Book Cover or Mockup design – “gateway to the book's soul”; helps to give the finishing touch to the actual content (i.e. notebook, open book, hardcover open book, square book, landscape book, or stacked book)
20. Miscellaneous – points awarded at the judges' discretion – may not exceed 10 points

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Sponsored by: Abrams-Zoppa Family, Ellington

1. This class is to encourage the display of equipment devised to help with everyday living and work, and to show your ingenuity. Artwork, when it appears on items, is given consideration in judging.
2. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
3. Any article must have been made by the exhibitor since last September 1st as a 4-H project.
4. No more than 4 entries per lot. Each must be different.
5. A description of how the project was made should accompany each exhibit.

The “Chuck” Morgan trophy will be awarded to the Best in Show.

Original Design Lots:

Point values: Blue-6, Red-5, White-4

1. Homemade tools
2. Games, puzzles and mechanical toys
3. Yard and garden projects (birdhouses, etc.)
4. Articles for use with animals (up to 12”)
5. Repaired electrical articles (must include description of repairs made on a 4” x 6” paper)

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

6. Electrical articles (lamps, etc.)
7. Small household articles (candle holder, bookends, etc., up to 12”)
8. Medium household articles (bookcase, bench, etc., up to 18”)
9. Wooden articles (up to 24”)

Point values: Blue-10, Red-8, White-6

10. Electronic work (original)
11. Made-over or repaired articles of furniture (use snapshots to show appearance before)

Point values: Blue-12, Red-10, White-6

12. Furniture (chair, table, etc., larger than 24”)
13. Miscellaneous (larger than 24”)

Kit Lots:

Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

14. Homemade tools
15. Games, puzzles and mechanical toys
16. Yard and garden projects (birdhouses, etc.)
17. Articles for use with animals
18. Electronic kits (purchased)

Point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-2

19. Electrical articles (lamps, etc.)
20. Small household articles (candle holder, bookends, etc., up to 12”)
21. Medium household articles (bookcase, bench, etc., up to 18”)
22. Miscellaneous wooden articles (smaller than 24”)

KNITTING, CROCHET & NEEDLEWORK

Sponsored by: Michelle & Nick Gaeta, Granby

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center.
2. Any article exhibited must have been made by the 4-H member since last September 1, as a 4-H project.
3. Cover all exhibits with clear plastic bags to keep them clean.
4. No more than 2 entries per lot. Each entry must be different (i.e., pattern).
5. All items judged at Expressive Arts Day may be exhibited in the appropriate lot and will be judged accordingly.
6. Point values may be changed at the judges' discretion, not exceeding 20.
7. Items made from a kit should be labeled with "K" after the lot number.

Lots 1-9 point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-2

1. Mittens
2. Gloves
3. Scarf
4. Cowl
5. Hat
6. Socks
7. Hand towel
8. Table runner/bureau scarf
9. Bag
10. Pillow
11. Yarn toys

Lots 12-13 point values: Blue-10, Red-8, White-4

12. Baby/child sweater
13. Baby/carriage/crib blanket

Lots 14-19 point values: Blue-12, Red-10, White-6

14. Adult sweater worked in the round
15. Adult sweater worked in pieces, sewn together
16. Blanket/Afghan
17. Shrug
18. Skirt
19. Miscellaneous

NEEDLEWORK Lots 20-27 point values (all lots are one of a kind):

- A. Small items: Blue-6, Red-4, White-3**
- B. Medium items: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4**
- C. Large items: Blue-10, Red-8, White-4**
20. Needlepoint
21. Counted cross stitch
22. Embroidered article
23. Crewel embroidered article
24. Wall hanging
25. Rug
26. Woven article
27. Woven basket

LEGO STYLE CREATIONS

Sponsored by: The Children's Clubhouse, Granby

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Any article must have been finished since September 1st of last year, as a 4-H project.
3. Point values may be changed at the judges' discretion, not exceeding 20.
4. All projects should be made from standard-size LEGO style bricks, not Duplo, etc.
5. All **KIT** entries must include the manufacturer's image of the design.
6. One entry per sub-lot (i.e. 1 kit for 1a, 1 kit for 1b).

KITS Lots:

1. Mini build Kit – fewer than 99 pieces
Point values: Blue-3, Red-2, White-1
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
2. Small build Kit – 100-499 pieces
Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-1
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
3. Medium build Kit – 500-999 pieces
Point values: Blue-5, Red-4, White-2
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
4. Large build Kit – 1000+ pieces
Point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-3
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
5. Kit with motorized components
Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous

ORIGINAL DESIGN Lots:

6. Mini build Original – fewer than 99 pieces
Point values: Blue-5, Red-4, White-3
 - f. Building
 - g. Character
 - h. Scene
 - i. Vehicle
 - j. Miscellaneous
7. Small build Original – 100-499 pieces
Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
8. Medium build Original – 500-999 pieces
Point values: Blue-10, Red-8, White-6
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
9. Large build Original – 1000+ pieces
Point values: Blue-12, Red-10, White-8
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle
 - e. Miscellaneous
10. Original design with motorized components
Point values: Blue-14, Red-12, White-10
 - a. Building
 - b. Character
 - c. Scene
 - d. Vehicle

NATURAL SCIENCES

Sponsored by: Leslie Smith & Philip Wellman, Hartford

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheets must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Each article must have been made, collected, and identified by the exhibitor since last September 1st.
3. Exhibits will be judged on neatness, quality, and completeness.
4. Specimens should be clearly labeled and appropriately displayed.
5. Any exhibit containing plant material considered endangered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will be automatically disqualified.
6. Maximum of two entries per lot, each with different specimens.
7. All albums of photos should include captions that state the date and place of photographing and should tell something about the specimen (what environment the plant grows or animal lives, etc.). All photographs must be taken in the wild and/or zoo, nature center, etc.
8. Point values for all lots unless noted with a (*): Blue-5, Red-4, White-3

**The “Mother Nature Travel Trophy”
for Junior Natural Science Achievement
is donated by Dr. Edward Force & Family of Windsor**

Established in 1998, the purpose of this travel trophy is to encourage exposure to, and learning in a wide range of natural science topics rather than mastery of only one area.

Open to Juniors exhibiting in the Natural Sciences class at this year’s Hartford County 4-H Fair who meet the following criteria:

- 4-H exhibitor must exhibit at least 4 entries, in at least 4 different categories
- Lot 1 (Native Trees and Shrubs) and Lot 2 (Wild Plants) will be considered one category (BOTANY)
- 4-H exhibitor must receive at least one blue ribbon in each of at least 3 categories
- The 4-Her with the most blue ribbon awards in the greatest number of categories will be awarded the Mother Nature Travel Trophy for that year
- A Best of Show award will be counted as an additional blue ribbon award

Lots:

1. **Native Trees and Shrubs**
 - a. Collection of at least 10 pressed tree leaves
 - b. Collection of at least 10 tree seeds or cones
 - c. Collection of at least 5 native woods or bark
 - d. Tree notebook or scrapbook
 - e. Collection of at least 10 pressed shrub leaves
 - f. Shrub notebook or scrapbook
 - g. Any other educational exhibit

NATURAL SCIENCES – CONTINUED

2. Wild Plants

- a. Collection of at least 10 common weeds, pressed
- b. Collection of at least 10 common weed and wildflower seeds
- c. Collection of at least 10 common wildflowers, pressed
- d. Collection of at least 10 wild plants, pressed, that do not fit in categories 2a, 2b, 2c (ferns, for example)
- e. Wildflower or plant notebook or scrapbook
- f. Album of photographs of at least 10 wildflowers
- g. Album of photographs of at least 10 mushrooms and fungi
- h. Any other educational exhibit

3. Herbs

- a. Collection of at least 10 common herbs, pressed
- b. Herb notebook or scrapbook
- c. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to herbs

4. Geology

- a. Collection of at least 10 rocks and minerals (**first year only**)
- b. Collection of at least 10 rocks
- c. Collection of at least 10 minerals
- d. Collection of at least 5 mineral specimens of 1 family (5 types of silicates or 5 different ores of copper, for example)
- e. Collection of at least 5 different rock or mineral specimens from one location (please specify), found and identified by exhibitor
- f. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to geology
- g. Collection of at least 5 fossils, identified
- h. Photographs of at least 10 different rock types (This can show formations and veins in the rock, and rock faces that are too big to be collected.)
- i. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to fossils

5. Aquatic Life

- a. Collection of at least 5 freshwater shells
- b. Notebook, scrapbook, or observation log of freshwater organisms and habitats
- c. Collection of at least 5 saltwater shells
- d. Collection of at least 5 types of seaweed, pressed
- e. Notebook, scrapbook, or observation log of saltwater organisms and habitats
- f. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to aquatic life

6. Wild Birds

- a. Bird notebook or scrapbook
- b. Observation log on a species, habitat, or behavior
- c. *Bird feeder (**8-6-4**)
- d. *Birdhouse, specify which species it is intended to attract (**8-6-4**)
- e. Photographs of at least 10 wild birds
- f. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to wild birds

NATURAL SCIENCES – CONTINUED

7. Insects & Spiders

- a. Collection of at least 10 insects, properly mounted
This category is restricted to those exhibitors in the first year of this project. State JUNIOR or SENIOR status on front of entry card.
- b. Collection of at least 10 insect pests
- c. Collection of at least 10 insects or spiders belonging to the same biological order (example: lepidoptera, orthoptera, etc.). There are no limits to the number of entries, as long as each entry contains a different order. Exception: two entries of Lepidoptera may be entered, one of butterflies, the other of moths. Skippers may be included in either entry but not in both.
- d. Insect or spider scrapbook, notebook, or observation log
- e. Photographs of at least 10 different insects (first year in project only)
- f. Photographs of at least 10 insects belonging to the same biological order
- g. Photographs of at least 10 different spiders
- h. Any other exhibit pertaining to insects
- i. Any other exhibit pertaining to spiders

8. Wildlife (mammals, reptiles and amphibians)

- a. Scrapbook of wild mammals, representing at least 10 species native to Connecticut
- b. *Observation log of one species of wild mammal, kept over a period of two seasons **(10-8-6)**
- c. Scrapbook of reptiles and amphibians, representing at least 10 species native to Connecticut
- d. *Observation log of one species of native reptile or amphibian, kept intermittently over a period of two seasons **(10-8-6)**
- e. *Wildlife feeding station or shelter; identify species it is intended to attract (bird life excluded) **(8-6-4)**
- f. Photographs of at least 10 native mammals
- g. Photographs of at least 10 native reptiles and/or amphibians
- h. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to wildlife

9. Astronomy and Meteorology

- a. Scrapbook of meteorological phenomena (types of cloud formations, for example)
- b. Observation log of local weather, including but not restricted to, temperature, barometric pressure, humidity, cloud type(s), wind direction and velocity, and precipitation; kept for a minimum of 30 days
- c. *Any homemade weather instrument, calibrated **(8-6-4)**
- d. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to weather
- e. Scrapbook of astronomical phenomena (comets, for example)
- f. *Observation log describing what was seen, when, where, and at what time, on at least 5 different nights. Please specify whether a telescope or other aid was used. **(10-8-6)**
- g. Any other educational exhibit pertaining to astronomy

10. Conservation and Biosphere Awareness

- a. A conservation exhibit or description of project
- b. *Observation log kept for a minimum of 3 months, not necessarily consecutive, documenting interrelationships between at least 4 of the preceding lots and including the impact by and upon humans. It is suggested that the 3 months be in different seasons. **(12-10-8)**
- c. Any other exhibit pertaining to ecological awareness
- d. Any entry pertaining to recycling

NATURAL SCIENCES – CONTINUED

Point value awarded by judge: not to exceed 20

11. **Miscellaneous Exhibit** – must not fit into any other category listed above. Limit of 4 entries, all different

12. **Amphibians, Reptiles, and Crustaceans**

Danish scoring point values: Blue-14, Red-11, White-7

Members may exhibit in this category with the following conditions:

- No legally protected or illegal species may be entered.
- No poisonous or otherwise dangerous animals may be entered.
- Exhibitor must provide terraria or cages that are not airtight and provide the conditions required for that species.
- Any lights or heating implements are provided by exhibitor.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to feed and water the exhibit, to provide such items, and to clean out cages at least once daily.
- Cages or terraria must be secured with a padlock or other device allowing only the exhibitor access to the exhibit to avoid theft, vandalism, or pranks. Keys should be left with the department steward and the exhibitor's phone number should be left with the steward in case of emergencies.
- Exhibitor must agree to spend as much time as possible at the exhibit to monitor the animal's condition and to interact with the public.
- Exhibitor will provide information on the species, its foods, and habits as part of the exhibit.
- The department steward or Fair Advisor reserve the right to refuse entry of any exhibit that appears to be in poor health or is not being cared for properly.
- The Animal Study record sheet or animal project record will be required for all animals entered, and must be shown to the steward when the animal is entered at the fair. The Animal Project Verification Form for Small Animals must be submitted by June 1st for store-bought animals, but will be waived for animals taken from the world of nature. The latter animals should be taken from nature as shortly before the fair as possible and returned to nature as soon as possible after the fair.
- Exhibits in this category will be judged on:

Store-bought animals

Animal – 4 points

Cage – 3 points

Essay – 7 points

Total possible = 14 points

Animals from the wild

Animal – 3 points

Cage – 4 points

Essay – 7 points

Total possible = 14 points

PHOTOGRAPHY

Sponsored by: Eileen Cogan, South Windsor

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2. Pictures entered MUST have been taken by the 4-H exhibitor since the beginning of last year's fair. Exception: Lot 7.
3. All pictures should be mounted on cardboard, mount board, foam core, or similar mounting material on one side only.
4. Each entry must be mounted separately. Lots requiring more than one picture should be mounted in an organized fashion on one mounting surface.
5. Captions are required except for Lots 19, 20, and 21. Captions should be placed on the front of the mounting surface.
6. Only 2 entries per lot.
7. Place exhibitor's name and title or description on the back of the entry.
8. No paper or cardboard mats for cropping purposes may be used, except in Lot 21.
9. No editing or computer enhancing is allowed, except for Lot 11.
10. In Lot 19, poster must include at least one photo of any size taken by the 4-H member entering the poster. Poster is to be mounted on a 11x14 foam core board.
11. Unique photography (Lot 20) is for exploring beyond typical digital camera and print techniques. The entry must include at least one photographic image made by the 4-H member. Entries might include slide film, mixed media prints, collages, hand painted prints, darkroom printed photos, prints on material other than paper, etc. – Go Explore! You do not need to follow the mounting rules for this lot. Attach a 3x5 index card to the entry with a description of what makes this a unique photographic media entry.
12. In Lot 21, photos must be securely matted, your choice of color. A physical frame is required, such as wood, plastic, or metal. Final dimensions including matting and frame are to be no larger than 11x14. Actual photo size (not smaller than 5x7) and shape is your choice within the matting. Please note that matting is judged. Overall presentation is considered.

**The “Ned Collins Perpetual Travel Trophy”
will be awarded to the Junior Best in Show exhibit as chosen by the judges.**

**The “Fair Association Travel Trophy”
will be awarded to the Senior Best in Show exhibit as chosen by the judges.**

**The “Norman J. LeBlanc Sprit of 4-H Photography Memorial Travel Trophy”
will be awarded to the photography entry that best exemplifies 4-H.**

- Entry should depict the spirit of 4-H, either by capturing the exhibitor's 4-H project, telling the story of 4-H, capturing a 4-H event/program/friendship, or other aspect of communicating what 4-H is about.
- Entry may or may not have been a top award winner in the Photography class. Entry may or may not have received a blue ribbon.
- Award may be presented to a junior or senior exhibitor.
- Exhibitor may or may not have completed a Photography record sheet.
- Winner will be selected by the Photography judge and will be presented at the annual awards night.

PHOTOGRAPHY – CONTINUED

Lots 1-9, individual photos (color or black & white)

Point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

1. Animals
2. Macro (close-up)
3. Scenery/landscape
4. Still life/objects
5. People
6. Action shot
7. Picture taken at any fair last year
8. Long exposure (camera shutter open for longer than ½ second)
9. Selfie

Point values: Blue-5, Red-4, White-3

10. Enlargement – any size or shape not to exceed 8"x10"
11. Computer-enhanced photo – before & after pictures with a description on front as to how it was enhanced
12. Five photos of last year's Hartford County 4-H Fair
13. Five flash pictures
14. Five pictures on the same subject

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

15. A story sequence of five pictures on any subject
16. Sequence of 3-6 "How to do it" pictures
17. Album of photos taken since last year's fair
18. Six photos with clever captions
19. Poster advertising the Hartford County 4-H Fair (read Photography rule 10)
20. Unique photographic media (read Photography rule 11)
21. Photo matted and framed (read Photography rule 12)

4-H *FIRST* ROBOTICS COMPETITION SHOWCASE CHALLENGES

**Saturday, August 15, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and Sunday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

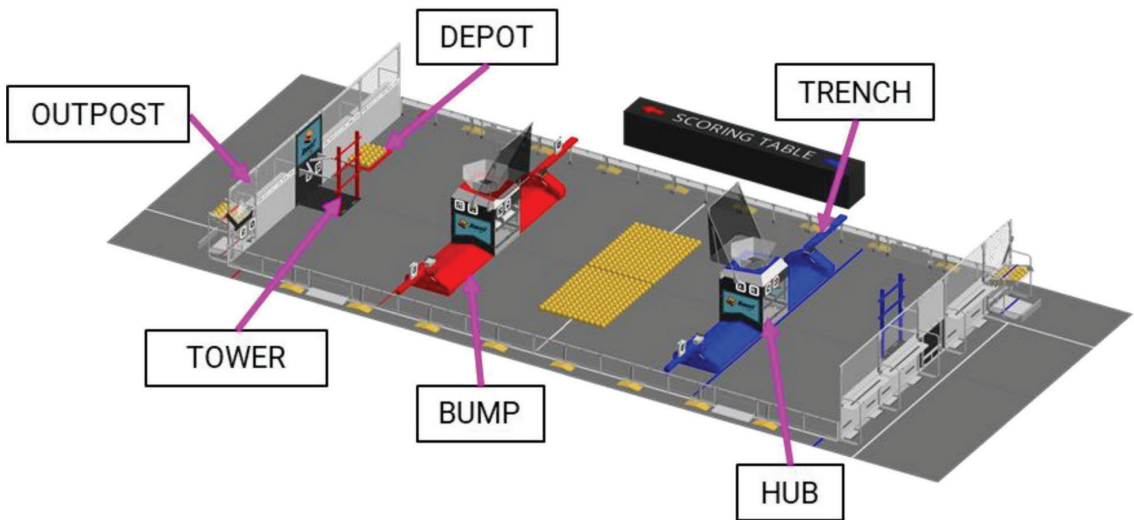
1. Robotics Teams will use the 2026 *FIRST* Robotics Competition Game, REBUILT.
2. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. No record sheet is required.
3. Teams are responsible for bringing their own equipment. Competition Field will be provided.
4. There is no team member limit. Team members must be aged 13-18. All participants must be registered 4-H members.
5. Competition is open to up to twelve (12) 4-H teams from across the states of CT, MA, ME, and NH.
6. Exhibiting teams must be registered by July 15 by emailing team3182@gmail.com.
7. Exhibiting teams must be checked in on the fairgrounds by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Teams may leave after matches conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and after the Awards Ceremony following the competition on Sunday.
8. All work on designing, building, programming, and operating of the robot must have been done by the exhibiting 4-H team.
9. All matches will run in accordance with *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) REBUILT Rules, with varying numbers of FRC teams on the playing field to complete the challenges. To review the rules go to <https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/competition-manual-qa-system>.
10. Rosettes and ribbons will be awarded to the placings in the Robot Skills Challenge and Programming Skills Challenge. The Teamwork Challenge winning alliance will receive rosettes and a trophy.

Challenges:

- **Teamwork Challenge:** Teams will form Alliances of 2 or 3 robots (2 if 6-8 teams register, 3 if 9-12 teams register). These alliances will compete in the Scrimmage Finale's Playoff Matches of FRC REBUILT on Sunday starting at 2:30 p.m. Each Alliance will play the other Alliances in a round robin. The Alliances with the best record after the round robin matches will play each other in a best 2 out of 3 match series.
- **Robot Skills Challenge:** Teams will play with and against each other attending team throughout Saturday and be ranked on the 2026 FRC REBUILT match ranking points system.
- **Programming Skills Challenge:** Teams will be ranked based on the total number of points their robot scores during the Autonomous Period of specific 1v1 FRC REBUILT matches on Saturday.

4-H FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION SHOWCASE – CONTINUED

Description of the REBUILT game:



In REBUILT™ presented by Haas, two competing alliances are invited to score fuel, cross obstacles, and climb the tower before time runs out. Alliances earn additional rewards for meeting specific scoring thresholds.

During the first 20 seconds of the match, robots are autonomous. Without guidance from their drivers, robots score fuel into their hub. Fuel can be pre-loaded into a robot, obtained from the human player, collected at the depot, or picked up throughout the center of the field. Some robots may also climb the tower to obtain additional points.

During the remaining 2 minutes and 20 seconds, drivers control their robots. Based on the result of autonomous play, alliance hubs will alternate between active and inactive, shifting gameplay between both sides of the field. Robots can collect fuel at any point in the match and may control any amount of fuel at a time. Drivers control their robots to score fuel into their hub while it is active and may perform defensive strategies or collect more fuel while their hub is inactive.

As time runs out, all hubs become active, allowing all robots to score. Robots can climb the tower's heights to score additional points and claim match bonuses to increase their position in the rankings.

The alliance that earns the most points wins the match! Watch the game animation:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWbxcjY9JY>

SEWING

**Sponsored by: Michelle & Nick Gaeta, Granby
 Brian Keenan, Simsbury
 Lauren Manuck, South Windsor
 Wintonbury Farm, Bloomfield**

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of the Exhibition Center.
2. Any article exhibited must have been made by the 4-H member since last September 1, as a 4-H project.
3. Furnish hanger for each garment entered.
4. Cover all exhibits with clear plastic bags to keep them clean.
5. No more than two entries per lot, except lots 6, 26, 27
6. All items judged at Expressive Arts Day may be exhibited in the appropriate lot and will be judged accordingly.
7. Exhibits will be judged on choice of fabric, construction, individuality, and condition.

NOVICE (JUNIORS or SENIORS): Lots 1A-1C point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

Restricted to exhibitors in a first year sewing project.

- 1A. Sewing kit
- 1B. Placemats (2)
- 1C. Scarf or kerchief (with fringed edges)

Lots 2-9 point values: Blue-4, Red-3, White-2

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Apron 3. Skirt, elastic or drawstring waist 4. Tee-shirt 5. Tank top | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Sewn accessories (one of a kind, limit 3) 7. Wrap skirt 8. Bag 9. Pillow |
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Lots 10-27 point values: Blue-6, Red-5, White-4

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Skirt with fitted waist 11. Culottes or skort 12. Dress 13. Jumper 14. Blouse 15. Turtleneck 16. Vest 17. Shorts 18. Slacks or capris 19. Jumpsuit or pantsuit | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. Sweatpants, warm-up pants, or stretch pants 21. Sweatshirt (sewn, not just decorated) 22. Bathrobe, housecoat, or beach robe 23. Nightgown 24. Pajamas 25. Stuffed toy 26. Doll clothing or sewn pet accessories (one of a kind, limit 3) 27. Miscellaneous (one of a kind not listed above, limit 3) |
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Lots 28-32 point values: Blue-10, Red-6, White-4

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 28. Blazer or jacket 29. Item made with napped or plaid fabric 30. Prom or dressy dress | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 31. Swimsuit 32. Quilted article, pieced by 4-H member, professionally machine quilted |
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Lots 33-37 point values: Blue-15, Red-10, White-5

33. Coordinates – blazer or sport coat, vest, skirt or slacks (3 pieces)
34. Coordinates other than a suit (2 pieces)
35. Coordinates made with napped or plaid fabric (2 pieces)
36. Costume – Halloween, historical, ethnic, theater, etc.
37. Quilted article, pieced AND quilted by 4-H member

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

Sponsored by: Fearless Sports Cards & Collectibles, LLC, East Granby

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
3. No more than 4 entries per lot. Each must be different.
4. Pre-registration is required for lots 10, 13, and 14, using the entry link on this page. These elements will be judged prior to the fair to allow judges access to the internet and various computer programs (Google suite, PowerPoint, etc.) and brought to the fair for display.
5. In lots 6, 15, 21, and 26, the ribbon award based upon scorecard, while the number of points awarded relates to project complexity, completeness, and exhibitor's age.
6. Class will be divided into Junior and Senior, with each receiving a trophy.

Science

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

1. Go Green Recycle/Upcycle – create a new item from upcycled material; include a brief description on an index card

Lots 2-5, include a brief description of why and how you created this project and how it functions. Additional supporting materials requested are listed below.

2. Structure related to science project (greenhouse, etc.) – Original design
3. Structure related to science project from a kit (greenhouse, etc.) – include picture of manufacturer design or original box
4. Space/Astronomy project – Original design
5. Space/Astronomy project from a kit – include picture of manufacturer design or original box

Points awarded at judges' discretion – not exceeding 10 points

6. Miscellaneous Science project – any other science related project not mentioned. Limited to 2 different projects

Technology

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

7. Electronic Robotics project – original design
8. Electronic Robotics project from a kit – include picture of manufacturer design or original box
9. 3D Printed Design – any object designed and made using a 3D printer
10. Short form video – maximum 2 minutes; can be demonstration, stop animation, promotional, or other genre
 - Video entries due with pre-registration. See rule 4. Videos will be judged before and showcased at the fair
 - Digital link should be attached in the fair entry
 - Must include a title and 4-H clover with 18 USC 707 insignia.
 - Credit or reference resources and materials used
11. Computer Publishing
12. Computer Art
13. GIS Mapping project – entries due with pre-registration. See rule 4. Videos will be judged before and showcased at the fair
14. Multi-media (animations, presentations, etc.). Entries due with pre-registration. See rule 4. Videos will be judged before and showcased at the fair. Any use of a 4-H clover must include 18 USC 707 insignia.

Points awarded at judges' discretion – not exceeding 10 points

15. Miscellaneous Technology project – any other technology related project not mentioned. Limited to 2 different projects



STEM – CONTINUED

Engineering

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

16. Catapult – create a working structure; handmade or kit. If a kit is used, include picture of manufacturer design or original box
17. Non-electronic Robotics project – Original design
18. Non-electronic Robotics project from a kit – include picture of manufacturer design or original box
19. Electrical Engineering project kit (Snap Circuits, Crunch Labs, Hack Pack, etc.) – include picture of manufacturer design or original box
20. Non-Electrical project kit (Snap Circuits, Crunch Labs, Hack Pack, etc.) – include picture of manufacturer design or original box

Points awarded at judges' discretion – not exceeding 10 points

21. Miscellaneous Engineering project – any other engineering-related project not mentioned. Limit to 2 different projects

Math

Point values: Blue-8, Red-6, White-4

22. Tangram Design – a tangram is a set of seven geometric shapes made up of five triangles (two small triangles, one medium triangle, and two large triangles), a square, and a parallelogram
 - Shapes may be any scale size, paper material, or color
 - Submission should be neatly presented on paper; no glass
 - Include a description with the project, include a picture of your inspiration
23. Analog Game – create your own board or card game; include play instructions
24. Pixelation – creation using pixels; break down any image into large or small squares; neatly present submission on paper; no glass
25. Shoebox Float - upcycle a shoebox or other small box to create a parade float
 - Box size: smaller than 12" x 12"
 - Must include a 4-H clover (with 18 USC 707 insignia) in the decorations
 - Express your creativity and decorate your float. Go all out and have fun!

Points awarded at judges' discretion – not exceeding 10 points

26. Miscellaneous Math project – any other math related project not listed. Limit to 2 different projects

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

Sponsored by: Kevin & Ellen Fournier, Frisco, TX

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Plates will be provided for displaying vegetables.
3. Vegetables should be selected which are of uniform size, shape, and color and are at proper maturity for able use or canning. Specimens should be clean, fresh, firm, and free from blemishes caused by insects, disease, or rough handling.
4. Vegetables should be named as to VARIETY (Put on score card).
5. All root crops should be shown washed and correctly topped.
6. Vegetable entries must be grown by exhibitor, except those in lots 45 & 46, which must be made and decorated by exhibitor, but not necessarily grown.
7. Vegetables not picked up by 5:30 p.m. on Sunday become the property of the Fair Association and may be disposed of at their discretion.
8. Point values for all lots unless noted otherwise: Blue-4, Red-3, White-1

Lots:

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| 1. Apples (3) | 18. Kale |
| 2. Beans – lima (10) | 19. Lettuce (plant exhibited in water) |
| 3. Beans – shell (10) | 20. Lettuce (1 head) |
| 4. Beans – snap (10) | 21. Muskmelon (1) |
| 5. Beets (3) | 22. Watermelon (1) |
| 6. Broccoli (1 head) | 23. Onions (3) |
| 7. Brussels Sprouts (6) | 24. Parsley (10 sprigs in water) |
| 8. Cabbage (1 head) | 25. Parsnips (3) |
| 9. Carrots (3) | 26. Peppers – hot (3) |
| 10. Cauliflower | 27. Peppers – sweet (3) |
| 11. Celery (1 plant) | 28. Potatoes – Irish (3) |
| 12. Corn – sweet (3) | 29. Potatoes – sweet (3) |
| 13. Corn – pop (3) | 30. Pumpkins (1) |
| 14. Cucumbers (2) | 31. Radishes (5) |
| 15. Eggplant (1) | 32. Sunflower (1 head) |
| 16. Garlic | 33. Turnips (3) |
| 17. Gourds (5) | 34. Miscellaneous – not listed above (3) |
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| 35. Spinach (6 sprigs, cut 6 inches, in water) | |
| 36. Squash – summer: straightneck, crookneck, buttercup, etc. (2) | |
| 37. Squash – winter: hubbard, butternut, acorn, etc. (1) | |
| 38. Swiss chard (6 stalks with leaves – stalks placed in water) | |
| 39. Tomatoes – cherry, plum, pear, or grape (5) | |
| 40. Tomatoes – green (3) | |
| 41. Tomatoes – red (3) | |
| 42. Tomatoes – yellow (3) | |
| 43. Tomatoes – Heirloom (3) | |
| 44. Basket Collection (2 each of 5 different vegetables) | Points: 12 – 8 – 4 |
| 45. Decorated pumpkin | Points: 6 – 4 – 2 |
| 46. Animal creation made from vegetables | Points: 6 – 4 – 2 |
| 47. Educational poster | Points: 6 – 4 – 2 |
| (sizes: 22 x 28 inches or 22 x 14 inches) | |

VETERINARY SCIENCE

Sponsored by: Nicole & Jay DeRonck, Hartford

1. Read General Rules and Regulations, page 10. Appropriate project record sheet must be completed to be considered for Grand/Reserve Champion or for Premier Showman of Exhibition Center.
2. Any articles in this class must have been made by the exhibitor since last September 1st.
3. No more than two entries per lot. Each entry must be different. All work must be original, no kits can be used.
4. Box projects are displays which are at least the size of a shoebox, but no larger than a three section display board 36" height x 24" width x 12" depth. Posters must be no larger than 24"x36".
5. All slideshow, digital, and video submissions should be brought to the fairgrounds on CD, flash drive, or other portable storage device.

Point values: Blue-6, Red-4, White-2

Lots:

1. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow about an animal disease
2. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow about the anatomy of a specific animal
3. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow about proper nutrition for a specific animal
4. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow about a safe, healthy housing environment for a specific animal
5. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow about seeking a veterinary career or exploring the associated professional fields
6. Poster/tri-fold, box project, or slideshow involving any veterinary topic as it pertains to animals and their health
7. A drawing (physical or digital), painting, or sculpture of an animal
8. A written story or essay or poem about an animal, veterinary project, or related activity (Juniors-1 page, double-spaced; Seniors-2 pages, double-spaced)
9. Photos or drawing (physical or digital) of an animal, veterinary project, or related activity with clever/funny captions (4-6 photos/drawings)
10. A story sequence made up of photos or drawings (physical or digital) of an animal, veterinary project, or related activity (4-6 photos/drawings)
11. A scrapbook about veterinary projects or activities
12. Prepare a customized first aid kit for a specific animal
13. A written essay about the uses of a specific item in a Veterinary First Aid kit. (Juniors: 1 page, double-spaced; Seniors: 2 pages, double-spaced)
14. An instructional video submission demonstrating a veterinary-related topic (Juniors: 3-5 minutes in duration; Seniors: 5-8 minutes in duration)
15. Any other display or educational exhibit pertaining to veterinary science
16. Miscellaneous/one-of-a-kind arts and crafts pertaining to veterinary science (not listed above)

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Test your veterinary science knowledge of animal diseases on small and large animal subject material. Hands on and general knowledge questions will be provided at test stations. The Danish system will be used for scoring and ribbons will be awarded to all participants. A trophy will be awarded in each division to the highest scoring participant.

1A. Junior (7-12)

1B. Senior (13-19)



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2026 CONNECTICUT FAIR AND SHOW REQUIREMENTS

FEDERAL ORDER: Effective April 29, 2024, all lactating dairy cattle must receive a negative test for Influenza A at an approved National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) laboratory for interstate movement. Currently, the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (CVMDL) at UCONN is the only approved NAHLN laboratory in New England. Milk samples must be collected and submitted by the same Category II accredited veterinarian who is completing the health certificate and must be collected no more than seven (7) days prior to interstate movement. Lactating dairy cattle from herds which have tested positive for Influenza A are not eligible for movement for thirty (30) days from the most recent collection of any sample that tests positive for any individual animal in the herd. After the 30-day period, animals must be tested again for movement. No dairy cattle exhibiting clinical signs of HPAI will be allowed to move into Connecticut.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ANIMALS:

1. All animal competitors may be blood tested for banned substances.
2. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) (aka Health Certificate), signed by an accredited veterinarian and other required testing, will be valid for the entire 2026 show season. If traveling to multiple New England States for exhibition, [see the Memorandum – 2026 New England Fairs and Shows](#), for additional requirements.
3. All animals and poultry entered at fairs and shows must be in good health and in proper physical condition and will be examined at the exhibition by the barn superintendent. Evidence of poor condition or infectious or contagious disease, or failure to produce the necessary documents for health certification, vaccination, or testing will result in ejection. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DoAg) Livestock Inspector's decision is final.
4. CVI issued within 60 days of first show (or in accordance with the NE fair agreement), and proof of vaccination where applicable, are the responsibility of exhibitors, competitors, and special attractions (petting zoos, etc.). A physical copy of the CVI must be provided to fair superintendents (printed eCVI or owner's copy of paper CVI).
5. Each barn superintendent will collect and hold CVIs from each exhibitor, competitor, and special attractions. Animals not in compliance with state regulations for shows and fairs will not be allowed. A complete list (exhibitor name, address, animal's official USDA ID — ear tag, tattoo, or microchip; breed, age, and total head count) will be made available to the State Livestock Inspector and forwarded to the DoAg Bureau of Regulatory Services by the fair superintendent. All animals and poultry present on the grounds shall be identified on this list. Any animal that is rejected should be noted as such with a brief statement of reason. Rejected animals or poultry should be removed from the grounds as soon as possible. Any concerns about the health of any animal or bird should be reported to the State Livestock Inspector or the Fair Veterinarian immediately.
6. All exhibited animals and poultry should be isolated from Home Farm animals and poultry after the show. DoAg recommends a 3–4-week isolation period to help reduce the risk of disease exposure and transmission contracted while at the fair or show. Call your local veterinarian if your animals or poultry display symptoms of illness.

REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE CONNECTICUT ANIMALS

Rabies (In-State)

All cattle, horses, sheep, and dogs must have a rabies vaccination given by a licensed veterinarian. The vaccination certificate must be signed by the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and include the animal's identification and description, the name of the vaccine's manufacturer, serial number, and the date the vaccination was given and when it expires. If it is the animal's first rabies vaccination, it must be given at least 30 DAYS prior to their first show date to be considered current.

ALL SPECIES: Animals must originate from herds or flocks that meet the testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut. State livestock inspectors may request proof of compliance. No herd or flock under quarantine shall move or be exhibited. All animals must have permanent official USDA identification (ear tag, tattoo, or microchip; horses must retain Coggins / EIA documentation as applicable).

CATTLE (including OXEN): All cattle must have an approved official USDA identification and be accompanied by a CVI issued within 60 days of first show (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases.

HORSES / PONIES: All horses must have a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within 12 months of the show date and be accompanied by the Coggins certificate AND a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement). EIA testing may be AGID or ELISA. The equine standard of care strongly recommends vaccination against EEE, WNV, Influenza, and Rhinotracheitis within 6 months of the first show date.

All pulling horse/pony competitors must have a microchip.

SHEEP: All sheep must have an approved official USDA identification and be accompanied by a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the sheep are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie exposed- flocks.

GOATS: All goats must have an approved official USDA identification, and a CVI issued within 60 days of first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animals are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie exposed- herds.

SWINE: All swine must have an approved official USDA identification, and a CVI issued within 60 days of first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian. All swine must also originate from Connecticut herds that are tested for Brucellosis and Pseudo-rabies on a yearly 3 basis per statutory requirement. If the swine is purchased from a tested herd, a bill of sale from the Connecticut producer must be presented to the State Veterinarian's office before a Connecticut Exhibition Test card will be issued to the new owner.

POULTRY: Poultry originating within the state must come from healthy flocks with no evidence of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases. All birds must be inspected, identified, and accompanied by written proof (Connecticut Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory Report) verifying the individual birds listed were blood tested negative- for Salmonella pullorum within 365 days of the show date or proof that the bird originated from a USDA NPIP flock. 2,6 Avian Influenza testing of the flock and / or individual birds is required. All cages, crates, or vehicles used for housing or transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves and pigeons are exempt from testing requirements but must be identified by CT Department of Agriculture within 365 days of the show date. **Waterfowl are not allowed to be shown or displayed for the 2026 Fair & Show Season.**

LLAMAS & ALPACAS: Llamas and alpacas that originate within the state must have a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian listing the permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, or microchip) and stating the animal is in good health and free of obvious signs of infectious disease.

RABBITS: All rabbits must have a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases including Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease (RHD). Rabbits must have a permanent identification number in the left ear (tattoo or may be micro-chipped behind the left ear). The identification number must match the animal's number on the CVI. Rabbits are exempt from needing a rabies vaccination. Official ARBA Show Rules, Section 26.

DOGS: All dogs must have a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement) which states the animal is in good health and free of obvious signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases. All dogs over 3 months of age shall be properly vaccinated for rabies (mandatory) and DAHLP+B (Distemper, Adenovirus, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parvovirus, Bordetella) (highly recommended). Proof of vaccination and a valid CT Dog License is required. Dogs must wear a collar and a 2026 Dog License tag. The licensing tag serves as the official identification of the dog.

REQUIREMENTS FOR OUT-OF-STATE ANIMALS

Rabies (Out-of-State): *All cattle, horses, sheep, and dogs must have a rabies vaccination given by a licensed veterinarian.* The vaccination certificate must be signed by the veterinarian who administered the vaccine and include the animal's identification and description, the name of the vaccine's manufacturer, serial number, and the date the vaccination was given and when it expires. If it is the animal's first rabies vaccination, it must be given at least 30 DAYS prior to their first show date.

ALL SPECIES: Animals shall originate from herds or flocks that meet the animal import testing and health requirements of the State of Connecticut and must be accompanied by a CVI within 60 days of the first show (or per NE fair agreement). No animals from a herd or flock under quarantine order shall enter the State. All animals must have permanent official USDA identification (ear tag, tattoo, microchip, or Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) certificate). Poultry identification can include leg and/or wing bands.

- **Exhibition permits:** All livestock species and birds must have an exhibition permit number on the health certificates.
Call 860-713-2504 or 860-713-2508 for a permit number.
All out-of-state animals and birds offered for sale must meet Connecticut Animal Importation Regulations.

CATTLE / OXEN: All cattle must have an approved official USDA identification and be accompanied by a CVI issued within 60 days of their first show (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases. All cattle must have a negative TB test within 12 months of the show date. Cattle under 6 months of age may go on the dam's TB test chart if the dam was tested for TB within the past 12 months and a copy of the results is provided. All Brucellosis vaccinated female cattle over 18 months of age and all bulls and non-vaccinated female cattle 6 months of age and older must have a negative Brucellosis test within 12 months of the show date. Steers and spayed heifers are exempt from Brucellosis testing.

Lactating Dairy Cattle (Out-of-State): All lactating dairy cattle are required to receive a negative test for Influenza A virus at an approved NAHLN laboratory for interstate movement. Milk samples must be collected and submitted by the same Category II accredited veterinarian who is completing the health certificate and must be collected no more than seven (7) days prior to interstate movement. Lactating dairy cattle from herds which have tested positive for Influenza A are not eligible for movement for thirty (30) days from the most recent collection of any sample that tests positive from any individual animal in the herd. After the 30-day period, animals must be tested again for movement. No dairy cattle exhibiting clinical signs of HPAI will be allowed to move into Connecticut.

HORSES / PONIES: All horses must have a negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within 12 months of their show date (AGID or ELISA). The animal must be accompanied by a paper Coggins certificate AND a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement). The standard of veterinary care strongly recommends vaccination against EEE, WNV, Influenza, and Rhinotracheitis within 6 months of the first show date.

All pulling horse/pony competitors must have a microchip.

SHEEP: All sheep must have approved official USDA identification and be accompanied with a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the sheep are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and/or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie exposed flocks.

GOATS: All goats must have approved official USDA identification and be accompanied by a CVI issued within 60 days of their first show date (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the goats are in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and / or communicable diseases and are not from Scrapie exposed- flocks. All goats must originate from Brucellosis and TB free- herds. Goats 3 months old and over must test negative to TB and Brucellosis within 12 months of the show date. Kids under 3 months of age may go on the dam's test chart if the dam was tested within the past 12 months and a copy of the results is provided. Wethers are exempt from Brucellosis testing.

SWINE: All swine must have an approved official USDA identification, and a CVI issued within 60 days prior to the first show (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian. Swine that are 3 months of age and older must be negative to Brucellosis and Pseudorabies tests. Barrows are exempt from Brucellosis testing but must have a negative Pseudorabies test. Piglets under 3 months of age may go on the sow's testing chart if the sow was tested and originated from a Brucellosis-free and Pseudorabies--free herd and must be on the CVI.

POULTRY: All poultry must be identified and test negative for Salmonella pullorum within 12 months of the show date and be accompanied by this certificate. All poultry must comply with the Department of Agriculture Avian Influenza (AI) requirements, originating from AI Free flocks or be tested for AI within 30 days of entry and have a certificate. No poultry from any areas of any state having Avian Influenza may enter Connecticut. All cages, crates, and vehicles used for housing and transporting poultry must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each show. Doves and pigeons are exempt from testing requirements but must be identified by leg bands or wing tags. **Waterfowl are not allowed to be shown or displayed for the 2026 Fair & Show Season.**

LLAMAS & ALPACAS: All llamas and alpacas must have a negative Axillary TB test within 12 months and a negative Brucellosis test within 12 months of entry, and a CVI issued within 60 days of the first show (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian, listing the permanent identification (ear tag, tattoo, or microchip) and test results.

RABBITS: All rabbits must have a CVI issued within 60 days of their first show (or per NE fair agreement) by an accredited veterinarian stating that the animal is in good health and not showing signs of infectious, contagious, and / or communicable diseases including RHD. Rabbits must have a permanent identification number in the left ear (tattoo or may be chipped behind left ear). The identification number must match the animal's number on the CVI. Rabbits are exempt from needing a rabies vaccination. Official ARBA Show Rules, Section 26.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE - RABIES IN PUBLIC SETTINGS

All animals for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine (cattle, horses, sheep, dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to the public) shall be vaccinated against rabies. Animals not having an approved rabies vaccination shall be displayed in a manner such that the public would not be in contact or exposed to saliva from those animals or have clearly visible posted signs or tape stating: "CONNECTICUT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE - DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH ANIMALS."

On August 4, 2009, the Department of Agriculture adopted regulations for the "Control of Rabies in Public Settings" which will be enforced at all Connecticut fairs and public exhibitions. The complete text of the regulations, RCSA §§ 22-359-1 through 22-359-5, follows this notice.

Provisions (apply to instate and out-of-state animals):

Animals with a licensed rabies vaccine

1. Horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, and cats must be currently vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian unless they are under the minimum age to be vaccinated (ferrets included if displayed).
2. These animals must have a rabies vaccination certificate signed by the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine that includes: animal identification and description, owner name and address, vaccine manufacturer, serial number, date administered, and expiration date.
3. If it is the animal's first vaccination, it must be given at least 30 days prior to the first show date to be considered current.

Animals not having an approved rabies vaccination

1. Includes animals for which there is not a licensed rabies vaccine and animals for which there is a licensed rabies vaccine but are under the age to be vaccinated (most rabies vaccines are labeled to be administered at ≥ 3 months).
2. Animals must be separated from the public by sufficient means to avoid direct contact with people and other animals (e.g., double fence, plexiglass) or conspicuous signs or tape must be posted near the animal enclosure stating: "CONNECTICUT RABIES ADVISORY NOTICE - DO NOT FEED OR TOUCH ANIMALS".

Rabies advisory tape with the notice wording is available for purchase from the Department of Agriculture.

Please contact DoAg at 860-713-2504 for questions on requirements, rabies regulations, or to obtain rabies advisory notice tape.

USE OF ANIMALS - CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES REQUIREMENT

Exhibitors, vendors, and fair operators must comply with Connecticut General Statutes § 53-250, which prohibits certain uses of animals at fairs and public exhibitions.

Under this law:

1. No animal (including fish, reptiles, or birds) may be used to solicit alms, donations, payments, subscriptions, or contributions.
2. No animal may be used as a prize or award in any game, contest, or device.
3. Wild animals may not be exhibited in connection with any business for the purpose of attracting trade on any street, highway, public park, fair, exhibition, amusement venue, or place of entertainment.
4. No person may own, keep, or have custody of any animal for any of these prohibited purposes.

Statutory exemptions include:

1. Exhibitions of animals by:
 - Accredited educational institutions,
 - Zoological gardens, or
 - Theatrical exhibitions or circuses.
2. The use of animals in a cow-chip- raffle.

Violations of § 53-250 constitute a Class D misdemeanor

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

Livestock exhibitors MUST enter one of the judging contests listed below, but they are open to ALL 4-H members. Indicate which one you will enter on your entry blank.

LIVESTOCK OR DAIRY JUDGING CONTEST

Dairy Judging Sponsored by: The Hietala Family, Enfield

Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Working Steer, Goat, and Swine exhibitors MUST enter one of these two contests, otherwise you will not be allowed to participate in showmanship classes. The judge will break any ties by using the oral reasons for a specific class, chosen by the judge.

Each contest will be divided into JUNIOR (7-12) and SENIOR (13-19). Rosettes will be awarded to the three top scoring contestants in each division. A trophy will be awarded in each division to the highest scoring contestant.

**The Dr. Lynn Brown Travel Trophy
will be awarded to the 4-Her receiving the highest score in the
Dairy Judging Contest.**

**The Dr. Louis Malkus Travel Trophy
will be awarded to the 4-Her receiving the highest score in the
Livestock Judging Contest.**



GOAT GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

The test will be divided into NOVICE JR (7-9 never shown goats before), NOVICE INTERMEDIATE (10-12 never shown goats before), NOVICE SENIOR (13-19 never shown goats before), JUNIOR (7-9), INTERMEDIATE (10-12) and SENIOR (13-19). Ribbons will be awarded to all participants on the Danish System according to their score. A trophy will be awarded in each division to the highest scoring participant.

HERDSMANSHIP CONTEST

Purpose: The purpose of the contest is to provide an incentive for clubs to maintain their exhibit space and educate the public through cooperation by species. A well-maintained and safe area presents a better image for the public.

RULES:

1. Judging will be on a species basis and by the Danish System
2. Judging will occur throughout the weekend and will include all animals staying on the fairgrounds (Dairy, Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine, Working Steer, Rabbits & Small Animals, Poultry, Llamas & Alpacas)
3. The Department Stewards will choose a species representative to judge.
4. Official score cards will be on file in the Fair Office.
5. Herdsmanship ribbons will be awarded to each exhibitor according to their species scores and announced at the Fair Awards Night in October.
6. **Final judging of the barns and clean up will take place on Monday after the fair. 50 points for Monday cleanliness may be added to a species score at that time.**

Scores:

90-100% of points	=	BLUE
80-89% of points	=	RED
70-79% of points	=	WHITE
Less than 70% of points	=	NO AWARD

Judges will take into consideration for scoring:

- 25 points** **Animals clean and properly displayed** with stall cards & clean bedding
- 25 points** **Educational exhibit & arrangement of exhibit and decorations**
- 20 points** **Tack area**, storage of feed and equipment (neat and clean with proper trash disposal)
- 15 points** **Attendance of members.** Adequate exhibitor supervision of display to be present at the exhibits at all times when animals are present.
- 15 points** **Aisles** neat & clean

PREMIER LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP

Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

The Grand Champion Showmanship winner from Dairy, Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, Working Steer, Rabbit, and Poultry shows will compete against each other. These persons will show each of the species of animals and will be judged on their showmanship skills.

If the Grand Champion Showman from a species cannot compete, or is competing for another species, the Reserve Champion Showman will compete in their place.

Previous Grand Champion winners named Premier Showman, will be able to compete in Premier Showmanship *only* if they show another species.

A Premier Showman and Reserve Showman will be named and will receive champion rosette ribbons. Participation rosettes will be awarded to all other participants.

**Awards are given in memory of David Gilbert,
1975 Past President of the Hartford County 4-H Fair Association,
by the Andrew Gilbert Family of North Granby**

BEEF

Sponsored by: P&J Playground Services, Inc., Harwinton

1. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by May 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Please read carefully General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. All animals will be required to show health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
3. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
4. Exhibitors are required to enter Showmanship or forfeit prizes. This is a "Blow and Go" Show, although if an exhibitor wishes to practice fitting they may; they will not be judged on fitting. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
5. Suggested dress for show is dark color pants and a white, solid color or plaid shirt.
6. All exhibitors **MUST** enter one of the Judging Contests.
7. Animals must be double tied with halter and neck rope.
8. No animals with horns greater than 1.5 inches will be allowed to enter in this show.
9. General area maintenance must be performed by all exhibitors.
10. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
11. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
12. Showmanship classes 1A-1C will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$6.00, 2nd-\$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00. Champion Class 1D - trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
13. Premiums for classes other than Showmanship: 1st-\$6.00, 2nd-\$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00, 4th-\$3.00, Others-\$2.00.

1. SHOWMANSHIP

Judged 75% on showmanship and 25% on fitting (clean, clipping)

- A. Novice (7-19 never shown before)
- B. Juniors (7-12)
- C. Seniors (13-19)
- D. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of 1A-1C)



BEEF – CONTINUED

2. EASTERN STATE STEER

If entries warrant, this lot will be divided by Breeds; otherwise, all Breeds will be judged together.

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| A. Heavy weight | Premiums |
| B. Medium weight | Premiums |
| C. Light weight | Premiums |
| D. Champion Eastern State Steer Class
(1 st & 2 nd placings of 2A -2C) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |

3. MARKET BEEF

If entries warrant, this lot will be divided by Breeds; otherwise, all Breeds will be judged together. Heifers shown in this division cannot be shown as Breeding Stock.

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| A. Market (registered) Beef – heavy weight | Premiums |
| B. Market (registered) Beef – light weight | Premiums |
| C. Feeder (commercial) Steers – heavy weight | Premiums |
| D. Feeder (commercial) Steers – light weight | Premiums |
| E. Heifers – heavy weight | Premiums |
| F. Heifers – light weight | Premiums |
| G. Champion Market Beef Class
(1 st & 2 nd placings of 3A-3F) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |

4. BEEF BREEDING STOCK

If entries warrant, this lot will be divided by Breeds; otherwise, all Breeds will be judged together. Heifers shown in this division, cannot be shown as Market Beef.

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| A. Registered Heifers under 1 year | Premiums |
| B. Registered Heifers over 1 year, but under 2 years | Premiums |
| C. Commercial Heifers | Premiums |
| D. Registered Cow | Premiums |
| E. Commercial Cow | Premiums |
| F. Registered Cow/Calf | Premiums |
| G. Commercial Cow/Calf | Premiums |
| H. Champion Breeding Stock
(1 st & 2 nd placings of 4A-4G) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| I. I. Bulls <u>not</u> over 6 months | Premiums |

5. BRED & OWNED

Criteria for awarding a trophy to the best (bred and owned) calf of the show.

- 1) The calf offspring of a cow owned and exhibited by the exhibitor will be shown in this class.
- 2) The calf must be owned and exhibited by the exhibitor.
- 3) Papers of ownership must be shown and checked against the identification of the calf. These papers do not need to be registration papers; record sheets or verification forms can be used.
- 4) The class will be judged on:
 - 75% - Type & condition of the calf
 - 25% - Fitting & showmanship

DAIRY

Sponsored by: The Collins Creamery, Enfield
 Jack & Mavis Collins, Enfield
 Derek Custer, West Granby
 Chiara DiFronzo, West Granby
 Sue Laiuppa, Granby
 Steven Vernale, Granby
 Wintonbury Farm, Bloomfield

1. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by May 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Animal registration papers **MUST** accompany each animal. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. All animals will be required to show health papers to conform to this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
3. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
4. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.** Specify which animal will be used for showmanship on the entry blank.
5. Suggested dress for show is white pants and a white shirt.
6. All exhibitors **MUST** enter one of the Judging Contests.
7. Animals must be double tied with halter and neck rope.
8. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
9. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
10. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
11. Club Herds will be chosen and pre-entered **BEFORE** judging on Saturday, so that judging results won't influence selection of animals for herds.
12. **Milking Cows may arrive on Saturday morning for Showmanship or Sunday morning for Breed only. Animals must remain on the fairgrounds until Sunday after closing ceremonies. Exhibitors must have their own milking machine, or plan to milk by hand.**
13. All Breed Classes will be divided as follows:
 - A. Each breed will be shown separately in their respective age groups.
 - B. If there are ten or more animals of one breed, a Junior, Senior, and Grand Champion will be named for that breed.
 - C. For breeds with less than ten animals, no champions will be named. Judges will select a Best of Breed animal for each breed, from the 1st & 2nd placings of all classes for that breed.
 - D. Cross breeds will be shown as a separate group.
14. Showmanship classes 1A-1D will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, first six individuals in each class will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings in each class will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class.
 Premiums: 1st-\$6.00, 2nd-\$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00. Champion Class 1E-trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
15. Premiums for classes other than Showmanship:
 1st-\$6.00, 2nd-\$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00, 4th-\$3.00, Others-\$2.00.

Dairy Entry Form



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Entries due August 1

DAIRY – CONTINUED

Basis for calculating age:

- Spring Heifer Calves**born March 1, 2026 – April 30, 2026
- Winter Heifer Calves**born Dec. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026
- Fall Heifer Calves**born Sept. 1, 2025 – Nov. 30, 2025
- Summer Yearling**born June 1, 2025 – Aug. 31, 2025
- Spring Yearling Heifers**born March 1, 2025 – May 31, 2025
- Winter Yearling Heifers**born Dec. 1, 2024 – Feb. 28, 2025
- Fall Yearling Heifers**born Sept. 1, 2024 – Nov. 30, 2024
- 2 Year Old Cows**born Sept. 1, 2023 – Aug. 31, 2024
- 3 Year Old & Older Cows** ... born prior to Aug. 31, 2023
- Dry Cows**Any cow that has calved but not in milk & not shown in any class above.

1. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

- A. Novice Jr. (7-12 never shown before)
- B. Novice Sr. (13-19 never shown before)
- C. Junior (7-12)
- D. Senior (13-19)
- E. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D)

2. CLUB HERD (Rule 11)

Ribbons Only

Herd consists of 5 animals & at least 3 owners. All owners must be members of one club.

****LIST BREED OF ANIMAL SHOWN****

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| 3. Spring Heifer Calves | Premiums |
| 4. Winter Heifer Calves | Premiums |
| 5. Fall Heifer Calves | Premiums |
| 6. Summer Yearling | Premiums |
| 7. Spring Yearling | Premiums |
| 8. Winter Yearling | Premiums |
| 9. Fall Yearling | Premiums |
| 10. Junior Champion Class
(1 st & 2 nd placings of lots 3-9) | Champion Rosettes |
| 11. Junior 2 Year Old | Premiums |
| 12. Senior 3 Year Old & Older Cows | Premiums |
| 13. Dry Cows | Premiums |
| 14. Senior Champion Class
(1 st & 2 nd placings of lots 11-13) | Champion Rosettes |
| 15. Grand Champion Class
(1 st & 2 nd placings of lots 10 & 14) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 16. Best of Breeds (Rule 13-C)
(1 st & 2 nd placings of breeds with less than 10 animals) | Best of Breed Rosettes |
| 17. Supreme Champion
(Grand Champion and Best of Breed from lots 15 & 16 for all breeds) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 18. Dam & Daughter | Premiums |
| 19. OVER THE HILL | Ribbons Only |
| 20. BRED & OWNED | |

Criteria for awarding a trophy to the best calf of the show.

- 1) The calf offspring of a cow owned by the exhibitor will be shown in this class.
- 2) The calf must be owned by the exhibitor as well.
- 3) Papers of ownership must be shown and checked against the identification of the calf.
- 4) Record book is to be shown when entering.
- 5) The class will be judged on:
 - 75% - Type & condition of the calf
 - 25% - Fitting & showmanship

DOG SHOW

SATURDAY – Registration at 8:30 a.m.

SHOW BEGINS at 9:30 a.m. / Conflict Showmanship Class begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by: Terrie Breen, Windsor / Linda & Ray Roy, Melrose

1. Open to all 4-H dog project members, regardless of county enrolled in.
2. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
4. **Pre-registration is required using the proper entry blank.** *Proof of current Rabies, Distemper and Parvovirus or titers within one year of show date must be submitted with the entry form. Dogs with a veterinarian letter may be exempt from Distemper and Parvovirus requirements provided the vaccinations are NOT required by the CT Fair and Show Requirements. A copy of the current year approved Verification Form MUST accompany the entry form for out-of-county entries.* Dogs without proof of vaccinations will not be allowed on the grounds. All animals will be required to show health papers and dog license to conform with this year's State Regulations and the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
5. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
6. Exhibitor's and dog's appearance must be neat, clean and appropriate for a 4-H Fair. Suggested dress is green pants or skirt and a white blouse or shirt.
7. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward. Classes may be called in any order at the discretion of the judge and/or steward.
8. General area maintenance will be expected by all exhibitors.
9. All dogs must be kept on a leash while on the grounds unless in a class.
10. The exhibitor must be completely responsible for their dog. The dog must be trained and managed by the exhibitor.
11. All dogs must be handled with a loose leash. Pulling or dragging of animals will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the show and/or grounds. Animals must also be handled properly throughout the event, and the exhibitor must provide water for project animal.
12. Dogs do not have to be purebreds.
13. Females in heat will not be allowed at the show.
14. Unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable and may result in disqualification and forfeiture of premiums and awards. All exhibitors and dogs must act like ladies, gentlemen, and well-mannered canines or you will be asked to leave the grounds.
15. In cases of family projects (more than one child in a family sharing a dog in a 4-H Club), the dog or handler may be entered ONCE in a class where he qualifies competitively.
16. If dog is entered in an obedience class, he may also enter an upper class non-competitive for exhibition only. The armband will be marked "NC".
17. **Some classes** will be divided as **JR**, age 7-12 and **SR**, age 13-19.
18. Decision of the show committee and/or judge is final.
19. Dogs showing any aggression towards people or other dogs will be asked to leave the grounds.
20. Dogs may only be in the dog show area. Dogs are not permitted elsewhere on the fairgrounds. Dogs must be supervised in the dog show area by the Exhibitor. If the exhibitor is away on the grounds, the dog must be supervised by an appointed adult.
21. Conflict Showmanship Class is for:
 - (a) Exhibitors who are showing a dog or another species of animal and the show times conflict. The exhibitor may show the dog in the Conflict Showmanship Class then show the other animal during the other showmanship time.



DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

- (b) Exhibitors who intend to attend the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Show with two dogs and need to qualify the second dog. The second dog would be entered as “non-competitive”, and the armband would be marked as “NC”
22. Dogs that have a permanent disability (such as, but not limited to blindness, deafness, a permanent limp, etc.) are allowed to compete if they provide a letter from a veterinarian stating the condition, that the dog can participate pain-free, and any considerations which may need to be made related to the dog’s well-being or performance and judging such as restrictions to certain activities.
23. Any youth wishing to assist with the show should contact the Hartford County 4-H Office or Vice President of Livestock regarding superintendent opportunities.

A High Combined Overall Trophy for the day will be awarded. Scores from Dog Knowledge, qualifying Off Leash Obedience (8-15) and Showmanship classes will be added together to determine the winner. The top scorer will receive a trophy and rosette ribbon. Second place scorer will receive a rosette ribbon. If there are no dogs with qualifying Off Leash Obedience scores, then scores from Dog Knowledge, qualifying On Leash Obedience (1-7) and Showmanship classes will be added together to determine the winner.

DOG KNOWLEDGE EVENT

This is open to any registered 4-H youth who wishes to participate. A verified dog project is not required. A 100-point quiz based on information in the 4-H Dog Care & Handling project materials. Event will be judged by the Dual Merit System and will be divided into JR and SR. **Ribbons and premiums will be awarded to all contestants, according to the scores. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue: 100-80 points, Red: 79.5-60 points, White: 59.5-40 points, Yellow: 39.5 and below. Point values: 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2. In each division, the top four scorers will receive rosette ribbons, a trophy and champion rosette will be awarded to the 4-H'er with the highest score, and the second place scorer will receive a reserve champion rosette.**

INTRODUCTION TO SHOWING

The objective of the class is to demonstrate that the member’s dog has learned how to sit, stay, come when called, and walk calmly on leash, as well as a basic gaiting pattern and basic exam that will be used in the Fitting & Showmanship ring. The member will demonstrate general knowledge of dogs and dog care, including home care, feeding, health, and their dog’s breed or most predominant breed in the case of All-Americans.

The class will be divided into Junior (7-12) and Senior (13-19). Please write “Intro to Show-Junior” or “Intro to Show-Senior” on the entry blank.

4-Hers entering this class may NOT enter any other classes at the 4-H Fair Dog Show except for the Dog Knowledge Event and/or the Gymkhana or games classes, if offered. Members who have shown in a regular 4-H obedience class or in a non-4-H obedience class (AKC, UKC, ASCA, etc) in previous years are NOT eligible to participate in Introduction to Showing.

Members that win the Introduction to Showing classes ARE NOT eligible to compete for Champion Showman (or Premier Showman, if offered) or High Overall (award that combines scores for Dog Knowledge, Obedience and Fitting& Showmanship). Members that show in Introduction to Showing are NOT eligible for participation at the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Dog Show with a dog the year in which they participate in the Introduction to Showing class. (For example, if an exhibitor shows in Introduction to Showing in this calendar year, they cannot enter a dog at the ESE Dog Show in the same calendar year.) They may participate as a steward, if they meet the age and entry requirements.

Members may show in this class for 1 year. (Members ARE NOT required to show in this class if they feel they and their dog are ready for the challenges of the Sub-Novice or more advanced obedience classes.) Members are eligible to show in Novice Fitting & Showmanship for one year after they have been in Introduction to Showing.

This class will be judged on the Dual-Merit system. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue- 100-85 points, Red- 84.5-70 points, White- 69.5-55 points, Yellow- below 55 points. Premium point values: 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2. In each division, the top four scorers will receive rosette ribbons, and 1st place will receive a trophy.

DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

Dogs and handlers will be judged on the following:

Dog Behavior: Walk on Leash & Sit-10 points; Stay & Come when called-10 points; Sit or Stand for Exam-10 points

Showmanship Skills: (10 points) Dogs to be gaited in both Junior and Senior classes. Junior class-individual gaiting pattern will be a down and back. Senior class-individual gaiting pattern will be either a down and back or a triangle.

Cleanliness/Condition: Cleanliness of coat, teeth, ears-5 points; nails trimmed-5 points; coat free of mats, parasite, and excessive hair-5 points; physical condition-5 points

Member's Knowledge: 10 points each for health, nutrition/feeding, general knowledge (total 30 points)

Handler: General neat and appropriate appearance-5 points; Attitude & Poise-5 points

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Each member is required to enter Fitting & Showmanship before entering Obedience or Gymkhana or forfeit prizes. Dogs will be judged on overall condition, cleanliness and preparation for the ring. Qualities of the dog for the breed are not to be considered. Handlers will be judged on their ability to present the dog and their appearance, attitude, poise and general knowledge.

Classes A-I will be judged on the Dual Merit System. Individual merit ribbons, six showmanship rosettes, premiums for the top 3 placings and a trophy to 1st place in each class will be awarded. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue- 100-90 points, Red- 89.5-80 points, White- 79.5-70 points, Yellow- 69.5points and below. Premium Point Values - 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4.

Class J - a trophy and champion rosette will be awarded to 1st place.

Class K - a reserve champion rosette will be awarded to 1st place.

- A. Inexperienced Novice (7-19 never shown before)
- B. Novice JR (1 & 2 years experience)
- C. Novice SR (1 & 2 years experience)
- D. Intermediate JR (3 & 4 years experience)
- E. Intermediate SR (3 & 4 years experience)
- F. Advanced JR (5 or more years experience)
- G. Advanced SR (5 or more years experience)
- H. Open JR (anyone who has shown in non 4-H events 3 or more times)
- I. Open SR (anyone who has shown in non 4-H events 3 or more times)
- J. GRAND CHAMPION CLASS
(1st place showman from each class)
- K. RESERVE CHAMPION CLASS
(remainder of 1st place and the 2nd place showmen from the class which the champion was chosen)

SCORING:

Dog (30%)	
General condition of dog	10
Condition of coat	5
Condition of nails	5
Condition of teeth	5
Condition of ears	5
Handling (50%)	
Posing/stacking/exam	25
Gaiting (group & individual)	25
Handler (20%)	
General Appearance of Handler	5
Attitude and Poise	10
General Knowledge	5
Total Points	100 points

DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

GYMKHANA

1. If a dog is a family project, either 4-Her may enter the dog in all games listed, or the members may take turns among themselves. The dog may not be entered twice in the same game.
 2. All classes will be divided into JR and SR, each with its own champion.
 3. **Ribbons and premiums will be awarded in each class. In each division, the dog scoring the most points at the end of all classes will be awarded a trophy and champion rosette. The dog in second place will receive a reserve champion rosette.**
 4. Point values: 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2.
- A. **COSTUME CLASS** - Dogs to come dressed in costume which is the creation of the member. Costumes to be judged on: Originality, Most Humorous, and Most Unusual.
 - B. **CLEVER DOG** - Dog demonstrates ability to perform a trick or two willingly on command. No obedience training to be considered tricks.
 - C. **OBSTACLE COURSE** - Several objects will be placed in the ring. The handler with dog will go through, under, or around. They will be judged on how well they do.
 - D. **BALL & SPOON RACE** – Race where handler balances a ball on a spoon while holding their dog's leash and heeling. First one to cross the finish line is the winner.

OBEDIENCE

All Obedience classes will be divided into JR and SR. They will be judged on the Dual Merit system. Individual merit ribbons, four rosettes, premiums for the top 4 placings and a trophy to 1st place in each class will be awarded. Danish ribbons will be awarded as follows: Blue- 200-170 points, Red- 169.5-130 points, White- 129.5-100 points, Yellow- 99.5 points and below. Premium point values: 1st-8, 2nd-6, 3rd-4, 4th-2.

Once a dog has been shown competitively in an obedience class (regardless of the handler who handled the dog), it may not “drop back” to a lower or less-advanced class except when competing in the “C” division with a less-experienced handler. Dogs in the “C” division ARE NOT eligible for highest or reserve high scoring in their obedience division, but are eligible for high overall (obedience, showmanship, and dog knowledge scores combined).

All classes are determined by the training level of the dog. If you have a question, speak with your leader or contact the show steward. Obedience classes will use the AKC Obedience Regulations as guidelines *except where stated*.

Dogs that foul the ring will be scored a zero for that exercise, and allowed to complete the class and be scored, but it will be a NP (Non-Placement Score). Dogs that run around the ring “uncontrollable” will receive a zero for that exercise *and will complete any remaining off lead exercises on leash*. Dog will receive a NP (Non-Placement Score).

On Leash Division - Classes 1-8

A trophy & championship rosette will be awarded in this division to the dog with a qualifying score closest to 200 points after all classes are completed for both JR and SR. Second highest scoring dog will receive a reserve champion rosette.

Guidelines for Foster Assistance Dog Classes will be in accordance with the particular organization for which the dog is being raised. Dogs in this class must currently be in a puppy raising program for an organization that is accredited with Assistance Dogs International and/or the International Guide Dog Federation with the ultimate goal of returning to the organization for formal training as an assistance dog to be placed with a client of the organization. Dogs that are being self-trained for use by the exhibitor or a member of the exhibitor's family do not qualify for this class and must be shown in one of the regular obedience classes. Dogs that are active or retired breeders for an assistance dog organization must be shown in one of the regular obedience classes.

DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

Sub-Novice All exercise will be done on lead. Exercises for these classes (except where stated) include:

Heel on Leash	45 points
Figure Eight	25 points
Stand with Distraction*	30 points
Recall	40 points
Long Sit (1 min).....	30 points
Long Down (1 min).....	30 points

*Stand with Distraction description: Dog will be sitting at the handler's left side in heel position. Judge will give the command, "Stand your dog, leave when ready". Handler will stand their dog (posing is acceptable) and leave their dog to the end of their leash. The judge will walk towards the dog but not approach any closer than 3 feet of the dog. The judge will pass by the dog's left side without touching the dog and continue past the dog completely before making a large loop back to their starting position. Once the judge has returned to their starting position, they will give the cue "Return to your dog" and the handler will return to heel position by walking to the dog's right side and back into heel position. The judge will then give the order "Exercise finished".

1. **Foster Assistance Dog Sub-Novice A** - for exhibitors who have not previously trained an assistance dog. The dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on the basis of 200 points. *Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization. Handlers are only eligible for this class for one year.*
2. **Foster Assistance Dog Sub-Novice B** - for exhibitors who have previously trained an assistance dog. Dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points. *Specific exercises and allowable equipment (such as, but not limited to, head halters or jackets) are to be determined based on the needs of the specific assistance dog organization.*
3. **Sub-Novice A** - for first year, inexperienced exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog. Dogs in this class must not have had training beyond the sub-novice level. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points. **Dog and handler may exhibit in this class for only one (1) year.**
4. **Sub-Novice B** - for exhibitors that have previously trained a dog in sub-novice or more advanced levels of obedience, or who have shown this dog in *Sub-Novice* in previous years. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Novice. Dogs will be on lead and scored on a basis of 200 points.
5. **Sub-Novice C** – for exhibitors who may be handling a dog that has previously competed at a more advanced obedience level than Sub-Novice.

Beginner Novice Exercises for these classes (except where stated) include:

Heel on Leash	40 points
Figure Eight.....	40 points
Sit for Exam.....	40 points
Sit Stay.....	40 points
Recall	40 points

6. **Beginner Novice A** – for exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at the Beginner Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs must not have had training beyond this level. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Novice or more advanced levels. Exhibitors may exhibit in this class for one (1) year only.
7. **Beginner Novice B** – for exhibitors that have previously trained a dog at the Beginner Novice or more advanced levels, or have shown this dog in Beginner Novice in previous years. Dogs that have finished their BN or its equivalent or dogs not having a qualifying score in a more advanced level are eligible for this class.
8. **Beginner Novice C** – for dogs who have competed in a higher level previously and need to “drop back” to this level of obedience.

DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

Off Leash Division - Classes 9-19

A trophy & championship rosette will be awarded in this division to the dog with a qualifying score closest to 200 points after all classes are completed for both JR and SR. Second highest scoring dog will receive a reserve champion rosette.

In the following classes, the "...Stay-get your leash" exercise will be performed as listed in the AKC Obedience Rules and Regulation (<http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RO2999.pdf>) for that class.

Classes 9-11 are based on the AKC Preferred Novice Class. The exercises for the classes are as follows:

Heel on Leash & Figure 8	40 points
Stand for exam (off leash)	30 points
Heel Free	40 points
Recall (off leash).....	30 points
Stay - Sit or Down	30 points
Sit stay, Get your leash.....	30 points

9. **Preferred Novice A** – for dogs that *have not been shown competitively in an upper level class (Novice, Pre-Graduate Novice, Graduate Novice, Open or Utility)* or handlers that have never trained a dog at Preferred Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs that have completed a CD or its equivalent **are not** eligible for this class. *Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.*
10. **Preferred Novice B** – for dogs that have been shown in Preferred Novice in previous years or handlers that have trained a dog at Preferred Novice or more advanced levels. Dogs that have completed a CD or its equivalent **are not** eligible for this class. *Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.*
11. **Preferred Novice C** – for exhibitors handling dogs who have competed in a higher level than Preferred Novice.

Classes 12-14 are based on the AKC Novice Class. Exercises include:

Heel on Leash & Figure 8	40 points
Stand for Exam (off leash)	30 points
Heel Free	40 points
Recall (off leash).....	30 points
Sit stay, Get your leash.....	30 points
Group Sit (1 minute)	15 points
Group Down (1 minute)	15 points

All dogs will be required to participate in group exercises, even if they have not qualified in a previous exercise.

12. **Novice A** - for exhibitors who have not previously trained a dog at novice or more advanced levels. Dogs in this class may have completed the Novice level of training, but must not have had training beyond this level. Dogs must not have 3 or more qualifying scores in Novice or more advanced levels. Exhibitor may exhibit in this class for one (1) year only. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Pre-Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.
13. **Novice B** – for exhibitors who have previously trained a dog at Novice or more advanced levels, or have shown this dog in *Novice* in previous years. ***Dogs that have finished their CD or its equivalent, or dogs not having a qualifying score in a more advanced level are eligible for this class.*** Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Pre-Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year.
14. **Novice C** – for dogs who have competed previously in a higher class and prefer to drop back to Novice.

DOG SHOW – CONTINUED

15. **Pre-Graduate Novice** – for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open or Utility. Dogs may have received a CD or its equivalent. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Graduate Novice or more advanced level the next 4-H year. Exercises include:

Heel on Leash	40 points
Stand for Exam (off leash)	30 points
Heel Free & Figure 8	40 points
Drop on Recall.....	30 points
Long Sit (3 min off leash, handler in ring)	30 points
Long Down (5 min off leash, handler in ring).....	30 points

16. **Graduate Novice** – for dogs that have not received a qualifying score in Open or Utility. Dogs may have received a CD or its equivalent. Once a dog has earned 3 blue Danish ribbons (or 3 qualifying scores of 170 or more points), it must move up to Open A or more advanced level the next 4-H year. Exercises include:

Heel Free & Figure 8 off leash	40 points
Recall Over Broad Jump	30 points
Drop on Recall.....	40 points
Dumbbell Recall Over High Jump.....	30 points
Dumbbell Recall	30 points
Stay-Get Your Leash (Sit, Down).....	30 points

Open Exercises include:

Heel Free & Figure 8	40 points
Command Discrimination (Stand, Down, Sit).....	30 points
Drop on Recall.....	30 points
Retrieve on Flat	20 points
Retrieve Over High Jump	30 points
Broad Jump.....	20 points
Stay-Get Your Leash (Sit, Down).....	30 points

17. **Open A** – for dogs that have not earned a CDX or its equivalent. Dogs must not have a qualifying score in Utility. Class will be judged according to the AKC Open Class.
18. **Open B** – for dogs that have earned a CDX or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Open B Class. Order of exercises to be posted the day of the show.
19. **Utility A** – for dogs that have not earned a UD or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility A class.
20. **Utility B** – for dogs that have earned a UD or its equivalent. Dogs will be judged according to the AKC Utility B class. Order of exercises to be posted on the day of the show.

DONKEY

Sponsored by: The Kleinman/Herring Family, West Hartford

1. This class is open to all 4-H members, regardless of county enrolled in.
2. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Animal registration papers MUST accompany animal. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. All animals will be required to show health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
4. No Jacks allowed on the grounds. Animals known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.
5. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
7. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
8. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
9. Classes are divided by exhibitor age: Juniors 7-12, Seniors 13-19.
10. Exhibitors must wear white top and black pants or skirt.
11. All exhibitors must take the Donkey General Knowledge Test.
12. Advance entry is required. Use the entry link in this book.
13. Animals belonging to Hartford County 4-H members may stay for the entire fair or come for Sunday only. Any animals arriving on Thursday MUST stay on the grounds for the entire weekend. Any animals arriving for the day of the show must arrive on Sunday morning by 8:30 a.m. and must leave after completion of the show. Out-of-county project animals are not allowed to stay overnight and must come for the day of the show only. Animals coming for the day must not be left alone and must be attended to by the 4-H member.
14. A High Overall Trophy will be awarded to a Junior and a Senior with the highest score overall. To qualify for the trophy, exhibitor MUST enter general knowledge, fitting & showmanship, and obstacle course classes. Points from these 3 classes will be added together to determine the winners. Point value equals the premium listed.
15. Showmanship classes 1A - 1D will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$1.00. Champion Class 1E- trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
16. Other Premiums: 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$1.00.

Donkey Entry Form



s.uconn.edu/fair26donkey

Entries due August 1

DONKEY – CONTINUED

1. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

- A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown before)
- B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown before)
- C. Junior (7-12)
- D. Senior (13-19)
- E. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of 1A, 1B, 1C, & 1D)

2. OBSTACLE COURSE

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|--------------------------|----------|
| A. Novice Junior (7-8) | Premiums |
| B. Novice Junior (9-12) | Premiums |
| C. Junior (9-12) | Premiums |
| D. Novice Senior (13-19) | Premiums |
| E. Senior (13-19) | Premiums |

3. GYMKHANA CLASSES

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|-------------------------|----------|
| A. Costume Class | Premiums |
| B. Packing Class | Premiums |
| C. Pen Decoration | Ribbons |
| D. Public Demonstration | Premiums |

Exhibitor prepares a short demonstration on some aspect of donkeys. Aids such as posters and equipment may be used. (Sample topics: Preparing a donkey for Packing; Basic Steps to Grooming; Donkey Feeds; First Aid for Donkeys; etc.)

4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

Class will be divided into Novice, Junior, and Senior. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded to all participants, on the Danish System, according to their score.

The top scorer in each class will receive a trophy and champion rosette. Second place scorer will receive a champion rosette.

Premiums: Blue-\$3.00, Red-\$2.00, White-\$1.00

GOATS

Sponsored by: Anne & Paul Belanger, East Hartford

Jim & Sharon Kaminski, Willington

Marc & Taylor Kranmas, South Windsor

Matt Moskowitz, Litchfield

Mark Stein & Jackie Gray, West Hartford

1. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. All animals will be required to have health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair. Animals cannot be from scrapie-exposed herds.
3. All Dairy Goat exhibitors must present an ADGA, American Goat Society or Miniature Dairy Goat Association registration for each of their animals. Goats without papers will be entered as recorded grades for the dairy goat classes or Nigerian Dwarf based on size and appearance. Kids under 9 months can enter with a stamped copy of the registration form.
4. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
5. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
6. Expected attire for the exhibitor: Dairy Goat exhibitors must wear WHITE. Meat Goat exhibitors must wear dark pants and a white, plaid, or solid color shirt. Fiber Goat exhibitors must wear black pants with a white shirt.
7. All exhibitors MUST enter one of the Judging Contests OR take the Goat General Knowledge Test.
8. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
9. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
10. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
11. Age of exhibitors will be figured as of January 1st of this year. Age of animals will be figured as of the date of show.
12. Male goats must be under 4 months old or wethered.
13. Disbudding of goats is encouraged but not required. For the safety of the exhibitors, horns MUST BE TIPPED BLUNT or have horn caps.
14. Mandatory milk out: All Milking Does must be milked out at fairgrounds at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday or at time of arrival, whichever is later.
15. Showmanship classes 1A-1G will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, in each class the first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00. Champion Class 1H- trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette awarded to 2nd place.
16. Other premiums: 1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00, Others-\$1.00.

**The Showmanship Grand Champion will receive the
"Showmanship Travel Trophy" donated by the
Auer Farm Go Go Goaters**

Goat Entry Form



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Entries due August 1

GOATS – CONTINUED

1. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Judged on the ADGA showmanship scorecard, USBGA scorecards, and Angora Goat showmanship scorecard as pertains to each exhibitor. General knowledge questions may be asked on general management and knowledge and will be scored under the respective category of type scorecard showing animal in the ring/show ring procedures/showing animal to best advantage. Steward reserves the right to divide large showmanship classes by age or experience. These scorecards will be made available to the judges prior to the day of show. Proper leads for each type of goat will be used (show chain, halter, collar with 6-inch loop lead, or horn lead).

- A. Novice Junior (7-9 never shown goats before)
- B. Novice Intermediate (10-12 never shown goats before)
- C. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown goats before)
- D. Junior Showman (7-9)
- E. Intermediate Showman (10-12)
- F. Senior Showman A (13-15)
- G. Senior Showman B (16-19)
- H. Champion Class (1st and 2nd place showman from each class)

2. BUCKS 0-4 MONTHS (all dairy breeds)

Premiums

3. DAIRY GOAT SENIOR DIVISION

MUST STATE BREED OF GOAT (Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, Sable, Guernsey, Recorded Grade, Miniature Dairy Goat)

Champion class 3F- Grand Champion rosette awarded to 1st place, Reserve Champion rosette awarded to 2nd place.

- A. Yearling Milker - 1 year and under 2 years Premiums
- B. Junior Milker - 2 years and under 3 years Premiums
- C. Intermediate Milker - 3 years and under 4 years Premiums
- D. Senior Milker - 4 years and under 6 years Premiums
- E. Aged Milker - 6 years and over Premiums
- F. Senior Division Champion Class
(1st and 2nd place from lot 3A to 3E for each breed)
- G. Best in Show Senior Division Best in Show Trophy & Rosette
(Each Breed Champion competes for Best in Show Senior Division. Breed Champions must be milked out for Best in Show Class.)

4. DAIRY GOAT JUNIOR DIVISION

MUST STATE BREED OF GOAT (Alpine, LaMancha, Nigerian Dwarf, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanen, Toggenburg, Sable, Guernsey, Recorded Grade, Miniature Dairy Goat)

Champion class 4E- Grand Champion rosette awarded to 1st place, Reserve Champion rosette awarded to 2nd place.

- A. Junior Doe Kid 0-4 months Premiums
- B. Senior Doe Kid 4-6 months Premiums
- C. Doeling 6-12 months Premiums
- D. Dry Yearling 12-24 months Premiums
- E. Junior Division Champion Class
(1st and 2nd place from lot 4A to 4D for each breed)
- F. Best in Show Junior Division Best in Show Trophy & Rosette
(Each Breed Champion competes for Best in Show Junior Division)

GOATS – CONTINUED

5. DAIRY GOAT UNREGISTERED
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| A. Unregistered Does 0-11 months | Premiums |
| B. Unregistered Does 12-24 months | Premiums |
| C. Unregistered Milking Does 1-3 years | Premiums |
| D. Unregistered Milking Does over 3 years | Premiums |
| E. Unregistered Division Champion Class
(1 st and 2 nd place from lot 5A to 5D) | Trophy & Champion Rosette |
6. GROUP CLASSES Premiums
Classes will be divided by above breeds. Entries do not need to have same exhibitor.
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| A. Produce of Dam – Dam must be named | |
| B. Dam and Daughter | |
7. FIBER PRODUCING WETHERS AND DOES
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| A. Wethers | Premiums |
| B. Junior Doe Kid under 12 months | Premiums |
| C. Senior Doe 1 year | Premiums |
| D. Champion Class
(1 st and 2 nd place from lot 7A to 7C) | Trophy & Champion Rosette |
| E. Dam and Daughter | Premiums |
8. MEAT GOATS
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| A. Buck (must be under 4 months) | Premiums |
| B. Market Wether raised for slaughter | Premiums |
| C. Junior Doe Kid under 12 months | Premiums |
| D. Senior Doe over 12 months | Premiums |
| E. Champion Class
(1 st and 2 nd place from lot 8A to 8D) | Trophy & Champion Rosette |
| F. Dam and Daughter | Premiums |
| G. Produce of Dam - Dam must be named | Premiums |
9. PET AND WORKING GOATS
 These animals may only enter one lot per goat. Lot 9C and 9D will be judged on conformation, conditioning, and loyalty to owner. Tricks may be performed but are not mandatory. Scorecard for pack wethers and does is available at s.uconn.edu/hartford4-H.
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| A. Harness wethers and does | Premiums |
| B. Pack wethers and does | Premiums |
| C. Pet wethers of any age | Premiums |
| D. Pet Does
(over 2 years—previously in milk, now presently dry or never been bred) | Premiums |
| E. Champion Class
(1 st and 2 nd place from lot 9A to 9D) | Trophy & Champion Rosette |
10. BRED AND OWNED (All goat types) Trophy
Regulations for awarding a trophy to the best registered doe kid of the show.
1. Registered doe kid offspring of a registered dam owned by the exhibitor will be shown in this class.
 2. The doe kid must be owned by the exhibitor as well.
 3. Papers of ownership must be shown and checked against the tattoo of the doe kid.
 4. Record book is to be shown when entering.
 5. The class will be judged on:
 - 75% - Type & condition of the doe kid
 - 25% - Fitting & showmanship

LLAMAS & ALPACAS

Sponsored by: Susan & Warren Berey, West Hartford

1. This class is open to all 4-H members, regardless of county enrolled in.
2. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Animal registration papers **MUST** accompany each animal. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. All animals will be required to show health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
4. Llamas and Alpacas must be at least 6 months old to be shown.
5. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
7. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
8. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
9. Classes are divided by exhibitor age: Juniors 7-12, Seniors 13-19.
10. Exhibitors must wear white top and black pants or skirt.
11. All exhibitors must take the Llama General Knowledge Test.
12. Advance entry is required. Use the appropriate entry form.
13. **Animals belonging to Hartford County 4-H members may stay for the entire fair or come for Saturday only. Any animals arriving on Thursday MUST stay on the grounds for the entire weekend. Any animals arriving for the day of the show must arrive on Saturday morning by 11AM and must leave after completion of the show. Out of county project animals are not allowed to stay overnight and must come for the day of the show only. Animals must not be left alone and must be attended to by the 4-H member.**
14. **A High Overall Trophy will be awarded to a Junior and a Senior with the highest score overall.** To qualify for the trophy, exhibitor **MUST** enter general knowledge, fitting & showmanship and obstacle course classes. Points from these 3 classes will be added together to determine the winners. Point value equals the premium listed.
15. Showmanship classes 1A - 1D will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$1.00. Champion Class 1E- trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
16. Champion (non-breed) will receive a rosette and trophy. Champion (breed) will receive a rosette and trophy.
17. Other Premiums: 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$1.00.

1. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

- A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown before)
- B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown before)
- C. Junior (7-12)
- D. Senior (13-19)
- E. Grand Champion Class
(1st & 2nd placings of 1A, 1B, 1C, & 1D)

Llama/Alpaca Entry Form



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Entries due August 1

LLAMAS & ALPACAS – CONTINUED

2. NON-BREEDER CLASSES

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| A. Male | Premiums |
| B. Female | Premiums |

3. BREED CLASSES

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| A. Juvenile Male 6-12 months | Premiums |
| B. Yearling Male 13-24 months | Premiums |
| C. Adult Male 25 months and older | Premiums |
| D. Juvenile Female 6-12 months | Premiums |
| E. Yearling Female 13-24 months | Premiums |
| F. Adult Female 25 months and older | Premiums |

4. OBSTACLE COURSE

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|--------------------------|----------|
| A. Novice Junior (7-8) | Premiums |
| B. Novice Junior (9-12) | Premiums |
| C. Junior (9-12) | Premiums |
| D. Novice Senior (13-19) | Premiums |
| E. Senior (13-19) | Premiums |

5. GYMKHANA CLASSES

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|-------------------------|----------|
| A. Costume Class | Premiums |
| B. Packing Class | Premiums |
| C. Pen Decoration | Ribbons |
| D. Public Demonstration | Premiums |

Exhibitor prepares a short demonstration on some aspect of Llamas or Alpacas. Aids such as posters and equipment may be used. (Sample topics: Preparing a Llama for Packing; Basic Steps to Felting; Alpaca Feeds; First Aid for Llamas; etc.)

6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

Class will be divided into Novice, Junior, and Senior. Ribbons and premiums will be awarded to all participants, on the Danish System, according to their score. The top scorer in each class will receive a trophy and champion rosette. Second place scorer will receive a champion rosette.
Premiums: Blue-\$3.00, Red-\$2.00, White-\$1.00

POCKET PETS

Registration begins Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Show begins Friday at 12:00 p.m. (Showmanship followed by Species Judging)

Sponsored by: Maribeth Perron, West Hartford

1. This class is open to all 4-H members, regardless of county enrolled in.
2. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. All animals must conform to this year's State Regulations and the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair. All animals will be health checked prior to entry. Infested or unhealthy animals will be sent home.
4. Animals must arrive on Friday morning by 11:00 a.m. and must leave after completion of the show. None will be allowed to stay overnight.
5. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
7. Required dress for show is black, white or khaki pants and a white shirt. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
8. "Pocket pets" are domesticated small animals legally kept as pets in Connecticut. Examples include mice, rats, gerbils, dwarf and Syrian hamsters, sugar gliders, ferrets, guinea pigs, and hedgehogs. Limit of 3 animals per lot and an overall limit of 6 animals in the class.
9. Animals may come from any domestic source (breeder, pet store, rescue, shelter, friend), and need not be "purebred" or pedigreed. They may not be wild-caught. Pocket pets will be judged against the relevant breed standard.
10. It is strongly recommended that pocket pets be quarantined for 30 days preceding the fair. Quarantine would include that no new pocket pets be introduced to the home during that time. There must also be no contagious illnesses or unexplained deaths among other pocket pets in the home during that time.
11. Exhibitors should furnish their own feed and bedding as necessary.
12. Containers: Animals will be shown in a plastic show box or other suitable carrier large enough for the animal to be comfortable (recommended: medium for mice, hamsters, and gerbils; large or extra-large for rats). Each animal being shown must have its own plastic show box. Show box may contain bedding.
13. In addition to the show box, all animals should have a thoroughly-cleaned exhibit housing with a water bottle, in which they can rest when not being shown. The animal's regular housing may be used, but it must be less than 18" wide or long and light enough for the exhibitor to carry by themselves. If the animal's regular housing is too large, a travel cage is recommended. If the animal's regular housing is too large or heavy to transport easily, bring a photograph and written or verbal description of the regular habitat. In this case, the cleanliness of the temporary exhibit housing will be judged.
14. Cage-mates of show animals that are not being shown themselves may come to the fair but are subject to health inspection and should have verification forms as well.

Pocket Pet Entry Form



uconn.edu/fair26pocketpets

Entries due August 1

POCKET PETS – CONTINUED

15. Showmanship will be judged using the Dual Merit System. The written Knowledge Test will be judged using the Danish System, with Champion classes using the Standard System.
16. General Knowledge Test will be based upon the species entered. A list of resources by species is available at <https://4-h.extension.uconn.edu/hartford-county/>

The following scorecard will be used:

Handling	10 points
Cage/Habitat	15 points
Examination	50 points
Exhibitor	15 points
Condition	10 points

17. Exhibitor will remove the animal from the show box and will be judged on how they handle and control it. At the judge's prompting, the exhibitor will then systematically examine and describe to the judge the condition and quality of the animal's ears, body, coat, color, tail, teeth, head and muzzle, legs and feet. The exhibitor will state the animal's gender. Judges will rate the exhibitor on knowledge, appearance, conduct, awareness of the animal's limitations and steps taken to maximize that animal's potential. The judges may shorten or modify the examination portion of this class if class size requires it.
18. The first six placements in Showmanship classes 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D will be awarded showmanship rosettes. In addition, the top three placements in each class will receive premiums. 1st-\$3.00, 2nd-\$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00. A trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winner in each class. Champion class 1E, a trophy and Grand Champion rosette will be awarded for 1st place. Reserve Champion rosette will be awarded for 2nd place. Premiums for classes other than Showmanship: 1st-\$1.50, 2nd-\$1.25, 3rd-\$1.00.

1. **FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP** (includes a written test)
 - A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown before)
 - B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown before)
 - C. Junior (7-12)
 - D. Senior (13-19)
 - E. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placements in 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D)

2. SPECIES DIVISIONS

A. Rats	Ribbons & Premiums
B. Mice	Ribbons & Premiums
C. Gerbils	Ribbons & Premiums
D. Dwarf Hamsters	Ribbons & Premiums
E. Syrian Hamsters	Ribbons & Premiums
F. Hedgehogs	Ribbons & Premiums
G. Sugar Gliders	Ribbons & Premiums
H. Ferrets	Ribbons & Premiums
I. Guinea Pigs	Ribbons & Premiums

3. FUN CLASSES

- A. Pocket Pet Race Ribbons
 Rules: Pocket Pet will be placed in a ball and will compete against other pocket pets. Have your pocket pet race to the finish line in the least amount of time. Exhibitor must bring their own ball. Exhibitor may not touch the ball once the race has begun.

POULTRY

Sponsored by: Creamery Hill Farm, Granby
Gordon Messinger, West Hartford
Charles Moss, West Hartford
Republic, Bloomfield
Robert Sedivy, Bloomfield

**Due to Avian Influenza, no waterfowl may be exhibited or displayed at the
2026 Hartford County 4-H Fair**

1. All birds must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. Owners of ALL BIRDS must show health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair. All birds must be free of apparent illness, disease, and parasites. Birds not complying must be taken home immediately.
3. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
4. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
5. Suggested dress for show is black pants and a white shirt.
6. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
7. All birds except Muscovy, East Indie, Call Ducks, Canada and Egyptian Geese, will be disqualified if found to have clipped feathers.
8. Total birds that can be entered by one exhibitor is limited to 12.
9. Entries must be at least 4 months old. Exception: meat production birds.
10. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
11. Exhibition coops, bedding and feed will be provided by the Fair Association.
12. Exhibitors must water your own birds during the show. Poultry Superintendents will feed and water birds at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday.
13. Birds are defined as:
 - a. *Over 12 months old* - Old birds, Cocks, and Hens
 - b. *Under 12 months old* - Young birds, Cockerels, and Pullets
 - c. *Bantam Ducks* - Mallards, East Indies, and Calls
 - d. *Standards* means - regular large type birds of any age
 - e. *Bantams* means the small variety of large breed of poultry
14. All exhibitors must enter one of the judging contests or take the Poultry General Knowledge test.

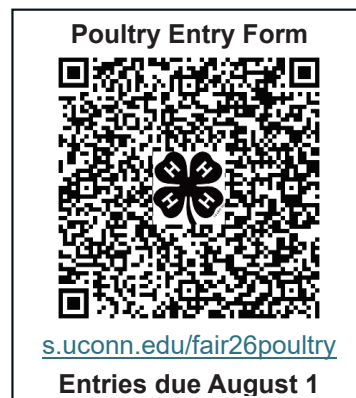
Premiums for single entries: 1st-\$1.50, 2nd-\$1.25, 3rd-\$1.00, Others-\$.50

Premiums for eggs: 1st-\$1.50, 2nd-\$1.25, 3rd-\$1.00, Others-\$.50.

Premiums for pairs and trios: 1st-\$2.50, 2nd-\$1.50, 3rd-1.00, Others-\$.50.

Premiums for pens: 1st-\$3.00, 2nd-\$2.00, 3rd-\$1.50, Others-\$1.00.

**A Best of Show trophy and rosette will be
awarded by the judges.**



POULTRY – CONTINUED

HONOR AWARDS

At the discretion of the judges, Grand Champion Rosettes may be awarded to the following:

Standard Purebred Male	Bantam Purebred Male	Guinea Fowl
Standard Purebred Female	Bantam Purebred Female	Turkey
Standard Purebred Male Waterfowl	Egg Producer	Quail
Standard Purebred Female Waterfowl	Egg Production Pen	Eggs
Purebred Trio	Meat Production Pen	Meat Bird (Capon)
Meat Bird (Broiler or Roaster)	Pigeon (must be banded in the calendar year hatched)	

Purebred Standards & Bantams

(List breed and if standard or bantam)

1. Cock
2. Hen
3. Cockerel
4. Pullet
5. Trio - 1 Cock or Cockerel, and 2 Hens or Pullets
6. Pair – 1 Male and Female

Pheasants, Pigeons, Doves,

Quail & Guinea Fowl

(List breed and sex. If birds are too small to stay in regular show cages, you must furnish your own.)

7. Male
8. Female
9. Pair

Meat Production

(Any breed or crossbreed)

10. Broiler (10 weeks or under)
11. Roaster (10 to 18 weeks)
12. Capon (20 weeks or under)

Turkeys

13. Old Tom - Male
14. Young Tom – Male
15. Old Hen - Female
16. Young Hen - Female

Eggs

17. 12 Chicken, under 24 ounces
18. 6 Duck, under 24 ounces
19. 6 Quail
20. 12 Chicken, over 24 ounces
21. 6 Duck, over 24 ounces
22. 3 Turkey

Poultry Pens

(Breed or crossbreed must be named)

23. Egg Production Female (Judged on how well a female lays)
24. Egg Production Trio - 1 male and 2 females (to breed egg chicks from)
25. Egg Production Pen - 4 females
26. Meat Production Pen - 1 male and 2 females (to breed meat chicks from)
(Meat Production Pen = 4 capons or broilers or roasters, any breed or crossbreed, must be same age and sex.)

Obstacle Course

Ribbons only

POULTRY – CONTINUED

POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

Each exhibitor of poultry will select one bird for the showmanship class from their birds being exhibited for poultry judging. Exhibitors will be judged according to their ability to show their bird to advantage. Exhibitor will be judged on appearance, skill and knowledge as outlined in the C.E.S. Poultry showmanship Bulletin. Showmanship classes 1A - 1D will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$3.00, 2nd-\$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00. Champion Class 1E - trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.

- 1A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown before)
- 1B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown before)
- 1C. Junior (7-12)
- 1D. Senior (13-19)
- 1E. GRAND CHAMPION CLASS (1st & 2nd placings of 1A, 1B, 1C & 1D)

POULTRY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE TEST

The test will be divided into NOVICE JR (7-12 never shown poultry before), NOVICE SR (13-19 never shown poultry before), JUNIOR (7-12), and SENIOR (13-19). Ribbons will be awarded to all participants on the Danish System according to their score. A trophy will be awarded in each division to the highest scoring participant.

Dr. Michael Darre Memorial Travel Trophy

Honors the memory and spirit of Dr. Michael Darre, UConn Animal Science Professor and UConn Extension Poultry Specialist and longtime Hartford County 4-H Fair Judge.

Those considered will have met the following criteria and exhibited the following qualities:

- Passion and excitement for the poultry project
- Individual shares poultry project knowledge with their competitors and/or the public
- Exhibits poultry at the Hartford County 4-H Fair
- Willingness to be of service to others through 4-H fair spirit
- Displayed cooperative behavior and good sportsmanship
- Record Book may be reviewed as part of selection process
- May or may not have created a poultry educational display
- May or may not demonstrate leadership in poultry
- May or may not have been a top award winner in the poultry department show

This award is selected by the poultry steward(s) in conjunction with the 4-H Extension Educator and is presented at the annual awards night.

RABBITS

Sponsored by: Leslie Smith & Philip Wellman, Hartford

1. This class is open to Hartford County 4-H members only.
2. Animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. All animals will be required to have health papers and approved identification to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair. All animals will be health checked prior to entry. Infested or unhealthy animals will be sent home.
4. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM THEIR ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
5. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
6. Required dress for show is black or khaki pants and a long sleeve white shirt.
7. General area maintenance is required from all exhibitors.
8. Members may exhibit a maximum of (5) animals in each lot. Entering of breeds is not limited.
9. Animal's toenails must be trimmed prior to entry.
10. Any animal possessing physical or health defects, including aggressive behavior will automatically be disqualified.
11. Each exhibitor is required to furnish (4) days of feed for each animal on exhibit. Feed is to be stored in a plastic container with sealable lid. All containers must be labeled with the exhibitor's name and coop # assigned at check-in. Exhibitor is also required to provide water bowl/bottle and feed bowl for each coop.
12. Exhibition coops with shavings are provided by the Fair Association.
13. Animals must be cleaned, watered and fed before 9:00 a.m. each day by the exhibitor.
14. Rabbit barn stewards will pre-assign cages according to classes.
15. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
16. Showmanship will be judged using the Dual Merit System. The written Knowledge Test will be judged using the Danish System, with Champion classes using the Standard System.
17. The first six placements in Showmanship classes 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D will be awarded showmanship rosettes. In addition, the top three placements in each class will receive premiums. 1st-\$3.00, 2nd-\$2.00, 3rd-\$1.00. A trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winner in each class. Champion class 1E, a trophy and Grand Champion rosette will be awarded for 1st place. Reserve Champion rosette will be awarded for 2nd place.
18. Premiums for classes other than Showmanship: 1st-\$1.50, 2nd-\$1.25, 3rd-\$1.00.

***The Showmanship Grand Champion will receive the
"Frank Jencks Showmanship Travel Trophy".***

***The Grand Champion Purebred Rabbit will be awarded the
"Mark Haviland Travel Trophy"
donated by the Feather and Fur 4-H Club of East Hartford.***

***The Grand Champion Grade (Pet) Rabbit will be awarded the
"Daniel Keifer Memorial Travel Trophy"
donated by the Hip Hoppin' Hares 4-H Club of Suffield.***

***The Best in Show Rabbit will be awarded the
"Michael Kuzdzal Jr. Memorial Travel Trophy"
donated by the Hip Hoppin' Hares 4-H Club of Suffield.***



RABBITS – CONTINUED

1. RABBIT FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP (includes a written test)
 - A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown before)
 - B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown before)
 - C. Junior (7-12)
 - D. Senior (13-19)
 - E. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placements in 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D)

Champion classes listed below will be made up of outstanding animals chosen by the judge during judging. There may be one or more animals from each lot.

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| 2. PUREBRED DOE | |
| A. Junior - under 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| B. Senior - over 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| 3. PUREBRED BUCK | |
| A. Junior - under 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| B. Senior - over 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| 4. CHAMPION PUREBRED RABBIT
(Judge's choice of lots 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 5. GRADE DOE (pet) | |
| A. Junior - under 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| B. Senior - over 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| 6. GRADE BUCK (pet) | |
| A. Junior - under 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| B. Senior - over 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| 7. CHAMPION GRADE RABBIT
(Judge's choice of lots 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 8. MARKET DOE or BUCK | |
| A. Junior - under 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| B. Senior - over 6 months | Ribbons & Premiums |
| 9. CHAMPION MARKET RABBIT
(Judge's choice of lots 8A, 8B) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 10. BEST OF SHOW
(Judge's choice of lots 4, 7, 9) | Trophy & Rosette |
| 11. RABBIT DOE & LITTER | Premiums |

SHEEP

**Sponsored by: Cherrill Bywater, West Hartford
Messinger Family, West Hartford
Gordon Messinger, West Hartford
Ed & Nancy Mickiewicz, Enfield**

1. Animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. All animals will be required to show health papers to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair. Animals cannot be from scrapie-exposed flocks.
3. Registered animals must be tagged in accordance with its Breed Association. The numbers of which must coincide with the numbers on the registry papers, which must be presented at the time of checking in.
4. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
5. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
6. Suggested dress for show is white, black or tan pants with a white shirt.
7. All exhibitors **MUST** enter one of the Judging Contests.
8. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
9. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
10. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
11. Exhibitors are limited to not more than two entries per lot in single classes and one entry per lot in group classes.
12. Lambs shown as breeders are not eligible in market classes.
13. Market lambs will be divided into equal classes based on weight. This will be done at the time of judging.
14. All sheep will be shown by breed. In classes where not more than one is shown, the animal will be judged on its own merits.
15. Showmanship classes 1A–1D will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, the first six individuals in each class will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings in each class will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00. Champion Class 1E - trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
16. Premiums for classes other than Showmanship: 1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00, Others-\$1.00.
17. Exhibitor's Flock (lot 7D): 1st-\$5.00, 2nd-\$4.00, 3rd-\$3.00, Others-\$2.00.

**The Showmanship Grand Champion will receive the
Randy Knight Memorial Travel Trophy**

1. **FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP**
Judged 50% on preparation of animal and 50% on showmanship.
 - A. Novice Junior (7-12 never shown sheep before)
 - B. Novice Senior (13-19 never shown sheep before)
 - C. Juniors (7-12)
 - D. Seniors (13-19)
 - E. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of 1A-1B-1C-1D)



SHEEP – CONTINUED

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| 2. REGISTERED RAM | |
| A. 2 years & over | Premiums |
| B. Over 1 year & under 2 years | Premiums |
| C. Fall Lamb, born Sept. 1, 2025 – Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| D. Spring Lamb, born after Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| E. Grand Champion Ram
(1 st & 2 nd placings in 2A, 2B, 2C & 2D) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 3. REGISTERED EWE | |
| A. 2 years & over | Premiums |
| B. Over 1 year & under 2 years | Premiums |
| C. Fall Lamb, born Sept. 1, 2025 – Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| D. Spring Lamb, born after Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| E. Grand Champion Registered Ewe
(1 st & 2 nd placings in 3A, 3B, 3C & 3D) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 4. GRADE EWE | |
| A. Over 1 year | Premiums |
| B. Fall Lamb, born Sept. 1, 2025 – Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| C. Spring Lamb, born after Jan. 1, 2026 | Premiums |
| D. Grand Champion Ewe
(1 st & 2 nd placings in 4A, 4B & 4C) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| 5. MARKET LAMBS (Wether or Ewe) | |
| A. Heavy Weight – over 130 lbs. | Premiums |
| B. Medium Weight – 120-130 lbs. | Premiums |
| C. Light Weight – under 120 lbs. | Premiums |
| D. Grand Champion Market Lamb
(1 st & 2 nd placings in 5A, 5B & 5C) | Trophy & Champion Rosettes |
| E. Pair of Market Lambs | Premiums |
| 6. BEST OF SHOW
(Champions from 2E, 3E, 4D, & 5D) | Best of Show Trophy & Rosette |
| 7. GROUP CLASSES (All breeds show together) | Premiums all classes |
| A. Ewe and Lamb Offspring | |
| B. Pair of Lambs – (rams or ewes, same breed, market lambs not included) | |
| C. Pair of Yearlings – (rams or ewes, same breed, market lambs not included) | |
| D. Exhibitor's Flock – (1 ram & 2 ewes – same breed, any age) | |
| 8. Pet Wethers | Premiums |
| 9. Wool – Animal to be judged on quality of wool | Best of Show Trophy & Rosette |
| 10. Club Flock – 3 animals owned/leased and shown
by 3 different members of the same club | Ribbons Only |
| 11. Over the Hill | Ribbons Only |
| 12. Fleece – Wool judged off animal: raw, skirted, or whole fleece | Premiums |
| 13. Display – general sheep information or Breed specific | Ribbons Only |
| 14. Obstacle Course – to be held on Sunday | Trophy & Ribbons |

SPECIAL SHEEP AWARD

Regulations for awarding a trophy to the best registered lamb of the show

1. 1st and 2nd place registered ram and ewe lambs will be judged in this special class.
2. The lamb must be bred and owned by the exhibitor.
3. Papers of ownership must be shown and checked against the ear tag being worn by the lamb.
4. Record book to be shown when entering.
5. The lambs MUST be born after September 1 of the previous year.
6. The class will be judged:
 - 75% - Type and condition of the lamb
 - 25% - Fitting and showmanship

SHEEP LEADLINE

1. 4-H'ers must have shown an interest in sheep and must have some part of their garments made of 70% to 100% wool. Garments should be appropriate, attractive, and lend elegance to the class. If possible, the sheep's attire should match that of the exhibitor. (Ewes, Rams, and Wethers may be shown.)
2. The sheep may be borrowed by the exhibitor.
3. The exhibitor must have worked with the sheep. The sheep must have been conditioned, fitted, and trained to show halter. The sheep must be presented in the most attractive manner possible. No coloring of animals. The exhibitor and sheep should complement each other.
4. A summary sheet should accompany each entry and include the exhibitor's name, age, address, sheep-related activities, and experience (school, hobbies, and biography optional), breed and sex of the sheep being led, and description of the garment (indicate if made by the 4-H'er).
5. Premiums and rosettes will be awarded to the first four placings in each class. A trophy will be awarded to 1st place in each class.
6. Premiums: 1st-\$6.00, 2nd-\$5.00, 3rd-\$4.00, 4th-\$3.00.
7. Scoring:

Poise, conduct, and appearance of 4-H'er.....	40
Presentation of animal (appearance & control).....	35
Garment (appropriateness and fit, construction).....	25
Bonus Points if garment is made by the 4-H'er.....	10
Bonus Points if animal is owned by the 4-H'er.....	10

CLASSES:

- A. Novice (7-19, never shown before)
- B. Junior (7-12)
- C. Senior (13-19)

SWINE

**Sponsored by: George Bacall, West Hartford
Nancy Bacall, West Hartford
Leslie Smith & Philip Wellman, Hartford**

1. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by June 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
2. All animals will be required to have health papers and approved permanent identification to conform with this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
3. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
4. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
5. Suggested dress for show is black or white pants and a white shirt.
6. All exhibitors **MUST** enter one of the Judging Contests.
7. General area maintenance will be expected from all exhibitors.
8. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
9. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
10. Showmanship classes 1A-1C will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, the first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00. Champion Class 1D-trophy and grand champion rosette awarded to 1st place, reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
11. Other Premiums: 1st-\$4.00, 2nd-\$3.00, 3rd-\$2.00, Others-\$1.00.

Richard Laiuppa Swine Travel Trophy

Honors the memory and spirit of Rich Laiuppa who was the Swine exhibit superintendent and steward for so many years at the Hartford County 4-H Fair.

Those considered will have met the following criteria and exhibited the following qualities:

- Has shown swine at least two years, including this year, at the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
- Committed to regular care and training of swine since June 1. (As reported by parents, owner and club members)
- Contributed to or individually created an educational display regarding swine at the current Hartford County 4-H Fair.
- Spent at least two hours per day during the open hours of the fair in the swine display area, keeping area clean, animals watered and hosting visitors to the barn.
- Displayed cooperative behavior and good sportsmanship.
- Displayed willingness to assist other swine exhibitors.
- May or may not have been a top award winner in the swine department show.
- Demonstrated a sharing of project knowledge with their competitors as well as the public.



SWINE – CONTINUED

1. FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP
 - A. Novice (7-19 never shown swine before)
 - B. Juniors (7-12)
 - C. Seniors (13-19)
 - D. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of 1A-1B-1C)
2. GILTS
 - A. Light weight Premiums
 - B. Medium weight Premiums
 - C. Heavy weight Premiums
 - D. Champion Gilt Trophy & Champion Rosettes
(1st & 2nd placings of 2A-2B-2C)
3. MARKET HOG
 - A. Light weight Premiums
 - B. Medium weight Premiums
 - C. Heavy weight Premiums
 - D. Champion Market Hog Trophy & Champion Rosettes
(1st & 2nd placings of 3A-3B-3C)
4. OBSTACLE COURSE Trophy & Ribbons
5. OVER THE HILL Ribbons Only

WORKING STEER

Sponsored by: Evan Dumouchel, Calabasas, CA

1. This class is open to all 4-H members, regardless of the county enrolled in.
2. All animals must be 4-H projects owned or leased by May 1st of this year. UConn 4-H Animal Verification Forms must be submitted to the 4-H Office on or before this date. Carefully read General Rules and Regulations, page 10.
3. Cattle Health Regulations must be followed. Animals are required to have health papers to conform to this year's State Regulations and also the requirements of the Hartford County 4-H Fair.
4. Entries for this class must be made in advance using the proper entry form.
5. **ONLY EXHIBITORS ARE ALLOWED TO HANDLE AND GROOM ANIMALS ONCE ON THE FAIRGROUNDS.**
6. Exhibitors are required to enter Fitting and Showmanship or forfeit prizes. **FITTING MUST BE DONE BY THE EXHIBITOR OF THE ANIMAL.**
7. All exhibitors MUST enter one of the Judging Contests.
8. Animals must be double tied with halter and neck rope.
9. General area maintenance will be expected by all exhibitors.
10. Classes may be formed or dropped depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the judge and steward.
11. Exhibitors must furnish their own feed. Bedding will be provided by the Fair Association.
12. **Animals arriving on Thursday MUST stay on the grounds for the entire weekend, OR they can arrive on the morning before the show, but must leave after the show. They will not be allowed to stay over night. All exhibitors must clean up after their animals.**
13. Showmanship classes 1-3 will be judged on the Dual Merit System. In addition, the first six individuals will be given showmanship rosettes, and the top three placings will receive premiums. A trophy will be awarded in each class. Premiums: 1st-\$12.00, 2nd-\$10.00, 3rd-\$8.00. Champion Class 4- a trophy and grand champion rosette will be awarded to 1st place, a reserve champion rosette to 2nd place.
14. Premiums for Lots 5-14: 1st-\$10.00, 2nd-\$8.00, 3rd-\$6.00, 4th-\$5.00, all others-\$4.00

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

1. Novice (7-19 never shown before)
2. Junior (7-12)
3. Senior (13-19)
4. Grand Champion Class (1st & 2nd placings of lots 1-3)

PERFORMANCE

5. Cart Class, Junior
6. Stone Boat, Junior
7. Distance Pull, Junior
8. Plowing Class, Junior
9. Log Scoot, Junior
10. Cart Class, Senior
11. Stone Boat, Senior
12. Distance Pull, Senior
13. Plowing Class, Senior
15. Log Scoot, Senior

Working Steer Entry Form



s.uconn.edu/fair26workingsteer

Entries due August 1

DOODLEBUG DRAW

Sponsored by: M3 Electrical Solutions, Ellington
Old Canal P.T., LLC, Farmington

CLASSES - Classes may be divided, depending on the number of entries, into two divisions in each weight class: chain drive and conventional drive.

All machines will be weighed minus blocks, hitches and chains.

1. **4-H CLASS** - Open to all UConn 4-H members. All machines must be weighed at the fairgrounds. Any 4-H member able to drive may enter. No weights or chains. Judged by weight pulled in relation to doodlebug's own weight. Only light and medium weight machines can be used by 4-H members.
2. **LIGHT WEIGHT** - Machines will weigh **3,500 lbs.** or less, and measure 11 feet or less from center of rear axle to forward most point of the machine.
3. **MIDDLE WEIGHT** - Machines will weigh **5,000 lbs.** or less, and measure 14 feet or less from center of rear axle to forward most point of the machine.
4. **HEAVY WEIGHT** - Machines will weigh **8,000 lbs.** or less, and measure 14 feet or less from center of rear axle to forward most point of the machine.

Each class: 1st place trophy, 6 ribbons and premiums.

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
\$65	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35

All machines showing, but not placing, will receive \$30.00 for travel expenses.

NEW ENGLAND DOODLEBUG ASSOCIATION RULES

1. All machines will be of four wheel design, two rear wheel drive only with truck and/or automotive parts only (no industrial parts), two transmissions and/or adequate gearing. No automatic transmission.
2. No tires larger than 18:90 x 24:50 will be permitted, except for LT only - 15:00 x 16.5 commercial, military or industrial tread with no chains on any tire. No studded tires on drive wheels. No agriculture and/or tractor type tread. No steel belted tires. Original tire size will be legible on tire.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

3. Two wheel brakes operated by a foot pedal. Drive line brakes not acceptable.
4. Exhaust system extended above driver's head and securely attached with minimum of leakage.
5. Suitable metal firewall between engine and driver.
6. Hood made of metal and securely attached to firewall.
7. One fuel tank with a leak-free system securely mounted behind firewall. Metal tanks only, with a maximum ten gallon capacity. All batteries shall be securely attached and mounted in front of the firewall or opposite the side of the fuel tank.

DOODLEBUG DRAW – CONTINUED

8. Suitable guard over belts and pulleys.
9. Universal joints must be wrapped in suitable material-rubber, duct tape and/or metal shield. (Fully enclosed) any drive shaft over two feet in length must have a restraint at both ends.
10. Guards over chains on chain drives.
11. All axle nuts and dayton lugs will be covered with suitable material-rubber and/or duct tape. No metal hub covers.
12. Lock rings on drive wheels mounted to inside. No split wheels. All non-factory welded rims will have ribs not less than 1/4" x 2"; ribs must cover 75% of rim width; bolt-together wheels a minimum of two rods not less than 3/4" diameter (no threaded rod). Both rods and ribs shall join inside and outside halves of wheels.
13. Push-pull or toggle ignition kill switch, within driver's reach shall be well labeled or painted red.
14. All machines will have an adequate seat with a back padding.
15. No antifreeze in radiators. Radiators securely attached.
16. No rigid front suspension - No cabs.
17. Pulling chain - Class 1 & 2 - min. 3/8", class 3 & 4 - 1/2" min. - grade 7.
18. All individuals must have a signed waiver on file with the Superintendent to be allowed in the draw pit and pit parking areas.

DRAWING PROCEDURES

19. Machines will be driven in an orderly manner without excessive spinning of wheels. Machines will be in neutral while hitching and unhitching.
20. No hammering of hitches. No tightening of hitches by any device. Steel hitches optional.
21. All drivers and helpers shall not have or consume alcoholic beverages before or during the contest. Publicly accepted language only.
22. Additional weight may be added up to class limits as long as it is securely mounted. Filled tires are permitted with water only.
23. Top three machines to place in each class may be reweighed after each class, with official present, if scale available. Machine must be within fifty lbs. or will be disqualified.
24. Boat shall be moved three feet in a continuous motion.
25. Machine shall not draw more than once in each rotation. Last machine in rotation to go around when needed.
26. Time limit to be set at each contest. Time shall start when driver signals and is acknowledged by the announcer.
27. Any machine arriving late may pull in its class, permitted no one in that class has dropped out.
28. No machine to have a rear axle assembly designed to lift the stone boat.
29. Machine tires will not touch or cross the lines while hooked to stone boat. Driver will signal for time to stop. Stone boat will be repositioned by machine in same rotation or machine will go around. Remaining time will then continue.
30. DECISION OF SUPERINTENDENT IS FINAL.

Superintendent: Steve Zoppa
(860) 989-8613
stephenzoppa@yahoo.com

HORSE DRAW

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Scale opens at 3:30 p.m.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Animals to be weighed without harness, other than halter or bridle.
2. The official pull, or distance, shall be a continuous forward movement of twelve (12) feet. Pulls of a shorter distance shall not be used except to determine a winner.
3. A team shall be allowed three (3) hitches with a time limit of five (5) minutes.
 1. If a horse steps over the rail, it constitutes a hitch, but will not be measured.
4. No team shall be allowed outside the rails after being hitched to the boat.
5. The decision of a majority of the judges concerning any matters arising in connection with the draw shall be final.
6. This show will be conducted & judged under the rules of the Eastern Draft Horse Association.
7. Current rabies & negative Coggins required for all teams. **All pulling horses are required to have a microchip.** Out of state horses must provide a certificate of veterinary inspection with Hartford County 4-H Fair listed on itinerary. Refer to CT Fair & Show Requirements at s.uconn.edu/health26. Health regulations are subject to change.
8. If a drug test is performed on any horse, prize money will not be paid until results of test have been returned to fair committee.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Light - 3,325 lbs. and under	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
	Trophy awarded first place team.					

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
Free for all	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
	Trophy awarded first place team.					

All teams showing, but not placing, will receive \$50.00 for travel expenses.

A “Good Teamster Award” will be given in memory of Steve Osowiecki.

The Horse Draw will be held Saturday evening starting at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent: Steve Zoppa
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HARTFORD COUNTY 4-H FAIR ASSOCIATION SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN HALL OF FAME

We would like to honor the very special efforts of these youth and 4-H clubs.
Money raised through this Sponsorship Campaign supports the 4-H Fair.

TOP SELLERS:

George Udal (\$6000+)
Jackson Cushman (\$4000+)
Luke Osowiecki (\$3000+)



4-H YOUTH SELLING OVER \$1000

Mae Bolduc
Ariella Feldman
Marion Fil
Abi Monroe
Andrew Rana
Catherine Wagner

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Udder Butter 4-H Club
Westmoor 4-H
Herds+Birds
Merry Moo-ers
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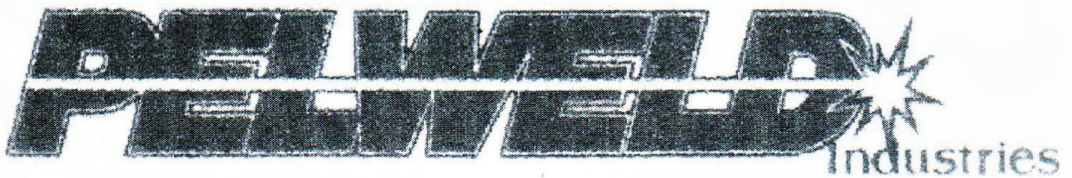
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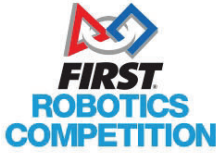
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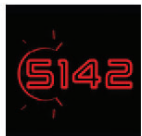
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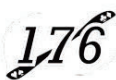


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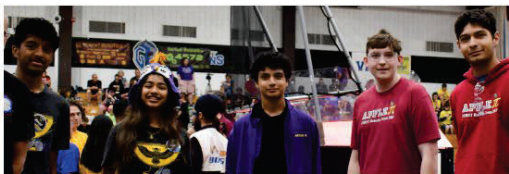
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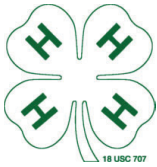


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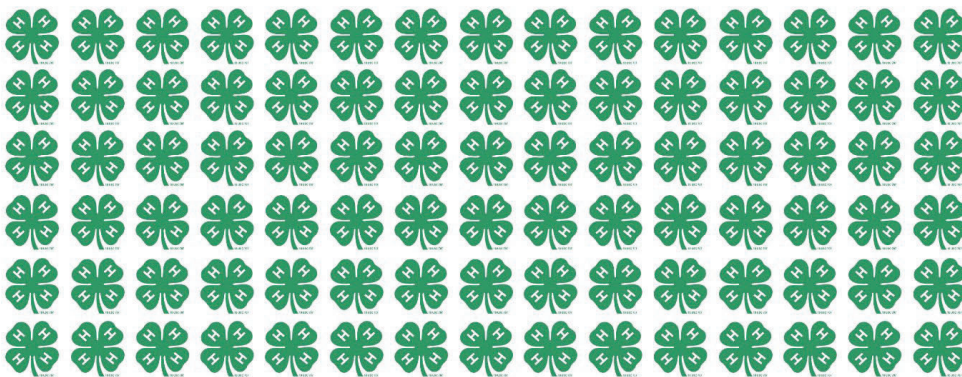
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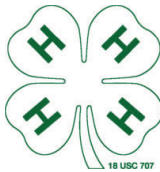
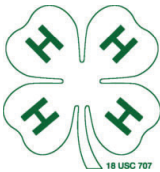
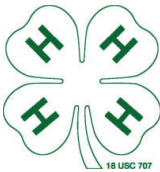
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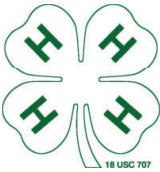
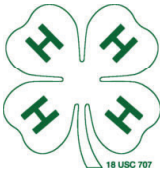
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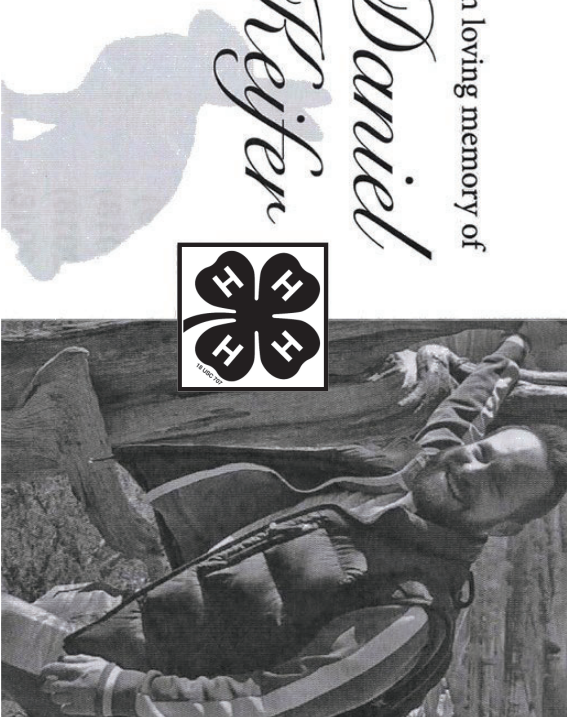
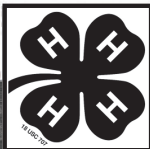


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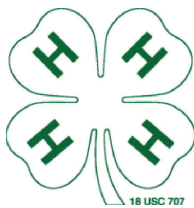


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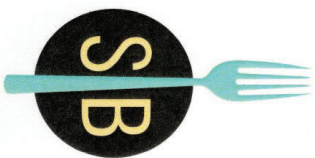
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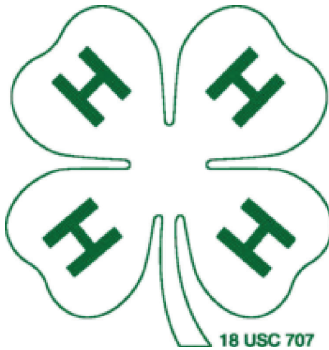


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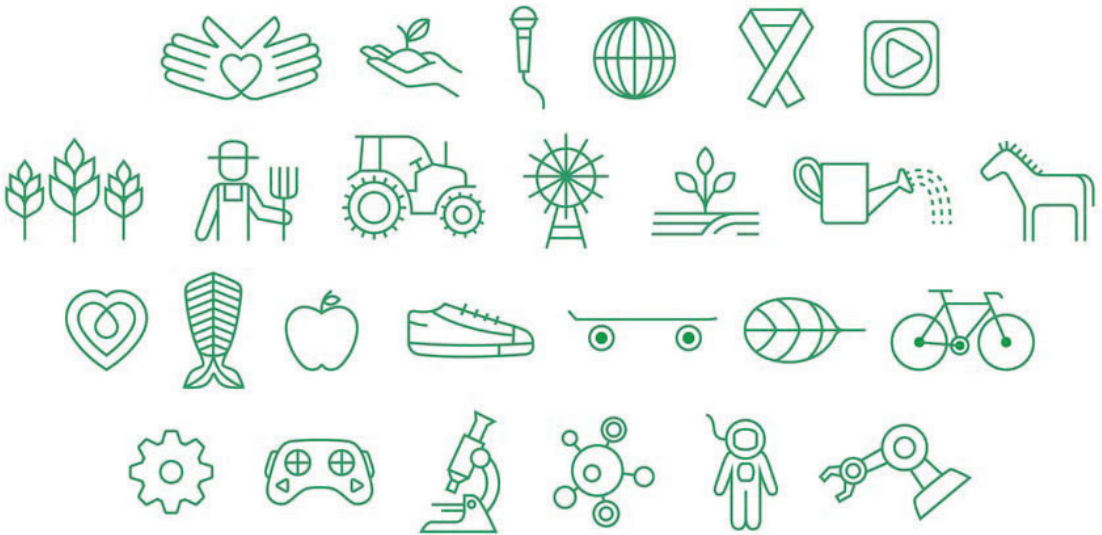
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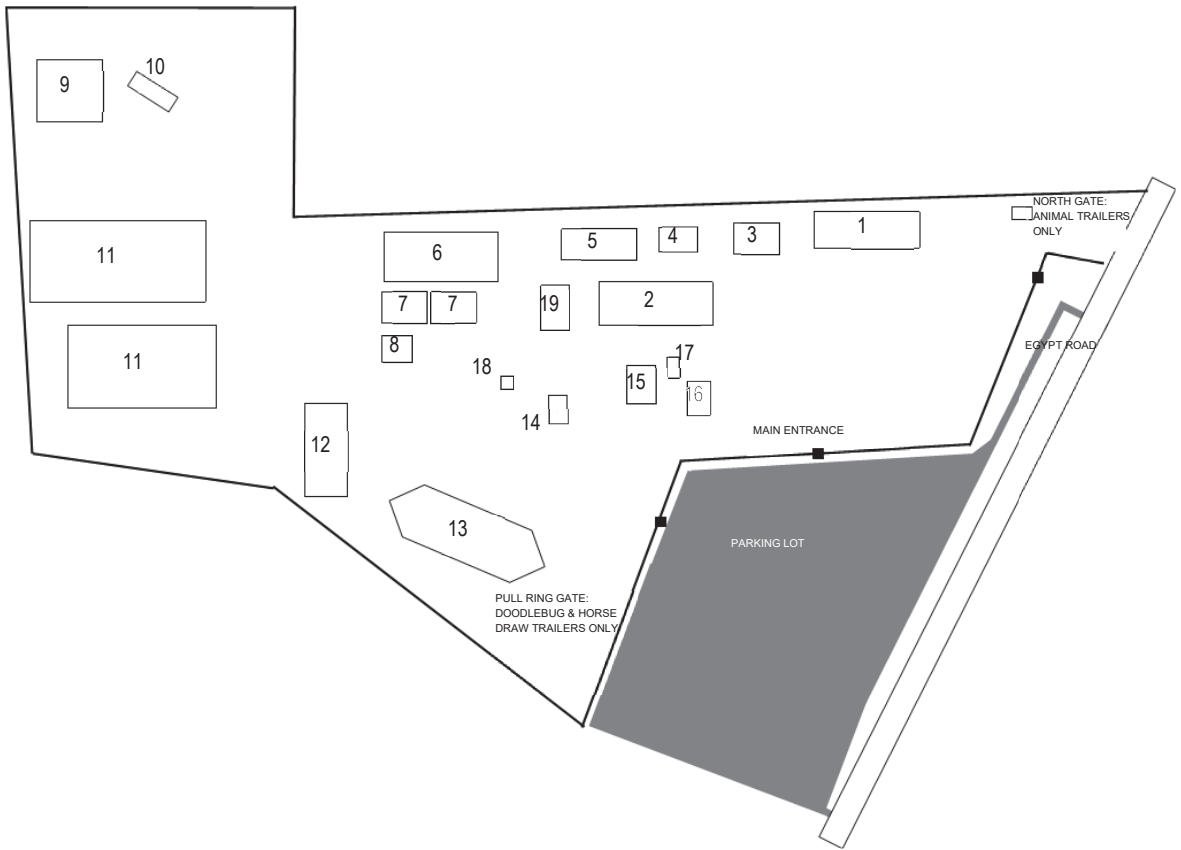
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