

# 2021 CORTLAND COUNTY FAIR - GENERAL RULES

- (a) All exhibits must be grown, made/prepared by the exhibitors since the last year's Jr. Fair.
- (b) **SHOW AGE GUIDELINES:** all classes are open to all youth:  
(a) who were **(8) eight years old, and have not passed their (19) nineteenth birthday** as of **January 1, 2021.**  
(b) Must be residents of Cortland County, regardless of affiliation with any organization, or who are members of any organization affiliated with Cortland County and who do not show at any other Junior Fair for this year.
- (c) **NEW YORK STATE FAIR AGE GUIDELINES:** youth participants must be at least **(8)-eight years of age by January 1<sup>st</sup>** of current club year and not have reached their nineteenth birthday prior to **January 1, 2020.**
- (d) A "**CLOVERBUD**" (ages 5-8) **is allowed to show "one animal" per species in Showmanship class and breed class** (*animals required to be housed through the duration of the week.* **(as species specified):**
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| ◆ <b>Beef:</b>              | Not allowed  |
| ◆ <b>Dairy Cattle:</b>      | Spring Calf only                                     |
| ◆ <b>Dairy Goat:</b>        | Doe must be <u>younger than one year of age</u>      |
| ◆ <b>Meat Goat:</b>         | Doe or wether be <u>younger than one year of age</u> |
| ◆ <b>Horse:</b>             | Leadline/Walk-trot classes only                      |
| ◆ <b>Poultry</b>            | All breeds except Market Turkey & Market Broiler     |
| ◆ <b>Rabbit &amp; Cavy:</b> | All breeds   |
| ◆ <b>Sheep:</b>             | Animal must be <u>younger than one year of age</u>   |
| ◆ <b>Swine:</b>             | Not allowed  |
- (e) A "**FIRST YEAR SHOWPERSON**" (**1st year showing in all animal classes**) youth participating in first showing *see - general rules age guidelines above,* and the class listing in each animal division.
- (f) **PREMIUM CHECKS** - Premiums to be paid as listed with respect to available funds. Cloverbuds will only receive ribbon recognition. Checks will be distributed to Youth ages 8-19 at the **Fall 4-H Achievement Night Awards Recognition Program.** Premium checks must be cashed by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current fair year; or they will be voided. \*\*It will be assumed that if the exhibitor has not cash their check, they wish to donate their ***premium money to the Cortland County 4-H Fair Program.*** \*\*\***The county will not issue a second check for lost checks.** Fair premiums will be paid on a maximum of ONE ANIMAL entry per class, per exhibitor, unless otherwise specified.
- (g) **COMPLAINT OR PROTEST:** The decision of the judges shall be final in all cases, except where error, fraud, misrepresentation or collusion, not discovered at the time of the award, is proven. In such cases the Superintendent or such referee as he may appoint may make decisions, or the case may be appealed to the Agriculture Manager, whose decisions shall be final. All protests must be in writing and filed with the 4-H office within 4 hours of the conclusion of that show. The matter will be resolved by 4-H educators within 24 hours.

**(h) EXHIBITS RELEASE TIME:**

**ANIMALS – release time is between 6-8:00 AM – Sunday-July 11th.** Any animals that leave the fairgrounds early will lose animal fair premiums and educator's endorsement to participate at NYS Fair. *Exception: Market Animals may be removed immediately after sale on Friday evening of the fair.* Please refer to release time on the fair schedule.

**4-H YOUTH BUILDING EXHIBITS** must remain in place until 6:00 a.m. the Sunday of the fair. Exhibits that are left in the buildings will be collected and taken back to the 4-H office.

**(i) ANIMAL PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS - DEADLINE: JUNE 01, 2020.**

All animal entries **MUST BE PRE-ENTERED on-line** by exhibitor and/or their families.

- See CCE website for links to click based on animal Divisions.
- Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

**(i) NON-OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE must be properly filled out, original to Cornell Cooperative Extension office, **by JUNE 01, 2021.****

**NON-OWNED ANIMAL(s)** accompanied with a **non-ownership certificate** must be properly filled out, along with registration papers to prove designation.

- ❖ **Beef, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep Swine** -Youth are limited to ONE (1) non-owned animal per species at the fair.
- ❖ **Dairy Goats & Meat Goats** - Youth may register TWO (2) non-owned Animal per species- "*but may only show one*" at the fair.
- ❖ **Dairy Cattle:** Youth are allowed TWO (2) non-owned dairy animals of which both can be shown, they must have met all the qualifications. Dual designation of animal(s) is not permitted. **(NEW Exception-2020:) Dual ownership between siblings will be allowed** as long as all of the following criteria are met: **(A)** They are bona fide siblings (sister, brother, step-sister/brother, half-sister/brother, adopted) **(B)** All siblings on registration paper of animal(s) are of 4-H age and regular 4-H members as of January 1st of the current year. **(C)** One sibling has to designate the animal as their project animal for the project year by June 1<sup>st</sup> of current year by filing and completing animal identification form.
  - **A designated non-owned project animal** must be shown only by registered exhibitor and not by youth owner and must accompany the animal entering the fairgrounds.
  - **Dual designation of one animal is not permitted** (except Dairy Cattle)
  - **No Non-Owned Animal in Market Class**
  - Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

**ANIMAL PROJECT RECORD:** One project record is needed for one project animal that a youth has. If showing more than one species the 4-H'ers should only pick one animal. If showing a market animal, the market records will replace the project record.

Try to finish project records as completely as possible for fair 2021.

- A continuous record should be kept on projects animals from one year to the next. Recording dates should start October 1<sup>st</sup> and end Sept 30 of the current 4-H year.
- Records for purchased animals should begin when that animal enters your herd, or for leased animals when the leasing period begins.
- The project ends the day the animal is sold.
- A complete project record must be submitted to the 4-H office no later than the Saturday of the Cortland Jr. Fair of the current 4-H year to receive fair premiums, and to be entered into County Medal consideration in the animal area a 4-H member has participated in.
- Website: <http://cortland.cce.cornell.edu/4-h-youth/cortland-jr-fair>

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- (j) **All exhibits will be judged according to the complexity of the exhibit.**
- New This year, the double entry card has been modified so, please make sure to fill both sides of the card out for every exhibit in the 4-H Youth Building.
  - *Entries are marked down one placing if the card is not completed both sides.*

***Cloverbuds may dictate their process to complete both sides of the card.  
Double entry cards will be used for all “non-animal” exhibits, unless stated.***

- (k) **VOUCHER SHEETS** must be completed BY THE END OF FAIR WEEK and turned into the FAIR OFFICE BY Saturday, July 10, 2021 for consideration of premiums.
- **Yellow Voucher Sheet – For all Cloverbuds** – summary of exhibits entered.
  - **White Voucher Sheet – Youth 8 years/older**– summary of exhibits entered.

(l) **JR FAIR POINT SYSTEM: THE DANISH RIBBON SYSTEM TABLE BELOW.**

**COLOR RIBBON AWARDS**

<b><u>EXHIBIT DESCRIPTIONS</u></b>	<b><u>Blue</u></b>	<b><u>Red</u></b>	<b><u>White</u></b>
Dairy & Beef	50	40	30
Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Sheep, Swine	25	20	15
Rabbit, Cavy, Guinea Pigs & Poultry	20	15	10
Jr. Superintendents	50	-	-
Mannequin Modeling, 4-H PPP, Clothing Revue	25	-	-

**The Danish Ribbon System Table**

**Contests:**

4-H & FFA Contests, Tractor Operator Contest	12	8	3
Dairy Challenge, Poultry Contest & Horticulture Contest	12	8	3
Horse Stabled	40	-	
Horse Unstable / State Qualify Shows	25	20	15

**Promotion of:**

Dairy, Livestock, Rabbit Products, Vegetable,	25	20	15
Club Educational Exhibit(s), and Club Displays	25	20	15
Individual Educational Exhibit(s), Special Recognition Award	12	8	5
Photography, Community Service	9	7	5
Vet. Science & Poultry – Egg Class	9	7	5
Vegetable & Flower	9	7	5
Misc. Ag & Ag Engineering	9	7	5
Record Books, Leisure Education, Posters, Creative Writing	9	7	5
Child Care/Development, Clothing, Home Environment	9	7	5
Food & Nutrition ( <i>including special food contest</i> )	9	7	5
Consumer Economics, Natural Resources	9	7	5
Computer Programming, Science, Arts & Crafts	9	7	5

**DOUBLE ENTRY CARDS – ARE COLOR CODED!**

**CLOVERBUD (5-8 YRS OF AGE)- YELLOW – DOUBLE ENTRY CARD**

**(FOR ALL EXHIBITS ENTERED INCLUDING ANIMALS).**

<b><u>EXHIBITOR (8-19 YRS OF AGE)</u></b>	<b><u>WHITE</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>
<b><u>HORTICULTURE</u></b>	<b><u>GREEN</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>
<b><u>VEGETABLE</u></b>	<b><u>GREEN</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>
<b><u>SPECIAL CONTESTS</u></b>	<b><u>PINK</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>
<b><u>POULTRY SHOW</u></b>	<b><u>ORANGE</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>
<b><u>RABBIT SHOW</u></b>	<b><u>BLUE</u></b>	<b><u>– DOUBLE ENTRY CARD</u></b>

**FAIR EXHIBIT CARDS: Livestock and Dairy Animals do not need to fill out –  
Animal show booklet(s) will be the recorded document entry.**

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**ALL YOUTH EXHIBITS:**

“**EXCELLENT**” work will be given a **BLUE** ribbon "*Award of Excellence*".

“**GOOD**” work will be given a **RED** ribbon "*Good Award*".

“**CREDIBLE**” exhibits will be given a **WHITE** ribbon "*Worthy Award*".

- (m) Showmanship classes **WILL NOT** receive premium points.
- (n) Superintendent may add, change or delete awards for any of the classes.
- (o) Each exhibitor must show his/her own animal, but during the course of the contest may be asked by the judge to show some other animal. Another youth may assist in group classes or multiple entries.

**IN MAKING AWARDS, THE JUDGES WILL CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING**

**1. PREPARATION OF THE ANIMAL FOR SHOWING:**

- (a) Condition of the feet and trimming of the feet;
- (b) Clipping of head, ears, tail, etc. (*clipped properly for breed and sex*)
- (c) Cleanliness and condition of the hide and hair.

**2. SHOWING OF THE ANIMAL:**

- (a) Proper use of show equipment
- (b) Personal poise and control of animal
- (c) Skill in showing the animal to its best advantage
- (d) Personal appearance, neatness and cleanliness of the clothing of the exhibitor.

**3. APPOINTMENTS:** Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goats, only plain white clothes are to be worn. All entries not meeting the above conditions may be asked to return to the barn upon entry in the show ring.

- (o) The Dairy Cattle Barn will be open for 4-H to set up and move in on **Monday evening, July 5 at 7PM**.
- (p) Animals **must be in place** on Tuesday evening of fair week by 8:00 p.m.

**CLEAN UP FOR THE BARN – WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING.**

- ◆ “**SIGN UP SHEET**” will be displayed on Saturday afternoon
- ◆ **FAMILIES AND OR CLUBS MUST HAVE:** (1) representative (*1-10 Animals housed*) OR (2) representatives (*10 animals/more*) housed in “any barns” .

**RABBIT AND POULTRY CAGES** - All exhibitors must come on Sunday morning during the clean-up time and animal release schedule to scrub and wash cages & pens before dismantling and putting away. This is a Mandatory Requirement to be considered as part of showing your animals!

- (q) Any exhibitor withdrawing or exiting their animal or exhibit(s) prior to stated schedule for releasing from the fair - will **forfeit all awards and premiums**. He/she will not be allowed to re-enter the exhibit at the county youth fair and will forfeit qualification to show at the NYS Fair 4-H Youth Shows.



**ALL exhibitors will be wearing wrist bands for the entire fair stay** and an **overnight registration form** will be available for parents/guardians and exhibitors to fill out for safety and emergencies.

- **ALL BARNs CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC AT 10:00 P.M.**
- **EACH EVENING LIGHTS OUT BY 11:00 P.M.!**
- **NON-EXHIBITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY IN THE BARN (UNLESS THEY ARE IMMEDIATE FAMILY).**
- **BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE DONE TO BE ABLE TO STAY OR TO BE A CHAPERONE FOR CLUBS ~ YOUTH AND FAMILIES.**

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**SPORTSMANSHIP EXPECTATIONS:** Conduct becoming an individual involving fair and honest competition, courteous relations, and graceful acceptance of results. The development of sportsmanship is an important part of growing up. It is important for people to be fair and generous competitors, good losers, and gracious winners. All youth and adult are expected to demonstrate each of the following elements of sportsmanship before, during and after their participation. Regardless of the outcome, thank your parents, advisors, program organizers, sponsors, judges and others who have helped you.

**A CODE OF CONDUCT FORM** will require both child's and parent's signatures, for exhibitors. **(a)** 4-H'ers staying overnight must spend the night in the Dairy Barn location only. **(b)** Adults staying overnight must fill out and turn in a volunteer form and complete a back ground check.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AND/OR THE AG. CORPORATION ALONG WITH THEIR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IN CASE OF FIRE, THEFT, DAMAGE OR LOSS AND/OR ACCIDENT. NOTE: EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN.**

