
DEPARTMENT 102: FFA CROPS

Superintendents:

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Vo-Ag Instructors of Carver County

Judging: Tuesday, 6:45 p.m., Agriculture Building

- Registrations are due in office by Wednesday, 1 week before the fair. Must be separate entry from open division.
 - Only 1 entry per class
 - Send entries to: ✉ Carver County Fair Manager, 501 West 3rd Street, Waconia, MN 55387.
 - FFA Crops must be in by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.
All PRE-REGISTERED entry tags have until 5:00 p.m. to pick up tags and take exhibits to the correct Department.
 - Entries will be accepted on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - FFA Crops will be released on Sunday at 8:00 p.m. Removal of exhibits before 8:00 p.m. will cause forfeiture of premiums.
 - Entries are open to all members of the Carver County FFA Chapters and any other Future Farmers living in Carver County
 - Exhibits for this department may be from previous or current year
 - All exhibits of small grain and soybeans must consist of 2 quarts
- 📦 Premiums: 1st: \$4.00; 2nd: \$3.50; 3rd: \$3.00; 4th: \$2.50

Division A: Corn

- Class 1: Hybrid corn, 85 to 103 day maturity, 8 ears, must be grown in current year
- Class 2: Hybrid corn, 104 to 115 day maturity, 8 ears, must be grown in current year
- Class 3: Hybrid corn, 8 ears, grown in previous year
- Class 4: Ornamental corn, 8 ears, grown in previous year
- Class 5: Ornamental corn, 8 ears grown in current year
- Class 6: 🏆 Champion Corn (Ribbon)
- Class 7: 🏆 Reserve Champion Corn (Ribbon)

Division B: Grains (2-quart jar)

- Class 1: Early and mid-season oats
- Class 2: Late oats
- Class 3: Spring Wheat
- Class 4: Soybeans, any variety
- Class 5: 🏆 Champion Grain (Ribbon)
- Class 6: 🏆 Reserve Champion Grain (Ribbon)

Division C: Potatoes (8 potatoes required)

- Class 1: Kennebec
- Class 2: Norland
- Class 3: Anoka
- Class 4: Norgold Russet
- Class 5: Any other red, give variety
- Class 6: Any other white, give variety
- Class 7: 🏆 Champion Potato (Ribbon)
- Class 8: 🏆 Reserve Champion Potato (Ribbon)

LIVESTOCK (DEPT. 3-16, 103-109 & 204) GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

• IMPORTANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION:

- ALL** animals are required to meet Minnesota ID requirements. Information for approved official identification may be obtained by calling the MN Board of Animal Health at 📞 651-296-2942 or 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/.
- Livestock competition is limited to Carver and adjoining counties, restriction of entries may be imposed.
 - Livestock exhibitors are responsible for the care of their exhibit.
 - Poultry and rabbit exhibitors will have feed provided by Carver County Fair staff. Exhibitors are responsible for care of animals.
 - All barns/cages/pens on the premise have been sanitized with approved sanitation methods.
 - A veterinarian is employed by the Carver County Agriculture Society to review animal health, determine if an entry meets all standards required for exhibition. The designated veterinarian has the authority to remove any animal that does not meet requirements of exhibition.
 - Refer to 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us for further information.

FFA BEEF & DAIRY CATTLE (DEPARTMENTS 103 & 104)

Superintendents:

Jim Klein 📞 612-867-5632
Joe Yetzer 📞 952-567-4862
Alex Klaustermeier 📞 952-217-9352
Vo-Ag Instructors of Carver County

Judging: Friday, 3:00 p.m., Judges' Square

Eligible Entries:

- Cattle with breed-associated registration papers, registered under recorded owner
- Grade animals are accepted also
- Limit two entries per class

📅 Entry Due Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- In-person office entries close at 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor staff is available to assist the week prior.
- Online entries close at midnight.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION:

- Reference 🌐 www.bah.state.mn.us/official-id/ and talk with your veterinarian regarding requirements for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) using the Animal Identification Number (AIN) system for animals born after November 5, 2024. Also reference 🌐 www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/adt_device_ain.pdf which defines the use of the 840-identification system. **EVERY DAIRY ANIMAL** exhibited at the Carver County Fair is required to have ear tag identification.

Exhibit Notes:

- Stalling arrangements will be designated on Friday, prior to the Fair. Exhibitors may access their exhibit space following final stall placement, approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Bedding:
 - Beef exhibitors may pre-purchase bedding. Contact superintendent Joe Yetzer at 📞 952-567-4862.
 - Dairy exhibitors will not be provided with bedding.
- Exhibit Availability:
 - Animals are required to be on exhibit Wednesday, noon, until Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Animals may begin to arrive Tuesday, late afternoon/evening.
 - Early departure will be granted by a superintendent due to concern of an animal's health
 - Unapproved early departures will forfeit premiums
 - All exhibitors with lactating dairy cattle will be assigned to parlor assignment. Specific times may be requested in the exhibitor's office.
- Exhibitor discounted gate passes are available to exhibitors who register, pay fees, and provide documents one week prior to the Fair.
- Large Animal Entry Fees
 - Entry fees are \$2.00 per head for Departments 3 & 4 (Open Class).
 - Entry fees are \$1.00 per head for Departments 103 & 104 (FFA).
 - No fees are required for group classes.
 - 4-H dairy exhibitors are required to register via the 4-H online system. The coordinators of the 4-H/FFA show also ask that 4-H exhibitors register via the Showworks system. See details under Department 204.

Notations:

- Beef Exhibitors: This show combines the open class (Department 3), 4-H (see 4-H online entry) and FFA (Department 103) to expedite the show. When necessary, classes will be held by department, as determined by show coordinators, to establish placings.

DEPARTMENT 103: FFA BEEF CATTLE

📋 Premiums: 6 places pay \$8, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2

Division 2: Commercial

Division 4: Black Angus

Division 5: Red Angus

Division 6: Charolais

Division 8: Hereford

Division 9: Limousin

Division 12: Shorthorn

Division 13: Shorthorn Plus

Division 14: Simmental

Division 15: Simmental (registered, but less than purebred)

Division 17: Other Registered

Individual Classes

Class	Description	Birthdate
1	Spring Calf	1/1/26–4/30/26
2	Fall Calf	9/1/25–12/31/25
3	Summer Yearling	5/1/25–8/31/25
4	Junior Yearling	1/1/25–4/30/25
5	Senior Yearling	9/1/24–12/31/24
6	🏆 Champion Breeding Hfr (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Breeding Hfr (Ribbon)	

Group Classes

7	Cow/Calf Pair	Calf born on or after 1/1/26
8	Get of Sire	
9	Produce of Dam	
10	Breeder's Herd	

Division 30: Prospect Calf (Born 1/1/25–4/30/25)

Class 1: Heifer Calf – Beef, Dairy, or Crossbred

Class 2: Steer Calf – Beef, Dairy, or Crossbred

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

Division 40: Market Beef (Born 1/1/24–8/31/24)

Class 1: Market Steer

Class 2: Market Heifer

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

Division 50: Dairy Steer (Born 1/1/24–8/31/24)

Class 1: Dairy Steer

Class 2: Crossbred Dairy Steer

Class 3: 🏆 Champion (Ribbon)

🏆 Reserve Champion (Ribbon)

DEPARTMENT 104: FFA DAIRY CATTLE

See Department 204: 4-H Dairy Cattle.

📋 Premiums:

- 6 places pay \$8, \$6, \$5, \$4, \$3, \$2

Division AY: Ayshire

Division BS: Brown Swiss

Division CB: Crossbred

Division GU: Guernsey

Division HG: Holstein, Grade

Division HR: Holstein, Registered

Division JE: Jersey

Division MS: Milking Shorthorn

Division RW: Red and White

Individual Classes

Class	Description	Birthdate
1	Spring Calf	3/1/26 or later
2	Winter Calf	12/1/25–2/28/26
3	Fall Calf	9/1/25–11/30/25
4	Summer Yearling	6/1/25–8/31/25
5	Spring Yearling	3/1/25–5/31/25
6	Winter Yearling	12/1/24–2/28/25
7	Fall Yearling	9/1/24–11/30/24
8	🏆 Junior Champion (Ribbon)	
	🏆 Reserve Jr Champion (Ribbon)	

Class Description	Birthdate
9 Milking Yearling	After 9/1/24
10 Dry Cow	Before 8/31/23
11 2 Yr Old, Jr	3/1/24-8/31/24
12 2 Yr Old, Sr	9/1/23-2/29/24
13 3 Yr Old	9/1/22-8/31/23
14 4 Yr Old	9/1/21-8/31/22
15 5 Yr Old and Older	Before 9/1/21
16 🏆 Senior Champion (Ribbon)	
🏆 Reserve Sr Champion (Ribbon)	

Group Classes

20 Best Three Females	Three entries, bred and owned by one exhibitor
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FFA GOATS, SWINE & SHEEP (DEPARTMENTS 105, 107 & 108)

Superintendents:
 Scott Knight ☎ 612-554-2531
 Patti Dietzel ☎ 952-303-9948

📅 Entry Due Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

- Exhibit stalling: Report final exhibit count to superintendent by Wednesday, August 5
- Exhibit requirements:
 - Tuesday 9 p.m. to Sunday 8 p.m.
 - **Animals must have approved ID tag.** (Goats and Sheep must have scrapies ear tag. Swine must have a negative pseudo rabies test.)
 - Exhibitors are from Carver County FFA Chapters plus adjoining counties if space is available
 - Market swine can be purebred or high grade, either barrow or gilt fed for market and farrowed on or after February 1, and weighing no less than 190 pounds and no more than 230 pounds
 - Swine may be owned in a bona fide partnership with parent or guardian. Such ownership must be certified by a vocational agriculture instructor. Animals must be owned for at least 30 days prior to date of showing in the name of the breeder/exhibitor.
 - Purebred and high grade sheep are eligible to show
 - Base date for computing age in goats is August 1 of current year
 - **No bedding will be provided**
- **Entry requirements to receive discounted gate pass:** Entry form, fees, and papers submitted by entry due date
- Entry fee is \$0.50 per head. No fee for group classes in Goats, Swine, and Sheep.
- See Open Class departments (Goats: Dept. 5, Swine: Dept. 7, Sheep: Dept. 8) for class numbers.
- **Limit: Two entries per class**

DEPARTMENT 105: FFA GOATS

Judging: Friday, Show Tent, with Open Class Goats: 8:00 a.m. for Dairy Goats; 10:00 a.m. Meat Goats

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$8.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$6.00; 4th: \$5.00

Division A: Alpine

Division B: Nubian

Division C: Saanen

Division D: Toggenburg

Division E: Oberhasli

Division F: LaManchas

Division G: Any Other Registered

Division H: Recorded Grade

Division I: Unrecorded Grade

Division J: Registered Boer Goats

Division K: Commercial Meat Goats

Division L: Wether Dam

Division M: Market Goats

Division N: Pair of Market Goats

Class numbers same as Open Division Goats, Dept. 5.

DEPARTMENT 107: FFA SWINE

Judging: Thursday, 9:00 a.m., Show Area

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$8.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$6.00; 4th: \$5.00

Division 1: Registered Duroc

Division 2: Registered Hampshire

Division 3: Registered Spotted Swine

Division 4: Registered Yorkshire

Division 5: Registered Other Breeds

Division 6: Commercial

Division 20: Market Barrow (Born on or after Feb. 1 of current year)

Division 30: Market Gilt (Born on or after Feb. 1 of current year)

Class numbers same as Open Division Swine, Dept. 7.

DEPARTMENT 108: FFA SHEEP

Judging: Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., Show Tent

🏆 Premiums: 1st: \$8.00; 2nd: \$7.00; 3rd: \$6.00; 4th: \$5.00

Division A: Shropshire

Division B: Hampshire

Division C: Suffolk

Division D: Southdown

Division E: Columbia

Division F: Border Cheviot

Division G: Corriedale

Division H: Texel

Division I: Dorset

Division J: Natural color

Division K: Dorper

Division L: Katahdin

Division M: Tunis

Division N: Icelandic

Division O: Montadale
Division P: Any other registered
Division Q: Slick Shorn Commercial Lamb
Division V: Market Lamb
Division W: Pair of Market Lambs
Division Y: Wool
Class numbers same as Open Division Sheep,
Dept. 8.

DEPARTMENT 109: FFA POULTRY
(NEW IN 2026)

**Judging: Wednesday, following 8:30 a.m.
4-H Poultry Show, Show Tent**

- Must be from this year's hatch
- Limit 1 entry per class
- Entry fee: \$0.50
- Birds shown in 4-H or FFA **cannot** be shown in Open Show
- All birds must be recognized by the APA Standard of Perfection (see: Breeds & Varieties – The American Poultry Association [APA] for breed information) and will be judged according to standard.

📖 Definition of Age:

- Cockerel (K): Male hatched after January 1 of current year
- Pullet (P): Female hatched after January 1 of current year

💰 Premiums: 1st: \$5.00; 2nd: \$4.75; 3rd: \$4.50;
4th: \$4.25

Class 1: Large Breeding Trio (1 cockerel, 2 pullets)
Class 2: Bantam Breeding Trio (1 cockerel, 2 pullets)
Class 3: Market Chicken Pair (2 cockerels or 2 pullets)
Class 4: Egg Laying Pair (2 pullets)