

Mountrail County Achievement Days

4-H Exhibitor Handbook



Event Dates

July 6	Event Set-Up Day
July 6	Static Judging
July 8	Poultry, Rabbit & Goat Shows Livestock Record Book Judging Check-In/Weigh-in for all Species
July 9	Beef, Dairy Cow, Sheep, & Swine Shows



Same username & password you use for annual membership enrollment

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Exhibit Registration Dates

May 1	Deadline for all Livestock info Entered into 4-H Online (step 1 of 2) (this info migrates into FairEntry...you must still enter into show class on FairEntry starting May 18!)
May 18	FairEntry Registration OPENS - Static & Livestock (step 2 of 2)
June 19	FairEntry Registration CLOSES - Static & Livestock



All exhibitor/event documents can be found online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/4HAchievementDays>

FairEntry Exhibit Class Registration Website:

<http://mountrail-county-nd.fairentry.com/>



Need assistance? Please contact the Mountrail Co. 4-H Office during office hours at 701-628-2835 Ext. 1 Lynnette.vachal@ndsu.edu or heather.tomlinson@ndsu.edu



Mountrail County 2026 ACHIEVEMENT DAYS



Mountrail County Fair Building & South Complex
8101 & 8103 61st St NW, Stanley



MONDAY, JULY 6 See 'Static Judging & Event Set-up Schedule' for breakouts

- 3:00 - 6:00 pm Static Exhibits - Interview Judging
- 3:45 - 7:00 pm Event Set-Up (Fair Building & South Complex)
- 6:00 - 8:00 pm Static Exhibit Display Set-Up

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 8:00 am - 6:00 pm Arrival of Livestock Exhibits
(all animals in place prior to registration)
- 8:00 am - 6:30 pm Static Exhibits Open for Public Viewing
- 9:00 am - 9:45 am Rabbit & Poultry Registration
- 10:00 am Rabbit & Poultry Show
- 2:30 - 5:00 pm Livestock & Horse Record Book Judging
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Goat Check-In & Market Goat Weigh-in
- 4:00 - 7:00 pm Swine, Sheep, Beef & Dairy Cattle Check-In
- 4:00 - 7:00 pm Market Animal Weigh-In
- 6:00 pm Goat Show

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Static Exhibits Open for Public Viewing
- 8:00 am Swine Show - Sheep Show - Dairy Cattle Show
- 11:00 am Beef Show
- Round Robin Showmanship Contest
- 3:15 pm Premier Preview Show ← (NON-4-H YOUTH GET THE CHANCE TO SHOW LIVESTOCK IN THE SHOW RING!)
- 4:00 pm Parade of Champions
- 5:00 pm Buyers Appreciation Supper - South Complex
- 6:00 pm - End Static Exhibits Open for Public Viewing
- 6:30 pm Premium Sale
- END of Sale Livestock & Static Exhibit Check-out
- Cleanup Fair Building & South Complex
(ALL 4-H/FFA families help after Premium Sale!)

Questions? Contact the 4-H Office at 701-628-2835 Ext. 1
or the FFA Office at 701-339-9866.



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4-H Code of Conduct & Ethics

FORMAL COMPLAINTS: For issues that cannot be taken care of during Achievement Days, please see pg. 36 for guidelines on issuing a formal complaint.

The 4-H program is **intended to foster a safe environment that is conducive to optimal learning and growth.** Youth participants, families, and volunteers are expected to behave in a way that respects the rights and property of others, and that will not disrupt or interfere with 4-H program goals.

All youth & adults are expected to act in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and are expected to set positive examples and serve as positive role models by what they say and do.

If a conflict arises, please reach out to someone within the appropriate department (Extension Office, 4-H Council, Livestock Committee, or Static Committee) to work together towards a peaceful solution. If a peaceful and positive solution cannot be met, the departments listed hold the right to remove the appropriate parties from the premises and/or present the issue at the next Mountrail County 4-H meeting.



The ND State Fair Book is also utilized for Achievement Days!

Please read through this entire informational packet as well as the included ND State Fair book.

Exhibits are entered into the same Divisions & Classes listed in the ND State Fair Book.

Exception: Cloverbud Static Exhibits (see pg. 5)



* All policies set forth in the Mountrail County 4-H Constitution and Policy Handbook will be followed and enforced. Please take a moment to look over all Achievement Days portions of this Handbook prior to Achievement Days or refer to if your answer is not located in the Mountrail County 4-H Exhibitor Packet or the ND State Fair Exhibit Book. If you need another copy please contact our office or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MC4-HPolicyBook>

Dress Code

Wondering what to wear?
Here is an overview to get you ready for show time!

Static Exhibitors

Shirt: Green, gray, or white shirt with the 4-H emblem on front. You may also wear a long sleeve white shirt with chevron.

Pants: Dark jeans, slacks, or skirt

Shoes: Closed toe shoes - Boots or protective shoes are recommended for safety

Livestock Exhibitors (includes Horses during Premium Sale)

Shirt: Green, gray, or white shirt with the 4-H emblem on front. You may also wear a long sleeve white shirt with chevron.

**** Exception - Rabbit & Poultry exhibitors must wear a long sleeve white shirt with clover chevron.**

Pants: Dark jeans, slacks, or skirt

Shoes: Closed toe shoes - Boots or protective shoes are recommended for safety



Shirt Examples



Orders for these t-shirts were to be placed by March 26 & May 1. Missed the deadline? Reach out to us to discuss options.



This emblem/patch goes on long sleeve shirts or other personally bought t-shirts. 4-H t-shirts pictured already come with clover on them. Patches are \$1 each thru the Mountrail County 4-H Office.

Shirts like this are also allowed!



Everyone participating in judging/shows and premium sale will be required to wear the appropriate 4-H dress code. Failure to follow the dress code will be grounds for a drop-in ribbon placing.





Static Exhibits & Registration

WHAT IS A STATIC EXHIBIT?

They are all non-live animal exhibits (photography, food & nutrition, crops, creative arts, STEM, etc.) You can still participate in the Animal Science division and not own an animal!

FairEntry Exhibit Registration Website: <http://Mountrail-County-ND.fairentry.com>

FairEntry Registration Helper Guide: <http://tinyurl.com/MC4HAchievementDays>



Online Registration Dates:

Open Date: May 18 Close Date: June 19

CLOVERBUD EXHIBITORS

(4-H Ages 5-7 as of Sept. 1, 2025)

Place exhibits under
4-H Static Cloverbud department on
FairEntry Class/Div. #00

REGULAR EXHIBITORS

(4-H Ages 8-18 as of Sept. 1, 2025)

Place exhibits under **4-H Static**
department on FairEntry



Use the ND State Fair Exhibit Book to see where your Static Exhibit fits. We use the same exhibit classes listed in the ND State Fair Book! No additions. Exception: Cloverbuds - See above and #2 for more info.

Special Notes:

- 1) Mountrail County Achievement Days follows most criteria & guidelines set in the ND State Fair Book.
- 2) Number of exhibits allowed per Division/Class & Guidelines:
 - Regular Members (4-H ages 8-18)** - Refer to the ND State Fair Exhibit Book **changes were made this year**
 - Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5-7)** - Allow to enter as many exhibits as desired. All exhibits go in the same class. No set guidelines to follow for exhibits that are entered.
- 3) Add a **DETAILED** description (important for locating your exhibit) **Extremely important if advancing to State**
- 4) After submitting your exhibits, you will be locked out of your account until the 4-H Office approves those exhibits. Call the 4-H office to unlock sooner. You can add more exhibits up to the June 19 deadline.
- 5) **Static Entry Cards will be mailed to families prior to the event. Changes needed? Contact the 4-H office! No new exhibit entries will be accepted after deadline.**
- 6) Please have all tags properly and securely affixed.
 - Packing tape-YES! Scotch tape-NO!
 - Fabric—safety pin tag to fabric

Not sure where to enter your exhibit? Some exhibits entries are easy to determine, others are not. The most important questions to consider when deciding the exhibits proper Division/Class# is...

- What project categories are you enrolled in on 4-H Online this year?
- What was your purpose or focus with the exhibit?
- What did you wish to learn?
- What do you want the judge to know or evaluate? For example:
 - a) The building/engineering process?
(Ex. Woodworking, Welding, Cake Baking)
 - b) The creative OR decoration process?
(Ex. Wood Arts, Welding Arts, Cake Decorating)

Once you know these answers you will have an easier time selecting the correct Division & Class for your exhibit!

Where the Heck Do I Enter This Exhibit?

BUYERS SUPPER/BAKED GOODS:

While registering your Food & Nutrition exhibits you will be asked if your exhibit can be used for the Premium Sale Buyers Supper. Select **YES** or **NO** when prompted.



An **ORANGE** sticker will be placed on the exhibit tag for those who answer YES.



Livestock Exhibits & Registration

Complete these TWO steps to register your livestock!
(Beef - Dairy Cow - Sheep - Swine - Goat - Rabbit - Poultry)

Step #1 of 2 - Due by March 1 (Market Beef) May 1 (all other species) (www.4honline.com)
Info previously released. This step should already be done. Animals entered during Step #1 will be viewable during Step #2. Don't see your Animal? Please contact the 4-H Office for available options.

Step #2 of 2 - Enter each animal into a show class on FairEntry (see below)

FairEntry Exhibit Registration Website: <http://Mountrail-County-ND.fairentry.com>
FairEntry Registration Helper Guide: <http://tinyurl.com/MC4HAchievementDays>



Achievement Days Online Registration Dates:
Open Date: May 18 Close Date: June 19

REGULAR & CLOVERBUD EXHIBITORS
4-H ages 5-18 (as of Sept. 1, 2025)
ALL ages use the ND State Fair Exhibit book classes

Exceptions (see exhibitor notes below for more info):

- 1) Showmanship Division 2) Livestock Record Books

Livestock Exhibit Notes:

Livestock Record Books (See pg. 8 for more info)

- 1) **Who completes them?** ALL livestock or animal exhibitors must complete a Record Book for their exhibit(s).
Note: See page 8 for more Livestock Record Book information.
- 2) **How to Register?** You must register on FairEntry under each species for the appropriate age division.
- 3) **Are they judged?** Yes! ALL Record Books will be interview judged on July 8. Sign up for timeslot on July 6.

Showmanship Division: (this is where you can win a belt buckle!)

- 1) **What is Showmanship?** This is where the youth skills are judged, rather than the livestock they are exhibiting.
- 2) **What are the Age Divisions?** * Seniors (4-H age 13-18) * Junior (4-H age 8-12) * Cloverbuds (4-H ages 5-7)
- 3) **How to Register?** You must register on FairEntry under each species for the appropriate age division.

Livestock Ownership Deadlines: *Market Beef (March 1) *All Other Species (May 1)

Registered Breeds - Must submit proper documents to the Livestock Check-In personnel on July 8th or your exhibit will be moved to the Commercial Class.

Market Class Weight Requirements

New for 2026

- Weight Requirement – 60% of the breed average market/finish weight per species/breed.
- Livestock Committee will deem breed specific weights. See pg. 9 for committee members.
- Premier Class - All livestock that does not make weight would be eligible for a premier class within each species.
 - The Premier Class would not be eligible for the Premium Sale, but still are eligible for ribbon placing.
 - Only red or white ribbon placings will be awarded for Premier Class.
- Market animals will be shown according to weight breaks when necessary

Livestock & Horse Record Books

Record Books can be picked up at the Extension Office or found online @

<https://tinyurl.com/MC4HAchievementDays> (located at bottom of page)

You must register your Record Books under each species on FairEntry as an exhibit!

WHO is required to complete these books?

- 1) ALL Livestock Exhibitors
- 2) Horse Exhibitors participating in the Premium Sale

Youth ages 8-18 complete one of these books for Breeding, Market & Small Animal for **EACH** species they are exhibiting. Can group together per species. Youth ages 5-7 complete a book for **EACH** species.

Failure to submit a livestock record book for any specie will result in that specie not being qualified to be exhibit at the event.

WHAT do I do with these when completed? They are interview judged at Achievement Days!

Complete each book in its entirety and you will meet with assigned judges to discuss them.

You may be awarded a grand, reserve, merit, blue, red, or white placing based on the quality of your Livestock record book. Only grand, reserve, & merit placings, per species, receive premium points.

WHEN are they judged?

They are interview judged at Achievement Days!

- 1) During Set-Up on July 6 you will sign-up for the judging timeslot that works the best for you! Failure to sign-up may result in extended wait time.
- 2) On July 8 you will meet with the appropriate judge at the time frame you choose. Those with assigned times will be selected before any who did not sign up on July 6.

WHERE are they judged?

Mountrail County South Complex Hall

Enter the South Complex Hall using the East doors. Signage will be present. There will be specific stations and seating available for EACH species.

WHY do we require these?

The purpose of requiring these record books is to ensure the exhibitor is gaining the fullest experience and knowledge with their animal exhibit. There is so much more that goes into raising livestock than just what you see on show day! These books help educate 4-H youth on a broader level.



Age Divisions

CLOVERBUD MEMBERS
(4-H Ages 5-7 as of Sept. 1, 2025)

Both age divisions have different books!

REGULAR MEMBERS

(4-H Ages 8-18 as of Sept. 1, 2025)



HORSE RECORDBOOKS
(all 4-H ages)



Proof of Record Book REQUIRED prior to registering your livestock at the show.

There are TWO options available to complete this task!

- 1) If you have not had your book judged yet, you will show your physical record books to each species Superintendent(s) at Check-In.
- 2) If you had record book judged & you no longer have the book(s) you will have to have the record book judge complete this form for EACH species.

These forms are then put into a box and collected by Livestock Superintendents to review.

4-H Livestock Record Book Release Form
(To be completed by judge ONLY)
As a 4-H Livestock Record Book Judge, I am verifying that the below participant has had the following Livestock Record Book submitted and judged.

Exhibitor's Name: _____

Rules: Only complete this if you are having your Record Book judged **BEFORE** each livestock species check-in. Form must be turned in at **EACH** species check-in/weight by exhibitor as proof of completion. ** Complete one form PER species **

Check ONE:

<input type="checkbox"/> BEEF	<input type="checkbox"/> (4-H ages 8-18)
<input type="checkbox"/> DAIRY COW	<input type="checkbox"/> (4-H ages 5-7)
<input type="checkbox"/> GOAT	<input type="checkbox"/> (4-H ages 8-18)
<input type="checkbox"/> SHEEP	
<input type="checkbox"/> SWINE	

Judges Signature: _____

Livestock Judging Schedule & Info

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Livestock Chair (July 6 – Set-Up Day) – Robby Alford & Steve Littlefield
Livestock Chair (July 8 & 9 – See yellow box below) – Amanda Hynek

For all disputes
please speak with
the provided parties.

Livestock Committee & Superintendents

Poultry & Rabbit - Heather Braaflat, Rebecca Hager & Jennifer Old Rock
Goats – Bailey Hawbaker & Monica Sem
Swine - Grady Uran & John Woodbury
Sheep – Kodi Alford, Robby Alford & Barb DeTienne
Dairy & Beef - Shane Erickson, Joe Hynek, Cameron Istilart & Curt Vachal
FFA (all species) – Bailey Hawbaker



Livestock Set-Up/Pens

July 6 – See pg. 11 for each species scheduled set-up time.

Livestock Arrival

July 8 - 8:00 am to 6:00 pm (check below for species check-in times)

All large livestock are to enter thru the South overhead doors. You should be able to drive through once unloaded. Pens should have been assigned on July 6.

Livestock Check-In

RABBIT & POULTRY - July 8

Check-In Time: 9:00-9:45 am

Location: Arena -

Table located by small animal cages

GOAT (Meat, Hair, & Dairy) - July 8

Arena Check-In/Market Weigh-In: 2:00-3:00 pm

Location: Arena - Tables located by weight scales

SWINE – SHEEP – DAIRY – BEEF - July 8

Check-In Time: **July 8:** 4:00-7:00 pm

Market Animal Weigh-In: **July 8:** 4:00-7:00 pm

Location: Arena - Tables located by weight scales

Livestock Shows

Rabbit & Poultry: **July 8** - 10:00 am

Goat Shows: **July 8** - 6:00 pm

Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle & Beef Shows:
July 9 – Shows start at 8:00 am

Show Order for each Species

1) Showmanship 2) Breeding 3) Market

Livestock Check-In (July 8)

Location: See species info the on the left

- During Check-In please confirm the following -

- **Correct Animal** – The animal you registered on FairEntry must be the one on location. No unauthorized substitutes.
- **Animal ID / Birthdate / Breed**
- **Show Class** – Does your animal belong in the class it is in?
- **Registered Breeds/Classes** – Confirm livestock's registration papers are on file. Failure to do so may result in your livestock being moved to the Commercial class.
- **Market Animals** – Weight your animal at assigned time.
- **Livestock Record Books**
 - **Rabbits, Poultry & Goats** – You must show your completed Record Book for each species to the Check-In personnel.
 - **All Other Species** - Assigned personnel will confirm that your Record Book was interview judged at the South Complex.
 - You will not be allowed to show your exhibit if your species Record Book has not been judged.
- **Exhibitor #'s & Pen Signs** – Collect them here now!

Health Requirements

Prior to and during any event all livestock exhibits must abide by all the same health regulations set by the North Dakota State Fair at the county and state level.

Bedding



All large livestock will be bedded on sand in the Fair Building. A bag of wood chips will be provided for each pen if interested. You must clean up your bedding & manure once event is complete!
No bedding with straw - no exceptions! Wood chips donated by Tractor Supply Company.

COUNTY ONLY 4-H Livestock ID Requirements

Registered animals MUST show registration papers at the time of livestock check-in. Registered animals without papers will be shown as commercial.

BEEF PROJECT

Type of Beef	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Heifer Calves or Yearlings	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (<u>If registered</u>). → Entered in 4-HOnline
Cow/Calf (cow/calf pair)		
Spring Bull Calf		
Spring Steer Calf		
Market Steers & Heifers, or Dairy Steers		

DAIRY CATTLE PROJECT

Type of Dairy Cattle	ID Required
All Dairy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Registration tattoo that matches the presented registration papers (<u>If registered</u>). → Entered in 4-HOnline

GOAT PROJECT

Type of Goat	Birth Dates	ID Required
Dairy Doe, Yearling, Milker, or Dry	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Does & Bucks official scrapies ID tattoo <u>or</u> scrapies tag *Breeds approved by USDA-APHIS-VS may use their 'breed registration tattoo' in lieu of a scrapie tag. → Entered in 4-HOnline
Dairy Buck		
Market Wether	Born after December 1, 2024	
Meat Doe, Yearling or Two-year-old	Varies by class	
Meat Buck		

HORSE PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Birth Dates	ID Required
All Classes	Male foals may be shown, but yearling and older stallions are ineligible	→ Entered in 4-HOnline

POULTRY PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Hatch Dates	ID Required
Poultry—All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Market poultry <u>except</u> market chickens - Suggested hatch of February 1 or later → Market chickens recommended to be shown at 7-9 weeks of age → Egg production chickens - Suggested hatch of February 1 or later 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Leg or wing band with ID number (likely will receive band at county fair) → ALL POULTRY MUST <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 1) Originate directly from an NPIP certified flock <u>or</u> ◆ 2) Test negative to S. pullorum within 90 days prior to exhibitions <u>or</u> ◆ 3) Have been purchased from an NPIP source and be accompanied by a Poultry Exhibition Statement of Origin form (SRN 60329). → Optional to enter in 4-HOnline

RABBIT PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Bucks & Does	Varies by class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Tattoo, Left ear → Optional to enter in 4-HOnline → *Rabbit without tattoos that best fit the criteria of a pet should be shown in the Pet class
Fryer	Suggested not over 70 days of age on show date	

SHEEP PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	ID Required
Ewes & Ewe Lambs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Ewes & Rams Official scrapies ID tattoo <u>or</u> scrapies tag (with animal # & flock #) → Entered in 4-H Online
Rams & Ram Lambs	
Market Ewe & Wether Lamb	

SWINE PROJECT

Exhibiting Class	Birth Dates	ID Required
Breeding Gilts	Varies by class	→ Entered in 4-H Online with either an ear tag or ear notches
Market Gilts & Barrows		



ND State Fair - There may be additional Livestock ID requirements for your species. Please see the ND State Fair Supplement packet for additional information to help get you ready for show time!



Mountrail County 2026



ACHIEVEMENT DAYS STATIC JUDGING & EVENT SET-UP

Static Judging & Event Set-Up are on the same day!

Follow the below schedules to have your STATIC Exhibits judged ...and then jump right into the set-up area that affects you!

Showing multiple livestock species?

Please choose the Static Judging time that works the best for you to help with your species set-up. You're welcome to help in other areas!

Livestock Arena Volunteers

Please arrive at the time scheduled to ensure set-up goes smoothly! Arrive and pre-stage your youth exhibits early if needed.



STATIC JUDGING TIMES - MONDAY, JULY 6

3:00-4:00 pm – Beef, Dairy Cow & Swine

3:30-4:30 pm – Poultry & Rabbit

4:00-6:00 pm – Goat & Sheep

Static Only & Overflow Exhibitors

Reminder: Sign-Up for your Livestock Record Book Judging timeslot today!

Once you are your Static Exhibits are judged
...it's time to help with set-up!

EVENT SET-UP TIMES - MONDAY, JULY 6

4-H'ers & Families Needed!

4-H members & someone in each family should be present for set-up of each species an exhibitor is showing.

3:45 pm – Beef/Dairy Cow/Swine Exhibitors (arena)

4:15 pm – Poultry/Rabbit (arena)

5:00 pm – Goat/Sheep Exhibitors (arena)

5:30 pm – Buyers Supper Area (South Complex Hall) - EVERYONE helps

6:00 pm – Static Committee Exhibit Display Set-Up (Fair Building Hall)

Please take turns helping set-up the show ring and wash shed!

More info. on Static Exhibit Judging & Event Set-Up located in Achievement Days 4-H Exhibitor Handbook! Located online @ <https://tinyurl.com/MC4HAchievementDays>



Check-in & Check-Out Quick Guide

Event Check-in – ALL Exhibitors!

July 6 - Fair Building Hall prior to Static Judging/Set-Up

Step #1 - Review your Exhibit list - you will receive TWO copies

Copy #1 (Office Copy) - Review this list to determine if any changes/deletes are needed.

Copy #2 (Exhibitor Copy) - **KEEP** for your records! You will use this copy to help locate judging stations, Scissors Award submissions, checking out & promoting exhibits to the ND State Fair (see ND State Fair supplement sheet for more info.)



Step #2 - Exhibit Cards (Update & Delete) - Return unused exhibit cards at this time.

At this time any final exhibit updates can be made. No new exhibits are permitted after June 19.

Step #3 - T-Shirts - Pick up any purchased t-shirts that were not previously picked up.

July 8 - LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS - Fair Building Arena **New for 2026!**

Livestock Check-In & Weigh-In - 2:00 - 3:00 pm - All Goats / 4:00 - 7:00 pm - All Other Livestock

When on location you are to check-in at the Livestock Check-In table by the scale. Confirm all of your exhibit info with the Livestock Chair and stewards. **Please see pg. 9 for info that will be gone over during check-in.**

ALL MARKET ANIMALS must weigh-in at the scale. Can't make that timeframe? Please contact the 4-H office prior to the event. For issues please find a Livestock Committee member or Superintendent listed on Pg. 9.

Exhibitor #'s & Show Supplies -

Pick up your Livestock Exhibitor # and Animal Info Pen signs at this time.

Event Check-out ALL Exhibitors!

ALL Exhibitors must check-out on July 9th after conclusion of Premium Sale



July 9 - Static Exhibit Removal **Exhibits CANNOT be removed from the building until the Livestock Premium Sale is over on July 9.**

Exhibitors are **required to Check-Out** in the Static judging area prior to leaving. The Static Committee will be checking families names off on a list. This helps ensure families stay to assist with event clean-up!

July 9 - Livestock Exhibit Removal **Livestock CANNOT be removed from the building until the Livestock Premium Sale is over on July 9.**

Exhibitors are **required to Check-Out** in their Livestock species area(s) prior to leaving. Livestock Superintendents or the Livestock Committee will be checking families names off on a list. This helps ensure families stay to assist with event clean-up!

- Equipment & supplies can be removed before or during sale. Please be respectful and do not make a lot of noise. **Overhead doors are to remain closed.**



ALL FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO HELP CLEAN! See the 'Helper Packet' for more info. Failure to check-out and early removal of livestock or static exhibits may result in loss of exhibit premiums.

Absentee Judging

Unable to attend Achievement Days?

You may have options!

If a 4-H'er is unable to bring their exhibit to be judged, absentee interview judging forms are available at the office **by request**.

One form must be filled out for each exhibit. There are absentee interview judging forms for both static and livestock exhibits.

Static Absentee Exhibits:

These forms should be attached to the exhibits and brought to the Fair Building on or by July 6th for judging.

Exhibits are not eligible for Grand or Reserve placings. Only eligible for Blue, Red, or White placings.

Livestock Absentee Exhibits:

Animals must be on location and be shown by another 4-H'er or family member. Absentee forms are to be turned into the check-in area prior to judging.

Exhibits are not eligible for Grand or Reserve placings. Only eligible for Blue, Red, or White placings.

Note: Only 4-H'ers who are ill, on family vacations or other unavoidable absences may fill out an absentee exhibit form.
Projects exhibited with an absentee form cannot receive a ribbon higher than a blue.

ABSENTEE STATIC EXHIBIT FORM
Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days

4-H Members Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Members Age: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Project: _____

Project: _____

I chose this project area because: _____

Before making my exhibit I did: _____

The steps I did in making this exhibit: _____

Skills I learned or improved by making this exhibit were: _____

Challenges/problems I experienced with this project were (and how I fixed it or overcame it): _____

The things I like most about this project: _____

The things I like the least about this project: _____

Did your project turn out as you planned? If not, how did it differ? _____

I would recommend this project to others because: _____

I will be doing another exhibit in this project area next year because I want to learn: _____

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(To be filled out by 4-H Leader)

4-H'ers Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

The above 4-H member cannot attend the Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days judging of exhibits because: _____

and I recommend his/her exhibits be accepted.

Leaders Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be turned into the Mountrail County Extension Office, PO Box 40, Stanley, ND 58784 prior to the Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days.

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ABSENTEE LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT FORM
Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days

4-H Members Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

Members Age: _____ Years in 4-H: _____ Years in Project: _____

Project: _____ Breed: _____ Project Birth Date: _____

Present Ration: _____

Problems I had with this project area: _____

Additional Information (include other livestock shows or workouts attended): _____

Exhibiting for me will be: _____

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(To be filled out by 4-H Leader)

4-H'ers Name: _____ 4-H Club: _____

The above 4-H member cannot attend the Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days judging of exhibits because: _____

and I recommend their exhibits be accepted.

Leaders Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form must be turned into the Mountrail County Extension Office, PO Box 40, Stanley, ND 58784 prior to the Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days.

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Premium Sale - July 9

What is a Premium Sale?

Each 4-H member is able to "sell" ONE Breeding Animal, Market Animal, or Horse that they exhibited in the Premium Sale. Businesses & Community members support 4-H youth by bidding on an animal. 4-H member keeps possession/ownership of the animal!

Species: ALL Achievement Days species may participate...including Horses from the Horse Show!

Premium Sale Criteria Form

ALL participants must complete and submit this form by July 6th.

Located online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MC4HAchievementDays>

Dress Code

4-H dress code is required! See pg. 4 for more information.

How do I Participate in the Premium Sale?

ALL SPECIES GUIDELINES:

- 1) Exhibit an animal at 2026 Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days or Horse Show
- 2) Complete & submit the '**2026 Premium Sale Criteria**' form by **July 6th** to the 4-H office.
- 3) Must not have sold the same animal during a prior Premium Sale.
- 4) Must have completed the appropriate Record Book for each species shown at Achievement Days & have it judged during the appointed times on July 8. Youth sign up for their judging timeslots on July 6th during Static Judging.
- 5) Exhibit a minimum of one Static Exhibit (exhibit must fit into a category located in the ND State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Book).
- 6) **Confirm the animal you will be entering at Achievement Days at the check-in desk ASAP!**

BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, GOAT, RABBIT, & POULTRY SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:

- 1) **IN-PERSON** - Animal & exhibitor must participate in the sale **in-person** on July 9th.
- 2) Must receive a red or higher placing at Mountrail Co. 4-H Achievement Days with the animal they choose to participate with in the sale.



Livestock & Horse Criteria for Premium Sale 2025 4-H Achievement Days

In order to participate in the 4-H Achievement Days Premium Sale, 4-Hers **must** have completed the following criteria in the current 4-H year:

1. Must exhibit a min. of one Static Exhibit in current year Achievement Days. Exhibit must fit into an exhibit class located within the ND State Fair Book or a 4-H Exhibitor Book.
2. (Livestock) Participate in Achievement Days OR (Horse) Participate in Achievement Days or Horse Show Team-Down (determined by species you are entering in the Premium Sale).
3. Participate in Achievement Days or Horse Show Team-Down (determined by species you are entering in the Premium Sale).
4. Meet all 4-H membership & animal ownership deadlines/requirements.
5. (Livestock) Meet all participation, ribbon placing & weight requirements.
6. (Horse) Meet all participation, ribbon placing & video submission requirements/conditions.
7. Have your Livestock or Horse Project Record Book Judged on July 9, 2025.
8. Attend eight club meetings OR activities (not counting #1, #2 and #3 above).

Possible activities are listed on the back of this form. **NOTE:** You must be an active participant in the achievement - attending the activity/event does not meet the criteria.

List the 8 meetings or events you have participated in below:
(example: September club meeting, Livestock Day Camp, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

4-Her's Name: _____ Signature: _____
Club Enrolled in: _____
I verify that the above listed 4-H member has met the criteria needed to participate in the 4-H Premium Sale during the Mountrail County 4-H Achievement Days on July 9, 2025.
Leader's Signature: _____



HORSE SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:

- 1) The Horse that is chosen for the Premium Sale must receive blue ribbons in 50% of the Mountrail County 4-H Horse Show classes that they enter and compete within.
 - 2) Horses will not be physically present during the sale.
IN-PERSON & ONLINE participation is required.
 - 3) **IN-PERSON** - Youth must be present during the Premium Sale and present a photo of them with their Horse in the Premium Sale ring on July 9th.
 - 4) **VIRTUAL** - Youth are required to make a video demonstrating their partnership with their Horse. This video will take the place of the horse physically being present in the sale ring.
- **Video Deadline - June 19, 2026 at 4:00pm**
 - **1 to 3 minutes long - No guidelines on video content**
 - **Helmets required while mounted on Horse / 4-H dress not required**
 - **Submit videos via USB thumb drive to Horse Committee members listed or drop them off at the 4-H Office and they will be delivered to a Horse Committee member.**



For Assistance: Sarah Brewer: 701-629-9022

Monica Sem: 701-629-1982

5) Submitted videos will be displayed on the Mountrail County 4-H Facebook page and presented during Achievement Days using multiple formats.

Other Premium Sale Notes

Voted upon by the Mountrail County 4-H Council, a small deduction will be taken from the sale proceeds to assist with covering expenses involved in the Livestock Show.

Premium Sale Auctioneer:



Premium Sale Clerked by:



Premium Buyers & Sponsors

Help spread the word! Including in the Achievement Day mailing is some 'Premium Sale Invite letter & slips that you can get out! All sponsors/buyers are eligible for a 'Buyers Ticket' which will get them free admittance into the 'Buyers Appreciation Supper'...plus they get to go through the Express Line!

Face-to-face visits with possible Premium Sale Buyers go a long way to promote 4-H in your communities. Maybe sweeten them with some of your delicious baked goodies! You can let them know that sometimes businesses combine funds to buy a premium. Any other ideas are welcomed!

You are invited to our annual Mountrail County Achievement Days Livestock Premium Sale

Thursday - July 9, 2026 @ 6:30pm
Mountrail County Fair Building
 8101 61st St NW - Stanley
2026 Sale Order will be:
 Horse, Dairy Cattle, Beef, Swine, Poultry,
 Rabbit, Goat & Sheep

To: _____
Name

_____ Business Name or Group

Invitation by: _____
2026 Mountrail County 4-H or FFA Member

* A Buyers Appreciation supper takes place on July 9th @ 5:00pm
 * All current year buyers are eligible for free meal ticket! *

Premium Sale Buyers Supper - July 9

We will be having the 4-H supper again this year on July 9 at 5:00 pm.
The purpose of the supper is to show "Buyer Appreciation" to the businesses and Individuals who support the livestock Premium Sale. The Mountrail County 4-H Office will supply the steaks, hot dogs and condiments. This event will be held at the Mountrail County South Complex.

Everyone is invited!

This cost includes the salads & bars that are provided by 4-H families.

Hot Dog - \$2.00 / Steak - \$5.00

The businesses who have purchased a premium in the past couple of years will receive a letter inviting them to the supper, along with a couple buyer meal tickets. If you know of a new buyer who will be attending, please let the office know, so we can send them a ticket for the supper!



Member Participation Requirements

Each 4-H FAMILY that is involved in the Premium Sale is responsible to...

- Bring a **GALLON** sized salad.
- Other 4-H families are strongly encouraged to bring either a salad or bars to help support Mountrail County 4-H.

Note: A \$50 penalty will be deducted from any available premiums for any family that does not provide the item listed above in #1

Each 4-H CLUB that is involved in the Premium Sale is responsible to...

- Provide two large (18" x 26") pans of bars

Meal Serving: We ask that **ALL** clubs help out with this. Please designate a few people to take turns with serving those attending the Buyers Appreciation Supper and cleaning up afterwards.



Buyer/Sponsor Express Line –

As a perk to buyers and sponsors, we are offering an express meal line! Know someone that is a potential buyer? Reach out to the Mountrail County 4-H office prior to or during the event for a ticket Express Line Ticket!

Buyers Supper Sponsored by:



Fundraisers

A very important part of Achievement Days is the Booster Certificate and Raffle fundraisers!

We ask that each family please take the time to participate. These fundraisers assist with covering costs accrued during Achievement Days. These both can be used to complete your end of the year '4-H Membership Enrollment' requirements. We truly appreciate your hard work and support!

These items will be added into your Achievement Days mailing. Did not receive them or need more? Contact the 4-H office at 701-628-2835 Ext. 1 or heather.tomlinson@ndsu.edu

Booster Certificates - Submit by July 6

Each family is required to sell at least one booster certificate to a local business/family. These booster certificates cost \$10 each and the individual/business gets to keep the certificate to show they supported the Mountrail County 4-H youth.



Raffle Tickets - Submit by July 6

Each youth member within a family will receive and is required to sell a pack of 10 raffle tickets. Each ticket costs \$1. Additional tickets are available at the office, if you feel you can sell them! The 4-H'ers who sell the winning tickets and the one 4-H'er who sells the most are awarded with some cash! **One set for each youth is included in the mail...contact the 4-H office for more!**

Please submit your tickets to our office no later than Achievement Days Set-Up (July 6) to ensure that the office can complete the tasks needed for this portion.

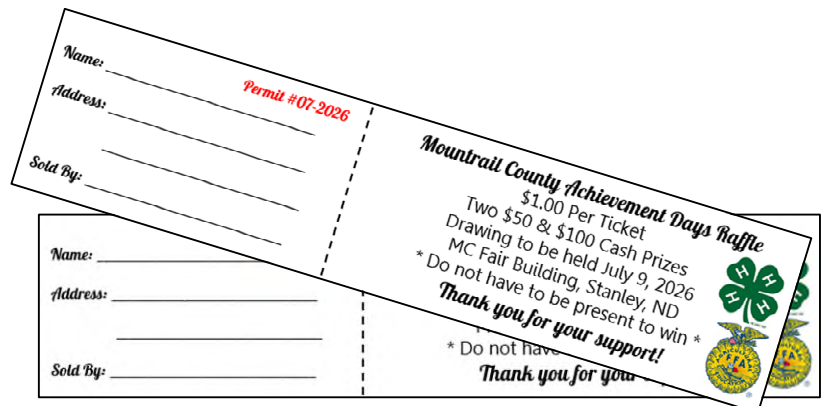
Payouts consist of:

Four winning raffle tickets: Two - \$100 value / Two - \$50 value

Four members who sold the winning tickets: \$10 each

Two 4-H'ers who sold the most tickets: \$25 each

Please do not hand in your ticket money any later than July 7 during Achievement Days due to the amount of activities going on during the event.



Awards & Acknowledgements

Participants who receive high honors are also eligible to receive some wonderful sponsored awards!

Top Honor Awards - Livestock & Static

The top exhibit in each Top Honor division has the opportunity to pick from a variety of prizes!

Sr. & Jr. Livestock Showman

The Overall Grand Champion Senior & Junior showman in each species division is awarded a sponsored belt buckle at the annual 4-H Awards Day.

Cloverbud Livestock Showman

The Overall Grand Champion Cloverbud showman in each species division is awarded a sponsored Top Honor Award at the annual 4-H Awards Day.

Round Robin Contest Age Divisions: Seniors (4-H age 13-18) Junior (4-H age 8-12)

Small Animal Division - Rabbit & Poultry

Large Animal Division - Goat, Swine, Sheep, Beef, & Dairy Cattle

The Grand Champion showman in each division compete in the Round Robin Contest and take turns showing each species to try and earn the title of the Overall Senior & Junior Overall Showman!

Do I need to participate in Showmanship Class to possibly qualify? Yes! You have to participate in one or more species & receive the Grand Champion placing to participate in the Round Robin contest in your age division. If you win in multiple species, you will have to choose which specie and Reserve in the other will be given the opportunity.

Scissors Award - Due July 6 @ 7:00 pm



Ginger scissors are awarded in 3 categories (8-10, 11-12, and 13-18)

They are awarded based on the Static projects the youth brings and the ribbons they receive. Static exhibitors should list all of their exhibits on the form and after being judged indicate the ribbon placing for each exhibit.

Forms are located in your Achievement Days packet and in the Static judging area. Please circle ribbon point value on form.

You will not know if you receive a Grand or Reserve, so the extension staff will enter that information. **A 4-H member is eligible to receive this award only once in each age division.**

Herdsmanship Award

The Herdsmanship Award will be given to the 4-H club who promotes their club and 4-H, is courteous to the public and who keeps their livestock and livestock area clean and neat. You can decorate your area with banners, streamers, balloons, etc., make sure all livestock cards are displayed where they can be seen and keep your area neat at all times. Take pride in how your livestock are displayed and cared for!



Senior Honor Court

Here is your 2026 Senior Honor Court!



Violet Braaflat
Plaza
Mountrail Pioneers



Drew Erickson
Plaza
Independent Member



Vanessa Fransen
Makoti
Mountrail Pioneers

All 4-H members that graduated from high school this year are eligible to be a part of the 4-H Honor Court. Members of the Honor Court will be notified by our office and their names will be announced **on Thursday, July 9th at 4:00 pm, just prior to the Parade of Champions. We also ask for you to help hand out ribbons during livestock & small animal shows!**



Tana Lee
Plaza
Mountrail Pioneers



Avah Bullinger
Powers Lake
Buckaroos



Erika Littlefield
New Town
Independent Member

Pattilyn Old Rock
Plaza
Mountrail Pioneers



Premier Preview Show

24th annual show – July 9th

Youth ages 12 and under will be eligible to exhibit either a goat, lamb, or baby calf that is offered by a current Mountrail County 4-H member. Awards will be given, courtesy of the Mountrail County Fair Association.



Bring your youth siblings, friends and any other family members that may be interested!

Senior Honor Court

The Mountrail County 4-H Office makes thank you certificates for sponsors.

**Livestock Exhibit/
Arena Photos**

Photo Location: Arena Photo Backdrop

Photos Needed: Overall Champions - Grand Champions
Reserve Champions - Honor Court
Herdsmanship - Premium Sale

Static Exhibit Photos

Photo Location: Static Judging Hall - Fair Building

Photos Needed: Overall Champions - Grand Champions
Reserve Champions - Scissors Awards
Champion Grain Sheave & Grain Sample







4-H Ribbons Defined

“To make the best better” is the 4-H motto. The project judging experience helps 4-H members evaluate their progress and reflect on how they can improve. The goal is to help young people develop life skills and explore careers.

Consider the following when viewing 4-H projects:

- Judges evaluate each project against a national standard, not against other entries.
- The evaluation system focuses on the development of each 4-H member, not on blue ribbon projects.
- At each level, youth learn to reflect on their accomplishments and consider how to challenge

GRAND CHAMPION	 <p>Champion (Purple) – Superior</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First place. • The exhibit or workmanship is outstanding with minimal flaws. <i>Keep in mind that superior does not mean perfect!</i>
RESERVE CHAMPION	 <p>Reserve Champion (Lavender) – Above Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second place. • Exhibit or workmanship is very good with minimal flaws.
MERIT AWARD	 <p>Award of Excellence (Orange) – Above Average</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits that were considered for the champion rosettes. • Exhibit or workmanship is good with minimal flaws.
BLUE AWARD	 <p>Blue – Excellent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets or exceeds the average standard. • May have one minor fault with little improvements needed. • Youth set new goals to challenge themselves differently.
RED AWARD	 <p>Red – Good</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets or is slightly below the average standard. • May have some minor and major flaws. • Youth reflect on what they could change, navigate corrective feedback and establish new goals.
WHITE AWARD	 <p>White – Fair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet the average standard. • Has multiple minor or major flaws. • Youth practice a growth mindset, reflect on what they could change, navigate corrective feedback, and establish new goals.
CLOVER AWARD	<p>Clover Award (Tie Dye) - County Only Ribbon</p> <p>All Cloverbuds (4-H age 5-7) receive a tie dye ribbon for each Static exhibit they submit into Achievement Days.</p>

TOP HONOR GRAND CHAMPION

<p>Overall Champion</p> <p>Awarded by judge(s) to the best exhibit in the division(s)/project area(s) they are judging.</p>
TOP HONOR RESERVE CHAMPION

<p>Awarded by judge(s) to the second-best exhibit in the division(s)/project area(s) they are judging.</p>