

Flourishing Farmers 2024: Projects

Throughout their time in the program, every Flourishing Farmer will make a project to document their journey, which will be shared with the public at the Dutchess County Fair. This is an important part of the 4-H mission; students will learn through experience, then go on to teach others what they have learned. Below are some options; please choose the one that best fits the interests and needs of your Flourishing Farmer.

All Projects Must:

- Acknowledge that Flourishing Farmers is supported by Dutchess County and part of the CCEDC 4-H program. (Graphics will be supplied for this purpose.)
- Include at least poster board; details below.
- **Be dropped off by Friday, August 9th at the CCE office at 2715 US-44, Millbrook, NY 12545 in order to be exhibited at the Dutchess County Fair.**

Poster Board:

This is the only required item. All projects must:

- Use pictures, drawings, words, quotes, small items (pressed flowers, stickers, bits of handouts, etc), and more to illustrate the most important or impactful things they experienced.
- Include their name, age, and farm clearly printed.
- Be built on a standard cardboard trifold posterboard. Please supply your own if you can, but reach out if you need assistance.
- Will be judged in the Flourishing Farmer's choice of categories:
 - o At the Cloverbud level: posters will receive feedback and a participation ribbon.
 - o At the standard level: Posters will be judged on Appearance, Message, Materials, and Entry. Each poster will receive a score, feedback, and a colored ribbon based on the [Danish System](#).
 - o More specific judging criteria will be shared closer to the fair.

Optional Additions:

Some Flourishing Farmers who are very passionate about what they are learning may choose to do a Poster Board and an additional project. They may choose a Binder Journal or a Scrapbook.

Binder Journal

All Journals must:

- Be constructed from a standard 1” binder.
- Use at least 5 worksheets provided by 4-H.
 - o Worksheet packs relevant to each farm placement will be available on the 4-H website. They will accommodate a wide range of ability levels. Take a look at any relevant packets and print out whichever sheets are best fit.
- Participants are also welcome to add handwritten pages, drawings, or other additions to make the journal their own if they so choose.
- Can be entered in the fair at the Cloverbud or Standard level.

More Options

Do none of these options sound feasible for your Flourishing Farmer? Does your Flourishing Farmer have very particular interests? Are they passionate about computers, video, pictures, or something else? Talk to us! We will work with you to accommodate the needs of the student while also achieving the goal of producing a record of what they have experienced to share with the public.