

## 4-H TOBACCO EXHIBITS

*CAUTION: The 4-H tobacco exhibit rules and classes are determined by the state fair, not the 4-H office; therefore, there could be changes to this category. This should be used only as a guide. The classes below are taken from the previous year's Kentucky State Fair catalog. The final decisions will not be made until June 2025 by the state fair board.*

Division 2101 – Burley Division  
Division 2102 – Dark Stripped  
Division 2103 – Green Stick and Potted Burley

4-H Tobacco will be received only on Entry Day (Monday prior to the opening day of the State Fair); Judging of tobacco exhibits will begin at 12:00 noon E.D.T. on the following Wednesday.

*NOTE: State Fair has dropped Tobacco Grading*

Project entry must meet all the requirements for the class; otherwise, the entry will be disqualified.

1. See General Rules applying to all 4-H Exhibitors and general rules applying to all exhibits other than livestock listed in the State Fair Catalog. Project entry must meet all the requirements for the class; otherwise, the entry will be disqualified.
2. There is no fee for entering 4-H tobacco.
3. Entries in 4-H tobacco must be made through the 4-H leader/agent.
4. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure the entry online form is filled out correctly and tobacco is entered into the proper class by the August deadline.
5. All exhibits should be brought to the Tobacco Department in the West Hall. The department will be open for receiving 4-H tobacco on Monday (Exhibit Entry) before the state fair officially opens from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
6. 4-H tobacco will be released to the Department of Agriculture on Monday after the fair closes from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
7. 4-H exhibitors are eligible to compete in only one division of the youth show (not 4-H AND FFA). However, they may compete in the Open Youth Class, provided they have separate entries for that class. Open class entries must be made by July 1 on open class (pink) entry forms.
8. Entries in 4-H tobacco are restricted to enrolled members of 4-H.
9. The Superintendent shall have the duty and authority to reject any entry that in his/her opinion is unworthy of entry.
10. Entries infected with insects or disease, or exhibiting server damage, shall be discarded at the discretion of the Superintendent.
11. An exhibitor may enter in any one or all different classes. However, one exhibitor is limited to ONE entry per class (Potted Plant, Green stick and Stripped Tobacco).
12. Each stick of green tobacco consists of 4 stalks per stick. The Superintendent and staff will NOT select a stalk to remove if 5 are included on the stick. It will be the duty of the agent/leader/exhibitor to select the stalk to remove.
13. All entries in the green stick classes should be wilted for a better presentation, but must still be in GREEN STAGE. Green tobacco will be judged on uniformity, general appearance and quality. The Superintendent has the right to disqualify any stick entered into the green stick category that has cured beyond the green stage.
14. All growing tobacco plants should be potted in a waterproof plastic bag and placed in an attractive container before arrival at the Fair. A five (5) gallon bucket is suggested.
15. Each exhibit of stripped Burley tobacco shall consist of two (2) hands, each hand shall be made of twenty (20) leaves or more. The first, second, and third place entries in all stripped divisions will remain at the State Fair.
16. 4-H name tag for each exhibit of tobacco should be tied with string around the hands at entry.
17. 4-H will be awarded on the Danish system.



4-H Exhibitor with highest total points is awarded the best exhibitor award and will receive an engraved plaque offered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. To be eligible, exhibitor must enter three of the following classes:

- Burley - Stripped Dark Stripped
- Burley - Best Crop Green Stick - Dark
- Green Stick Burley Dark - Best Crop
- Potted Burley Potted Dark

Entries shall be on an individual basis and must be produced by the exhibitor. Only one entry per individual is permitted and an entry shall consist of four grades: Flying, Lugs, Leaf and Tips. Each grade shall consist of two hands of 20 leaves each and samples entered in Classes 6 through 10 shall not be considered for this class. An engraved plaque will be awarded to the 4-H individual exhibiting the most outstanding entry in classes 5 through 8 and 15. In case of a tie, a point system will be used in awarding plaques.

**TOBACCO DIVISIONS AND CLASSES**

<b>Burley Division – Stripped</b>	
<i>All 4-H Burley should be entered as Division 2101</i>	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
5	Flying
6	Lug
7	Leaf
8	Tip

**Burley - Best Crop**

<b>Burley Division – Best Crop</b>	
<i>All 4-H Burley should be entered as Division 2101</i>	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
15	Best Crop, 4-H, 4 grades

**Dark Tobacco**

All 4-H Dark Tobacco should be entered as Division 2102.

Entries shall be on an individual basis and must be produced by the exhibitor. One entry per individual is permitted.

<b>Dark Tobacco Division – Best Crop</b>	
<i>All 4-H Dark Tobacco should be entered as Division 2102.</i>	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
26	4-H Best Crop (2 hands – 20 leaves each grade) One entry per individual is permitted and an entry shall consist of four grades: Wrappers, Heavy Brown Leaf, Dark Leaf, and Thin Brown Leaf.



<b>4-H Class Green Dark Tobacco (By Sticks)</b>	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
31	Dark

<b>Growing Dark Tobacco Plant</b>	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
33	Best potted growing plant of Dark Tobacco, any type

<b>4-H Class Green Tobacco (by sticks)</b>	
Green Stick and Potted Burley Tobacco should be entered as Division 2103.	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
36	Burley

<b>4-H Class Green Tobacco (by sticks)</b>	
Green Stick and Potted Burley Tobacco should be entered as Division 2103.	
<u>Class Number</u>	<u>Description Grade</u>
36	Green Stick Burley
39	Best potted growing plant of Burley Tobacco

All potted plants will become the property of the Kentucky State Fair and after judging will be used as decorations throughout the fair for promotion of the Tobacco Department.

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