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It's Only Fair!

They've been working very hard, and it's finally here! It's County Fair time for your young Minnesota Farmers. This week, not only will they be working to harvest and pack your share boxes, they'll also be attending the Le Sueur County Fair and competing in many classes of 4-H competition.

The oldest six kids (ages 14, 13, 13, 11, 8 and 6) will show cows, sheep, chickens and rabbits. Abby is showing three sheep, Sam and Andy two sheep each, and Luke, Josh and Jonathan are showing one each. Sam, Andy and Luke will show ducks, and Abby, Luke, Sam and Andy will show Bantam Silkies and Barred Rock chickens (Bantams are smaller breed chickens, and Silkies are puffy, fancy chickens).

The oldest six children will also exhibit vegetable baskets of our organically-grown produce.



While Abby was volunteering at Big Sandy Camp, Farmer Jean stepped in to help train her cow for the Le Sueur County Fair.

Abby and Lucas will participate in a competition called "Lamb Lead," in which they will don wool garments and lead their lambs out before the judges. During the contest, Abby and Luke will offer a description of their outfits – fiber content and construction details, a description of the lamb – breed, age, interesting facts, and present a bit about their experiences in the sheep project.

Our youngest farmer, 3-year-old Ellie, thinks she should be able to show her favorite calf Princess, but Farmer Jean and Farmer Dean hope she'll get caught up in the excitement of the fair and accept that fact that needs to wait until she's a bit older.

Because of their age, the three oldest kids are eligible to compete at the Minnesota State Fair if they finish well at the County Fair. See the newsletter next week to see how they do. Maybe you'll have an opportunity to stop and see your favorite farmers at the State Fair!

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In top photo, Josh, Jonny and Ellie wash a sheep in preparation for showing at the fair. Below, Ellie shows off her favorite calf, Princess.

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