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2017 Dawson County Fair Schedule Friday, July 7 - Sunday, July 16th

FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:30 am 4-H Superintendents meeting for 4-H Family & Consumer Science related and other misc. static exhibits - 4-H Exhibit Building
9:30 am 4-H Livestock Superintendents meeting - 4-H Building
1:00 pm Setup shooting sports equipment

SATURDAY, JULY 8

8:00 am - 2:00 pm 4-H Café Open
8:00 am - 8:30 am Check in Shooting Sports
9:00 am 4-H Shooting Sports Competition - Stevens Arena
Bottled water for all 4-H/FFA events courtesy of Gothenburg State Bank

SUNDAY, JULY 9

7:30 am Enter 4-H Horses
8:00 am 4-H Horse Show - Stevens Arena
8:00 am - 5:00 pm 4-H Café Open
4:00 pm Gates Open at Lexington Raceway
6:00 pm Sprints, Hobby Stock, Stock, Sport Mod, Late Model and Modified
Adults \$20.00; 6-12 Years \$10.00; 5 and Under FREE

MONDAY, JULY 10

1:00 pm Livestock Area set up

TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Setup Commercial Displays, Commercial Building
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Enter Open Class Exhibits

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Setup Commercial Displays - Commercial Building
8:00 am - 1:00 pm Enter Open Class Exhibits - Open Class Building
8:00 am - 7:30 pm 4-H Café Open
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Enter all 4-H Food, Misc. Ag. & Home Environment Static Exhibits (except livestock & small animals)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Enter all FFA Static Exhibits
1:00 pm Judging of Open Class Exhibits
1:00 pm Judge and Display all 4-H Static Exhibits
4:00pm - Midnight Beer Garden at Dawson County Arena
5:00 pm Enter 4-H Dogs
6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Open Class Building Opens
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Commercial Building Opens
6:00 pm 4-H Dog Show
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm Carnival - Opening Night – FAMILY NIGHT –
Bring 2 CANS OF FOOD and Receive \$5.00 OFF an Armband
Dustin Elliott's EXTREME Bull Riding – Dawson County Arena
Admission \$10/\$7 in advance \$15/\$10 at the Gate
Event put on by Professional Rodeo Announcer, Jared Slagle and PRCA
World Champion Bull Rider, Dustin Elliott
7:30 pm **CHRISTIAN CONCERT to Benefit L2 for Kids**
Tickets available at the Fair Office or a FREE WILL donation at the gate Grandstands
8:00 pm - 9:00 pm 4-H Exhibits Open to Public after Completion of Judging
10:30 pm 5 Bicycles Given Away at Carnival

THURSDAY, JULY 13

Use Northeast Gate Only to Bring in Livestock - Park Trailers in North Parking Lot

8:00 am - 7:30 pm 4-H Café Open
9:00 am - 9:00 pm All 4-H Buildings Open
8:00 am - 10:30 am Check in Bucket Calves & Feeder Calves
8:00 am - 12:00 pm Enter 4-H/FFA Beef, Dairy, Meat Goats, Sheep, Swine, Poultry and Rabbits. Park Trailers in North Parking Lot
12:30 pm 4-H Bucket Calf Show - Stevens Arena
1:00 pm Feeder Calf Show - Stevens Arena
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Root Beer Floats/Courtesy Homestead Bank
4:00pm - Midnight Beer Garden
4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Open Class Building Opens

4:30 pm 4-H Dairy Show - Stevens Arena
 5:00 pm Gates Open for Rodeo Event
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Commercial Building Opens
 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm Carnival – Armbands \$25.00
 8:00 pm - 10:00pm Dueling Pianos
 10:30 pm 5 Bicycles Given Away at Carnival

FRIDAY, JULY 14

6:30 am - 8:00 am Exhibitor Breakfast - Courtesy of Eastside Animal Center
 8:00 am - 7:30 pm 4-H Café Open
 8:00 am Beef Show - Stevens Arena
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm All 4-H Buildings Open
 1:00 pm Sheep Show
 Meat Goat Show (Following Sheep Show)
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm FREE Watermelon Feed - Courtesy of Plum Creek Market Place
 3:30 pm Public 4-H Rocket Shoot Off (weather permitting)
 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm Open Class Building Opens
 4:00pm - Midnight Beer Garden
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Carnival – Armbands \$25.00
 6:00 pm 4-H Sheep Lead Show (Wool Garment & Lamb) - Stevens Arena -
 West Bleachers
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Commercial Building Opens
 6:00 pm GATES OPEN – Grandstands
 8:00 pm **CONCERT – “Landslide” performing as “Fleetwood Mac”**
 General Admission Age 6 - Adult: \$10.00 5 and under FREE

SATURDAY, JULY 15

8:00 am - 4:00 pm 4-H Café Open
 8:00 am Swine Show - Stevens Arena
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm All 4-H Buildings Open
 10:30 am - 11:30 am Enter 4-H small animals, pets & cats (release after show)
 12:00 noon Interview & Judge 4-H Small Animals & Pets – Stevens Arena -
 West Bleachers
 1:00 pm 4-H Cat Show
 1:30 pm 4-H Rabbit Show & 4-H Poultry Show - West Bleachers (released after show)
 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm Open Class Buildings Open
 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Commercial Building Opens
 4:00 pm Gates Open – Dawson County Raceway
 4:00 pm Release 4-H Livestock, 4-H Family & Consumer Science,
 Other 4-H Exhibits and FFA
 4:00pm - Midnight Beer Garden – James Lee Band
 5:00 pm - ? Dawson County Cattlemen - Hamburger Feed - Everyone Invited
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Carnival – Armbands \$25.00
 8:00 pm Tear Down Commercial Booths

SUNDAY, JULY 16

9:00 am - 10:00 am Release Open Class Exhibits - Open Class Building
 4:00 pm Gates open – Dawson County Raceway
 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Carnival – Armbands \$25.00
 6:30 pm **Stock Car Races – Lexington Raceway**
 Adults \$10.00; 6-12 years \$5.00; 5 and under FREE
Questions call Stan Jeffries at 308-325-1052

There may be a few changes to this 2017 Fair Schedule after the publication of this 4-H Premium Book. Please check www.dawsoncountyfair.com for a complete schedule.

The Dawson County Agricultural Society

Scott Russman, President – Pat Yeutter, Vice President

MJ Hart, Secretary – Gary Rohde, Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Doug Rohde; Gary Hosick; Barb Easterday; Dave Muirhead; Dave Jewett

The Dawson County Ag Society, Inc. consist of four (4) officers and five (5) directors representing all areas of the county. The Ag Society is the governing body for all affairs that are happening at the Dawson County Fairgrounds.

The Ag Society rents buildings for different events to help pay expenses of repairs and up keep of the grounds and buildings. They also have a Tax Levy from the County Funds to help support the fairgrounds. The Ag Society is required by State Law to have a County Fair each year.

Fair Committees

Fair Manager/Office Manager: Ann Johnson
Buildings & Grounds Manager: Marty Vapenik
Personnel: Doug Rohde (Chairman), Gary Hosick, Pat Yeutter
Buildings, Grounds & Grandstand: M.J. Hart, (Chairman),
. Dave Jewett, Gary Rohde
Race Track: Dave Muirhead (Chairman),
. Barb Easterday, Dave Jewett
4-H & Extension: Gary Hosick (Chairman), Barb Easterday, Doug Rohde
By-Laws, Insurance & Legal: Dave Muirhead (Chairman),
. Gary Hosick, M.J. Hart
Alcohol: M.J. Hart (Chairman), Gary Rohde, Pat Yeutter
Extension Educator: Bruce Treffer
Ex-Officio all Committees: Scott Russman
Open Division Superintendent & School Displays: Joyce Reil
FFA Static Superintendents: Janice Wolfinger, Doug Rohde

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4-H Division

2017 4-H Superintendents



Bruce Treffer	General Superintendent of Agriculture
Mike Wolff & Sarah Schlund	Assistant
Andrea Nisley	General Superintendent of Family & Consumer Sciences
Mike Wolff & Sarah Schlund	Assistant
Samantha Schneider Smith	Superintendent, Beef
Taryn Pieper	Assistant
Scott Aden	Superintendent, Beef Muscle Evaluation Contest
Paul & Shannon Peterson	Assistants
Jake Wolfinger/Phil & Jana Kopf	Superintendents, Feeder Calf
Jason Schneider	Assistant
Colleen Barnes	Superintendent, Bucket Calf & Dairy
Page Peterson	Superintendent, Swine
Nate Wyatt	Assistant
Rick Benjamin	Superintendent, Hog Grade & Yield Sale
TBA	Superintendent, Horses
Jeff & Cheri Bromander.....	Assistant
Kanda Kleinknecht	Superintendent, Sheep & Meat Goat
TBA	Assistant
TBA	Assistant for Sheep Lead
Tracy Lindeman	Superintendent, Rabbits & Poultry
TBA	Assistant
Leigh Stieb.....	Superintendent, 4-H Dogs
Alisa Margritz.....	Assistant
Pat Yeutter	Superintendent, Herdsmanship
TBA	Assistant
TBA	Announcers
TBA	Ring Stewards
Dan Kreis	Superintendent, Shooting Sports
Garth Anderson	Assistant
Natalie Anderson	Superintendent, Clothing
Carol Keiser	Assistant
Marti Fischer	Superintendent, Foods
Jill Luther	Assistant
Amanda Rossell.....	Superintendent, Home Environment
Wendy Ristine	Assistant
Becky Costello	Superintendent, Rocketry, Miscellaneous Ag & Home Ec.
Kim Graff	Assistant
Kristi Kreuzscher	Superintendent, Horticulture
Alissa Rhea	Assistant
Chris Wolff	Superintendent, Photography
Stephanie Ringenberg	Assistant
Vickie Unterseher	4-H Café Manager

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent system is used in the 4-H Division. Each year last year's Assistant Superintendent is moved to Superintendent and a new Assistant is approved by the 4-H Council from 4-H leaders and parents. This gives more people an opportunity to assist and work with our fair.

4-H

There is no place like the Dawson County Fair! It's the premier showcase for 4-H'ers to share what they have learned and worked on in 4-H throughout the year. At the Fair, we celebrate the successes of thousands of youth who've learned and grown through 4-H.

The Dawson County Fair is also a prime opportunity for 4-H'ers to:

- cultivate skills they've learned in 4-H projects
- put their life skills and good character to work
- discover areas they would like to learn more about
- meet other youth and adults

This premium book contains the information needed to participate in 4-H events and exhibits at the Dawson County Fair. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

4-H is the youth education program of the University of Nebraska Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Youth Development, your first class from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

GENERAL 4-H RULES

There will be no discrimination at the show because of race, color or national origin.

All 4-H club members' record books must be turned into the Extension Office by awards deadline. To be considered by the Dawson County 4-H Council for county and state awards, all 4-H members must turn in their Career Portfolio Award Application Forms by October 9, before 5:00 p.m.

All 4-H members are urged to write thank-you notes to sponsors of awards, trips, trophies, etc.

All 4-H clubs are encouraged to hold an Achievement event in their own club and to invite parents and friends of 4-H. The 4-H Council suggests the program be put on by the 4-H members to include such items as reports on their experiences in a project, tour, presentation, camp, award trip, etc.

4-H clubs wishing to schedule the 4-H Building for the next year for several meetings must notify the Dawson County Agricultural Society office (324-3600) by October 1 of this year.

Use of Dawson County Ag Society facilities requires proper care and clean-up afterwards. 4-H'ers need to leave the buildings and area at least as clean as they are found. Floors should be swept, trash picked up (inside and out) and put in dumpsters. Any stalls, ties or pens used must also be cleaned immediately after the release of your animals.

FFA

To exhibit at the Dawson Co. Fair youth must be 8-18 years of age on Jan. 1 of the current year

Beginning in 2016, FFA and 4-H will have the same livestock identification requirements. Designation of which organization an animal will show under shall not be required until the August 10th State Fair entry deadline. Youth who choose to exhibit their animal in the FFA show at State Fair will be ineligible to show that animal at the AKSARBEN show.

In the livestock area, FFA will be interchangeable with 4-H in the following county fair policies. The 4-H and FFA identification processes will be one in the same. As new supplies are ordered, ribbons and T-Shirts will incorporate both 4-H and FFA.

Currently, potential Dawson County FFA exhibitors are virtually all 4-H members. FFA members wishing to show and not currently in 4-H will need to enroll in 4-H by April 1 or with a late fee, no later than May 1. This will allow them to receive mailings in regard to deadlines, county fair information, and Quality Assurance requirements. This will also allow everyone exhibiting at the county fair to be eligible for 4-H Livestock Booster premiums and 4-H trophies. All exhibitors will be expected to assist with the fair.

An animal or exhibit cannot be shown or exhibited in more than one county fair. Dawson County Fair livestock exhibitors are limited to participation in only one 4-H County Fair special premium program or County Fair Auction per year.

An area of the 4-H Exhibit Building will be reserved for FFA Exhibits. These will be at the advisor's choice and exhibited, but not awarded ribbons unless done so by the advisors. FFA advisors will coordinate with the Dawson County Ag Society and Andrea Nisley on space requirements. Advisors will be responsible for entering and displaying FFA exhibits and for finding volunteers to assist as building watchers.

COUNTY FAIR – GENERAL 4-H POLICIES

4-H'ers must be enrolled in the 4-H project to be eligible to exhibit in the class listed in the fair premium book.

Exhibitors are limited to **ONE** exhibit per exhibit number unless otherwise specified. Exhibits must

conform to the classes provided for in the premium list to be eligible for premium money. It is the 4-Hers responsibility to make sure that any additional information required in the fair premium book is attached to the exhibit item.

Unless otherwise stated or excused by the Superintendent, entries start at 9:00 a.m. and close at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, for all non-livestock static 4-H exhibits. Exhibits not received at 1:00 p.m. will be lowered one ribbon placing. All 4-H exhibits are to remain on the fairgrounds until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

4-H T-shirts are available for all 4-H'ers courtesy of Dawson County Farm Bureau. We encourage all 4-H'ers to wear County T-shirts when showing livestock, but it is not required.

All County Fair Checks **SHOULD BE CASHED IN 30 DAYS** and no changes or corrections will be made on premium amounts after thirty (30) days.

The Dawson County 4-H Fair Committee or Dawson County Agricultural Society will not, under any circumstances, be liable for personal injury or damage of any kind, or for damage of any property whatever, no matter how caused.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXHIBITS AT DAWSON COUNTY FAIR – "4-H exhibits at the Dawson County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. The Dawson County Extension, in cooperation with the Board of Directors, Dawson County Agricultural Society, accepts exhibits and will exercise due care to protect them. However, the Extension Service and Agricultural Society cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to the conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the buildings in which displays are housed and the great number of exhibits. 4-H'ers who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair."

While the greatest possible care will be exercised by the management to protect patrons of the County Fair, each individual will be held personally responsible for any injury.

DRUG - ALCOHOL use or possession of alcoholic beverages or drugs (except for medical purposes) by any exhibitor who is participating in the 4-H section of the Dawson County Fair will result in immediate disqualification of that exhibitor's entry.

To be eligible to show at the Dawson County Fair, a boy or girl must be a 4-H member in Dawson County, and met all enrollment and identification deadlines to be eligible to compete for prizes. 4-H members must be taking the projects which they exhibit. Example: if showing in breeding class, member must carry breeding project. 4-H members must have reached their ninth birthday during the current calendar year and must not have passed their 19th birthday as of January 1 of the current year to participate in the 4-H program or to exhibit at the county fair (except Clover Kids ages 5-7 as of January 1).

Youth are enrolled when they are on the membership records in the Dawson County Extension Office. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension will recognize 4-H members and volunteer leaders of the county in which they are enrolled in 4-H irrespective of their place of residence.

A member cannot enroll in the same 4-H project area in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: beef (bucket calf, feeder calf, market beef and breeding beef are among those listed within the beef project area), clothing, horse, foods, etc.) Exception: Youth may enroll in shooting sports projects in more than one county. Enrollment should occur by discipline (i.e., shotgun, BB gun) based on available certified instructors. Youth may not be enrolled in the same discipline in more than one county.

A member may not duplicate specific 4-H experiences by enrollment in more than one county or state in the same year. (Example: public speaking, presentation, scholarship eligibility, record books.)

4-H members may apply for county level awards, scholarships, vouchers, etc. in the unit where they are enrolled, as long as they are not applying for similar awards, scholarships, etc., in another county where they may also be a member.

Regulations not covered in the County Fair 4-H rules will be governed according to State Fair 4-H Rules.

All awards will be made on a group basis according to merit. Purple awards denote superior exhibits; blue awards denote an excellent exhibit; red, a good exhibit; white, an acceptable exhibit. Each entry number will show its own premium amounts. Purple awards will receive the blue ribbon money, that they have previously won in the class.

The Dawson County 4-H Council suggests that the judge consider awarding about P-15%; B-40%; R-40%; W-5% ribbons. However, the judge will make the final decision and it may be higher or lower.

The judge or superintendent reserves the right to change a ribbon or placing in case of an error.

Since 4-H leaders are familiar with rules and regulations in the miscellaneous 4-H exhibits, the superintendent may ask 4-H leaders to assist with the judging.

Unless otherwise stated, or excused by the Superintendent, entries start and close at the

designated time.

All exhibits are to remain on the grounds until 4:00 p.m. Saturday.

Exhibitors should not be in the barns with livestock after 11:00 p.m. Water fights could cause the withholding of premium money.

The County Extension Educator will attempt to haul 4-H static exhibits to the Nebraska State Fair providing there is room in the Extension vehicle. The 4-H'er or parent will be responsible if there is not sufficient room for the large items.

The 4-H State Fair Premium is online at <http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair>

COUNTY FAIR 4-H GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Grievances or protests related to County 4-H Policy will be handled by the 4-H Council.

1. The respective superintendent has the authority to make appropriate decisions based on rules stated in the Dawson County Premium Book.
2. All protests must be submitted in writing the date, time and signature. The written protest must be submitted before the conclusion of the county fair. All written protests should be submitted to a 4-H staff member and should include:
 - Names of persons involved
 - Nature of concerns
 - Situation description
 - Desired action
 - Persons to contact for further clarification
 - A description of any action or steps that have already been taken prior to submission of the protest.
 - A \$50 deposit will accompany the written protest, which will be forfeited if the protester does not attend the protest resolution meeting. The deposit will be returned upon completion of the process.
3. The grievance committee appointed by the 4-H Council will review the written protest and respond in a timely manner. The recommendations will be followed and communicated both verbally and in writing to the group or individual affected.
4. The protest committee appointed by the 4-H Council should consist of the department superintendent, at least one 4-H Council member, a designated Extension staff person (non-voting member) and a County Fair Ag Society member (preferably one of the Fairboard's 4-H Council representatives).
5. In cases of protest, the exhibitor may be allowed to show, but results of participation will be subject to change based on the outcome of the protest process.
6. Protests related to judge's integrity, decisions, placings or other evaluations will not be accepted.

COUNTY FAIR 4-H LIVESTOCK POLICIES

To show at County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben...

1. All 4-H & FFA members must ear tag and weigh their market beef calves by the February/March Weigh-In Date. Market Beef for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must also submit DNA samples.
2. By May 12th all 4-H members should identify their 4-H horses and return the ID sheet to the Extension Office for the Educator's signature. Additional horses may be identified until June 1.
3. All 4-H & FFA Market Lambs and Breeding Sheep must be ear tagged on June 8th at the Dawson County Fairgrounds from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Lambs for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, must also submit DNA samples.
4. 4-H leaders or 4-H/FFA members must ear notch all Market Swine by June 1st. Market hogs for State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must also submit DNA samples.
5. Feeder Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers must identify all feeder calves by June 1st of the current year. For County Fair only, if the family does not own a cow-herd, the 4-H'er/FFA may lease or purchase a feeder calf from a neighbor or Dawson County beef producer. The 4-H member and not the owner must prepare, train and groom it for the show. Feeder calves for Ak-Sar-Ben must be from the 4-H member's or their family's herd. Calves for Ak-Sar-Ben must also have DNA samples submitted.
6. All 4-H leaders or 4-H members must have identification sheets in the County Extension Office by June 1st on Breeding Beef, Cow/Calf & Feeder Calves, Market Swine, Dairy, Goats and Dairy Steer (AK). Rabbit Identifications due June 1st.
7. Individual 4-H/FFA members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 10 individual market beef calves (6 for Ak-Sar-Ben); 20 market lambs; 40 market hogs; 20 feeder calves (6 for Ak-Sar-Ben); with no limit on the number of Breeding Heifers, Horses, Dairy, Breeding Sheep, or Goats. Joint ownership in the immediate family is permitted.

GROOMING...GROOMING AT THE FAIR IS ONLY BY EXHIBITORS AND IMMEDIATE MEMBERS OF AN EXHIBITOR'S FAMILY (PARENTS, BROTHERS AND/OR SISTERS). Any

Dawson County 4-H exhibitor may help and is encouraged to do so. 4-H'ers may also request grooming assistance from beyond their immediate family if it is needed due to special family circumstances. This request must be directed to the Show Superintendent at entry time.

All grooming at County Fair will be “Blow and Go” which shall be defined as no adhesives, waxes, coloring agents, paints, natural or synthetic fibers, or any other items that would change the basic appearance of any animal. Fly sprays, banding horses’ manes and coat dressing compounds are acceptable.

No diseased livestock can be unloaded. If there are any questions, a veterinarian will be called. Swine shall originate directly from a herd not under quarantine for pseudorabies. Lamb fungus is highly transmissible. Please do not bring sheep with ringworm, lamb fungus, etc. to the fair. Lambs must be shorn to facilitate inspection. Superintendents will inspect incoming lambs and any with problems will be removed from the grounds. Any lambs identified as contagious may remain on the grounds if accompanied by a 48 hour health certificate or may return to the sheep barn if a health certificate is obtained stating they are not contagious.

Members of the 4-H livestock clubs cannot show the same animal at the County Fair if it has been previously shown at another County Fair this year.

Livestock will be entered as unloaded. 4-H livestock superintendents will check identification as livestock is entered. Bedding shall be wood chips only and will be provided. Livestock exhibitors must furnish their own feed and hay at County Fair, State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

No purple ribbons will be awarded on Market Livestock outside the suggested weights. There will be a three pound tolerance on lambs and goats; five pounds on hogs and fifteen pounds on beef. One re-weight will be allowed on those individual animals under or over the weight at 12:00 noon.

If there is any question on the show weight of the 4-H market calf, lamb, or pig, the market animal, the 4-H'er and/or 4-H parents, and a third party appointed by the superintendent may weigh the animal uptown on the Lexington Feeders Service scale. The uptown scale weight will be the official show weight.

In livestock, the Show Superintendent has the final decision on the size of classes and classification of individual animals. The suggested maximum number of cattle, hogs and sheep per class to be 15 head.

Exhibitors are not allowed to wear hats in the show ring when showing market and breeding livestock.

Exhibitors should carve their name on the inside of halters and on combs, brushes, etc. In other words, mark or paint some kind of identification on personal show equipment.

P, B, R, W, paper stickers will be available.

Substitute Showman - An animal must be shown by the owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the Division Superintendent because of serious illness or disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg). An exhibitor who has more than 1 animal in a class need not secure approval for another 4-H member to show the additional animal. The same dress code should be followed.

STATE FAIR & AK-SAR-BEN REGULATIONS

The 4-H State Fair premium is on line at <http://4h.unl.edu>

In State Fair classes where presence of the 4-H'er is required for judging purposes such as animal exhibits, judging contest, presentations, and fashion show; a 4-H member must become 11 years of age during the current year. Horse exhibitors at the State 4-H Horse Expo must become 11 years of age during the current year. Ak-Sar-Ben livestock exhibitors must turn at least 11 years of age during the current year. Ak-Sar-Ben horse exhibitors must become 13 years of age during the current year. A 4-H'er is ineligible if he/she becomes 20 or older on any date during the current year.

The County Extension Board policy is that 4-H members exhibiting livestock at shows other than State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben must look after their own entries, transportation, loading, showing, etc. The Extension Educators will be available for questions about the show, but probably will not be at the show.

State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben and other livestock show exhibitors should become familiar with the rules and entry dates for the individual shows and are responsible for their entries.

There will be a Junior 4-H Superintendent named who will be in charge of Beef, Horse, Sheep and Swine 4-H divisions at the Nebraska State Fair. These will be appointed by the County Extension Educators just before the shows.

Due to the large number of County 4-H club members attending the Nebraska State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, the parents will be responsible for the supervision and accountable for the actions of their children both day and night.

All market beef, lambs, hogs, meat goats and feeder calves showing at State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben must have submitted DNA samples by their respective identification deadlines and be tagged with 4-H/FFA EID tags. All sheep & goats, except wethers, need to be individually identified with USDA

official ID (Scrapies Tag). All breeding animals must have a completed "Breeding Nomination Card" submitted by the identification deadline. Both shows require health certificates. Beef going to the State Fair require a negative BVD-PI test.

Market hogs have a minimum weight limit at Ak-Sar-Ben and the State Fair (for regular show) of 230 pounds (with no tolerance).

State Fair has a 300 pound maximum (for regular show). Ak-Sar-Ben has a 305 pound maximum.

All 4-H Market Beef must be ear tagged for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben before the final County Beef Weigh Day. **Breeding beef must be tattooed by June 1 for State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben.** A calfhood vaccination tattoo is not considered an official identification tattoo.

Breeding Ewes at State Fair may be registered or commercial. All breeding sheep & does must have a breeding nomination card on file at the county Extension office by June 15. All ewes & does (market and breeding) must have the USDA Official ID tag in place (part of the scrapie eradication program) The scrapie's tag will serve as the 4-H identification number on the breeding nomination card. This will be the official identification for commercial ewes.

For State Fair Dog Show Obedience & Showmanship classes, 4-H'ers should enter equal to or above the class level of participation at County Fair. Dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis parvo and rabies. A Nebraska State Fair Dog Show Vaccination Record Form must be filled out, signed by a veterinarian, and returned as part of the advanced entry.

State Fair 4-H livestock entries are due via online entry no later than August 10.

Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock entries are due in the Extension Office no later than August 8th. Exhibitors in beef, dairy, goats, rabbits, poultry, sheep and swine must have completed an Extension approved food animal quality assurance training program.

For State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben, the 4-H member hauls their own livestock and show equipment or makes arrangements for other 4-H families to haul their livestock and equipment. 4-H calves going to shows outside the brand inspection area should be brand inspected or should obtain an annual show permit.

At the State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben the Educators will be available for advice, but due to the large number of county exhibits and other duties, it is the 4-H member's responsibility to be at the grounds on time, clean out stall, feed at proper time, and see that it is properly shown and sold.

LIVESTOCK SECTION 4-H

NUMBER OF ENTRIES - Exhibitors are limited to one exhibit per exhibit number unless otherwise specified. Animal limits at County Fair are as follows:

Market Beef - 3	Dairy Goats - 3
Breeding Beef - 3	Dairy Cattle - 3
Feeder Beef - 3	Horse - No class limit, must select at entry time, no more than 5 classes & showmanship for premiums
Bucket Calf - 1	Rabbit - 4
Cow/Calf - 2 pairs	Poultry - 8 entries
Swine - 4	Dog - 1 agility class entry + 2 other classes (only 1 entry in showmanship)
Market Lambs - 4	Llamas - 1
Breeding Sheep - 4	
Fiber Goats - 3	
Meat Goats - 3	
Meat Goat Breeding Does - 3	

QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

Exhibitors in beef, dairy, goats, sheep, swine, rabbits and poultry must have completed an Extension approved food animal Quality Assurance Training program and have a current certification to compete at the County Fair, the Nebraska State Fair or the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show. 4-H'ers 10 and under need to pass at least 3 online modules per year or attend an annual training. Those 11 & over may attend the training, pass the 3 online modules per year, or pass an intermediate or senior test. QA certification should be completed by June 1.

CHAMPIONS & PREMIUMS

The Dawson County 4-H Council approved a plan to select champions and award additional premiums to 4-H'ers participating in the beef, sheep, swine and meat goat areas. All the money will be raised by the booster committee and paid out by the Lexington Foundation. A completed record book must be turned in to the Extension Office by October 3 before 5:00 p.m. on each project area in order to receive the premiums.