

The following will have a champion and reserve selected. Animals must have at least received a blue to be eligible for division rosettes and champion and reserve trophies. Rosettes and trophies are sponsored by the Dawson County 4-H Livestock Premium Fund. (Livestock Boosters)

Market Beef	Market Sheep
Steer Division	Breeding Sheep
Bred & Fed Steer Division	Market Swine
Heifer Division	Barrow Division
Breeding Heifers	Gilt Division
Feeder Calf	Meat Goat
Steer Division	Meat Goat Breeding Does
Heifer Division	Rabbit
Breeding Heifer Division	Poultry
Beef, Sheep & Swine Carcass Contests	Dairy/Dairy Goat

The actual amount paid to 4-H'ers will depend on the amount of money raised by the livestock booster group.

MAXIMUM PREMIUM LEVELS

	PURPLE	BLUE	RED	WHITE
Market Beef	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Breeding Heifers	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Cow/Calf	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20
Bucket Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Feeder Calf	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Goats	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Goat Does	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Dairy Goats	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Sheep	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Breeding Ewes	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Market Swine	\$35	\$25	\$15	\$5
Showmanship	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Beef Carcass	\$100	\$80	\$60	\$40
Lamb Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3
Swine Carcass	\$15	\$10	\$5	\$3

The purpose of these enhancements is to encourage projects related to large animal agriculture and to more fully reward participants for time and expense commitments. Livestock project members will be encouraged to participate in the many educational and life skill opportunities the 4-H program offers, such as 4-H livestock and meats judging, 4-H public speaking, 4-H presentations, animal science quiz bowl, Life Challenge, etc., in addition to livestock showing.

SHOWMANSHIP

Purple \$3.00, Blue \$3.00, Red \$2.00, White \$1.00

Information relative to the basis of judging dairy showmanship is found in "Uniform Score Card for Judging, Junior Dairy Fitting and Showmanship Contests" published by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. Information on livestock showmanship contests is found in 4-H 357, "Guide for Evaluating Livestock Showmanship Contests" available from the County Extension Office.

Dark blue jeans are preferred except in horse where they are mandatory. Extremes in colors and fit are not appropriate. Belts should be worn with trousers with carriers or loops. Exhibitor wears a long or short-sleeved (no sleeveless) white shirt, or Dawson County 4-H T-shirt. No T-shirts in horse.

Showmanship animals must be same as one shown in the market or breeding class by the same 4-H'ers. An animal can only be shown in one showmanship class. 4-H'ers are not allowed to wear hats in the show ring when showing market and breeding livestock. Sign up for showmanship with the superintendent when entering your 4-H livestock.

Senior Div. – 14 years or older January 1 of current year.

Intermediate Div. – 12 & 13 years old as of January 1 of current year.

Junior Div. – Under 12 years old as of January 1 of current year.

All Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship contests will be held before the regular classes, starting with Junior, then Intermediate and Senior Showmanship in the rabbit, poultry, beef, dairy, dog, feeder calf, horse, sheep and swine.

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

Trophies will be presented in all three age divisions in Beef, Feeder Calf, Horse, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Rabbit and Dog. One trophy will be awarded in Dairy, Meat Goat and Cat.

In the Beef Showmanship Contest no bull leaders will be allowed. No boars, rams, bulls or stallions will be permitted in showmanship classes.

Members will be eligible to compete in the division in which they won first place in a previous County Fair Showmanship contest. Members will not be allowed to win the Junior, Intermediate or Senior Showmanship trophy over two times in any one species of livestock. Showmanship is open to all 4-Hers entered in that respective animal project.

	Dept	Section	Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Beef	G	10	902	903	904
Feeder Calf	G	10	905	906	907
Sheep	G	30	902	903	904
Swine	G	35	902	903	904
Dairy/Dairy Goat	G	50	902	903	904
Horse	G	960	901	902	903
Poultry	G	70	902	903	904
Rabbit	G	80	901	902	903
Cat	G	690	901	902	903
Dog	G	700	901	902	903
Meat/Fiber Goat	G	58	901	902	90

DEPARTMENT G – BEEF CATTLE

Purple \$7.00, Blue \$7.00 Red \$5.00, White \$3.00

Division 11 -- Market Beef

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Market Beef. The superintendent and assistant superintendent will weigh all calves as they are unloaded and make entries at that time. A minimum weight of 900 pounds for steers and 850 pounds for heifers with a 15 pound tolerance will be required for purple ribbons. Market beef will be shown by weight starting with the heaviest.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All Market Beef must be ear tagged and weighed by the February/March weigh days for 4-H county, state or interstate shows. Shows beyond the county level may have additional requirements. All 4-H beef calves must be inspected by the Brand Inspector at the time the 4-H'er purchases the calf whether from the Sale Barn, neighbor or parents and a brand release issued at that time. This should be done when 4-H'ers assume ownership.

In the individual Market Beef judging, the Superintendent will be responsible to see that a card is pinned on the front of the 4-H'ers T-shirt or blouse showing the average daily gain from the beginning weigh-in to the County Fair weigh-in ... which the judge and general public can see and use during the official judging.

G-11-901 Market Beef Steers.

G-11-050 Market Beef Heifers.

G-11-902 Club Group of Five Market Calves ... A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five.

Calves can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have calves in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

BRED AND FED STEERS

This class is designed to recognize the quality of animals in Dawson County on the exhibitor's own farm or ranch. Steers that are produced from the 4-H member's own herd or the herd of their immediate family are eligible. The steer's dam must have been bred and calved at the family's facilities and the steer must have stayed in the ownership of the family since its birth. Immediate family for the purpose of determination of eligibility for this class will be defined as parents or legal guardian.

Bred and fed classes will be divided by weight and at the discretion of the supervising committee. An exhibitor is still only allowed three market beef. If the animal qualifies for Bred and Fed, it may show in either that category or the traditional steer classes. Exhibitor should sign up for the "Bred & Fed" class when they check-in their steers at the County Fair.

SHARE-A-CALF

Locating suitable calves and a sizable initial investment were felt to be two reasons why more youth aren't involved in the Market Beef project. The Share-A-Calf project provides 4-H'ers with a 4-H calf at no cost until after it is sold at finished weight. In addition to competing in the regular County Fair Beef Show, participating 4-H'ers will also compete with other Share-A-Calf owners in an overall contest which is scored as follows:

	Maximum Points
Reports to sponsors (3)	15
Record Book	20
Showmanship	20
Average Daily Gain (ADG)	15
Live Placing	15
Carcass	15
TOTAL	100

A uniform set of calves are distributed by random drawing based on applications submitted by November 15. 4-H participants must care for, train, show and keep records on their Share-A-Calf project. When the market weight Share-A-Calf is sold, its beginning value as determined by the committee is returned to the 4-H Foundation. Special awards will be given in addition to regular class premiums.

Funding for the Share-A-Calf project is through donations to the Dawson County 4-H Foundation.

Market Beef Rate of Gain – Market Beef with the four highest calculated rates of gain will be recognized with special ribbons.

Market Beef & Share-A-Calf Carcass Contest

A voluntary 4-H Beef Carcass Sale and Contest will be held in cooperation with Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. of Lexington. Basically the program is as follows:

- Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. will post "in the beef" prices on Friday.
- 4-H members must indicate by 4:00 p.m. Friday, if their market calves are to be entered into the carcass contest. Cattle will be transported by stock trailer to Tyson. Carcass cattle must have been entered at the County Fair. No Breeding Beef heifers are eligible. (Dates and Times are subject to change based on Tyson's slaughter schedule.)
- On Monday, all carcasses will be evaluated and placed according to cutability or yield grade which are measures of lean muscle and quality grade where marbling, color and texture of lean are considered. Ties will be broken by rib eye area per 100 pounds of carcass. Carcasses will be placed as follows:

Purple - Grade choice or better with a Yield Grade 2.99 or better, carcasses must weigh between 700 and 949 lbs.

Blue - Grade High Select with a Yield Grade of 2.99 or Grade Choice or better with a yield grade of 3.99 or better and carcass weights of 650 to 999 lbs.

Red - High Select with a Yield Grade 3.99 or better; Choice with a Yield Grade of 4.0 to 4.99. Both with carcass weights of 540 to 999 pounds.

White - All others (Low Select, Standard, No Roll, Dark Cutters, Bullocks, Yield Grade 4 and 5, carcass weights of 539 lbs. or less or 1000 lbs. or more.

The carcasses will be ranked in descending cutability order within the ribbon groups with these adjustments: Carcasses that grade Prime and Yield grade 3.99 or better will be given a 9.24 increase in cutability for ranking purposes. Carcasses that grade Average or High Choice & Yield grade 3.99 or better will be given a 3.92 increase in cutability for ranking purposes. Carcasses that grade High Select will receive a 4.62 decrease in cutability for ranking purposes. And carcasses that grade Low Select will receive a 9.24 decrease in cutability for ranking purposes.

Times may be changed based on slaughter schedule of the cooperating packer. Be sure to have the proper brand release papers.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA based upon livestock booster dollars.

G-010-003 Beef Carcass Contest

Divisions 912 through 914 – Breeding Beef Cattle

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Breeding animals.

Junior, Intermediate then Senior Showmanship will be judged before the first class.

In 4-H Breeding Beef Classes - No heifers are eligible that are identified as Market Beef Heifers. Breeding heifers must be identified with a family tag or an ear tattoo that is recorded on Identification Form 4-H F105 by June 1.

Classify Breeding Beef similar to State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben.

Grade or Purebred will be shown in the same classes. The judge will be given the age of the breeding heifers in each class.*

The class number for the various breeding heifer breeds is as follows: (Ex. Angus heifers G-912-10 would be January & February British breeding heifers or Charolais Heifers G-913-20 would be March & April Continental Breeding Heifers).

912 British Breeds (Angus, Hereford & Shorthorns)

913 Continental Breeds (Charolais, Chianina, Gelbvieh, Limousin, Maine Anjou, Simmental)

914 Commercial/Crossbred (All other breeds and crossbreds)

G__-10 Yearling Heifers – calved January and February 2016.

G__-20 Yearling Heifers – calved March and April 2016.

G__-30 Yearling Heifers – calved May and June 2016.

G__-40 Yearling Heifers – calved July and August 2016.

G__-50 Heifers – calved September and October 2016.

G__-60 Heifers – calved November and December 2016.

Division 923 – Cow-Calf

Purple \$7.00, Blue \$7.00, Red \$5.00, White \$3.00

Each member may exhibit **TWO** cow-calf pairs. Cows from a Cow-Calf pair must be identified by June 1st on a Dawson County Cow/Calf I.D. sheet. Cow should carry same eartag or tattoo used in her previous project. Calf to be identified on same Cow/Calf I.D. by June 1 or as soon as calf is born. Calf must have a recorded eartag (use official 4-H eartag if to be shown at Ak-Sar-Ben).

Cow must have been exhibited as a bucket calf, feeder calf, calf from a cow-calf pair, or breeding heifer at a past county fair. Calf may be a heifer, steer or bull. Must have been exhibited by the same 4-H'er or family and owned by the same. Both cow and calf shall remain on the grounds from check-in until released Saturday. They will be penned in available pens or with club exhibit.

Both cow and calf will be shown at halter by the 4-H'er and a 4-H helper at the conclusion of the breeding beef show. Neither animal is eligible for showmanship. Cow and Calf will not require any clipping. **They should be cleaned and brushed, but no clipping.**

A calf identified as part of a cow-calf pair cannot show in the feeder calf show at County Fair. An effort will be made to display the age of the cow and calf; and if time allows, the pairs will be weighed and the weight pinned on each animal's exhibitor. If the class needs to be split because of numbers, first-calf heifers may be shown separately.

G-923-001 Cow-Calf Pair

Division 924 – Feeder Calf

Purple \$5.00, Blue \$5.00, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each member may exhibit **THREE** Feeder Calves.

Feeder Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers must identify all feeder calves by June 1st of the current year. If the family does not own a cow-herd, the 4-H'er 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 may not be purchased or leased.

4-H'ers can identify no more than 20 head (only 6 for Ak-Sar-Ben). **4-H'ers may not carry both feeder calf & bucket calf projects during the same year.**

Calves must be born between January 1-June 1 (identification deadline) of this year.

Calves must be tagged with a 4-H eartag by June 1 and their birthdate, breed, sex, etc. recorded on identification form 4-H F110.

Feeder Calves must be entered by 10:30 a.m. on Thursday. The calves will be released immediately following the show. There will be no stalls assigned to the calves. This project is excellent for the younger 4-H members starting the 4-H beef project as well as other members. Sex and shoulder height divisions will be made by the Superintendent. All Feeder Calves should be dehorned and castrated...if not, they will be lowered one ribbon placing. The judge will be given the age in each class.

10-924-001 Steer Calf

10-924-002 Heifer Calf

10-924-004 Breeding Heifer Calf

10-924-003 Club Group of Five Feeder Calves...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five.

Calves can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have calves in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

Division 925 - Bucket Calf

Purple \$5.00, Blue \$5.00, red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each member may exhibit ONE Bucket Calf. These 4-H'ers will not show in another separate showmanship class as showmanship is a part of the bucket calf class scoring.

Bucket Calf Ownership: 4-H'ers 8 to 12 years of age must own and identify their bucket calf by June 1st of the current year. Any numbered eartag may be used and should be recorded in the 4-H'ers record book by June 1st. Calves should be born between January 1 & June 1 of the current year and may be of either sex. Early castration of bull calves is recommended. This is not a feeder calf but an orphan or newborn calf fed on a bucket or bottle. **4-H'ers may not carry both feeder calf & bucket calf projects during the same year.**

Bucket calves should be entered along with their record sheet and diary at the southeast corner of the Stevens Arena by 10:30 a.m., Thursday. A short interview will take place at that time. Bucket Calves will be shown at 12:30 p.m. Bucket calves are released immediately following the show.

Calves recommended to be shown in a rope halter. They should be cleaned and brushed. No fitting or clipping. No show sticks. The quality of the calf shall not figure in the judging, rather the emphasis will be on knowledge and skills gained. The Bucket Calf Diary & Record Sheet will be evaluated, the interview scored, and showmanship and thriftiness ranked by the judge. A Bucket Calf Scorecard is available at the Extension Office.

G-925-001 Bucket Calf

Clover Kid Bucket Calf Project - This non-competitive project has been designed for Clover Kid 4-H'ers (5-7 years of age as of January 1). The purpose of this project is to give Clover Kid 4-H'ers experience in caring and showing a bucket calf. Between January 1 and June 1, an orphan or newborn calf less than 2 weeks old and of either sex should be selected to be fed by bucket or bottle by the 4-Her. The calf may be dairy, beef, or a cross. 4-H'ers must own their bucket calf. No official 4-H tag or ID sheet is required. Any numbered eartag may be used. Calves will be shown in a rope halter. The calf should be cleaned and brushed. No fitting, clipping or show sticks. 4-H'ers will receive a Clover Kid participation ribbon and \$2.00 premium. See page 82.

DEPARTMENT G – SHEEP

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **FOUR** breeding animals and **FOUR** market lambs.

All 4-H Market Lambs must be ear tagged at the Ear Tag and Weigh Day June 8th. Individual 4-H members can ear tag and identify up to a maximum of 20 Market Lambs for county, state and Ak-Sar-Ben. Breeding Sheep must also be identified at this time.

Junior, Intermediate then Senior sheep showmanship will be judged before the first class.

The suggested weight in market classes shall be a minimum of 90 pounds with no maximum and a 3 pound tolerance. No purple ribbons will be awarded on lambs under this weight.

If there are any questions on classifying sheep according to breed in the different breeding classes, the Extension Educator will appoint two purebred sheep breeders to decide on the classification.

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.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All 4-H Market Lambs will be shown according to weight, regardless of breed, crossbred, or sex. No bucks can be shown in Market Lamb classes.

All sheep being exhibited, except wethers, also need to be individually identified with USDA official I.D. (scrapie tag)

Division 31 – Market Sheep

G-31-901 Market Lambs

G-31-902 Club Group of Five Market Lambs...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five. Lambs can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have lambs in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club Group of Five.

4-H Market Lamb Percent Muscle Contest

a) The percent muscle will be evaluated using ultrasonic equipment on the live market lamb on Saturday morning of fair.

b) The lambs will be measured for backfat and loin eye area. Hot carcass weight will be calculated using live weight times a predetermined dressing percentage.

c) You may enter all of your market lambs in the Percent Muscle Contest. Farm Credit Services of America, Kearney Branch will pay the entry fee.

d) Lambs weighing less than 87# are not eligible for purple or blue carcass ribbons.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA

G-030-905 Lamb Percent Muscle Contest

Division 32 -- Breeding Sheep

	<u>Div. 32</u>	<u>Div. 932</u>	<u>Div. 32</u>	<u>Div. 932</u>
	Ewe	Ram	Yrlg.	Yrlg.
	Lamb	Lamb	Ewe	Ram
	(born after 1-1-2016)		(born in 2015)	

Class:

Hampshire	100	100	90	90
Suffolk	120	120	110	110
Other Meat Breeds	901	901	902	902
& Crossbreds (Shropshires, Southdown, Dorset, Cheviot)				
Other Wool Breeds	903	903	904	904
& Crossbreds (Rambouillet, Merino, Columbia, Corriedale, Polypay, Targhee, Romney, Lincoln, Finnsheep)				

Division 30 – 4-H Sheep Lead Contest

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

The aim of the Sheep Lead Class is to present a stylish and becoming picture and to lend an air of elegance and prestige. In addition, it will bring out the value of wool in sheep production and its value in clothing apparel.

a) Contestants must be 4-H sheep exhibitors at the Dawson County Fair in which case they may buy or make their wool outfit; or contestants need not be a sheep exhibitor but may borrow a sheep to lead from an exhibitor in which case the outfit must be handmade by the exhibitor.

b) Contestants outfit must be at least 60% wool.

c) Sheep must lead by a halter.

d) If you are planning on entering this event a commentary sheet (available at the extension office) must be turned in by July 6th. It should include enough information to last 1-2 minutes while the sheep is shown. It should include: name of sheep owner and breeder; name of contestant; age, hometown and parents; description of the outfit; interests and activities of the contestant, etc.

e) Judging of the Lead Class will be as follows: Judging of the Sheep (general appearance, fitting of the sheep, leading ability) - 35 pts; Judging of the Contestants (general appearance selection of outfit, fit of clothes, fashion consciousness) - 35 pts; Judging the Overall Picture (function of ewe and contestant, control of sheep; overall effect - 30 pts.

G-30-910 Sheep Lead Class

DEPARTMENT G – SWINE

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **FOUR** hogs. Market hogs may be either barrows or gilts.

All Market Hogs must be identified under supervision of the 4-H leader by June 1st. All 4-H Market Hogs should be ear notched in both ears using the universal earmatch system and identified for county, Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair on 4-H F-107. Shows beyond the county fair may have additional requirements. All 4-H Swine exhibitors must be Quality Assurance certified.

Individual 4-H club members can identify up to a maximum of 40 Market Hogs for county, state fair and Ak-Sar-Ben. There will be no breeding show for gilts or boars at the County Fair.

The suggested weights in market classes shall be 235 pound minimum with a 5 pound tolerance. No purple ribbons will be awarded on pigs under this weight. The weight classes in which the market hogs are placed will be determined by the Superintendent according to weight and numbers.

There will be one scale with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent as weigh masters. There will be one person to record weight tickets.

Junior, Intermediate, and the Senior Showmanship will be judged before the first class.

Wash pig in wash rack...do not wash pigs in pens. No oil, color, powder, can be used on pigs...only water before they enter the show ring.

Grooming rules for the lives show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

Hog barn will be locked from 11:00 p.m. till 6:00 a.m.

All Market Hogs will be shown according to weight and sex.

Division 35 – Market Swine

G-035-010 Gilt

G-035-020 Barrow

G-35-905 Club Group of Five Market Hogs...A 4-H Club may have 1 or 2 Club Groups of Five. Hogs can be of either sex but within each group must be from 3 different owners. If a Club has 2 groups, no owner can have hogs in both groups. One 4-H herdsman per Club group of Five.

The Dawson County Spare Rib Club and **Rick Benjamin** have worked out a 4-H Market Swine Percent Muscle Contest:

a) The Percent Muscle will be evaluated using ultrasonic equipment on the live market hogs.

b) The hogs will be measured for backfat and loin eye area. Hot carcass weight will be calculated using live weight times 73% Dressing Percentage. No hogs weighing less than 230 pounds live are eligible for blue or purple carcass awards. The State Fair rules will be used as a guideline for ribbons and rankings.

c) You may enter all of your hogs in the Percent Muscle Contest. Farm Credit Services of America, Kearney Branch will pay the entry fee.

d) An effort will be made to market the pigs as a group. If not possible, 4-H'ers will be responsible for marketing their own animal. The County Fair will no longer be a terminal swine show. Swine may be shown at other 4-H shows. All 4-H swine exhibitors must be certified in Pork Quality Assurance or their 4-H Quality Assurance Certificate must be current to sell. A premises ID is required to sell.

e) Hogs will be signed up for an ultrasound Percent Muscle Contest as they are checked in.

Purple, Blue, Red, White - Premiums TBA

G-035-003 Swine Percent Muscle Contest

DEPARTMENT G – DAIRY

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **THREE** dairy cattle. Each animal shown must have been enrolled and carried in a 4-H Dairy project, and properly identified on 4-H F108 by the 4-H leader by June 1st. Showmanship will be judged before the first class. Holsteins, Guernseys, Brown Swiss and other breeds will be shown in the following classes.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

Classify dairy cattle similar to State Fair. Grade and Purebred will be shown in the same class.

Division 41 – Ayshires

Division 42 – Brown Swiss

Division 43 – Guernseys

Division 44 – Holsteins

Division 45 – Jersey

Division 46 – Milking Shorthorn

Division 47 – Crossbred

G-__- 10 Junior calves	3/1/17-4/30/17
G-__- 20 Intermediate calves	12/1/16-2/28/17
G-__- 30 Senior calves	9/1/16-11/30/16
G-__- 40 Summer Yearlings	6/1/16-8/31/16
G-__- 50 Spring Yearlings	3/1/16-5/31/16
G-__- 60 Winter Yearlings	12/1/15-2/28/16
G-__- 70 Fall Yearlings	9/1/15-11/30/15
G-__- 80 Dry Cow	Any Age
G-__- 90 2 Year Old	9/1/14-8/31/15 (must have freshened)
G-__-100 3 Year Old	9/1/13-8/31/14
G-__-110 4 Year Old	9/1/12-8/31/13
G-__-120 5 plus Year Old	Prior to 9/1/12

Animals born after 8/31/15 that have calved must be shown as two-year olds in Class 90.

DEPARTMENT G – GOATS

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

Each 4-H member may exhibit **THREE** dairy goats and **THREE** meat goats and **THREE** fiber goats.

Meat Goats & Fiber Goats must be eartagged with a 4-H tag and recorded 4-H F111 (market) or a Breed Doe at the June 8th weigh day. Dairy Goats should be identified on 4-H F109 by June 1.

Goats will be shown either with a smooth neck chain or neck collar.

Showmanship for meat goats and fiber goats will be conducted prior to the first class.

Grooming rules for the live show are the same as found in the Showmanship Section.

All goats being exhibited, except wethers, also need to be individually identified with USDA official I.D. (scrapie tag)

Division 957 – Dairy Goats

- G-957-1 Under 5 months doe
- G-957-2 5 months to 8 months doe
- G-957-3 8 months to 1 year doe
- G-957-4 1-2 Years non-milking doe
- G-957-5 Under 2 years milking doe
- G-957-6 2 and 3 yrs. milking doe
- G-957-7 4 years & over, milking doe

Division 58 – Meat Goats

All goats should have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable & preferred. No intact males may be shown.

Goats must be under 1 year of age.

Goats under 50 pounds are not eligible for purple ribbons or purple or blue carcass ribbons. No intact males may be shown.

G-58-10 Market Goat

Division 59 – Meat Goat Breeding Does

G-059-030 Registered and Commercial Breeding Does (Does born 9/1/2015 to 8/31/2016). Does born prior to 9/1/2015 are ineligible to show.

G-059-040 - Registered and Commercial Doe Kids (Does Born 9/1/2016 to 6/1/2017)

Division 959 – Goats for Fiber

G-959-001 Goats for Fiber Production (angora goats & cashmere goats).

HERDSMANSHIP

Purple \$6.00, Blue \$6.00, Red \$4.00, White \$2.00

Each club will compete for herdsmanship. The Superintendent will select judges but only one 4-H leader or parent to be used from one club during the entire fair. One 4-H member 16 years of age or older may be asked to work with the committee of two adults judging in Herdsmanship. Consideration will be given to the general appearance, sanitation, neatness, and club's name above exhibits.

All new club signs must be 1/2" x 12" x 6'. No crepe paper decorations will be allowed. The top club in beef, sheep, swine and dairy will have their club name engraved on the Herdsmanship Plaque.

4-H leaders and parents cannot help on Herdsmanship after the first day. A club must have at least three exhibitors in a species to compete for a plaque, but are eligible for ribbons. The following point system will be used: Cleanliness of alleys and stalls 50%; (no feed boxes or water pails left after feeding hours for beef or dairy except self-feeders and stationary water buckets and feeders.) Water and feed okay if in front of sheep and hogs. Dust settled by light sprinkling of water. Arrangement of exhibit 20% (feed, straw and show equipment). Cleanliness and appearance of animals, 10%; (beef and dairy tied securely with 18-20 inches of lead). Neatness and completeness of stall and award card 10%; courtesy and conduct of exhibitors and presence of one exhibitor during rush hours 10%. Final herdsmanhip will be checked after final clean-up.

G-10-001 Beef G-35-001 Swine G-30-001 Sheep G-58-001 Goats

DEPARTMENT G – RIDING HORSE

Purple \$4.50, Blue \$4.50, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

There will be no limit on the number of Dawson County 4-H horses identified. Each exhibitor may enter as many horse classes as they wish, however, they must select at entry time which five classes, plus showmanship they wish to be paid a premium on.

In joint ownership, a single horse may be entered in a class or event only once.

Horses must be entered by one class before the class in which you are participating. Horses will be released immediately following their showing. Participants must wear white shirts or blouses with convertible collars and blue jeans.

A 4-H member exhibiting a Light Horse project may own the horse themselves, use a family-owned horse, use a horse owned by someone else, or share a horse with other family members. Every horse project must be cared for by the 4-H member at least 75% of the time in single ownership. A horse carried as a project by more than one 4-H member must be cared for by each 4-H'er on an equal basis during the project year (120 days). Care includes: feeding, grooming, exercising, training, stall management and use of horse.

Each club member must identify his horse(s) on Form 2-97-77.

BOTH copies of the I.D. sheet must be in the Extension Office by May 12 for Extension Educator's signature. Classes and events will be conducted according to 4-H 373 (Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide). No stallions can be shown.

Division 961 – English Performance Classes

All classes based on ages of exhibitors: Senior Division - 14 years old or older as of January 1 of current year. Intermediate Division - 12 and 13 years old as of January 1 of current year. Junior Division - Under 12 years of age as of January 1 of current year.

- G-961-1 Hunter Over Fences (At least Level 2. All ages) fences set to skill level (not offered in 2017)
- G-961-2 Equitation Over Fences (At least Level 2. All ages) fences set to skill level (not offered in 2017)
- G-961-4 Hunter Hack (At least Level 2. All ages)
- G-961-5 English Pleasure (all ages)
- G-961-6 English Equitation (all ages)

Division 962 - 969 Western Performance Classes

35-968-1 2 & 3 yr. old Snaffle Bit Western Pleasure (all ages, at least Level 2 required, horses not eligible for western pleasure, 4-H'ers to do majority of training, snaffle bit or bosal permitted)

Dept.	Section	Jr.	Intermed.	Sr.
G	962	1	2	3.....Western Pleasure
G	963	1	2	3.....Western Horsemanship
G	969	1	2	3.....Trail
G	964	1	2	3.....Reining
G	966	1	2	3.....Barrel Race
G	965	1	2	3.....Pole Bending

G-962-0 Walk Trot Pleasure (all ages)*

G-963-0 Walk Trot Horsemanship (all ages)*

*Level 1 or below, 4-H'ers not eligible for other pleasure or horsemanship/equitation classes.

G-967-1 Break-Away Roping (Level 2. Any age) 1 calf, 1 rope and 2 loops. (Roping classes not offered in 2017.)

G-967-2 Heading (Level 2. All ages)

G-967-3 Heeling (Level 2. All ages)

G-967-4 Working Ranch Horse (Level 2. All ages)

For 4-H's safety reasons...if a mare is showing,
the foal must remain at the trailer at all times.

Pre 4-H Lead Line - Class no longer offered due } (Cattle classes not offered in 2017.)
to revision in State 4-H Policy.

DEPARTMENT G – DOG

Purple \$4.00, Blue \$4.00, Red \$3.00, White \$2.00

An exhibitor may enter **ONE** agility class entry plus **TWO** other classes (only 1 entry in Showmanship). The exhibitor may select the obedience class best suited for his dog, except dogs with the AKC "Champion Dog" degree may not compete in the beginning Novice and Novice Obedience Class. Those with "CDX" or "UD" degree must be shown in the Open Obedience Class.

Dogs receiving two purple ribbons in an Obedience class at a previous county or state fair must advance to the next Obedience Class. After an additional transition year where they may work in the new level but compete in the old level. There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility Class.

All dogs must be immunized for Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvo, and Rabies. Vaccination must be verified with a signature on the entry card.

Females in season WILL NOT be permitted to show in showmanship. They may show in obedience classes but only after all other dogs have shown. Females in season must be kept off the grounds until after conclusion of the regular showmanship and obedience classes.

Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.

Division 701 – Obedience Class

Beginning Novice – All exercises must be performed on a 6-foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; come on recall; stand for examination; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes. The leash may lay on the floor in front of the dog or be held by the handler.

Advancement in Obedience Classes – Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420. A youth will move up to a 'transition year' after they receive 2 purples in a specific class at county or state level competition. Youth will finish their 4-H year at the same level if the second purple ribbon occurs in the middle of their 4-H year. Youth do not have to move up in the middle of a 4-H year. Youth will then have the option to stay in their current class for one additional year (after receiving 2 purple ribbons) called the 'transition year'. During the transition year, youth will practice the more advanced class (gaining skills such as off leash work) but may compete in their same level. Youth may advance up to the next level more quickly with advice/assistance from a leader and parent to help evaluate skill and readiness of youth and dog. This may especially occur if the youth has had previous dog handling experiences.

G-701-10 Division A - Both handler and dog are in their first year of county, state, or any other dog experience. Dogs being shown may not have completed an AKC "leg" toward a "CD" degree. For example, an exhibitor or dog in their second year of county competition is not eligible for Division A.

G-701-20 Division B - Exhibitor or dog is beyond first year of competition.

G-701-30 Novice - Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; heel free; stand for examination off leash, come on recall off leash, long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.

G-701-40 Graduate Novice - Dogs must heel on leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; stand for examination off leash; long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes, both with handler out of sight.

G-701-50 Open - All exercises off leash. Heel free & figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; board jump; long sit for 3 minutes and long down for 5 minutes, both with handler out of sight.

G-701-60 Utility - The dog will perform five exercises: the signal exercise "40 points," the scent discrimination exercise with leather "30", and metal "30" objects, the direct retrieve "30", directed jumping "40" and the group stand for examination "30". A perfect exercise is worth "200" points.
– Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

Division 992 – Agility

G-992-1 Beginners Class

The obstacle course shall be comprised of ten (10) obstacles set in a simple horse shoe or simple "S" design, including an A-Frame (apex at 4'6"), Pause box with dogs to remain in either sitting or down position for 5 seconds, Pipe Tunnel, Collapsed Tunnel, Hurdles (wings, if any, should be no more than 18" in width), Broad Jump and Weave Poles. The standard course time shall be 60 seconds. Penalties will be assessed for pulling or jerking by the leash, handler jumping obstacles, touching dog to help him, or handler touching an obstacle to provide encouragement. Dog and handler will be dismissed from the ring for being harsh or showing anger, dog "accidents", and dog aggression.

DEPARTMENT G – POULTRY

Purple \$2.00, Blue \$2.00, Red \$1.50, White \$1.00

Each 4-H member is limited to exhibiting **EIGHT** entries. (Egg production birds are considered one entry)

All 4-H Poultry will be exhibited in Stevens Arena. Birds showing any symptoms of disease will be removed from the show.

BREEDS – to be eligible for breed exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breed listed in the American Standard of Perfection.

MINIMUM WEIGHTS – the minimum weights for exhibition birds will be stated in the American Standard of Perfection and the Bantam Standard.

A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females.

Trio Pen of egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.

RULES FOR BANTAM & OTHER POULTRY – The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl and turkeys where applicable.

Entries must be 4-H project birds...all poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H member's project.

In poultry showmanship, all participants have the option of giving an oral poultry showmanship presentation. Information and assistance on preparing these presentations is available from the Extension Office. (4-H 191 and Poultry Showmanship videotape). Showmanship presentations should be less than 4 minutes each.

Poultry will be judged at a show table in classes broken by breed classes (i.e. all American Breeds would show at one time regardless of sex or age) Bantams will be broken according to type. Ducks, geese and turkeys would probably be judged in the cages due to their size at the discretion of the judge.

Appropriate ribbons will be awarded to exhibitors of the Grand Champion and the Reserve Champion Fowls in Overall Large Fowl, Large Fowl Classes (American, Asiatic, English, Mediterranean, continental and All Other Standard Breeds), Overall Bantam, Bantam Classes (Game, Single Comb Clean Legged, Rose Comb Clean Legged, All Other Combs Clean Legged, and Feather Legged), and Best of Show.

Division 70, POULTRY BREED ENTRY

Large Fowl

G-070-002 - American (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)

G-070-003 - Asiatic (Cochin, Brahamas, Langshan)

G-070-004 - English (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorkings)

G-070-005 - Mediterranean (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)

G-070-006 - Continental (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)

G-070-007 - All other Breeds (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameracanas)

Bantam

G-070-008 - Game Bantam (Modern and Old English)

G-070-009 - Single Comb Clean Legged (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire)

G-070-010 - Rose Comb Clean Legged (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Leghorn, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)

G-070-011 - All Other Comb Clean Legged (Polish, Cornish, Houdan)

G-070-012 - Feather Legged Class (Silkie, Cochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)

Ducks

G-070-013 - Heavy (Pekin, Rouen, Muscovy)

G-070-014 - Medium (Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga)

G-070-015 - Light (Runner, Khaki, Campbell)

G-070-016 - Bantam Ducks (Call, Mallard, East Indie)