



## 4-H Family Newsletter

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# State Fair Newsletter

Official State Fair Dates: August 25 through September 4

4-H'ers planning to exhibit a live animal or participate in an in-person contest at the Nebraska State Fair must register in ShoWorks by August 10 at 5:00 pm. This includes youth participating in any of the following shows or contests:

- Beef
- Sheep
- Swine
- Meat goats
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Dog
- Dairy Judging Contest
- Dog Skillathon
- Livestock Premier Exhibitor
- Presentations Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- Fashion Show
- Culinary Challenge Contest
- Insect ID Contest
- Tree ID Contest
- Horticulture ID Contest
- Weed & Grass ID Contest



Registration for the events to the left must be completed by the family and must be paid for using a credit card. There are no other options for payment. For help entering, review the 4-H/FFA Registration Instructions on page two through four of this newsletter.

*To register*, go to <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa> and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the red button “Click to Start 4-H and FFA Online Registration”.

For more information about exhibiting in 4-H at the State Fair, please visit the State Fair 4-H Exhibitor page at <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa>

# Step-by-Step Registration Instructions

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If you have questions about State Fair rules or the registration process related to departments, divisions, classes, required ID numbers, affidavits, or paperwork, please contact your FFA Advisor or 4-H County Extension Office.

If you have lost your password, please click the “Forgot your password?” link on the login screen. The system will send a message containing your password to the e-mail address you previously provided. If you have other technical difficulties with the online registration, please e-mail the technical support team: [ne.showorks@gmail.com](mailto:ne.showorks@gmail.com).

To begin, click on the Start Registration button at <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa>

## Step 1. Register

Click on **Sign In** at top right. Choose a login type:

To register one exhibitor, choose **Exhibitor**.

To register multiple exhibitors, choose **Quick Group**.

*Families are registering exhibitors themselves and paying registration fees directly to the fair by credit card. 4-H Leaders, County Extension staff, and FFA Advisors should NOT be registering livestock on behalf of exhibitors.*

**Quick Group users only:** Quick Groups are useful for families with multiple exhibitors. Quick Groups may also be preferable for FFA Advisors who wish to register static exhibits on behalf of their students and pay for them as a group.

To create a Quick Group, enter a username and password for your group. Write them down so that you can log in again later to add exhibitors or entries or to view your registration history. You may choose a **Default Club**. The default club will automatically appear for each exhibitor and entry on later screens. Please note that as you add exhibitors and entries, you may need to change from the default club if registering both FFA and 4-H exhibits.

*Do not be confused by the word “club.” The list of clubs includes both 4-H County programs and FFA Chapters. If you are showing in both 4-H and FFA competitions, choose whichever is appropriate for each entry on later screens.*

Now proceed with the instructions below for each exhibitor in your Quick Group. In the future, you may enter the site again with either your Quick Group name and password or the login information for any individual exhibitor in your group.

**All users:** On the Login screen, *before entering your name*, begin by entering your family’s UXID. This five-digit number allows the system to retrieve ID information that you already submitted during the nomination process.

Click on **What is UXID?** And then **Find my UXID**.

Select **Your County** from the drop-down list. Give the system a couple seconds to retrieve a list of exhibitors from your county. Find your name in the list and click on it.

Now your name and UXID will appear on the Login screen. If your name is misspelled, you may correct it. Now select whether you are a new exhibitor this year. Please note that we do not retain personal information or logins from last year’s fair.

New exhibitors should choose a password and complete all fields. Please remember your password in order to register more exhibits later or to verify your registration. Previously registered exhibitors, enter your password. If you have forgotten your password, click the “Forgot your password?” link. Please note that the system may not save your login name and password until you complete the registration process.

**4-H exhibitors:** In the 4-H County box, enter the name of your 4-H County. In rare cases, this may be different from the county you live in. If you are not also showing FFA exhibits, then leave the FFA Chapter box blank.

**Siblings:** If you have siblings showing livestock at the fair, please list their names. This will help our staff assign stalling and keep family members close together.

**All exhibitors:** Indicate whether you are showing 4-H, FFA, or both. This information will help us make sure your registration is processed correctly.

**Swine exhibitors:** Enter your PQA number here to save you from entering the number for each swine exhibit.

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## Step 2. Entries

Choose a **Department** for your first entry. Choose a 4-H Department name for each 4-H entry and a FFA Department name for each FFA entry.

Then choose a **Division** for the entry. It may be helpful to consult these resources when choosing Divisions:

4-H State Fair Resources: <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair>

FFA State Fair Handbook: <http://www.neaged.org/fair-updates.html>

**Remember:** All livestock entries must have DNA on file. You should have submitted DNA and identification paperwork for all market beef entries by April 15 and all swine, sheep, goat, and breeding beef entries by June 15.

Click on **Get Animal Info** to see all the animals that have DNA on file for the department you selected. Click on **Select** to select an animal to enter. ID information for that entry will auto-fill in the text boxes. This information cannot be changed. Note that some data may not be relevant for every entry. In those cases, a 0 or NDA will appear in some text boxes. This is OK.

*If you see animals listed as Unvalidated, or if you believe the list is missing animals, please contact your local Extension Office or FFA Advisor. Entries can only be made from animals that were nominated by exhibitors and validated by 4-H or FFA.*

Then choose a **Class** and complete other required boxes. (In Divisions that are determined by weight, you may not need to select a Class.)

You must select a **Club** for each entry. All 4-H Counties and FFA Chapters appear in the list. Choose a 4-H County for each 4-H entry, and choose a FFA Chapter name for each FFA entry.

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**Stall with:** Indicate whether this exhibit should be stalled with your 4-H or FFA exhibits. We will make every effort to stall all of your animals closely together.

**Cow-calf pairs:** Check the box if this exhibit is a cow-calf pair. That way we will have adequate stalling space assigned.

Click the **Add Entry to Cart** button.

You may now add another entry:

**Add different entry** is for adding another entry in a different Department.

**Add similar entry** is an easy way to add another exhibit in the same Department.

Repeat the steps above for each entry. Note that you may add many types of entries, including a combination of both 4-H and FFA entries, without logging off. You will pay for all entries in one payment. Remember that if you are using the Quick Groups option, you may need to change from the default club as you add entries.

Once all entries have been completed, click **Continue**.

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## Step 3. Items

Now enter the additional items you wish to order:

**Daily Gate Pass:** Enter the number of daily fair admission passes you wish to purchase for family members. These are in addition to the free Fair Admission Badge that all livestock exhibitors will receive. (Please note that exhibitors of 4-H dogs and companion animals and exhibitors of other non-livestock items will NOT receive free badges unless they are also showing livestock.)

**Fair Admission Badge:** Enter the number of fair admission badges you wish to purchase for family members. These are good for the duration of the fair. These are in addition to the free Fair Admission Badge that all livestock exhibitors will receive.

**Livestock Lot Parking Sticker:** The vehicle sticker provides access to convenient parking for livestock exhibitors. Stickers for trailers are not necessary, only for vehicles.

## Step 4. Review

Review your entries and additional items for accuracy. Before checking out, you may add more entries or save this cart and log in to add more entries later. Note that your cart and login information are not saved until you click **Save This Cart**. Your exhibits are not registered until you click **Check-out** and complete the payment process

**Quick Group users:** You may now click the button **Add Entries for a different Exhibitor**. This will take you back to Step 1 in order to create a new exhibitor within your Quick Group. Once you are done entering all group members, you can click **Check-out** and pay for them all at once. Remember that if you are using the Quick Groups option, you may need to change from the default club as you add entries.

## Step 5. Pay

Choose a payment method. Only Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

Enter your credit card information. Click **Continue** and complete the confirmation page.

## Step 6. Confirm

Type "Yes" in the red dashed box to indicate that you agree with 4-H, FFA, and Nebraska State Fair rules and regulations. See the links below for this information. Click **Submit**.

4-H State Fair Resources: <http://4h.unl.edu/nebraskastatefair>

FFA State Fair Handbook: <http://www.neaged.org/fair-updates.html>

Nebraska State Fair Rules: <http://www.statefair.org/p/getinvolved/4h-ffa>

Review your summary of entries and additional items. You may print and request an e-mail of the receipt. If everything is correct, click **Finish**.

You may review your previous transactions and view your profile by clicking on your name in the top right corner of the page.

Congratulations! You are registered for the 2017 Nebraska State Fair.

# Ticket Information

Reduced-price Family Ticket Order Due:  
Friday, August 4

Call the Extension Office at 402-370-4040 to  
order the \$5.00 reduced-price tickets.

Order is not complete until payment is received  
before noon on August 4.

4-H members participating in events receive a  
ticket. See below for specific information:

4-H livestock exhibitors (Beef, Sheep, Swine,  
Rabbit, Poultry, Meat Goat, Dairy) will receive one  
(1) State Fair Exhibitor Pin (exhibitor badge). This  
State Fair Exhibitor Pin is your pass to the fair for  
all 11 days. Families wishing to purchase additional  
State Fair Exhibitor Pins may do so at \$25.00 each.  
If the State Fair Exhibitor Pin is lost or stolen, a  
new State Fair Exhibitor Pin must be purchased for  
\$25.00. No exceptions. It is also recommended that  
the purchase of additional State Fair Exhibitor Pins  
be included in pre-registration through ShoWorks.

4-H static exhibitors may purchase reduced price  
Nebraska State Fair admission tickets or a State Fair  
Exhibitor Pin.

4-Hers who participate in the fashion show, dog  
show, presentations, events, and contests at the  
Nebraska State Fair will receive one (1) single-day  
admission ticket for each day in which they  
participate.

4-H judges and volunteers will receive one (1)  
single-day admission ticket for each day of the fair  
in which they assist with a show.

General parking on the fairgrounds is still FREE  
this year for your vehicle.

**Adult Daily Gate Ticket (13 years & older)-\$12**  
Admits (1) one adult, for (1) one day, and is  
available for purchase from August 25-September 4.

**Five Dollar Days (13 years & older)**  
On Monday, August 28, and Wednesday, August  
30, adult gate admission will be \$5. The \$5 adult  
gate admission admits (1) one adult, who is 13  
years or older, for (1) day. This ticket may only be  
purchased at the gate, on \$5 discount day.

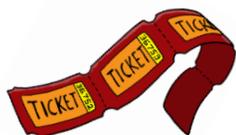
**Two Dollar Tuesday**  
On Tuesday, August 29, adult and child gate  
admission will be \$2. The \$2 gate admission admits  
(1) one adult, or (1) one child, for (1) one day. This  
ticket may only be purchased at the gate, on  
Tuesday, August 29.

**Three Dollar Thursday**  
On Thursday, August 31, adult and child gate  
admission will be \$3. The \$3 gate admission admits  
(1) one adult, or (1) one child, for (1) one day. This  
ticket may only be purchased at the gate, on  
Thursday, August 31.

**Season Pass Gate Admission -\$55**  
The Season Admission Pass is valid from August 25  
through September 4, 2017. The Season Admission  
Pass is one ticket which will allow (1) one person  
(1) one entry for all (11) eleven days of the Fair.

**Child Gate Admission-\$3**  
The Advance Child Gate Admission admits (1) one  
child, 6-12 years of age, for (1) one day. Do not  
purchase advance tickets if you are attending the  
Fair on August 29. Reduced price child tickets will  
be available AT THE GATE on August 29.

**Child Daily Gate Ticket (5 years & under)-FREE**  
Children, 5 years & younger, are admitted for free  
with a paid adult during the eleven (11) days.



## Preparing State Fair Exhibits

State Fair Exhibits can be turned into the Extension Office beginning on Monday, August 14. If this presents a problem, please call Lee and make special arrangements prior to August 14.

Please bring your static exhibits to the Extension Office by Monday, August 21. The Extension Office will be open for your convenience on August 21 until 6:30 p.m.

Food and gardening exhibits are accepted until Tuesday, August 22 at noon.

Please follow directions when preparing your exhibits. When you picked up your premiums, you should have received a special instruction sheet for each project that was selected for State Fair. Any changes the judge suggested or you would like to make can be done before bringing the item to the Extension Office. Also, double-check you have all the necessary supporting information since there is not an interview judging process.

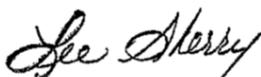
Remove entry tags and ribbons from the County Fair. Label each item with your name and county in an inconspicuous area.

When packaging your items for transportation, please provide your own bubble wrap. Keep the item accessible. Entry tags must be attached at the office before being transported to Grand Island.

Farmer's Pride has graciously volunteered to haul large exhibits to Grand Island.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee or Kristen at 402-370-4040.

After the State Fair, items will be available at the Extension Office in the afternoon on Wednesday, September 6.



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## 2017 AKSARBEN Stock Show Online Entry



The 2017 AKSARBEN Entry process will be an online entry process. The entry process opens Monday, July 24. Entries will be accepted through August 31 at the published entry fee rates. Entries from midnight August 31 until midnight September 7 will be at two times the normal entry fee. Entries received September 8 through September 14 will be at three times the normal entry fee. NO entries will be accepted after September 14.

The online entry process will require parent contact information and verification of 4-H member information. Payment will be processed via credit or debit card prior to leaving the entry page. Each family will be able to create a unique password to ensure security of information.

More information will be provided soon. Complete login and entry instructions will be posted on the [aksarbenstockshow.com](http://aksarbenstockshow.com) website.

Other important dates to remember:

- **August 31** - All entries for the AKSARBEN Stock Show are due online.
- **September 14** - **No entries accepted after this date.**
- **September 23-24** - AKSARBEN Horse Show in Grand Island, NE at Thompson Arena / NE State Fair Grounds.
- **September 28-October 1** - AKSARBEN Stock Show in Grand Island, NE at Fonner Park / NE State Fair Grounds.

For any questions or assistance with the online, please contact Chyann Smith, [smithc@aksarben.org](mailto:smithc@aksarben.org), 402-554-9600 ext. 103.

# Voice Your Opinion

Dear 4-H Families,

The 2017 Madison County Fair was a successful event thanks to our many volunteers who stepped up this year! To make the best even better, we would appreciate your feedback about the 4-H department, judging days, judges, shows, and anything else pertaining to 4-H or the fair that you feel is important. If it is not within our control, we can pass along information to the Ag Society. Be aware that changes take time to take effect. We value your input.

1. I prefer judging of foods and gardening on (circle one) Tuesday / Wednesday.

Comments:

2. Were you more or less likely to bring projects to 4-H or open class because of the day? Please explain.

3. What is the most effective way to convey information? (newsletter, mail, e-mail, call)

4. What change or changes would you like to see to improve the fair?

5. Please add any other concerns, comments, or compliments.

*Please send responses to Sarah at [spolacek2@unl.edu](mailto:spolacek2@unl.edu) or Kristen at [kgrant3@unl.edu](mailto:kgrant3@unl.edu)  
or mail this survey to: Nebraska Extension in Madison County  
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