

Webster County



4-H News



621 North Cedar, Red Cloud, NE 68970-2326

(402) 746-3417

<http://www.webster.unl.edu>



.....**STRAIGHT FROM THE HORSES MOUTH**

Duane A. Lienemann, UNL Extension Educator – Webster County

2015 County Fair Edition

Independence Day is just ahead and we are well into the summer season. This means that we are getting closer to the Webster County Fair and there are some items that need to be addressed concerning the fair. I am starting this letter with a note that I use each year concerning why we do the fair:

To Our 4-H and FFA Livestock Exhibitors:

Exhibiting livestock offers an opportunity for motivation, development of interpersonal skills, work ethics, animal science, and livestock husbandry skills. The experience that you gain by working with your animals, being responsible for their care and exhibiting them in a competitive environment can be a tremendously positive and highly rewarding experience regardless of ribbon placing.

Competition with animals has come under criticism and has received a lot of negative publicity in the media and especially with animal rights activists. This has been largely due to the **"I Want To and Have To Win At All Costs"** attitude that some people have. There is no room for this attitude at our fair. We pride ourselves in fair and responsible competition at Webster County and I trust that it will continue.

Illegal drugs, questionable grooming tactics, and even animal abuse have been scrutinized and criticized by many people. You must remember that everyone is being watched--if not by your peers or younger club members, but maybe someone who could make your livestock exhibition experience a nightmare. I cannot think of a more horrid experience than the young man that was shown in the Successful Farming Magazine several years ago sitting with his head in his hands on his show box after being caught using an illegal drug. His young, livestock exhibiting, career was over--banned from all shows just because he wanted to win so badly that he was willing to cheat.

Proper training and care of your animals, responsible herdsmanship, and nutrition for your animals, combined with a positive experience in and out of the show ring make for the most memorable times. We have had the opportunity to learn this year through the Youth Livestock Quality Assurance Program. We have each taken the time and effort to help assure our customers that we do produce high quality and safe cattle, hogs, sheep, milk and meat products. Through it all we want each of our exhibitors to have a positive and rewarding experience at the fair and during their time as 4-H and FFA members. We hope that you look forward to the fair as we in this office do.

To Our Parents:

Encouraging and helping youth with their projects is part of the learning process that 4-H and FFA are all about. Participation, competition, and the educational experiences that go along with that experience are supposed to be the rewards. Being the "Grand Champion" should be secondary in your approach to livestock exhibition. Not everyone receives a trophy or championship title. Many do not even win a blue ribbon. You must remember that the decision of the judge is only one person's opinion on a particular day. On that particular day---The judge is always right!

Disagreements with the judge, or other adults at the fair, do not teach our youth the proper way to conduct themselves in public. It usually accelerates into a less than desirable circumstance. It is also disconcerting and annoying to others who may become involved or who just happen to be in the area. If problems do arise, please come to the office and we will try to help solve the problem. Please avoid confrontations; we do not want to have to ask you to leave the premises. Let us all make this an enjoyable, positive, and memorable experience for all of the exhibitors and the parents and friends who are there to help celebrate their venture into livestock husbandry. Agriculture is seeing some trying times. We are in this thing together and must all pull together for the sake of us all. We set the agenda for our youth!

NOTES FOR PREPARATION FOR THE FAIR

- **Remember** –This year’s **Webster County Fair is July 18-25**. There are a few changes and additions this year so please refer to the schedule. If you do not have a copy of the fair schedule, call us and we will get one to you. You can also find information about our fair @ www.webstercountyfair.org
- **Hopefully everyone is remembering to get in their affidavits for all livestock entries (other than market beef) and their Final Entry forms for the 2015 Webster County Fair. All were due on June 15!** If not-- be sure to contact us immediately!!
- You should have sent copies of your Purebred breeding beef **registration papers** with your final entry form. If you did not, be sure to get those in to us. You are to bring the original to the fair with you to present at check in.
- Don’t forget to send in **your request for stalls and a stall fee for beef**. We sent each beef exhibitor a stall request form via the mail. You will need to send that back to us by July 15. We have also attached a copy to this letter. You need to have this in order to have beef stalls!!
- There will be a Webster County **Fair Clean-up day on Saturday, July 18**. Wear comfortable work clothes and bring your gloves, rakes, shovels, hammer and nails, brooms, weed whips, cleaning supplies, and a lot of enthusiasm to help get the buildings and the fairgrounds ready for the fair. It is a team effort in doing this—it is far too much for just a few to do. If we get enough people there we can get it done by noon. Please put this on your “things to do list”. We will start about 8:00 a.m. to try to beat the heat!

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Camper Parking at County Fair:** Reminder on camper and livestock trailer. **No camper trailers are allowed to park on the Sorenson and Timm lots**, located north and east of the beef barns. **All camper-trailers are to be parked on the south side of the lot just east and south of the sheep and small animal barn and the new lot south of there.** NOTE: Livestock trailers will be parked on the north side this year. We will also have stalls located on the lot just south of there where the trailer house used to stand. There are trees available on this lot. Each exhibitor family and/or 4-H leader/FFA advisor that wants to park a camper-trailer at the fair must request one of the bright colored, numbered certificates for campers that are available at the Webster Co. Extension office before fair and at the office on the fairgrounds during the fair.
 - ✓ The certificates will be distributed first come, first served! Please claim your spot early to avoid problems later on. Only one camper spot per exhibitor family and/or 4-H leader/FFA advisor is allowed unless there are extra spaces left over. **There will be vehicle parking in the camper lot for just one vehicle per family due to lack of space.** No one else is supposed to park there without a permit. All other vehicles are to be parked along the road or at the Timm lot. Only exhibitor family and/or 4-H leader/FFA advisor camper/trailers are allowed to park in this location and all must have a parking certificate!
 - ✓ These certificates are to be displayed in the camper’s back window and a list of certificate numbers with who they belong to will be kept in the fair office. Each spot at the camper site will be numbered to correspond with that list. If 4-H/FFA families would like spaces next to another camper or family, we suggest they get camper site certificates together to facilitate that request. **Absolutely no livestock trailers or any unauthorized vehicles are to be parked in this lot! All unauthorized camper-trailers, cars and pickups will be towed!**
- **Stock Trailers, Pickups and Car Parking:** We have two places to park livestock trailers again this year. Some stock trailers are to be parked on only the far south edge of the Timm lot that is located to the north and east of the beef barns. I suggest parking **beef trailers on the Timm lot** so that if you have feed, hay and equipment, you are close to the beef area. We do ask that these trailers be parked as close together as possible and that they are parked in a logical and organized manner.
- All sheep and swine trailers and those that don’t find a spot on the Timm lot are asked to park on the North side of the lot just east and south of the sheep and small animal barn and the new lot south of there (has trees and an old cement block house).
- These lots are allocated for 4-H and FFA **exhibitor family cars and pickups if there is room**. These vehicles will need to have the parking permits displayed on their rear view mirror, like we have given in previous years. Each family is allowed two permits. Families can request their vehicle parking permits at final entry deadline for fair. **Please note that unauthorized trailers and vehicles will be towed!**

- ✓ **NOTE:** We (extension office) will provide car and camper passes to 4-H and FFA exhibitors and parents to allow them the privilege to park in the special areas. You can pick these up on clean-up day or when you first arrive at fair.
- **NOTE: We have been asked to coordinate the parking of livestock trailers, campers and vehicles to assure reasonable order and a fire lane. We will need your help in this area!** We also ask that you be good neighbors and not take more room than what is necessary and that you police the area so that it is quiet for the residents of Bladen, and kept clean for a good image of 4-H and FFA programs.

SMALL AND EXOTIC ANIMAL SHOW

- Because of the popularity of some exotic animals and no other place for exhibitors to show these project animals the Wednesday evening show shall be known as “The Small and Exotic Animal Show”. This event will be on Tuesday, July 21, 4:00 pm starting with the dog show.
- ✓ **NOTE: ALL dogs and cats are required to have health certificates to be eligible to show at the county fair. You need to bring them with you to the fair. The certificates are only good for 30 days so plan accordingly.** There will be a dog agility class again this year PLUS an advanced agility class, please consult the fair book for more info. We will be following the age guidelines for showmanship as set by the state 4-H rules.

HORSE SHOWS

- **The Webster County 4-H Fair Horse Show:** This popular event will be held on Saturday, July 18 beginning at 10:30 a.m. **Please Note:** Since we have a rule that a horse exhibitor must have a minimum of “Level I Horse Advancement Certificate” in order to ride all events at the county fair, it is imperative that equine exhibitors work to achieve at least that level. *There are higher Level Advancement requirements for the different events at the horse show that are outlined in the fair book.* Exhibitors may come to the UNL Extension office to take their written level exams.
- ✓ **NOTE:** It is up to the 4-H Horse leader to certify if these exhibitors are full Level I or if they meet only a conditional Level I, in which the Leader designates what events that an exhibitor is qualified for. In this case the exhibitor should have a “*Conditional Level I Certificate*”. 4-H Leaders will indicate to our office on a check sheet which events that an exhibitor can participate. We will have those sheets at the fairgrounds.

POULTRY AND RABBIT SHOWS

- **Poultry and Rabbit Exhibits:** For all of you that are not aware, there will not be a poultry show as in the past because of Nebraska Department of Agriculture ban at all county fairs and even the state fair. We are in the process of getting word out to our poultry exhibitors about projects they may do instead and still compete for awards and even a place in the premium auction. So be looking for that information. The Rabbit Show is still scheduled for Wednesday, July 23 starting at 8:30 am. **NOTE: All rabbit exhibits must be attended to with proper water and feed during the duration of the fair or premium may be withheld!** We will have frozen bottles of water available, contact the office.

SWINE SHOW

- **All 4-H and FFA market swine will be weighed in starting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, July 22** All ear tags must be in place and match the pre-entry forms. All swine must be on the fairgrounds prior to 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Exhibitors indicate which pigs will be in each pen of three at weigh-in if they bring more than three. Swine exhibits not in place by 10:00 a.m. (without pre-approval from our office) will be dropped one ribbon placing.
- **Breeding Gilt Class:** Breeding gilts cannot be used and considered for Market Pen of 3 and may either go back home or may be loaded on the market hog truck after the auction (They cannot be ran through auction as it is a breeding animal). Individuals may just have breeding gilts and do not have to exhibit any other hogs. The pig may be identified with 4-H or FFA tag, herd tag, or notches.
- **The swine show will be held on Thursday, July 23 starting at 8:00 am.** **NOTE:** Nebraska has relaxed the rule of terminal show and will allow pigs previously exhibited to be entered at State Fair. That means that if an exhibitor chooses to show a pig at Webster County Fair they may then also enter it at the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben. If a pig is showing at the hog show and if the exhibitor has it entered for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben they may take it through the Premium Auction and take that pig home to continue its’ showing career.

- ✓ NOTE: These animals have to be entered and fees paid by Friday noon, July 24. I do suggest to you that age makes a real difference in pigs. It is hard to show a pig at county fair and keep it fresh for Ak-Sar-Ben. State Fair however is a real possibility.
- ✓ This does give an exhibitor an option for a lighter pig that looks like it might be a contender. *Remember that to go on to State Fair and/or Ak-Sar-Ben the exhibitor must have PQA+ certification and must have had their animals DNA samples pulled before June 15.*
- **Swine Clipping--** In the past our fair has discouraged short clipping of swine but did not have a rule to that effect. The 4-H Council passed a rule for swine that basically makes it illegal to slick shear the body of the pig. Please refer to the fair book for exact rules.
- **Oily Pigs:** Exhibitors are not to oil down their pigs. This is illegal and any pig that is weighed with an oily feel may be disqualified from showing at the fair. Pigs must be shown without hairdressing compounds. This includes oil, powder or any other coat dressing compounds considered objectionable by the packer. Only unadulterated water is permitted (milk is not considered unadulterated water).
- **Added Purses and Awards for Swine Show:** The Webster County Youth Foundation will provide added purse of \$50 and \$30 respectively to the champion and reserve champion Breeding Gilt. The Champion Senior Swine Showmanship winner will receive a plaque from Randy and Becky Sorensen in memory of Jeremy Sorensen.
- We will be looking for a buyer for the hogs again this year. If you know of anyone that may be interested in putting in a bid, please invite them to bid!

SHEEP SHOW

- **All 4-H and FFA market lambs will be weighed in starting at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning July 22nd.** All 4-H/FFA ear tags (and if appropriate – scrapies tags) must be in place and match the pre-entry forms. Breeding ewes will be checked in at that time as well. All sheep exhibits must be on the fairgrounds prior to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Sheep exhibits not in place by 10:30 a.m. (without pre-approval from our office) will be dropped one ribbon placing. **NOTE: We will need some help weighing and checking in lambs & goats.** It may interest you that we have a buyer for the Webster County lambs this year. Northeast Community College will once again be putting in a bid for the sheep to use in their livestock program.
- The 4-H & FFA Sheep Show will be on **Thursday, July 23 starting at 10:00 am.** It will start with showmanship, followed by the breeding sheep show and then the market lamb show and “pen of three” competition. Don’t forget to indicate if you have a Bred and Fed or Bought and Fed Market Lamb as we will split the classes accordingly if there is enough for both classes. Also remember that if an exhibitor has a market lamb that he/she is showing at the show and has entered it for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, they may take it through the Premium Auction and take that lamb home to continue the lamb’s showing career. These animals have to be entered and fees paid by Friday noon, July 24.
- **All ewes (market and breeding), ram lambs and female meat goats (does) must have scrapies identification tags** in their ears. We will also be checking this year for Club Lamb Fungus. *Please do not bring sheep with active fungus spots as we will have to quarantine them and maybe send them home!*
NOTE: We need some help in checking for ringworm or other suspicious lesions.
- **Added Purses and Awards for Sheep Show:** The Webster County Youth Foundation will provide added purse of \$50 and \$30 respectively to the champion and reserve champion of the following divisions: Aged Ewes, Yearling Ewes, Ewe Lambs, Ram lambs and Breeder’s Flock. A special Grand Champion Sheep Showmanship traveling trophy will be awarded again this year in memory of Jerry Johnson.

MEAT GOAT SHOW

- **4-H and FFA Meat Goat Show.** The fastest growing segment of the livestock industry is the Meat Goat project. This addition to our fair is complete with showmanship, individual classes and “pen of three” will start at the completion of the Market Lamb Show. *We added a Meat Goat Breeding Female class to the Meat Goat show and it will continue this year.* Only wethers and female goats will be allowed to show in the market class (no intact males) and females in the breeding class.
 - ✓ **NOTE:** A popular event will continue, that being the “**Best Dressed Goat**” event which will be held after the pen of three judging.

- **Added Purses and Awards for Goat Show:** The Webster County Youth Foundation will provide added purse of \$50 and \$30 respectively to the champion and reserve champion Breeding Meat Goat.

MARKET AND BREEDING BEEF SHOWS

- **All beef exhibits (exception of stocker-feeders and 1st year bucket calves) must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening, July 22.** All ear tags must be in place and match the pre-entry forms. Beef exhibits not in place by that time (without pre-approval from our office) will drop one ribbon placing.
 - ✓ **NOTE: Tie outs are first come first served, but need to be identified with signs as they are a part of the herdsmanship contest.** We have yellow Bosch Panels that may be used to divide tie-out spaces. Each chapter or club will have running feet of tie-out space determined by beef entries from that club or chapter. **NOTE:** All animals are to be tied at the rack. **Absolutely no loose pens are allowed!**
- **All breeding beef will be checked in on Wednesday evening - July 22, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Remember that all heifers must be tattooed, including commercial heifers (Please check that breeding heifer has a tattoo and that it is legible – it will save a lot of hassle at fair and especially an exhibitor going on to state or Ak-Sar-Ben. All ear tags and tattoos must be in place and match the pre-entry forms. Please be sure that exhibitors have copies of all registration papers sent in with their final entry form. All breeding heifers will remain on the fairgrounds until the Sunday morning release time unless inclement weather affects a decision to the contrary. Cow/Calf pairs and stocker-feeders will be released, if the exhibitor so desires, after completion of the beef show on Friday afternoon. **We will need a beef committee member to help check tattoos.**
- **Market beef are scheduled to be weighed on Wednesday evening - July 22, from 7:00-8:00 pm,** but we encourage all exhibitors to weigh in as early as possible. If an exhibitor cannot be there at that time, be sure that a parent or club/chapter member weighs in the animal. **We will need a lot of help in weighing in market beef this year.** We may need some help finding bidders for our beef. **If you know of anyone that may be a good packer/buyer please let them know of this weigh-in time so they can see the beef.**
- **Remember, beef exhibitors** that we have been asked once again to not allow steel or wood feed bunks at the tie-outs for safety reasons. Beef exhibitors are being asked to bring appropriate plastic or rubber feed pans. All cattle must be tied to the rack and we suggest also using a neck tie. **No open pens are to be built with panels!**
- **All 4-H and FFA 2nd Year Bucket Calves will be weighed and checked in at the standard market and/or breeding beef scheduled times.** They will be declared as either market or breeding beef. All 2nd year bucket calves used for breeding classes are also asked to be weighed (for record book purposes).
- **Beef Showmanship is being held on Thursday, July 23 in the afternoon at 1:30 pm.** Please remember that **beef showmanship is a “Blow and Show”** or “Wash and Go” or “Wash/Comb/Show” format again this year. That means just that---no additions to the grooming procedure. The animal must be shown “Au-Naturelle”. **NOTE: Please help us in patrolling this rule.** Exhibitors may use grooming techniques, adhesives and show enhancing products during the actual live beef show on Friday.
 - ✓ **Beef Showmanship Finals** - The top two Intermediate and top two Senior Beef Showman will come back on Friday morning for the Grand Champion Beef Showmanship which will be judged by a different judge before the Market Beef Show on Friday.” The winner will receive the coveted “Traveling Showman Trophy.”
- **Beef Clipping and Grooming Rules:**
 - ✓ Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits. In the beef show the use of artificial tail fins or the addition of any hair or hair-like substance to the animal’s body, excluding false tails, will not be permitted. The act of artificially filling of animals internally which includes stomach pumping, drench tubes or any other method per os (by esophagus) is prohibited. Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one ribbon placing or may be disqualified from the show.
 - ✓ Preparation and grooming of an animal should be the primary responsibility of each individual Webster County exhibitor. However; significant assistance may be provided to the exhibitor (regardless of age group) by immediate family members, which includes: brothers, sisters and/or parents/legal guardian of the exhibitor; and/or other active Webster County 4-H or FFA members. Junior and first time exhibitors may also receive educational instruction and physical assistance from current Webster County 4-H Leaders and FFA Advisors. Intermediate and Senior Exhibitors may receive verbal instruction from current Webster County 4-H leaders and/or FFA Advisors. Violators of grooming rules will receive a warning with the first incidence and a ribbon deduction if it occurs again.

- **NOTE: NEW THIS YEAR!!!!** The Webster County Home Bred & Raised Breeding Heifer Show will follow the beef showmanship event. This show will be as it has been in the past with a jackpot for placed heifers on their merits. This is a change from former years. There will not be a Home Bred and Raised Class during the traditional Breeding Beef show. The heifers (designated as Home Bred & Raised) will still show in their individual breed classification.
- **“Bred & Fed”**. That title applies to all species and states that – *“The exhibitor or exhibitor’s immediate family owned the female, which is the mother of the market animal project, at the time of the conception, and that it was born and fed on the exhibitor’s home farm or place of project care”*.
- **Continental/Exotic Beef Breeds:** A question has come up on Continental or Exotic Breeds. We have not had enough “paper-able” steers in the Maine, Simmental, etc. to have a class in the past; **however**, we will if we have enough entries turned in by the final entry date. If an exhibitor has a steer that fits this mode, they were to enter the **steer by its breed** and fill out the “Purebred Steer Certificate” just like the British breeds.
 - ✓ We will follow the State Fair guidelines for breed percentages. If we do not have enough to make a single breed class we would have a combined “PB Continental/Exotic” class or will do as we have in the past – either “Bred & Fed” or “Bought & Fed”
- **Webster County Breed Steer Rule:** Following the guidelines of the Nebraska State Fair and Ak Sar Ben the 4-H Council has adopted the same rule for Purebred Steer classes at the Webster County Fair but with a little different twist for steers that will only be shown at our fair. If an exhibitor is showing a “Breed” steer (ie. Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Maine Anjou, Simmental, etc.), they were to obtain a **“Purebred Steer Certificate”** from our office or FFA Advisor that needs to have the bloodlines, registration numbers of the parents, its tattoo number and then a signature of the breeder and date of ownership as well as their signature.
 - ✓ This certificate is to be provided along with the final entry form. This is not a registration paper and we are not asking for that for our fair, however registration papers are required if the exhibitor plans to take the steer on to the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.
- All 4-H and FFA **1st Year Bucket Calves must be on the fairgrounds by 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 22.** Each exhibitor is to present their record book at the time of weigh-in which will start at 11:00 am. An interview time for each 1st year bucket calf exhibitor will be set up between 1:00-3:00 pm. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to make other arrangements if they have conflicts with time or other activities that morning. These projects will be judged according to record book, interview and knowledge of project, health and appearance of animal, and showmanship. The live **Bucket Calf Show will be in the Show Arena at 3:30 pm** that afternoon.
 - ✓ **NOTE:** We have developed a Bucket Calf Manual for parents and leaders and a new record book for 1st and 2nd year bucket calves. Please contact us if you don’t have a copy.
- **Stocker Feeders:** The stocker feeder male may be a steer or a bull and may be shown with a cow in the Cow/Calf class and/or Junior Beef Herd. Note: There is an affidavit for Cow/Calf Pairs. If you use the calf for both the Cow/Calf Pair and for Stocker Feeder the calf needs to be listed on two affidavits. (Cow/Calf + Stocker Feeder). **NOTE: All Stocker Feeders must be checked in by 8:00 am Friday Morning – July 24th, to the Beef Superintendent, and all no-shows reported.**
 - ✓ **We need to know** if there are any scratches from the show. This helps alleviate this problem that we have each year looking for calves that aren’t really there but are on the program. **NOTE: All stocker-feeder calves identified for Ak-Sar-Ben must be entered with DNA hair samples before June 15. No bull calves are allowed at Ak-Sar-Ben. No nose-prints needed!**
- **The Market Beef Show is a Junior Show** with both 4-H and FFA exhibitors showing together in all classes. It will start on **Friday morning, July 24 at 9:00 am** or directly after completion of the Grand Champion Beef Showmanship drive. The Grand Champion Market Beef Drive will be held directly after the last class of market beef is shown. The results of the Live Beef Carcass Show will be done at the conclusion of the Grand Champion Market Beef Drive. Also remember that if an exhibitor has a market beef that he/she is showing at the show and have it entered for State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, they may take it through the Premium Auction and take that beef home to continue the animal’s showing career. These animals have to be entered and fees paid by Friday noon, July 24.
- **The Breeding Beef Show will start at 1:30 pm or in case of heat directly after completion of the market beef** show. It will conclude with each breed champion coming back for the Grand Champion Breeding Heifer drive.

- **We will once again have a voluntary “Live Beef Carcass Scan” of market beef** again this year. The scan will be conducted during the county fair at a time to be announced at a later time, but it will probably be the same night as weigh-in. The animal **will not** have to be clipped short and it will only take a few seconds. The cost for each beef that is scanned is \$5, a bargain for the information you will receive. This will be a jackpot contest with dollars distributed to the top scanned carcasses. There will also be carcass placings with ribbons. **NOTE: Troy Anderson is doing the scanning. We will need some help with getting animals in a clipping chute so we can scan them.** The scan will take place in the southeast corner of the south beef barn.
- **Added Purses and Awards for Beef Show:** The Champion Cow/Calf Pair will receive a \$75 added purse and Reserve Champion a \$50.00 added purse in memory of Neal and Daimion Hoit, sponsored by Val Terry. We will be presenting a Grand Champion Breeding Heifer award. The Champion heifer of each breed will come back for the Grand Champion Breeding Heifer drive. A banner will be presented to the Grand Champion Heifer. There will be a Supreme Champion Breeding Beef crowned with the Champion receiving a show halter donated by Snell Show Cattle. The Champion Cow/Calf will face off with the Champion Breeding Heifer for Supreme honors. Gottsch Livestock Feeders will provide a sweatshirt to the Champion and Reserve Champion Senior and Intermediate Beef Showmen. Mike Danehey will provide a halter and showstick to the Champion Junior Showman. Holdrege Irrigation will award \$100.00 added purse to the Champion Red Angus Breeding Heifer. **NOTE: The Webster County Youth Foundation** will give an added purse of \$100 and \$50 respectively for champion and reserve champion British, Continental, & Commercial Heifer divisions. Cow/calf and Junior Herd will also receive the same stipend. The **Home Bred & Raised Breeding Heifer** top 10 animals will receive additional support from a jackpot fund sponsored by local cattlemen and the foundation. A memorial banner in Memory of Terry Plambeck will be awarded to the Champion Home Bred & Raised Breeding Beef, sponsored by the Four Corners 4- H Club.
- **NOTE:** All market beef will be either loaded on the truck or released at a designated time on Sunday morning. Any market beef that are sold for butchering will be released at the discretion of the purchaser after the livestock premium auction.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Round Robin Showmanship.** *This event will be held on Saturday morning, July 25 at 11:00 am and will be a State Fair qualification contest.* Remember that the Youth Council has changed the format for this event. **Horse has been taken out of the mix and we will concentrate instead on sheep, beef and swine.** The winners of each large species showmanship events (beef, swine, sheep, goats and horse) will still be the participants, but the **format has changed from previous years.** **Please Note: The goat and horse showmanship winners have been invited to participate again this year.** We will have three rounds of showmanship for each species with all showmen in the ring at the same time.
 - ✓ **NOTE: Each exhibitor will be responsible for finding a sheep, pig or beef to show in the round robin event.** A point system will be used to rate each round with the highest point individual being declared the winner. **We will have one judge who will judge this event.**
- **PLEASE NOTE – NEW THIS YEAR!!!** The Round Robin Showmanship will be held simultaneously with the Rainbow Classic this year. We will alternate between species with split sessions of Rainbow Classic exhibitors.
- **4-H and FFA Livestock Premium Auction Participants Please Note!!** **The Livestock Premium Auction will start at 8:30 am on Saturday, July 25.** *"If a member would like to take their market animal on to the Nebraska State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, you may take it through the premium auction and take the animal home – however, it must be duly entered in one of those shows by noon Friday July 25."* We will provide each of the premium buyers a choice of either a cap stating “2015 4-H/FFA Livestock Auction Supporter” or a gift certificate to the 4-H Food Stand. We have received numerous positive comments on the caps from the buyers but the council decided to give a choice last year after the results of the survey we took on the premium auction. Again this year this fee will be taken from the premium as part of the 3% commission that the council will take rather than through collection at the gate.
- **Speaking of the livestock premium auction** --Remember that each exhibitor may only enter the sale ring a maximum of two times depending on their exhibit(s). The order for the sale this year is as follows:

**1) Grand Champions of each Species, Market Broilers 2) Market Swine 3) Webster County Youth Foundation
4) Market Sheep 5) Market Goats 6) Market Beef**

NOTE: You will see that we are starting with the Grand Champion Market Animal in each of the species following the same rotation as the sale, but they will all sell and an opportunity for the buyer to be pictured with the animal and the exhibitor before the animal leaves the ring. After the Grand Champions sell, we start the normal premium auction.

- Upon completion of the Premium Auction, all animals are to be taken back to their stalls and cared for until their release on Sunday morning or when the truck loads out if they are sold to a packer. All livestock offered for sale to the packer at the auction must have their ear tags in place and kept in place for ID purposes. No exceptions will be made and sales will be terminated if tags are removed. ***Any animal purchased for slaughter at the premium auction will be released at the wish of the buyer.*** Any market animals that are not being taken through the premium auction will be released at the designated time on Saturday evening or Sunday morning along with all of the other exhibits that will be released.
 - ✓ **Note:** If an exhibitor takes their market animal through the premium auction and then home after fair, and they are not signed up for state fair or Ak-Sar-Ben, then their **premium money is forfeited.**
- **All show ring ethics and etiquette will be enforced.** Any violations will result in disqualification and forfeiture of ribbons and premiums. Remember that we are the showcase for animal agriculture and we must live by what we preach and practice with all Quality Assurance Good Management Practices! Please note – Parents, Leaders, Volunteers and really anyone that is associated with our fair must also comply to the Webster County Fair Code of Ethics and violations will be dealt with appropriately.
- **NOTE:** Electricity –The wiring in the livestock barns is not designed for a plethora of fans, blowers, misters, etc. We could certainly have problems--especially during the beef show. We are going to try to alleviate this problem again this year by asking all beef exhibitors to **not run their fans during the duration of the beef shows** on Friday unless they are hooked up to their own generators. If you do have a generator, we ask that you put it outside of the barns, as far away from other exhibitor's projects as possible as other exhibitor's animals may not be used to the noise. ***Please help us in patrolling this request.***
- **4-H/FFA Show Ethics Affidavit and Statement of Disclosure** is available on our website at <http://www.webster.unl.edu/documents/135074/6176602/2015+Web+Co+Ethics++Disclose+Affidavit.pdf/39489c0f-cdbb-477e-b587-feb3097f8142>. We will also have them available at check-in/weigh in.
- **Remember the showmanship rule** that is in force again this year for every species!! **Every exhibitor must compete in the showmanship event or they will not be allowed to show in the live show or the auction.** Showmanship will be held at the beginning of each species show.

OTHER NOTE-WORTHY THINGS:

- **Potential Buyers for Market Livestock:** Please don't just assume that people will be there to buy your animal. Your leader's County Fair pack should have a flyer that we suggest you enclose with a personal letter or visit to thank individuals and companies for their support of the 4-H and FFA programs and for them to consider coming to the **Livestock Premium Auction on Saturday, July 25. It is slated to start about 8:30 am.** Don't expect someone to hand you a premium on your animal at the auction if you don't go out and sell what you do in 4-H and/or FFA. If nothing else, at least send people you work with or do business with, a copy of the poster. Encourage them to be "A Friend of the Webster County 4-H and FFA".
- **State Fair Entries:** All 4-H Livestock entries for the Nebraska State Fair are due in to the county fair 4-H office by **12:00 Noon, Friday, July 24.**
- **NOTE: All 4-H and/or FFA Nebraska State Fair entries must be done on line via computer at the Nebraska State Fair Website and paid by the family's credit card.** We will help exhibitors and their families with this process. Please come into the 4-H fair office during the fair and get this done if you are planning on taking any livestock exhibits to Grand Island for the Nebraska State Fair.

- **Ak-Sar-Ben Entries:** All 4-H Livestock entries along with their respective fees are due in the extension office by **12:00 Noon Friday, July 24 for market animals**. All *other Ak-Sar-Ben entries are due into our office by August 9*.
- Webster County has been represented very well at livestock progress, and horse shows so far this summer. We also had several Webster County Youth that took the step to help conduct and then compete in livestock judging at the South Central Nebraska Livestock Judging Contest that was held in Bladen. As is tradition we also have individuals competing at PASE again this year. We are proud of all of you!!
- I want to thank and congratulate our Webster County Junior 4-H Leaders on their efforts and the success of the South Central Nebraska Livestock Judging Contest that was held on June 3 and also on the South Central Nebraska Livestock Exposition on June 6. They both were a huge success and all of your hard work, dedication and teamwork paid off. I heard many excellent comments and kudos on the show. **Congrats & Thank You!**
- **When In Doubt - Consult Your Fair Book!** Remember that you are liable for reading and following the rules set down by the Fair Book. Also remember that these newsletters take precedence over the fair book –so make note of the things that we put in these newsletters.

See you at the Fair!!



NEW WEBSTER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE SUMMER HELP! We would like to welcome Christa Alber to the Webster County Extension as our summer helper! Christa attended the University of Nebraska, Kearney for the last two years. Having been a recent Webster County 4-H member Christa is very familiar with the procedures for fair and we feel she will be a great asset to our team!

IMPORTANT COUNTY FAIR INFORMATION!!!

Remember the fair schedule is slightly from the last few years so be sure to check closely for entry and show dates!

- **Entry Tags** will be computer generated and will be mailed out to each family the week of July 6th.
- **Fashion Show/Clothing Construction Judging** will be held on Friday, July 10. All participants will receive a letter with a schedule. If you have not received your letter by Tuesday, July 7, call Carol at (402-746-3417 or 402-469-1173) and she will tell you when you need to be at the **Blue Hill School Gym** on Friday.
- **Information Sheets** - Be sure to read your fair book thoroughly as you prepare your exhibits for the fair. These information sheets are read by the judge prior to judging your exhibit and that first impression is important. Missing information sheets mean an automatic lower ribbon placing. If you have information on an exhibit that would be helpful to the judge you may attach it to an exhibit even if it is not required.
- **Ice Cream Roll Contest** will be held at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 19, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Remember you must begin with the recipe in the Road to Good Cooking manual. Guidelines and recipe are available at our office. Cloverbuds can join the fun and make Ice Cream in a Bag. Recipe is available at our office.
- **Performing Arts Contest/Fashion Show** will be held on Monday, July 20, at the **Blue Hill School Gym** beginning at 7:00 p.m. The evening's activities will conclude with the awards presentation.
- **4-H T-Shirts** - Official 4-H Dress is defined as a white T-Shirt/shirt/blouse with the official 4-H Chevron attached or an official 4-H T-Shirt and dark BLUE jeans. You can come into our office to purchase a 4-H/FFA T-shirt prior to the fair or we will also have them available during the fair. Oregon Trail is again sponsoring T-shirts this year with a NEW color!
- **Rodeo Passes** are again being sponsored by the Youth Council. These have been given to the organizational leaders. Each 4-Her that works in the food stand will receive a pass. Be sure to hang on to your pass and don't let Mom wash it!

- **Cake Auction** - We will again be auctioning off decorated cakes and cookies on Thursday, July 23. They will be auctioned off immediately following the beef showmanship competition. The decorated cakes must be the edible kind (not using a Styrofoam cake form) and the cookies must be the large decorated cookies similar to the ones you buy. Any 4-H member taking a food project is eligible to enter the auction. The items will be judged on Tuesday and then the 4-Her will bring the exhibit to the show ring on Wednesday where they will be auctioned off and the 4-Her will receive the proceeds - so contact grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles, friends and anybody else you can think of to come and bid on your cakes and cookies. 4-H members - please stop into our fair office on Tuesday morning when entering your projects and sign up for the cake auction. We will then take a picture of your exhibit to display during the duration of the fair.
- **Don't forget the Club Exhibit!** - This exhibit will be on display **outside** on the fairgrounds and not in the 4-H exhibit hall. Examples of this are decorated hay bales, decorated and planted flower barrels, decorated trash barrels, etc. There will be a **\$25.00 prize** for the top exhibit. The club is responsible for setting up the exhibit and taking it down. These exhibits must be weather proof and have a sign indicating club name. These exhibits may be displayed anywhere on the fairgrounds and not necessarily next to the 4-H building.

STATE FAIR NEWS

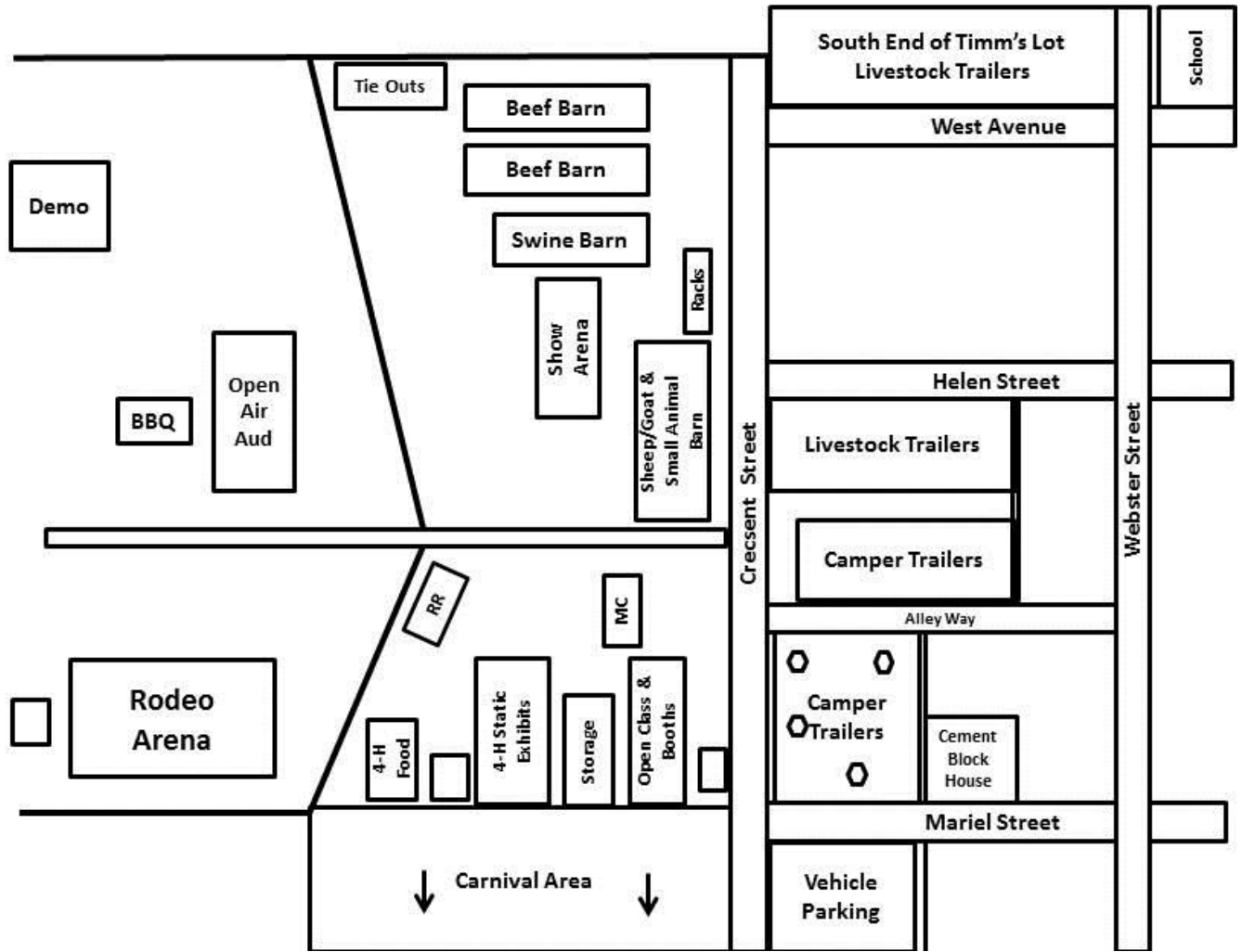
- **Age Eligibility** - In classes where the presence of the 4-Her is required for judging purposes, such as animal exhibits, judging contests, presentations and fashion show, a 4-H member must be 10 by January 1, 2015.
- **Entry Deadline** - **All state fair livestock entries are due in the 4-H office at Bladen by 12:00 noon on Friday, July 24.**
- **Fair Books** - The 2015 State 4-H Fair Book is available at <http://4h.unl.edu/>.
- **Passes & Discount Tickets** – 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/Badge is your pass to the fair for all 11 days. Families wishing to purchase additional State Fair Exhibitor Pins/Badges may do so at \$20.00 each. If the State Fair Exhibitor Pin/Badge is lost or stolen, a new State Fair Exhibitor Pin/Badge must be purchased for \$20.00. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** 4-Hers who participate in the fashion show, companion animals, dog show, presentations, events, and contests at the State Fair will receive one (1) single-day admission ticket for each day in which they participate. **For those wishing to purchase \$4.00 discount tickets, please contact our office by August 3rd.** FYI, outside gate admission will be \$10.00, with \$5.00 days on Monday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 2. Tuesday, September 1 will be \$2.00 gate admission and Thursday, September 3 will be \$3.00 gate admission. Children 6 to 12 will be \$3.00 every day and children 5 and under will be free every day.
- **Parking** – All exhibitors wishing to park a vehicle in Exhibitor Parking West Swine Lot or Brunk's Lot must purchase a vehicle permit for \$15. This permit must be affixed to the driver's side of the windshield. **NO trailers allowed in the West Swine Lot.** Trailers can be parked in Brunk's Lot at no charge. No charge to park a vehicle or trailer in Luebbe's East Lot. Any exhibitors that do not wish to buy a permit for their vehicle must park in General Parking, which is FREE, or in the Luebbe's East Lot, which is on Stuhr Road across from the Fairgrounds. No trailers or vehicles will be allowed in the Luebbe's Lot until the second weekend. Everyone will still come through the Check-In Trailer but will not be allowed back into Brunk's Lot to park without a permit. You do not need a parking permit to unload your animals on the fairgrounds. Once you unload, you must exit the fairgrounds.

State Fair Web Site: The Web site – www.statefairgj.com provides a progress report on the 2015 fair site. The site highlights a layout of the facilities, show times and other information.

This newsletter was mailed or emailed to you as per your family request in the 4hOnline program. If you would like to change how you are receiving the 4-H newsletter, please let our office know.

See you at the fair!
Carol, Kelsey, & Christa

Map of the fairgrounds and the parking lots for exhibitor livestock trailers, camper trailers and for family vehicles.



Beef Stall Request

Name: _____ Club or Chapter: _____

Number of: Market Beef: _____ + Breeding Heifers: _____ + Cow/Calf Pairs: _____

+ Stocker Feeders (If staying beyond show day) _____ = _____ stalls @ \$5.00 ea = \$ _____ (a)

Extra tack stalls _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____ + Stall fee from above (a) \$ _____ = \$ _____

Total

Note: This request, with check made out to “Webster County Youth Activity Fund” attached, is due in our office by July 15.

2014 4-H & FFA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JULY 11

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Entry of clothing and sewing exhibits
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Judging of style revue and interview judging of clothing

SATURDAY, JULY 19

8:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up Day, Fairgrounds
10:30 a.m. 4-H & FFA Horse Show
5:00 to 7:00 pm. Check In for BBQ Contest

SUNDAY, JULY 20

10:30 a.m. All Faith Church Services
11:30 Community Potluck Dinner
12:30 Gospel Concert
3:00 p.m. Ice Cream Roll
5:30 p.m. Judging of BBQ Contest and Public Supper

MONDAY, JULY 21

7:00 p.m. Music Contest, Blue Hill School Gym, Blue Hill/Fashion Show, Blue Hill School Gym, Blue Hill

TUESDAY, JULY 22

4:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Dog Show /Followed by 4-H/FFA Small & Exotic Animal Show

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

8:00 a.m. All rabbits and poultry must be on fairgrounds
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Entry of home environment, miscellaneous ag, foods, horticulture, misc. home economics exhibits, decorate booths
8:30 a.m. 4-H and FFA Rabbit & Poultry Show
(Poultry Show immediately following Rabbit Show)
9:30 a.m. All swine, sheep & goats must be on fairgrounds. Begin weighing market swine
10:00 a.m. Judging of all exhibits in home economics building
(Exhibit building will be closed to public until judging is completed)
10:30 a.m. Begin weighing market lambs and goats. Check in breeding sheep
11:00 a.m. 1st yr. bucket calves on grounds. Weigh calves. Turn in Record Books & Select interview time
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 Bucket Calf Interviews
3:30 p.m. Bucket Calf Show
6:00 p.m. All beef must be on fairgrounds
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Check-in breeding beef, check papers & tattoos
Note: Registration papers are to be sent in with final entries by June 15
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Weigh market beef
8:30-11:00 p.m. 4-H & FFA Teen Youth "Beach Party"

THURSDAY, JULY 24

8:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Swine Show
10:00 a.m. 4-H & FFA Sheep Show
1/2 Hour after Completion of Sheep Show 4-H/FFA Goat Show
1:30 p.m. 4-H & FFA Beef Showmanship
4-H Cake Auction to follow Beef Showmanship

FRIDAY, JULY 25

8:00 a.m. Feeder calves must be on the fairgrounds – report any scratches
8:30 a.m. Beef Showmanship Finals
9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Market Beef Show
(There will be a 15 minute break between Showmanship Finals & the Beef Show)
12:00 noon All State Fair & Ak-Sar-Ben Market Livestock Entries due in fair office
1:30 p.m. 4-H & FFA Breeding Beef Show

SATURDAY, JULY 26

6:00-8:00 a.m. FFA Sponsored Breakfast
8:30 a.m. 4-H & FFA Livestock Premium Auction
11:00 p.m. Rainbow Classic
12:30 p.m. Round Robin Showmanship
2:00 p.m. End of Fair Youth Fun Activities!

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Time TBA Load livestock out
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Release all remaining exhibits, clean up stalls & fairgrounds!

TUESDAY, JULY 29

7:30 p.m. Fair Feedback Meeting