General Livestock Rules

GENERAL STATEMENT
Whenever possible, 4-H and FFA livestock will be shown together in the same classes.

Superintendent Responsibilities
Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:
1. Stall assignments
2. Barn meetings with exhibitors
3. Show order
4. Recording of official placements
5. Sale order
6. Final disposition of animals

WEIGHTS

- Market Beef Heifers minimum: 900 pounds
- Market Beef Heifers maximum: 1650 pounds
- Market Beef Steers minimum: 1000 pounds
- Market Beef Steers maximum: 1650 pounds
- Carcass Beef Heifers minimum (live weight): 900 pounds
- Carcass Beef Steers minimum (live weight): 1000 pounds
- Market Lambs minimum: 100 pounds
- Market Lambs maximum: none
- Market Swine minimum: 230 pounds
- Market Swine maximum: 320 pounds
- Meat Goat minimum: 60 pounds
- Meat Goat maximum: none

Market animals not meeting these weight requirements will be allowed to show in a special class but will not be eligible for purple ribbons or championship consideration. Carcass animals not meeting these weight requirements will not be eligible for purple ribbons or championship consideration. If an animal is within weight limits, no re-weigh will be allowed. Re-weighs are only allowed if an animal is under or over the weight limits, and then they can re-weigh only one time, within the weigh-in time of 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Under and overweight animals cannot sell in sale.

Number of Market Livestock That May Be Exhibited
An exhibitor will be limited to showing the following maximum number of market livestock:

- Carcass Beef: two (2) head
- Market Beef (total steers and heifers): three (3) head
- Market Swine: three (3) head
- Market Lambs: three (3) head
- Meat Goats: three (3) head

All large animal exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting which will be called by their superintendent Wednesday afternoon or evening of the Fair.
The Box Butte 4-H Council adopted the International Association of Fairs and Expositions National Code of Show Ring Ethics on June 17, 1997 on the advisement of the Fair Board. Exhibitors showing market animals must read and follow this code of ethics. A signed 4-H & FFA Livestock Handbook Agreement which states the exhibitor has received, read and understands, and in consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the Box Butte County Fair, agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics as stated in the Box Butte County 4-H and FFA Handbook. Said agreement must be turned-in to the Extension Office along with their fair entry form.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LARGE LIVESTOCK

A. Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
B. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be allowed to show.
C. Policy on Ringworm, Warts, Abscesses and Open Wounds:
   a. Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses, will not be allowed entry into the Box Butte County Fair for exhibition.
   b. The inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun re-growth in the area and is so stated on a letter/health certificate from inspecting veterinarian.
   c. Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
   d. Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
   e. Animals that have visible signs of open wounds that do not appear to be healing will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
   f. Animals that are injured or lame upon check-in/weigh-in will not be permitted to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises. This will not affect carcass entries.

The superintendents reserve the right to have animal(s) remain on the trailer, until a veterinarian arrives to examine said animal(s).

The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendents on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

TOTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

All exhibitors in beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep and swine must have received Quality Assurance training through an approved UNL Extension program (outlined below) prior to June 1 of each year. Completion of training will be certified by County Extension Staff. Any exhibitor who does not
complete the Quality Assurance requirement on or before **June 1** of each year is ineligible to show or sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair.

The state Livestock Quality Assurance Team provides a self-directed online course designed for Nebraska 4-Hers to complete their Livestock Quality Assurance requirement. Livestock Quality Assurance is divided into three levels. Each year youth will be required to complete three modules within their age limit, take and pass a corresponding quiz for each module with a score of 80% or higher and submit their certificate of completion for each module to the Extension Office on or before June 1 of each year.

**Youth ages 8 - 10 (on January 1 of current year)**

1. Self-Directed On-Line Quality Assurance Course by:
   - Complete 3 modules of the Livestock Quality Assurance on-line course in your age division
   - Take and pass the corresponding quiz for each module with a score of 80% or higher
   - Provide the certificate of completion for each module to the Extension Office on or before June 1 of each year.

**Youth ages 11 - 13 (on January 1 of current year)**

1. Self-Directed On-Line Quality Assurance Course by:
   - Complete 3 modules of the Livestock Quality Assurance on-line course in your age division
   - Take and pass the corresponding quiz for each module with a score of 80% or higher
   - Provide the certificate of completion for each module to the Extension Office on or before June 1 of each year.

   ---OR---

2. Complete and pass an intermediate level test. If a youth takes this and passes, he/she is done with training until age 14 at which time they may exercise their choice to comply at the senior level. Tests will be given at the Extension Office by staff. They are not take home tests but, can be taken as many times as necessary to pass providing the testing is complete on or before June 1.
Youth ages 14 and over (on January 1 of current year) the following options apply:

1. Self-Directed On-Line Quality Assurance Course by:
   - Complete 3 modules of the Livestock Quality Assurance on-line course in your age division
   - Take and pass the corresponding quiz for each module with a score of 80% or higher
   - Provide the certificate of completion for each module to the Extension Office on or before June 1 of each year

   --OR--

2. Complete and pass a senior level test. If a youth takes this and passes, they are done with training for the remainder of their 4-H career. Tests will be given at the Extension Office by staff. They are not take home tests but, can be taken as many times as necessary to pass.

DRESS CODE

Required dress code for showing at the Box Butte County Fair:

1) 4-H members in beef, sheep, and swine (including market, breeding, and meat goat classes) will be required to wear blue jeans, white shirt with collar, and the 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt and appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes will be allowed. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt for a particular year, that approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year.

2) 4-H members in Dairy and Dairy Goat will be required to wear white pants, white shirt with collar, and the 4-H chevron attached to the left front of the shirt and appropriate shoes. No open toed shoes will be allowed. No sleeveless shirts will be allowed. No shirts that expose midriff, navel or undergarments will be allowed. In the event the 4-H Council approves an official t-shirt for a particular year, that approved t-shirt shall become official dress for that year.

3) FFA members will be required to wear a sleeved FFA polo shirt or official FFA dress as designated by their Chapter Advisor.

4) In All Classes, 4-H and FFA members will be dropped a ribbon placing for improper attire.
LIVESTOCK SALE

4-H or FFA member may sell a maximum of two (2) animals at the annual market livestock sale. **Only market animals will be sold.**

**Poultry** Each exhibitor can sell a total of two birds in the livestock auction. Birds must be from this year's hatch. The minimum weights for the birds will be prorated according to the bird's age and breed standards listed in the Poultry American Standard of Perfection. The birds entered in the sale must be a dual purpose or meat breed and the current year’s hatch. No white ribbon birds will be sold.

**Rabbit** Each exhibitor can sell a total of two rabbits. Sale rabbits must be from the meat classes and be a commercial breed. The minimum weights and ages for the rabbits are as follows:

- Single Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. & under 69 days of age
- Meat Pen Fryer, 3 ½ to 5 ½ lbs. & under 69 days of age
- Roaster, over 5 ½ lbs. & under 1 year of age

No white ribbon rabbits will be sold.

It is encouraged for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals to sell at the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, but it will be left up to the discretion of the 4-H and/or FFA exhibitor. The weigh-in period for all market livestock will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday of Fair week. Animals will be weighed only once (unless under or over weight), and weigh-in weight will be the official sale weight. Exhibitors will be responsible for having correct weights shown on official sale sheet. Market animals will be weighed as they are unloaded at the fairgrounds. The weigh-in weight taken on Wednesday, shall be the official show and sale weight for cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats.

Exhibitors must sell their own animals in the sale unless permission is given by the superintendent. If not excused, the animal will not be allowed to sell.

Members must wear Official 4-H dress or FFA dress when selling animals in the sale. (See dress code for additional information.)

The Box Butte County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction will be a Retained Ownership Option Auction. This offers an option to exhibitors in which ownership may be retained. The exhibitor must notify the sale committee of the intent to retain ownership when their sale cards are turned in before the sale list is compiled. The buyer therefore knows the ownership will remain with the exhibitor allowing the exhibitor to show the animal at other shows if they so desire. Animals that go through a change of ownership sale are ineligible to show at State Fair, Aksarben and Western Junior Livestock Show.
### Deductions to be with-held from Exhibitors Livestock Sale Checks

#### Beef (per head sold)
- **Beef Check-Off** $1.00
- **Brand Inspection** $0.75
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $7.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

#### Rabbit (per head sold)
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $7.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

#### Sheep (per head sold)
- **Lamb Board Check-Off** $1.00
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $5.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

#### Poultry (per head sold)
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $7.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

#### Swine (per head sold)
- **Pork Check-Off** $1.00
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $7.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

#### Meat Goat (per head sold)
- **Picture** $6.00
- **Promotion (BBQ)** $7.00
- 3% of total earned (after above deductions)

### Release of Animals

No 4-H or FFA exhibit will be released until resale and butcher animals have been loaded out on the last Sunday of the Fair except for bucket calves, stocker feeders, breeding beef, breeding sheep, dairy goats, and dairy. Due to limited stall space, some breeding animals, dairy, and dairy goats may be required to be brought in and taken home on the day of their show.

Permission for early removal of livestock must be granted by superintendent committee.

The superintendent committee reserves the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendents on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

### Cleaning of Stalls/Pens

Failure to clean all stalls/pens at the Box Butte County Fair will result in the 4-H/FFA members’ livestock sale premium checks to be withheld.

Exhibitors must be present for cleanup by 10:00 a.m. on the last Sunday of the Fair. After member has cleaned out their stalls/pens they must have the barn superintendent check the stall(s)/pen(s).