

# FILLMORE COUNTY 4-H

**JUNE 2023**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### June:

June 1: Entrepreneurship Workshop, 1-3, Ext Office  
June 6: Clover Kid Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office  
June 8: Agronomy Workshop, 1-3, \*moved: Ext Office  
June 14: Last Chance YQCA, 10:30-12, Ext Office  
June 15: Fair Entry Forms, Livestock ID Sheets Due  
June 15: Woodworking Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office  
June 20: Clover Kid Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office  
June 21-22: PASE  
June 22: Visual Arts Workshop, 1-3, Ext. Office  
June 23: Premier Communication Event  
June 29: Outdoor Adventures Workshop, 1-3, Ext. office

### July:

July 5: Clean Up Day- 9 a.m., Fairgrounds  
July 5: Static Entry Day- 5-8 p.m., Fairgrounds  
July 6-10: Fillmore County Fair

## 2023 FAIR DATES:

### JULY 5TH-10TH

#### **Wednesday July 5:**

Clean-up day, Static Check-in

#### **Thursday July 6:**

Livestock Entry, Static Judging & Interviews, Poultry and Rabbit Show

#### **Friday July 7:**

Pancake Breakfast, Sheep/Goat Show, Culinary Challenge

#### **Saturday July 8:**

Horse Show, Swine Show, Talent Show, Fashion Review, Awards Night, Cake Auction

#### **Sunday July 9:**

Beef Show, Companion Animal Show

#### **Monday July 10:**

Release of exhibits, Round Robin, Picnic, Auction, Clean-up

#### **July 20:**

10 a.m. Dog Show  
Nuckolls County Fairgrounds

**Congratulations Speech,  
Presentations, and Public  
Service Announcement  
participants!**



**All Fair  
Paperwork is  
due June 15**

# June 15th Deadline Checklist



## **Enrolled and Paid 4-H Member on 4HOnline**



All youth involved in 4-H must be enrolled by June 15th in order to participate in the County and State Fair this summer. There is an enrollment fee of \$10.00 per youth, \$20.00 per family. Re-enrolling families will use the same username (email) and password as before. For new families, go to the website and create a new profile.



## **PRE-Fair Entry Form (Static and Livestock) *Stop by the office to pick up forms or print off online***

- 4-H Static Pre-Entry Form - <https://go.unl.edu/tv8b>
- 4-H Livestock Pre-Entry Form- <https://go.unl.edu/suqr>
- FFA Livestock Pre-Entry Form



## **Livestock ID Sheets *Stop by the office to pick up forms***

- ID Sheets are required for all species showing at the County Fair



## **YQCA Certificate (Livestock). <https://yqcaprogram.org/>**



- Course complete (face to face or online) and copy of certificate on file at the Extension Office
- Register online at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>
- ***Last F2F YQCA June 14th 10:30-12-Fillmore County Extension Office***



## **Sign up for Jr Livestock Superintendent. [go.unl.edu/jrlivestocksupt](https://go.unl.edu/jrlivestocksupt)**



## **Sign up to work at the Food Stand. [go.unl.edu/foodstand](https://go.unl.edu/foodstand)**



## **Payment for Beef Bedding- \$25.00 per head.**



## **State Fair**



## **Livestock Nomination on Show Stock Manager <https://showstockmgr.com/>**

- Starting in 2023, all livestock in contention to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair will be required to submit a DNA nomination. This includes all 4-H and FFA breeding livestock, market livestock, and feeder calves. Any DNA nomination submitted through Show Stock Manager will also be eligible for exhibition at the Aksarben Stock Show. DNA nominations will be \$7.00 per animal. All animals will automatically be eligible for both breeding and market–no additional fees or double payments will be required. DNA nominations for the Nebraska State Fair are due on June 15, 2023.

More Information: <https://4h.unl.edu/livestock-id>

### ***State 4H Competition Age Change***

- New this year! All members who are at least 9 years of age on January 1st will be eligible to participate in 4-H in-person events (live animal shows, fashion shows, and contests) at the Nebraska State Fair. This does NOT apply to horse events.

## Introducing: Maddie Kamler



I am a student at Hastings College double majoring in Biology and Theater with a minor in Education. I grew up on a farm just outside of Shickley, doing many 4-H workshops every summer. This impacted me so much that I now hope to go into Extension Education or something adjacent after graduating. This summer, I'm most excited for the fair and the workshops I get to help teach, though being back in the county for the summer is exciting in itself! I'm very happy to be continuing working with 4-H, and I can't wait to see what experiences I gain as an intern.

Maddie will be helping us with the summer festivities! We are excited to have her on staff and can't wait for what the summer will bring!

## CWF MEETING

There will be a meeting on **June 8th at 5:30 in the Extension Office** for the families of youth interested in going on the June 2025 Citizen Washington Focus Trip. This meeting will focus on pancake breakfast, working the food stand, and drafted expectations for the trip.

## Horse Exhibitor Levels

To ensure the safety of all horse exhibitors and spectators, it is **REQUIRED** for ALL youth to pass the Beginning Horseman: Level One testing. This level is designed for riders who have little or no experience around horses. It emphasizes correct and safe handling and riding principles and should help develop the members' confidence concerning their ability to ride and guide a horse. The rider's balance, correct seat and use of hands' should be stressed.

Youth, 13 years old and up, need to complete Level 2. Work with your horse leaders to complete this certification. Resources are available to study at <http://4h.unl.edu/horse>

## Summer Reading Program

We are partnering with Fillmore County Libraries to provide hands-on activities through these programs! Stay tuned for dates and times when we will be in Geneva, Exeter, Milligan, Fairmont, and Shickley!

## Big Green 's 2nd Annual Speed Horse Show

June 25th, Thayer County

Fairgrounds- Deshler

Registration at 2:30, Events  
at 3:00

Events: Barrels, Poles, Flying  
W, Potato Race, Keyhole, and  
Ride a Buck

Cost: \$5 per event, \$20 for the  
day

Age Divisions: 10 and under,  
11-16, 17 and over

Contact Makinna Peterson:  
402-200-0459

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Deshler NE

Events: Barrels, Poles, Flying W, Potato Race, Keyhole, and Ride a Buck  
Cost: \$5 per class or \$20 for the day  
All ages are welcome!  
Age Divisions: 10 and under, 11-16, 17 and over  
Prizes awarded 1st-3rd  
In case of weather, call before you head!  
Makinna Peterson: 402-200-0459

## 2023 Youth Crop Scouting Competition

August 2, 2023

Youth will learn how to scout corn and  
soybeans!

Obtain knowledge that will be helpful in  
future agricultural careers!

Network with University and agricultural  
professionals!

Registration due July 15th at  
[go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg](http://go.unl.edu/cropscoutingreg)

For more information, call NE Extension - Fillmore  
Co. at 402-759-3712 or email  
[brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu](mailto:brandy.vandewalle@unl.edu).



[CROPWATCH.UNL.EDU/YOUTH](http://CROPWATCH.UNL.EDU/YOUTH)



[#CROPSCOUTCOMP](https://twitter.com/CROPSCOUTCOMP)

Cash prizes for 1st-  
3rd place teams!



2023 Sponsors:



The **Nebraska Youth Crop Scouting** competition will be held at the Eastern Nebraska Research & Extension Center near Mead, Nebraska on August 2, 2023. Three to five 4-H/FFA youth who are in grades 5-12 are eligible to make up a team. Cash prizes are awarded to the top three teams. For more information, go to <https://cropwatch.unl.edu/cropscoutingcompetition>. #cropscoutcomp

# 4-H Summer Workshops

## 4-H Age (Ages 8-18)

### June 1: Entrepreneurship

Learn about the basics of entrepreneurship from local businesses and get a basic idea of starting your own business.

### June 8: Agronomy Workshop (Location:

~~Fairgrounds~~)



Participate in the 2023 Agriculture Innovators Experience on drones



### June 15: Woodworking Workshop

Learn about the basics of woodworking through this hands-on workshop

### June 22: Visual Arts Workshop



Have an interest in painting or drawing? Join us for this workshop to put your interest to work



### June 29: Outdoor Adventures

Learn more about the great outdoors by participating in this workshop.

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/kmmVd3UHA2>



Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712 to register

**Location: Fillmore County Extension Office\***

**Time: 1-3 p.m.**

~~\*June 8 will be at Fairgrounds~~

## Clover Kid (Ages 5-7)



### June 6: Plant Science

Join us for learning more about plants!

### June 20: Decorate your Duds

Youth will create a personalized item to add to their summer wardrobe!

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/r/UX9Rjxc32B>



Scan QR Code or

Call the Office at 402-759-3712 to register

**Free to attend!\*\***

**Open to all youth!**

**Registration is limited to first 15 youth**

**Youth will complete a project to exhibit at the County Fair**



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**\*\*Thanks to partial funding from the Fillmore County Foundation, these workshops are free!**



# County Contests

## TALENT SHOW

The Fillmore County Talent Show will be on **Saturday, July 8th at 3 p.m. at the Fairgrounds**

Have a talent you are eager to share with others? Sign up for the talent show on your pre-registration form to show off your talent! Talent entries can be individual, group, or inter-generational performances.

## FASHION SHOW

The Fillmore County Fashion Show Contest will be held on Friday, July 7th at 2 p.m. The Public Fashion Review will be held Saturday, July 8th at 3 p.m.

The fashion show is an opportunity for youth to showcase their construction and consumer management skills. Check out the fairbook for more information on classes and requirements.



## CULLINARY CHALLENGE



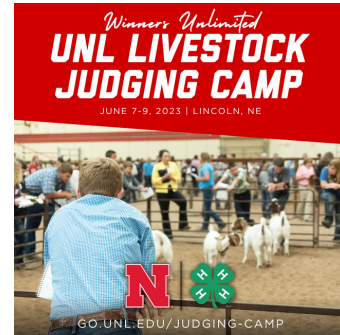
The 4-H Culinary Challenge Contest demonstrate healthy decision making through nutrition, food preparation, menu planning, and food safety. To showcase these skills, youth will create a menu, prepare a food item, and choose an appropriate theme for their occasion while expressing their food, nutrition, and food safety knowledge during a live interview with a judge at the contest. A challenge ingredient will be selected each year, highlighting a Nebraska commodity food product. **The 2023 challenge ingredient is sunflowers.**

Find more information at

<https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/22>

The Fillmore County Culinary Challenge will take place on Friday, July 7th. Tables can be brought on static entry day or day of the contest **and be displayed in Ag Hall.**

# State News



Looking to level up your livestock evaluation and oral reason skills? Make plans to attend this year's UNL Livestock Judging Camp in Lincoln on June 7-9. Registration is \$300 and is due by Monday, May 22. Learn more at [go.unl.edu/judging-camp](https://go.unl.edu/judging-camp).



Premier  
Animal Science  
Event

JUNE 21-22, 2023  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
[4H.UNL.EDU/PASE](https://4h.unl.edu/pase)



The Premier Animal Science Event, held June 21-22 in Lincoln, features our state-level Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Poultry Judging, Livestock Skillathon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl Contests. Registration is open now through June 1 and must be completed through local Extension offices. Learn more at [4h.unl.edu/pase](https://4h.unl.edu/pase).



Mark your calendars! The Online Horticulture Judging Contest will open at 8:00 a.m. CT on Friday, June 2 and will close at 8:00 a.m. CT on Friday, June 16. Learn more and find study materials at [4h.unl.edu/ohjc](https://4h.unl.edu/ohjc).

# County Fair Updates

## HELP NEEDED

### 4-H FOOD STAND

The 4-H Food Stand is a huge fundraiser during County Fair for the 4-H Council and the 4-H program in Fillmore County. **It is expected that ALL 4-H members work one shift.** Without the money from the food stand, many 4-H activities and events would not be possible.

You can sign up online at [go.unl.edu/foodstand](https://go.unl.edu/foodstand) or with the QRcode below. Time slots are filled on a first come basis!



### JR LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS

Receive more volunteer experience in 4-H, by being a junior superintendent. Superintendents will be selected on a first-come basis.

Sign up for the following shifts:

Horse Show: 2 superintendents at 7:45 – end of show

Sheep Show: 2 superintendents at 7:45 – 11:00 AM & 1 supt. 11:00 - end of show

Poultry/Rabbit Show: 2 superintendents at 5:00pm- end of show

Swine Show: 1 superintendents at 7:45 – 11:00 AM & 2 supt. At 11:00 - end of show

Beef Show: 1 superintendent at 9-11:30 AM & 2 supt. 11:30-end of show

Please call the office at (402) 759-3712 to sign up by June 15th or <https://go.unl.edu/jrlivestocksupt>



### PRE-FAIR PACKETS

Entry tags, backtags & t-shirts will be available to be picked up after June 26. We will send out an email and "Remind" message when they are ready to be picked up.

## AWARDS NIGHT & CAKE AUCTION

**Saturday, July 8th, 4 p.m.**

Join us in celebrating 4-H accomplishments from throughout the year!

The 4-H Cake Auction is an annual event at the Fillmore County Fair. 4-H members are invited to bring a homemade cake to auction off to the highest bidder. Half of the bid goes directly the 4-H'er and half goes to the 4-H Council for scholarships and program funds. Only one homemade cake per 4-Her is allowed. Sign-up by checking "Cake Auction" on your County Fair Pre-Entry Form.

Exhibitors are highly encouraged to enter their decorated cake auction cake as an exhibit at county fair in the "Cake Decorating" project.

\*All Participants - Please include a list of ingredients with your cake in case of allergies and limit exhibits to products which hold up well; items that require refrigeration are not recommended.

## OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

4-H families are encouraged to nominate someone who goes the extra mile for Fillmore County 4-H for the Outstanding Service Award. To nominate individuals send a letter of recommendation, including years of service and contributions made to the 4-H program. Submit nominations to the Fillmore County Extension Office by June 15th. Multiple letters per nominee will be accepted.

## PICNIC

POET is sponsoring the 4-H Picnic which occur at 11:00 a.m. on July 12th in Ag Hall for 4-H families and livestock auction buyers. 4-H'ers and their families are dismissed from Ag Hall at 12:30.

**Fillmore County Fair  
July 5th - 10th**

*Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights*



# County Fair Updates



## LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

## SPECIES REMINDERS

### 2023 LIVESTOCK SUPERINTENDENTS

**Beef:** Scott Potthoff, Superintendent, Assistants: Nate Lefever, Christy Geiger, Chad Engle, Nate Girmus  
**Swine:** Jason Pribyl, Superintendent, Assistants: Mark Schmidt, Robbie Petersen, Sarah Miller, Scott Schlegel  
**Sheep:** Cindi Andreasen, Superintendent  
Assistants: Amanda Richards, Jackie Swartzendruber, Chrissy Carlson  
**Rabbit** Superintendent: John Janing,  
**Poultry** Superintendent: Ashley Foutch  
**Horse:** Todd & Heather Probasco, Superintendents  
Jennifer Engle, Assistant  
**Herdsmanship:** Kurt VanDeWalle, Miranda Hornung, Jessalyn Schrock  
**Auction Committee:** Bill Kleinschmidt, Randy Kleinschmidt, Joe Birky, Corey Stengel, Brad Kresak, FFA Advisors  
**Round Robin:** Beef, Swine, Sheep Superintendents

### LIVESTOCK AUCTION

The livestock auction will again be online due to the success of last year. Pictures will be taken of your animals **PRIOR** to the sale. Details in July newsletter.

### GENERATORS

Generators will be allowed in 2023 because of the lack of electrical output in the west Quonset that is needed for beef blowers and fans. Those who normally groom their cattle in the west Quonset will have the option to bring in a generator to be used in the Quonset. The generator must be an inverter type to reduce the noise competition with arena speakers. Those who want to bring a generator will need to claim a permit from the extension office by July 1. The permit must be attached to the generator and will be checked by Beef Superintendents and 4-H and Extension Staff. There will be 5 permits that are available first come, first serve, limit 1 permit per 4-H family. Generators must be placed outside the Quonset on the north side, between the Quonset and bucket calf / small animal barn.

### **Swine Ear-Tags**

Fillmore 4-H will continue the identification process as a visual tag for county fair. An E-ID is also acceptable, as that is required for State Fair.

To identify your hogs, stop in the office to pick up your tags.

They must be in hogs by June 15th.

All ear tags not matching ID sheets will NOT be allowed to participate in the 4-H show; they will be allowed to participate in the open class show.

### **Breeding Gilt**

Breeding gilts' birth date should be on ID form turned into Extension Office by June 15th.

### **Breeding Sheep**

Remember that to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family.

### **Home Born and Raised Animals**

Remember to declare all animals that are Home Born and Raised on the livestock ID sheets. This must be done with all beef, sheep and swine exhibits if you want your animals recognized as such.

### **Breeding Beef Tattoos**

Remember to have all breeding beef animals properly tattooed by June 15th. Tattoos will be checked at fair check-in. Also, to show in a specific breed class, registration papers are required and must be owned by the exhibitor or immediate family. Please make sure livestock pre-entry forms are properly filled out to ensure breeding animals are in correct class.

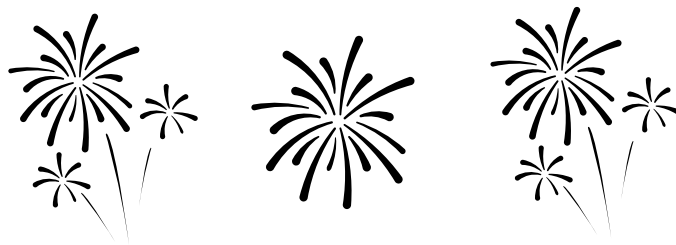
### **Bucket Calf Record Books.**

Youth exhibiting bucket calves at the county fair need to complete a record book and turn it into the Extension Office by July 1st. The books will be judged prior to the fair based on skills and knowledge gained by the 4-H'er. Record books are available at the Extension Office.

Fillmore County Fair

July 5th - 10th

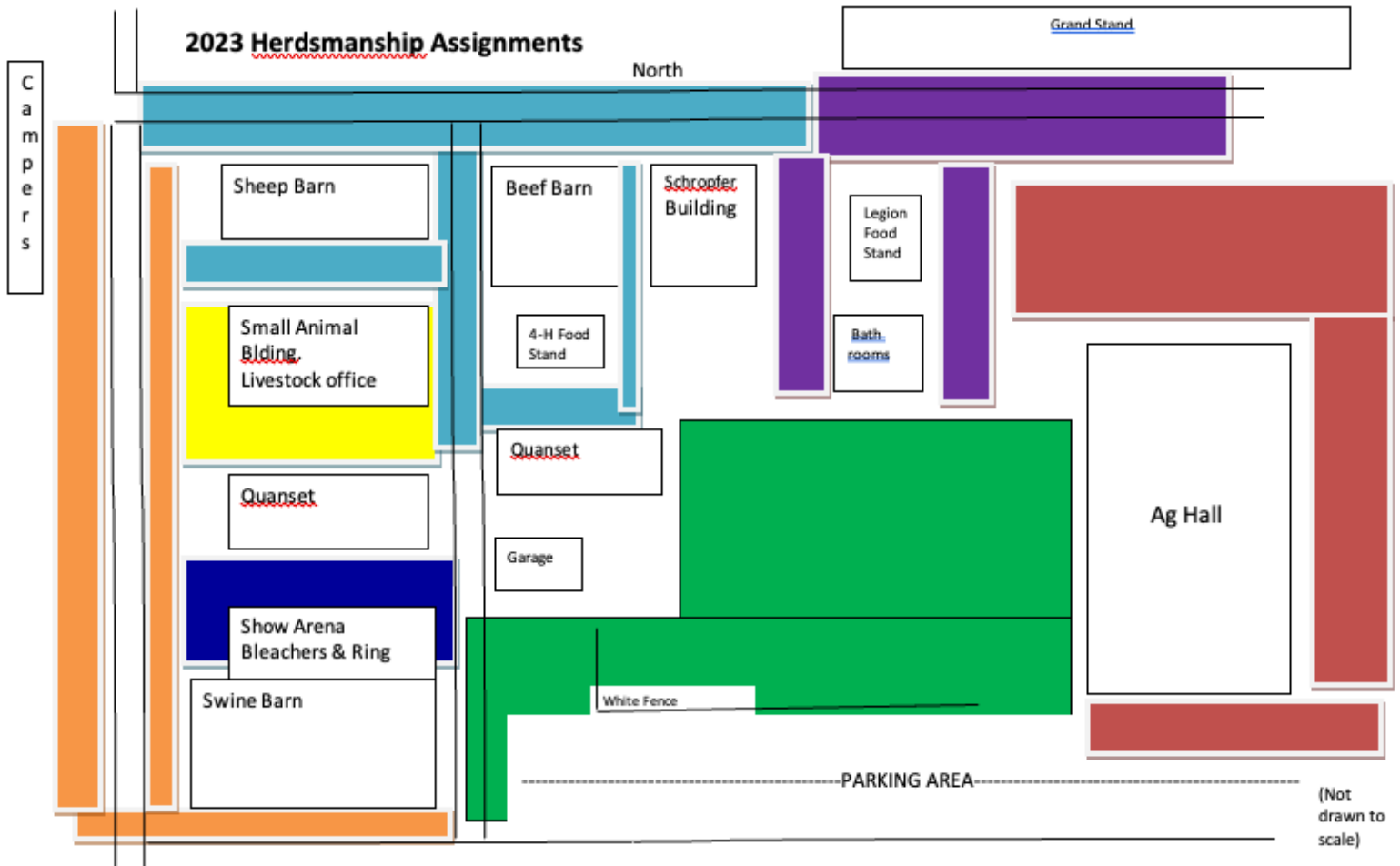
Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights



## Club Clean-Up Areas

4-H & FFA members are guests of the Fair Board. As guests, it is our job to help keep the fairgrounds clean. On **Clean-Up day and throughout the fair**, please help pick up trash in the designated areas below.

More details about what to do on Clean-Up Day will be in your exhibitor packets and July's online newsletter!



Club	Area
4-H Energizers	West (to campers, NOT composite areas) & South of sheep and hog barns - <b>Orange</b>
Strang 4BarH	North & east of beef and lamb barns, north & east of small animal bldg. & food stand area - <b>Blue</b>
Handy Hands	East of the hog barn to west side of Ag Hall - <b>Green</b>
Independent Members & Green Team	Inside Ag Hall & north, east & south of Ag Hall - <b>Red</b>
Country Cousins, Pasture Pals, STEAM Punks	Around rest rooms and south of grandstand - <b>Purple</b>
Milligan 4-H'ers	Inside of the Small Animal Building (including trash and livestock commons area) - <b>Yellow</b>
Wild Mustangs	Horse Arena
ALL	Clean and help organize Food Stand on Clean up Day and after the auction, all help set-up/clean inside Ag Hall on clean-up day/after picnic
Fillmore Central & Shickley FFA	Show Arena, bleachers, announcer stand area - <b>Navy</b>

(Not drawn to scale)



## What is Herdsmanship and why does it matter?

The purpose of Herdsmanship is for 4-H exhibitors to properly care for their livestock, small animals, pens & equipment, insure safety and to keep the animals and surrounding areas clean and attractive at all times. Educational displays and public relations are also an important component of Herdsmanship.

Below shows how livestock exhibitors are scored.

<b>Fillmore County Herdsmanship</b>				<b>Year</b>		
<b>Club Name</b> _____						
<i>(Circle which time is being judged.)</i>						
				<b>Species (Circle)</b>		
Friday	AM	or	PM	Beef/Butcher Calves	Swine	
Saturday	AM	or	PM			
Sunday	AM	or	PM	Sheep/Goats	Poultry/Rabbits	
<i>(Place an 'x' in the correct box according to how well criteria is met.)</i>						
1 = Poor, 2 = Average, 3 = Good, 4 = Very Good, 5 = Excellent						
<b>Scoring Criteria</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Bedding</b> (clean & dry)						
<b>Aisle</b> (Clean, swept, dampened if needed)						
<b>Identification</b> (stall cards and club sign easy to identify)						
<b>Animal Cleanliness</b> (evidence that animals/area is cleaned and cared for)						
<b>Tack</b> (organization and cleanliness of tack area)						
<b>Overall Impression</b> (what is the impression you have of the display of this club's exhibit space)						
<b>Other Comments</b>				<b>Total Score</b>		<b>(Out of 30 points possible)</b>
						Judges' results are final.