

ANIMAL SCIENCE
General Rules

Livestock/Animal General Rules and Guidelines:

- A. **Pen, Tie, and Tack Assignments:** Pen, tie, and tack assignments will be made by a committee of large animal superintendents and office staff the week before fair. Pens and ties will take precedence over tacks. Clover Kids are not allowed a pen of their own. Emphasis will be placed on keeping clubs together if submitted by deadline July 1st.
- B. **Check-In & Check-Out:** Animals may not arrive more than 24 hours prior to animal check-in time. Market animals may not check out until after the Livestock Sale.
- C. **Back Tags:** Back tags with individual 4-H member numbers MUST be worn during ALL events in which competing. Exhibitors may pick up their back tags in the 4-H Building on Monday, during Static Exhibit Check- In. Those competing in Horse, Cat and Dog Shows may pick up their number during check in of those events. Back tags will also be available at the Extension Office one week prior to Fair, so they can be laminated in advance. Safety pins are the responsibility of the exhibitor. EXHIBITORS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED 2 BACK TAGS FOR THE ENTIRE WEEK OF FAIR.
- D. **Livestock Tags:** Tags for Beef and Swine are available at the Nebraska Extension Office. Members are allowed three, free tags per species and will be charged \$1.00 for additional tags. Livestock tags need to be in animals ears when they come across the scale at species initial weigh ins.
- E. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA):** Any 4-H youth, ages 8-18, enrolled in a livestock project including beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine are required to complete three modules online or attend the in-person YQCA training by JUNE 15th!
- F. **Ownership of Animals & Poultry:** All animals and poultry in the 4-H Show must be owned by the exhibitor who entered it. Horse lease arrangements are acceptable, but must be certified on the appropriate forms in the Extension Office. **Ownership affidavits for beef, horse, sheep, swine, dairy, companion, exotic, and meat goats, must be submitted to the Extension Office by June 15th. ID's will be checked on entry day.**
- G. **Unruly or Uncontrollable Animals:** An animal that becomes wild and uncontrollable during the fair or show may be declared ineligible by the division Superintendent.
- H. **Animal Testing and Examination:** Any animal entered in 4-H classes that are tampered with by unusual means to change appearance or weight may be declared ineligible by review of Superintendents, 4-H Executive Council and Nebraska Extension staff. If necessary, the cost of testing will be the responsibility of the exhibitor if an infraction is documented.
- I. **Substitute Showman:** An animal must be shown by the 4-H owner who entered it unless the exhibitor is excused by the division Superintendent because of serious illness, disability due to an injury (e.g. broken arm or leg) or conflict with other livestock classes. An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class needs to secure approval for another 4-H member, eligible to exhibit livestock, to show the additional animal in the class. Substitute showmen must be a 4-H member exhibiting in one of the livestock shows at the Dawes County 4-H Fair.
- J. **Dress Code:** 4-H livestock and small animal exhibitors (excluding horse) are required to wear a plain white shirt (collar button only may be left undone) OR an official Dawes County 4-H T-Shirt, blue jeans (no holes), and hard-soled shoes or boots. Dairy and dairy goat exhibitors may wear dark blue jeans or white pants. No club identification, hats, caps or other types of headgear are to be worn. Neckties are permissible in horse events only. Horse exhibitors are required to follow the dress code outlined in the official 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide. Dress code violation reduces placing by one ribbon. 4-H armbands will be required to be worn by all Horse exhibitors. These are available for purchase in the Extension Office or can be borrowed on the day of the horse show.
- K. **Market Animals to be Shown at State Fair:** MUST have hair samples for DNA on file along with an EID Tag. Deadline for DNA is June 15th. Pre-entry deadline for the State Fair and Ak-Sar-Ben is August 10th, 8 P.M Central Time.

- L. **Rate of Gain Contest:** Calculated as follows: pounds gained divided by number of days on feed. Days on feed will be the number of days from initial weigh in to the date of weigh in at the county fair. Rate of Gain results will be posted immediately following announcing winners during species show.
- M. **Grooming of Livestock:**
- Exhibitors are ENCOURAGED to groom, clip, trim and block their own animals.
 - Exhibitors shall not add materials, natural or synthetic, which extend body shapes beyond normal limits.
 - Upon violation of above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be lowered one or two ribbon placing(s) or may be disqualified from the show.
- N. **Breaking market classes into weight divisions:** Superintendents for each species are responsible with the general rule being a minimum of four animals per class.
- O. **Reweighs:** Exhibitors will be allowed to weigh their market animals only once. Exceptions can be made by Superintendents if there are mechanical malfunctions of the scale but the animal must be backed off the scale and immediately reweighed. Animals should be clean (excessive mud, manure, etc. removed) for weigh-in.
- P. **Health Requirements:** All exhibitors must comply with the respective Livestock Health Requirements. All livestock are subject to examination, upon arrival, for evidence of infectious or contagious diseases, open wounds and other animal health concerns and if such is found, they will not be allowed entrance onto the grounds. Diseased or injured animals may be removed from the grounds upon a recommendation of a veterinarian.
- Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited.
 - Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious diseases will be allowed to show. Animals with active ringworm, lesions, visible warts, dermatitis or abscesses will not be allowed on the grounds or allowed to show.
- Q. **MINIMUM/MAXIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:**
- Market Beef: Steers – 1,150 lbs./1,700 lbs.; Heifers – 1,050 lbs./1,700 lbs.
 - Market Sheep: 100 lbs./180 lbs.
 - Market Swine: 220 lbs./350 lbs.

Herdsmanship Contest:

General Rules:

- A. Herdsmanship duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.
- B. Herdsmanship begins with the check-in of livestock and ends with the clean-up after the Fair.
- C. 4-H Members are responsible for their animal(s) at all times. Animals are on display to promote 4-H and proper animal handling.
- D. Judges will be anonymous.
- E. **Scoring:** 100 points possible each day with a maximum of 500 Points.
- 25 Points Animals – clean at all times with proper grooming, feeding, bedding and care apparent.
 - 10 Points Stalls – clean and neat, bedding clean and fresh, feed and feed pans/buckets clean and in place. Stalls and pens must be cleaned before 9:00 a.m. each day.
 - 10 Points Tack and Feed Area – kept clean and neatly arranged, fork handles, and similar equipment kept down.
 - 25 Points Alley – Exhibitors' share of alley area kept clean. Wheelbarrows and equipment kept from aisle. Alleys must be swept by 9:00 a.m. each day.
 - 25 Points Exhibitors – Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times including with the public and other exhibitors. Need to be near animal so as to answer questions about your project, unless otherwise showing.
 - 05 Points Promotion – Ribbons/award stickers and signs displayed so sponsors can be recognized.

Carcass Contest:

General Rules:

- A. Any 4-H'er with market beef, swine, sheep, and goats will be eligible for the Carcass Contest.
- B. All market animals will be ultra-sounded at weigh ins on Tuesday, July 30th.
- C. *New in 2021 – The 4-H Council will pay for an ultrasound for one market animal per 4-H'er if they attend the educational session about ultra-sounding provided by 4-H. If youth doesn't attend, 4-H Council will not pay.
- D. 4-H'ers are allowed to purchase as many ultrasounds as they would like at their own cost at \$7.00/animal.
- E. **4-H'ers must turn in a Carcass Contest registration form to the Extension Office by July 1st.**

Showmanship Contest Round Robin:

Superintendents: Large - Clint Phillips, Ryan Sellman, & Marisa Betson / **Small** - Ericka Lans, Kris Vahrenkamp & Connie Moore

A showmanship contest will be held at the beginning of each animal project show. Exhibitors taking part in this contest will be judged on their skill as showmen and appearance of their animals. While grooming counts, breed and individual excellence of the animal does not. Round Robin contestants will be comprised of senior showmanship winners (champion and reserve). In the event there isn't a senior representative in a species, the champion intermediate will be chosen to round out the field of contestants. Please refer to the fair schedule for date and time of Round Robin contest.

General Rules:

- A. The champion senior showman for each species will be eligible to compete in the Round Robin contest.
- B. If a senior level youth wins showmanship in more than one species, he/she will draw to see which species they will represent in the Round Robin contest. The reserve champion senior from the species not drawn will then be eligible to compete.
- C. In the event that there is no senior exhibitor in a showmanship contest for a particular species, then the champion intermediate showman will be allowed to participate in the Round Robin contest.
- D. A maximum of 7 youth will show in the Large Animal Round Robin, and 4 in the Small Animal Round Robin.
- E. Contestants will not be allowed to look at their cell phones during contest.
- F. Both Small and Large Animal Round Robin contestants will not be allowed to see the Final Master scoresheet. Participants will be able to view any individual feedback if given by judges.
- G. **Large Animal:**
 - Includes Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Horse, and Dairy Goat
 - No BULLS of any age can be shown in the showmanship contest/Round Robin.
- H. **Small Animal:**
 - Includes Dog, Cat, Poultry, and Rabbit
 - Dog and cat species will need to go first followed by rabbit and poultry. A draw for species can still be made, however, draw from dog/cat first and then rabbit/poultry.
- I. **Superintendents: (Large and Small Animal)**
 - Superintendents for each species must confirm with the champion showman as soon as possible on their intention of entering the Round Robin competition.
 - Superintendents for each species are responsible to select remaining animals for the Round Robin contest besides the animal for the round robin champion contestant that represents the species.
- J. **Contest Structure:**
 - Round Robin Superintendents will draw for order in which species will be shown except for swine. Swine will always go first.
 - The youth representing the species will go first in order with other contestants drawing for the remaining positions.

- Contestants will not be allowed to watch other contestants.
- Contestants will draw from the animals selected by the large and small animal superintendents and will then compete with the animal drawn.
- A Round Robin contestant CANNOT show their own animal EXCEPT for the champion contestant representing the species. Showmanship champions will be allowed to show their own animal in the round robin contest. If youth wins two species showmanship, youth is ONLY allowed to show their animal in the species they represent.
- A winner will be chosen for Large Animal and Small Animal based on their cumulative point total.
- If there is a tie, a tie breaker question will be asked about the last species shown.

Foundation Livestock Sale Rules and Guidelines:

The Dawes County Foundation Livestock Sale 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. For the Retained Ownership Option, the buyer will pay the amount above the resale price. The resale price is deducted from the exhibitor's sale total for the animal. The exhibitor only receives the amount above the resale price. Animals that go through a change of ownership sale are ineligible to show at State Fair, Ak-Sar-Ben, and Western Junior Livestock Show.

- A. **4-H member's sale quota will be TWO animals ONLY.** It can be a combination of two different species or two animals of the same species. Qualifying animals include beef, sheep, swine, goat, market poultry and market rabbits.
- B. **4-H'ers selling animals MUST fill out SALE CARDS** and turn into the Fair Office by Thursday, August 1, at the conclusion of the last livestock show.
- C. **4-H'ers retaining ownership MUST let the sale committee know** by Thursday, August 1, at the conclusion of the last livestock show.
- D. 4-H Foundation Livestock Sale is Friday, August 2 at 6:00 pm.
- E. Exhibitors unable to be present for the sale must provide a written statement in advance to the Foundation Sale Committee and receive approval for their request.
- F. 4-H Dress Code applies to exhibitors selling animals at the Foundation Livestock Sale.
- G. All Large Animal Superintendents as well as Rabbit and Poultry Superintendents need to work with the Sale Committee.
- H. **All exhibitors participating in the Foundation Livestock Sale must have received Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training.**
- I. Species must meet the market weight requirements to be eligible for sale.
- J. Only one animal can be represented at the Foundation Livestock Sale as a "Champion Pen of 3" Animal.
- K. Treatment of Sick Market Animals at Fair: Animals which are administered treatment of medication having a withdrawal time period will be disqualified from the sale.

*****IN THE CASE OF SOLD MARKET ANIMALS*****

IF THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT AN EXHIBITOR VIOLATED THE QUALITY ASSURANCE AGREEMENT AND HAS USED DRUGS OR OTHER MEASURES TO ENHANCE ANIMAL PRESENTATION WHILE RISKING THE QUALITY OF THE ANIMAL – VERIFIED BY OBSERVATION OR FROM TESTING RESULTS AFTER THE SALE OF THE ANIMAL –THE EXHIBITOR WILL FORFEIT ALL MONIES RECEIVED BACK TO THE BUYER AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO ONE YEAR INELIGIBILITY OF SELLING ANY MARKET ANIMALS.

BEEF

Department G

Superintendents: Abby Marx, Adam Sellman, Ron Betson, and Buffy Hourt-Allred

Junior Superintendents: Alexandra Rasmussen & Miranda Betson

BEEF RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science and Livestock Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member is limited to 3 breeding cattle, 3 stocker/feeder, 3 market beef, and one bucket calf. Breeding cattle entered in this show must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15th of the current year.
- C. **Tie-Outs Permitted:** But NOT BEFORE 6:30 p.m. on any evening.
- D. Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.
- E. **Weighing and Checking Identification:** Market Steers and Heifers will be weighed on Tuesday, July 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. to establish classes and will be weighed only once. No re-weighs. Entry weight is sale weight.
- F. **Minimum/Maximum Weights:** No re-weighs will be allowed. Market Steers must weigh a minimum of 1,150 lbs. to sell, and Market Heifers must weigh a minimum of 1,050 lbs. to sell, and for the Rate of Gain Contest. ADOPTED IN 2017: For selling purposes only, youth will only be paid up to a maximum weight of 1,700 lbs.
- G. **All Beef must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year. A British Breed Certificate must be on file for the current year and signed by the breeder of the animal. If not, beef will be placed in exotic division.**
- H. **All market heifers must have a Bangs tag and legible tattoo OR Spay Certificate to be sold in the Sale.**
- I. **Breed Divisions:** British Division includes: Angus (Red and Black), Shorthorn and Hereford, or any combination of these breeds. Exotic Division includes: All other breeds that are not listed under the British Division, or any combination of those breeds, or a combination of those breeds and a British Breed.
- J. **Rate of Gain:** Rate of Gain requirements are no longer valid for placing. However, there is a special ROG award.
- K. **Stocker-Feeder Calves:** Released after being shown
- L. **Shows:** All beef will be shown on Thursday, August 1. (Showmanship, breeding, stocker feeders, and market)
- M. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO EXHIBIT AT AK-SAR-BEN OR STATE FAIR: Market** Beef Steers and Heifers must have an EID Tag and DNA on file by June 15th. Breeding Heifers must have a Tattoo and Breeding Nomination Card on file by June 15th. State Fair and AkSarBen entries are due by August 10th.
- N. **Bucket Calf:** PURPOSE: To provide greater consistency in judging while improving the educational impact of the project. Record book will help teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young cattle, basic beef management skills without a large investment, basic record-keeping skills, and provide a better understanding of the feeder cattle industry.
 - **GUIDELINES:**
 1. A Bucket Calf is an orphan or newborn calf; male or female; dairy, beef, or cross; fed on a bucket or bottle; or on a nurse cow. Select and/or purchase a calf born between January 1st and June 15th of current project year within two weeks of birth. Calf Sources - Feedlots, dairies, sale barn, neighbor, calving cull cows.
 2. **Exhibitors can be ages 8-18** (by January 1st); must be enrolled in the Bucket Calf Project; and have completed the annual Livestock Quality Assurance class.
 3. **Exhibitors will need to complete the Bucket Calf Record Book** (available online at: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/northernpanhandle/4-h-record-books/>). This should be completed and turned in to the Extension Office by Tuesday, July 23 to allow the judge time to read and prepare for interviews.
 4. 4-H'er should develop management and marketing plan with parent, leader or banker.

5. **Identification** - Bucket Calf should carry an official 4-H ear tag and be identified on a 4-H affidavit with signed form turned into the Extension Office by June 15th. Member may identify more animals but will be limited to one calf for exhibit at the fair.
6. Exhibitors will sign up for interview times when submitting their completed record book. Interviews will be held on Thursday, August 1, 8-10 a.m. Calves will be shown at halter. Clipping is optional.
7. Calves will be presented to the public on Thursday, August 1, for presentation of awards. All judging will have been done prior to that time.
8. Bucket Calves will be dismissed immediately following the award presentations.
9. Bucket Calves are eligible for Beef or Dairy Showmanship by all age divisions.
10. **Judging** - The Bucket Calf Project will be judged according to the following scorecard:
 - Eval. of a completed record 35%
 - Eval. of member's knowledge by interview 35%
 - Quality and condition of animal 15%
 - Evidence of training and showing 15%

DIVISION 005: BEEF

G005001. Senior Showmanship.

G005002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G005003. Junior Showmanship.

G005004. Clover Kid Showmanship. (Calf under 350 pounds & no more than 6 months of age)

G005005. Bucket Calf

G005006. Cow/Calf Pair

STOCKER/FEEDER CALVES:

G005007. Heifer

G005008. Steer

	BRITISH	EXOTIC
<u>BREEDING HEIFERS:</u>	<u>CLASS #</u>	<u>CLASS #</u>
Heifer Calves (Jan – Jun 24)	G005009	G005010
Heifer Calves (Nov – Dec 23)	G005011	G005012
Heifer Calves (Sept – Oct 23)	G005013	G005014
Yearling Heifers (May – Aug 23)	G005015	G005016
Yearling Heifers (Mar – Apr 23)	G005017	G005018
Yearling Heifers (Jan – Feb 23)	G005019	G005020
<u>BULLS:</u>		
Calved 2024	G005021	G005022
Yearling Bulls – Calved 2023	G005023	G005024
<u>MARKET:</u>		
Heifers	G005025	G005026
Steers	G005027	G005028

G005040. GROUP OF 5 MARKET CALVES. (ALL FROM ONE CLUB)

CAT

Department G

Superintendent: Buffy Hourt-Allred

Junior Superintendents: Gunnar Lans

CAT RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member is limited to 2 cats. The entries in the Dawes County Fair and State 4-H Cat Show are not judged according to breed standards. Exhibitors are automatically entered in the Showmanship at State but it is an option at the Dawes County Fair. Kittens must be at least 4 months old in order to be eligible to be shown.
- B. **Showmanship:** The showmanship score sheet includes the following point breakdown: Animal Evaluation (35 points); Cage Evaluation (25 points); Knowledge (40 points) for a total of 100 points. Companion animal judging sheet SF73 will be used.
- C. **Maximum Length** of showmanship presentations is less than five minutes. One (1) point for every 30 seconds over will be deducted for showmanship presentations exceeding time limit. Exhibitors will be timed; the judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- D. **Eligibility:** Exhibitors must be currently enrolled in the 4-H Cat Project by June 15th of the current year. Cats must belong to the exhibitor or immediate family (family cat), or the exhibitor will be disqualified. Kittens under 4 months of age will not be accepted. If the judge decides to judge the cat in the cage, the cat will lose no points; however, the cat will not be eligible for a top cat award, and the showman will lose five points in the showmanship class.
- E. **Housing:** Cats must be brought in carriers and will remain in carriers except for when being judged. The exhibitor must provide food, water, cage bottom for the cat's comfort, and a cage covering. This covering may be any form desired (i.e., towels, sheets, etc.). The simplicity or elaborateness of the covering WILL NOT add to or cause a deduction in the points awarded. Cages will be on the following criteria: Cleanliness and safety of environment (5); food, water availability (5); adequate space (5); Appropriate enrichment (toys, bedding) (5); Temperature control (5).
- F. **Health:** Cats should be free of fleas, ticks, ear mites, ringworm, any internal and external parasite, and/or infectious disease. If a cat exhibits signs of being contagious, it will be considered a danger to the other cats, and not be allowed to show.
- G. **Vaccination Form:** A Nebraska 4-H Certified Vaccination Form can be picked up at the Extension Office. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure all information is filled out and signed by a Certified Veterinarian. Completed form MUST be turned in to the Extension Office when pre-entering for the fair or no later than July 1st of the current year. Cats are required to be current on their vaccinations of Rabies, Distemper, Pan leucopenia, RhinoTracheitis, and CaliciVirus. Cats must either have a current feline leukemia vaccination or proof of a negative test within 180 days of the show. 4-H'ers vaccinating their own cats must provide proof by including a statement from their vet on the Vaccination Record Form or by including the vaccination labels on the form and having it signed by a parent. A rabies vaccination is federally mandated to be given by a Certified Veterinarian ONLY. This vaccination must be current and include a veterinarian signature on the Vaccination Record Form.
- H. **Claws:** If the cat is not declawed, the claws must be clipped. This will be a point of judging during the competition. No expectant or nursing mother cats may be entered in the show.
- I. **Check-In and Show:** Friday, July 26 cat check in at 7:30-8 a.m. Show will be at 8:30 a.m.
- J. **All cats must be shown on a leash:** Exhibitors will be judged on the handling of the cat from the cage to the judge's table.

DIVISION 690: CAT

G690001. Senior Showmanship.

G690002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G690003. Junior Showmanship.

G69000C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

G690004. Long Hair Kitten (4 – 8 months)

G690005. Long Hair Cat (over 8 months)

G690006. Short Hair Kitten (4 – 8 months)

G690007. Short Hair Cat (over 8 months)

DIVISION 691: CAT – SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each exhibitor will be limited to 2 classes from this division

G691001. Best Senior Citizen (cats over 7 years of age)

G691002. Most Spirited

G691003. Most Expressive Eyes

G691004. Most Unusually Marked

G691005. Best Groomed

G691006. Best Personality

G691007. Acrobatics or Tricks

G691008. Fashion – Costumes

COMPANION ANIMAL

Department G

Superintendents: Melissa Nicholson and Connie Moore

Junior Superintendent: Amelia Betson & Ava Pyle

COMPANION ANIMAL RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member may make no more than one entry per class with a maximum of four entries total.
- C. **All Companion Animals must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- D. **Showing:** Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Participants should bring animal, adequate cage and accessories.
- E. **Check- In and Show:** Tuesday, July 30, check in at 8 a.m. Show at 8:30 a.m.
- F. **Health:** Ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies. Any animal showing signs of sickness, disease, or parasite infestation will be eliminated from the show and must be removed from the fairgrounds.
- G. **Any class with less than 5 entries will be combined into 1 companion animal class.**
- H. **Judging of Entries:**
 - Entries in the Companion Animal Show are judged on the overall health and appearance of the animal, and the exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the animal; not judged according to breed standards. Mixed breed animals can be entered, and identification is not required.
 - If a judge from another species does not feel comfortable evaluating these exhibits, Interview Judging will be utilized. Exhibitors will be asked questions about production, selection, grooming, handling, care, nutrition, age, sex, and other pertinent items regarding care and management of this exhibit.
- I. **Reptiles, Companion Birds and Other MUST be brought to and removed from the fairgrounds on the same day as the contest.**
- J. **SHOW PROCEDURE:** Exhibitors must be present at time of showing. Animals must be housed in a cage at all times of the show unless asked to remove them by the judge. If being shown in a travel cage, exhibitors should bring photographs of the animal's normal habitat. Each exhibitor will be asked to give a short "showmanship" presentation on their animal. The characteristics, health, and care of the animal should be provided in this presentation. Following the presentation, exhibitors will be interviewed on knowledge of their animal and its care.

DIVISION 100: COMPANION ANIMAL

G100003. **Ferret.** (4 months)

G100004. **Chinchilla.** (7 weeks)

G100005. **Guinea Pig.** (4 weeks)

G100006. **Gerbil.** (4 weeks)

G100007. **Hamster.** (4 weeks)

G100008. **Mouse.** (4 weeks)

G100009. **Rat.** (4 weeks)

G100010. **Hedgehog.** (5weeks)

G100011. **Poster.**

G100012. **Companion Bird.**

G100013. **Reptile.**

G100014. **Fish.**

G100015. **Other.**

G10000C. **Clover Kid Showmanship.**

DAIRY CATTLE

Department G

Superintendents: Abby Marx, Ryan Sellman, Ron Betson, and Buffy Hourt-Allred

Junior Superintendents: Alexandra Rasmussen & Miranda Betson

DAIRY CATTLE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** Each 4-H member is limited to two animals under each class number with not over three breeding heifers. At least one of three in the dairy herd must be a cow that has freshened. At least one of the animals must qualify as "bred by exhibitor", and all three must be of the same breed.
- C. **All Dairy Cattle must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- D. **Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.**
- E. **All purebred animals must be registered or eligible to register by fair time.**
- F. **Show:** Thursday, August 1 at 11 a.m.
- G. **Grade animals must have the characteristic color markings, conformation, and general size of the breed it represents.**
- H. **Registered and Grades of each of the listed breeds will show together:** Ayrshires, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, Holsteins, Jersey, Milking Shorthorn and Crossbred.

DIVISION 041: DAIRY CATTLE

G041001. Senior Showmanship.

G041002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G041003. Junior Showmanship.

G041004. Junior Calves. (3/1/24 – 4/30/24)

G041005. Intermediate Calves. (12/1/23 – 2/28/24)

G041006. Senior Calves. (9/1/23 – 11/30/23)

G041007. Summer Yearlings. (6/1/23 – 8/31/23)

G041008. Spring Yearlings. (3/1/23 – 5/31/23)

G041009. Winter Yearlings. (12/1/22 – 2/28/23)

G041010. Fall Yearlings. (9/1/22 – 11/30/22)

G041011. Dry Cow Any Age.

G041012. Junior Two Year Olds. – Must have freshened. (3/1/22 – 8/31/22)

G041013. Senior Two Year Olds. – Must have freshened. (9/1/21 – 2/28/22)

G041014. Three Year Olds. (9/1/20 – 8/31/21)

G041015. Four Year Olds. (9/1/19 – 8/31/20)

G041016. Five + Year Olds. (Prior to 9/1/19)

DOG
Department G
Superintendent: Buffy Hourt-Allred
Junior Superintendent: Askel Lans

DOG RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **Dog Eligibility:** Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor for the majority of the year.
- B. **Vaccination:** All dogs must be immunized for distemper, hepatitis, parvo and rabies. Some vaccinations are viable for one year and some vaccinations are viable for three years but are specifically designed and administered according to their label. It is not acceptable nor allowed to vaccinate a dog with a 1-year vaccine, and plan to have it in effect for 3 years. The Nebraska State Dog Show Vaccination Record Form (SF 263) must be filled out and signed by a veterinarian and returned to the Extension Office with fair registration forms, no later than July 1st.
- C. **Check-In and Show:** Friday, July 26, check in at 12:00-12:30 p.m. Show will start at 1 p.m.
- D. **Showmanship:** Exhibitors will be judged on the following criteria for showmanship: Knowledge of dog (20); handling (50); dog grooming/condition (20); handler's appearance (10) for a total of 100 points possible. Nebraska 4-H Scoresheet SF174 will be used.
- E. **Advancement Levels in Obedience Classes:** The following applies to progression within obedience classes: Follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420: <http://go.unl.edu/4h420>.
 - Experienced handlers are those showing for the second year or more at any dog show, including AKC, fun matches, etc.
 - Handlers and beginning dogs may show only one year in Division A. If continuing as a team, both must advance to Division B.
 - Dog and handler in Division B or higher must advance to the next obedience class upon receiving a purple ribbon.
 - There is no limit on the number of years a dog may be shown in the Utility Class.
 - Dogs with AKC degrees will show as follows: "CD" degree must show in Graduate Novice or higher, "CDX" or "UD" degree must show in Utility.
 - The dog will stay in its highest attained class. A "new" handler will enter such class.
- F. **Disqualified Dogs:** Females in season, will not be permitted to be shown. Overly aggressive dogs may be disqualified at the discretion of the judge or Superintendent. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by the Superintendent that it is affecting the health of the dog.
- G. **Baiting:** Baiting with food or a toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification. Handlers may use baiting action without food or toys in showmanship. The judge has the authority to disqualify violators.
- H. **Exhibitor Responsibility:** Cleanup shall be the Exhibitor's responsibility. This includes all areas while on the show site.
- I. **Non-entered Dogs and Puppies:** Not allowed in the grooming area or on the show floor.
- J. **While at Fair, all dogs must be on a leash.**
- K. **Only exhibitors are allowed to groom or work dogs at the show.**

DIVISION 700: DOG

G700001. Senior Showmanship.

G700002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G700003. Junior Showmanship.

G70000C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

DIVISION 701: DOG – OBEDIENCE

Beginning Novice requires all exercises to be performed on a six-foot leash. Dogs must heel including figure 8; stand for examination; come on recall; long sit for one minute and long down for three minutes.

G701010. Beginning Novice Division A. Exhibitor and dog in first year of competition.

G701020. Beginning Novice Division B. Exhibitor and dog are beyond first year of competition.

G701030. Novice. Dogs must heel on leash including figure 8; stand for examination off leash; heel free; come on recall off leash; long sit for one minute off leash and long down for three minutes off leash.

G701040. Graduate Novice. Dogs must heel on leash; stand for examination off leash; heel free including figure 8; drop on recall; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes both with handler out of sight.

G701050. Open. All exercises off leash. Heel free and figure 8; drop on recall; retrieve on flat; retrieve over high jump; broad jump; long sit for three minutes and long down for five minutes, both with handler out of sight. Refer to Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 420 for jump heights/distances.

G701060. Utility. The dog will perform five exercises – the signal exercise; the scent discrimination exercise with leather and metal objects; the directed retrieve; moving stand and examination; directed jumping. Exhibitors must supply their own scent articles and gloves for the directed retrieve.

DIVISION 702: DOG – WORKING

G702001. Working Class. The dog performs exercises, which it has been trained to do, such as tricks, pointing, retrieving, working livestock or other. The exercise cannot be one required in the obedience classes. Credit will be given for dogs performing exercises that show original or developed purpose of breed. The working exercises may not exceed five minutes. Each exhibitor will provide two copies of a brief description of the performance to the Superintendent the day of the show and before entering the ring.

DIVISION 703: DOG – CONFORMATION

*****The exhibitor is limited to 3 entries in this division, 1 per class*****

*****It takes a total of 4 entries per conformation class to judge individual groups separately, otherwise all conformation class entries will be judged together.*****

*****Best in Show. Each exhibitor in dog conformation will be considered for best in show. *****

G703001. Sporting.

G703002. Hounds.

G703003. Working.

G703004. Terriers.

G703005. Toys.

G703006. Non-Sporting.

G703007. Herding.

G703008. Miscellaneous.

DIVISION 704: DOG – JUDGING

G704001. Judging. Dog judging contest open to exhibitors only. Contestants judge a dog running through the agility course. This will be held for learning and fun. Check with Superintendent(s) for awards.

DIVISION 705: DOG – AGILITY

G705001. Agility. Handlers and dogs will be able to compete on agility course.

EXOTIC LIVESTOCK

Department G

Superintendents: Melissa Nicholson & Connie Moore

Junior Superintendent: Amelia Betson

EXOTIC LIVESTOCK RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Any class with less than 5 entries will be combined into 1 class.**
- C. **All Exotic Animals must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- D. **If a judge from another species does not feel comfortable evaluating these exhibits, Interview Judging will be utilized.** Exhibitors will be asked questions about production, selection, grooming, handling, care, nutrition, age, sex, and other pertinent items regarding care and management of this exhibit.
- E. **Entries in the Exotic Livestock Department are judged on** the overall health and appearance of the animal, and the exhibitor's presentation and knowledge of the animal; not judged according to breed standards. Mixed breed animals can be entered, and identification is not required.
- F. **Check-In and Show:** Tuesday, July 30, check in at 8:00-8:30 a.m. Show will follow Companion Animal Show.

DIVISION 115: EXOTIC LIVESTOCK (All ages and sex)

G115001. Llama.

G115002. Ostrich/Emu.

G115003. Miniature Horse/Mule.

G115004. Pot Belly Pig.

G115005. Other.

HORSE

Department G

Superintendents: Jim Lesmeister, Heather Nordick & Kris Vahrenkamp

Junior Superintendents: Jaydn Tidyman & Brylee Huffman

HORSE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **Rule Source:** All rules and regulations governing the Dawes County Fair 4-H Horse Show will be taken from the Nebraska State 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide, 4-H 373. This includes dress code, patterns, legal equipment, etc.
- B. **Ownership:** Horses entered in the horse show must be solely owned by the 4-H member or immediate family by June 15th of the current year or leased as shown on the ID (affidavit) sheets. Horses need to be properly identified by June 15th to be used at the County Fair. Horse(s) used at the Dawes County Fair will be checked in before the show and verified with the ID (affidavit) sheets.
- C. **Check-In and Show Time:** Saturday, July 27 check in with horses at 7:30 a.m. The Horse Show will begin at 8 a.m.
- D. **Back Tags:** Each exhibitor will have two identical back tags. Halter / Showmanship Classes - one back tag should be on exhibitor's back. All riding classes - back tags should be placed one on each side of the saddle pad. Back tags will be available one week before fair or at the time of the show.
- E. **Dress Code:** Exhibitors are required to wear a plain white shirt/blouse, including buttons, thread, etc. with convertible collars (one that is meant to be folded at the seam line and may or may not be buttoned at the base of the neck). Tuxedo, turtleneck, or other stand-up collars are not permitted. Dark blue denim jeans must be worn and a belt is recommended. Heavy contrasting threading and fringe are not permitted. Minimal white or tan thread on the rear pockets is permitted. No rhinestones, silver studs, or similar embellishments are permitted. Hard-soled shoes or cowboy boots are considered safe and appropriate. Boots with waffle-type tread greater than or equal to 1/8 inch will not be allowed in riding classes. Horse exhibitors follow all horse show rules, including dress code, as stated in 4-H 373. Dress code violation reduces your placing by one ribbon. 4-H armbands will be required to be worn by all exhibitors. The 4-H Council will provide them on show day if exhibitor doesn't have one.
- F. **Hats/Headgear:** Hats are optional in timed events but must stay on after crossing the starting line or rider will be fined a two second penalty. Ball caps are prohibited.
- G. **Entry Information:** No exhibitor shall be allowed more than one horse in each class. No individual horse shall be allowed to compete twice in the same class. No rider shall be allowed to compete twice in any class.
- H. **Control and Containment:** Horses may not be allowed to run freely while on the fairgrounds.
- I. **Only mares and geldings may be shown at halter and under saddle (weanling studs permitted at halter).**
- J. **Working Ranch Horse Class and Breakaway Roping** provides an opportunity for youth to focus on and receive recognition for horsemanship skills developed through ranch work. As live cattle are part of these classes, Horsemanship Advancement Level II is required to participate. **Exhibitors must have passed Level I and II at time of pre-registration on July 1st to be eligible to compete.** The Working Ranch Horse Class, Breakaway Roping Class, Trail Class, and Dummy Roping Class will be held on the same date from the other horse show classes.
- K. **Working Ranch Horse: (Must pass Horsemanship Advancement Level II to participate)**
 - Exhibitors work individually, moving an animal through a course involving 4-7 obstacles. Course will be posted prior to the fair.
 - Although there is a maximum time limit imposed, this class is NOT a timed event. Scoring will be based on completion of the pattern and not time.
 - Refer to the 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for complete rules.
- L. **Breakaway Roping: (Must pass Horsemanship Advancement Level II to participate)**

- All enrolled youth may participate in Breakaway Roping (if they have passed horse advancement level 2) and Dummy Roping (no levels required). If any enrolled youth has passed Level 2, they are not eligible for Dummy Roping champion awards, only eligible for Breakaway Roping champion awards.
 - Exhibitors will be scored according to the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show Rules, taking both the roper's time and horse's score into account for final placing.
 - Exhibitors can be disqualified if judge deems that calves were mistreated or mishandled.
 - Exhibitors will be flagged at the start with no barrier.
 - Refer to the 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide for complete rules.
- M. **Dummy Roping:**
- All enrolled youth may participate in Breakaway Roping (if they have passed horse advancement level 2) and Dummy Roping (no levels required). If any enrolled youth have passed Level 2, they are not eligible for Dummy Roping champion awards, only eligible for Breakaway Roping champion awards.
 - Youth will rope the stationary dummy steer from horseback.
 - Exhibitors will be allowed 5 throws at the head with a 3-minute time limit.
 - Exhibitors must dally after each catch to demonstrate the ability to dally correctly.
 - Exhibitors will be judged on the way they handle their horse, using their reins and legs, as well as proper positioning of the horse for the throw. (Up to 5 points possible)
 - Exhibitors will also be judged on the way they handle their rope, coiling, building a loop, swinging, dallying, etc. (Up to 5 points possible)
 - Exhibitors will receive points for catches made according to the following system: POINTS: Miss – 0 Half-Head - 1 Neck Catch - 2 Clean Horns – 3 There is a total of 25 points possible - 10 from the judging and 15 from the catch value.
- N. **All Around Horse Award:** Will be presented to the exhibitor and horse combination accumulating the most points during the show in each age division.
- 4-H'ers must designate up to 6 classes in which points will be earned for the All-Around Horse Award on the pre-registration form, no later than July 1st of the current year.
 - All Around Horse points are accumulated using only one horse/rider combination.
 - Points are accumulated using the following guidelines: Purple (4 points); Blue (3 points); Red (2 points); White (1 point). Champions will be worth an additional 2 points and Reserve Champions will be worth an additional 1 point.
 - Asterisks denote which classes may be used for the All-Around Award
- O. **All Around Hand Award:** Will be presented to the exhibitor who accumulates the most points throughout the show using any combination of horse/rider. Excluded classes: Halter and Dummy Roping.
- Points are accumulated using the following guidelines: Purple (4 points); Blue (3 points); Red (2 points); White (1 point). Champions will be worth an additional 2 points and Reserve Champions will be worth an additional 1 point.
- P. **Pattern Book:** The pattern book will be released 24 hours before the Horse Show. The pattern book will be available Friday, July 26 at 8:00 a.m.

DIVISION 950: HORSE

- G950001. *Senior Showmanship.
- G950002. *Intermediate Showmanship.
- G950003. *Junior Showmanship.
- G950004. Senior English Pleasure.
- G950005. Intermediate English Pleasure.
- G950006. Junior English Pleasure.
- G950007. 1 Year Old Fillies.
- G950008. 2 Year Old Fillies.
- G950009. 1 Year Old Geldings.
- G950010. 2 Year Old Geldings.
- G950011. Mare and Foal.
- G950012. *Senior Ranch Horse Western Pleasure.
- G950013. *Intermediate Ranch Horse Western Pleasure.
- G950014. *Junior Ranch Horse Western Pleasure.
- G950015. *Senior Horsemanship.
- G950016. *Intermediate Horsemanship.
- G950017. *Junior Horsemanship.
- G950018. Green Broke 2 (2-year-old in Western Pleasure Only).
- G950019. Green Broke 3 (3-year-old in Western Pleasure Only).
- G950020. Senior Dawes County Special (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950021. Intermediate Dawes County Special (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950022. Junior Dawes County Special (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950023. *Senior Ranch Horse Reining.
- G950024. *Intermediate Ranch Horse Reining.
- G950025. *Junior Ranch Horse Reining.
- G950026. *Senior Trail Horse Class (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950027. *Intermediate Trail Horse Class (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950028. *Junior Trail Horse Class (pattern to be announced prior to class).
- G950029. *Senior Barrel Race.
- G950030. *Intermediate Barrel Race.
- G950031. *Junior Barrel Race.
- G950032. *Senior Pole Bending.
- G950033. *Intermediate Pole Bending.
- G950034. *Junior Pole Bending.
- G950035. *Senior Working Ranch Horse (Level II Only).
- G950036. *Intermediate Working Ranch Horse (Level II Only).
- G950037. *Junior Working Ranch Horse (Level II Only).
- G950038. *Senior Breakaway Roping (Level II Only).
- G950039. *Intermediate Breakaway Roping (Level II Only).
- G950040. *Junior Breakaway Roping (Level II Only).
- G950050. Senior Dummy Roping. (Level I Only)
- G950041. Intermediate Dummy Roping. (Level I Only)
- G950042. Junior Dummy Roping. (Level I Only)
- G950044. Senior All Around Horse.
- G950045. Intermediate All Around Horse.
- G950046. Junior All Around Horse.
- G950047. Senior All Around Hand.
- G950048. Intermediate All Around Hand.
- G950049. Junior All Around Hand.

MEAT AND DAIRY GOAT

Department G

Superintendents: Kendra Brown & Beau Jersild

Junior Superintendents: Morgan Schommer & Grace Pyle

MEAT AND DAIRY GOAT RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member may enter, weigh, and show no more than 3 dairy and 3 meat goats.
- C. **All Goats must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- D. **USDA requires that all goats over 18 months of age as well as all breeding stock including market and dairy does have official USDA identification.** All goats under the age of 18 months that are shown at fairs and expositions must also be identified with a USDA scrapies tag. This identification system will allow animals found to have scrapies at slaughter to be traced to the flock of origin. 4-H tags are no longer available.
- E. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- F. **Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.**
- G. **Minimum/Maximum Weights:** Market goats must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. at check-in to be eligible to sell. Goats under 50 lbs. will show in the feeder class. No Re-Weights. Feeder and Market Goats must be weighed in at fair, as feeder weight is needed for the shows. ADAPTED 2017: There will be a maximum weight of 120 lbs. for selling purposes only with youth only being paid up to the maximum weight.
- H. **Pygmy Goats are considered a “meat breed” and will show during the Meat Goat Show.** Pygmy goats, which meet the minimum 50 lbs. may be considered a Meat Market Goat and be allowed to sell.
- I. **Rate of Gain:** Rate of Gain requirements are no longer valid for placing. However, there is a special ROG award.
- J. **Showing and Handling practices:** The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping goats and exhibiting the goat with its feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. Goats may be braced but must have all four feet on the ground. (Lifting the goat in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.)
- K. **Neck Chains and Halters:** Goats are to be shown with either a halter, smooth neck chains or smooth collars only.
- L. **Age:** Market Goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.
- M. **Hair:** Market Goats must be uniformly slick shorn with 1/4 inch of hair or less from the knee and hock up. Breeding Goats will be allowed to be unshorn.
- N. **Horns:** County Rule...Goats do not have to be dehorned, de-budded or polled but should have no fresh wounds at the time of the show. State Fair Rule...Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.
- O. **Show Class and Sex:** Market goats may be doe or wether kids. Short scrotum, cryptorchid, and buck kids are not eligible. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range. It takes a minimum of 4 Market Goats to have a separate class.
- P. **All breeding does will be mouthed for age.** All doe kids must have all milk or temporary teeth present; yearling does can have yearling teeth but cannot have two-year old teeth up. Classes may be divided at discretion of show management.
- Q. **Check-In and Show:** Goats will weigh in on Tuesday, July 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Dairy Goat Show will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, followed by the Meat Goat Show at 10:00 a.m. There will be separate showmanship classes for dairy goat and meat goat.

DIVISION 058: GOAT (Meat and Dairy)

G058001. Senior Showmanship.

G058002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G058003. Junior Showmanship.

G05800C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

Dairy Breeding - (Does Only)

G058004. Kids under 5 months.

G058005. 5 – 8 months.

G058006. 8 – 12 months.

G058007. 1 year to 2 years non-milking doe.

G058008. Under 2 years – milking doe.

G058009. 2 and 3 years – milking doe.

G058010. 4 years and over – milking doe.

G058011. Junior Herd. (A Junior Herd will consist of 3 female animals, one doe less than 1 year of age, one yearling doe, and one doe 2 years old or older, all of which are owned by the exhibitor.)

Meat Breeding

G058015. Kids under 5 months.

G058016. 5 – 8 months.

G058017. 8 – 12 months.

G058018. Yearling does 13 – 24 months.

G058019. Aged does 24 months & up.

Market

G058020. Feeder Goat 49 lbs. and down.

G058021. Market Goat 50 lbs. and up.

Other

G058023. Best Dressed Goat. Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Goat. Attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.

POULTRY
Department G
Superintendents: Melissa Nicholson & Connie Moore
Junior Superintendent: Amelia Betson

POULTRY RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member is limited to exhibiting 5 entries excluding showmanship and meat (egg production birds is considered one entry.)
- C. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- D. **Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.**
- E. **Check-In and Show:** Tuesday, July 30, check in at 11:00 a.m. Show will follow Rabbit Show.
- F. **Poultry must be dusted for mites.**
- G. **Breeds:** To be eligible for exhibition, cockerel, pullet, cock or hen chicken entries must be fair representatives of one of the breeds listed in the American Standard of Perfection. There are 19 classes of poultry recognized by the American Poultry Association. Ten of these classes are devoted to chickens, of which 6 are classes of large breeds, and 5 are bantam classes. There are four classes of ducks and three classes of geese, both divided by weight. All breeds of turkeys are grouped into one class.
- H. **Weights:** The minimum weights for market birds will be 3 lbs. for females and 4 lbs. for males of light breeds and 4 lbs. for females and 5 lbs. for males of heavy breeds.
- I. **Trio:** A pen of egg production birds can be hybrids, crossbred or purebred and shall consist of 3 sexually mature females. Egg production females will be judged for production qualities only and need not necessarily conform to breed standards.
- J. **Rules for Bantam & Other Poultry:** The rules for standard size chickens apply equally to bantams, waterfowl, and turkey where applicable.
- K. **Entries must be 4-H Project Birds:** All poultry exhibited must be grown in a 4-H member's project.
- L. **Egg exhibits are limited to one per exhibitor.** Class options will consist of 1 dozen white, brown, or colored eggs. Eggs will be judged according to uniformity of size, weight and color as well as cleanliness. Do not refrigerate prior to exhibiting eggs. 4-H'ers may only exhibit ONE dozen of each color.
- M. **POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST RULES:**
 - The participant may use any bird they choose, so long as it was raised and trained by the 4-H'er. Showmanship class must be entered with advance entry. Birds not entered in the poultry exhibit MUST be brought to and removed from the fairgrounds on the same day as the contest.
 - **Basis for Judging** – Showmanship is based on grooming and training of the bird and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the bird. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the bird before the judge. The excellence of the bird is not considered in scoring.
 - **Maximum length** of showmanship presentations is five minutes. One (1) point for every 30 seconds over will be deducted for showmanship presentations exceeding time limit. Exhibitors will be timed, the judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
 - Information on the basis of judging poultry showmanship is found in Nebraska Cooperative Extension. 4-H 191.
 - Each entry should fit the appropriate class and breed. Substitutions within class will be allowed but not between classes. If you have difficulty identifying your birds breed and class, please contact the show superintendent at the time of entering.

DIVISION 070: POULTRY

G070033. Senior Showmanship.

G070032. Intermediate Showmanship.

G070031. Junior Showmanship.

G07000C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

Large Fowl:

G070002. American. (Plymouth Rock, Jersey Giant, Wyandotte, New Hampshire Red, Rhode Island Red)

G070003. Asiatic. (Cochin, Brahas, Langshan)

G070004. English. (Cornish, Orpington, Australorps, Sussex, Dorklings)

G070005. Mediterranean. (Leghorn, Buttercup, Minorca)

G070006. Continental. (Polish, Hamburg, Campines, Faverolles, Houdan)

G070007. All Other Breeds. (Naked Neck, Game, Sumatra, Araucanas, Ameraucanas)

Bantam:

G070008. Game Bantam. (Modern and Old English)

G070009. Clean Legged. (Plymouth Rock, Leghorn, Japanese, Rhode Island Red, Orpingtons, New Hampshire)

G070010. Rose Comb Clean Legged. (Rosecomb, Wyandotte, Sebright, Leghorn, Belgian Bearded D'Anver)

G070011. All Other Comb Clean Legged. (Polish, Cornish, Houdan, Sumatra)

G070012. Feather Legged Class. (Silkie, Chochin, Brahma, Belgian Bearded D'Uccle, Langshan)

Ducks:

G070013. Heavy (Pekin, Rouen, Alyesbury Muscovy)

G070014. Medium (Swedish, Buff, Crested, Cayuga)

G070015. Light (Runner, Khaki, Campbell, Magpie)

G070016. Bantam Ducks (Call, Mallard, East Indie, Wood Ducks and Mandarins)

G070017. Goose (all weights)

G070018. Turkeys (all weights)

G070019. Egg Production Trios.

Eggs:

G070020. One dozen white eggs

G070021. One dozen brown eggs

G070022. One dozen other colored eggs

Not State Fair Eligible:

G070023. Barnyard Class (Cross Bred Poultry)

G070024. Pigeons

G070025. Exotic Poultry (Includes Peacock, Guinea, Ostrich, Emu, Pheasants, Quails, etc.)

G070026. Pair male & female

G070027. Market Broilers (A chicken grown for meat, usually a hybrid (REQUIRED CLASS TO SELL AT FAIR))

G070028. Best Dressed Poultry

RABBIT
Department G
Superintendents: Melissa Nicholson & Connie Moore
Junior Superintendent: Amelia Betson

RABBIT RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member is limited to exhibiting one rabbit per class with a maximum of five classes entered, excluding showmanship and meat.
- C. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals YQCA** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- D. **All rabbits except fryers must have permanent ID numbers or names tattooed in their ear with a pin tattoo pliers and tattoo ink.** (Permanent marker numbers written in the ears of the rabbits are NOT permanent ID numbers). ID numbers or names along with class information must be supplied to superintendent at time of entry. All animals will be physically checked for tattoos during entry. Tattoos and class information must match the information found on the 4-H Affidavit form. Rabbits whose tattoos are not readable or do not match the 4-H Affidavit will not be allowed to show at the State Fair. Tattoos that have faded or are no longer readable should be re-done prior to State Fair.
- E. **Check-In and Show:** Tuesday, July 30, check in at 8:00-8:30 a.m. Show will follow Exotic Animal Show.
- F. **All rabbits must be shown by the exhibitor – showmanship and conformation.**
- G. **Information on rabbit showmanship** is found in 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits, NATL4H 08080 Rabbit 1: What's Hoppening? NATL4H 08081 Rabbit 2: Making Tracks, NATL4H Rabbit 3: All Ears. Refer to the Livestock Showmanship rules.
- H. **Basis for Judging** is based on grooming and training of the rabbit and the appearance and behavior of the exhibitor. The exhibitor must vocally explain the steps in their routine and the merit of the rabbit. Primarily showmanship is the skill of the exhibitor in presenting and explaining the rabbit before the judge. The excellence of the rabbit is not considered in scoring. Scoresheet: SF 291
- I. **Maximum Length** of showmanship presentations is four minutes One (1) point for every 30 seconds over will be deducted for showmanship presentations exceeding time limit. Exhibitors will be timed; the judges may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.
- J. **Fancy Breeds:** American Fuzzy Lop, American Sable, Belgian Hare, Britannia Petite, Dutch, Dwarf Hotot, English Angora, English Spot, Florida White, French Angora, Harlequin, Havana, Himalayan, Jersey Woollie, Lilac, Holland Lop, Mini Lop, Mini Rex, Mini Satin, Netherland Dwarf, Polish, Rex, Rhinelander, Satin Angora, Silver, Silver Marten, Standard Chinchilla, Tan, Thrianta, Lionhead
- K. **Commercial Breeds:** American, American Chinchilla, American Fuzzy Lop, Beveren, Blanc d Hotot, Californian, Champagne D'Argent, Checkered Giant, Cinnamon, Crème D'Argent, English Lop, Flemish Giant, French Lop, Giant Angora, Giant Chinchilla, New Zealand, Palomino, Satin, Silver Fox

DIVISION 80: RABBIT

G080001. Senior Showmanship.

G080002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G080003. Junior Showmanship.

G08000C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

G080004. Best Dressed Rabbit.

G080005. Senior Fancy (Does Only) – Over 6 months

G080006. Senior Fancy (Bucks Only)- Over 6 months

G080007. Junior Fancy (Does Only) – Under 6 months

G080008. Junior Fancy (Bucks Only) – Under 6 months

G080009. Senior Commercial (Does Only) 8 months & older

G080010. Senior Commercial (Bucks Only) – 8 months & older

G080011. Intermediate Commercial (Does Only) – 6-8 months

G080012. Intermediate Commercial (Bucks Only) – 6-8 months

G080013. Junior Commercial (Does Only) – Under 6 months

G080014. Junior Commercial (Bucks Only) – Under 6 months

Pet Rabbit Classes:

G080015. Doe.

G080016. Buck.

Market Classes:

G080017. Single Fryer – Not over 10 weeks of age. (Weight 3 – 5 lbs.).

G080018. Roaster – Must be under 6 months of age. (Over 8 lbs.).

SHEEP

Department G

Superintendents: Kendra Brown & Beau Jersild

Junior Superintendents: Morgan Schommer & Grace Pyle

SHEEP RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H member is limited to exhibiting 2 breeding rams; 2 ewes; 2 feeder lambs; 3 market lambs and 1 bottle lamb.
- C. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- D. **All Sheep must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- E. **All purebred animals must be registered or eligible for registry.** Grade breeding individuals must be of the color or color markings, conformation and general size of the breed it represents.
- F. **All Market and Bottle Lambs must be weighed in on pre-fair weigh ins** with 4-H members allowed 3 market lambs and 1 bottle lamb, all market lambs and bottle lambs must have a USDA Scrapies tag in place at time of weigh- ins. Regardless of it being a wether, ram or ewe.
- G. **Check-In and Show:** Market Sheep and Bottle Lambs will weigh in at fair on Tuesday, July 30, 3:30-5:00 p.m. The Sheep Show will be Thursday, August 1 at 8:30 a.m.
- H. **Lambs entered in Market, Feeder, and Bottle Lamb classes will be weighed at fair to assist the Superintendents in setting up classes.** The weight on entry day will be the official weight for the sale. All market lambs must weigh 100 lbs. to sell. For selling purposes only, youth will be paid up to a maximum weight of 180 pounds for their animal.
- I. **Weights:** Rate of Gain requirements are no longer valid for placing. However, there is a special ROG award.
- J. **It takes a minimum of 4 Market Sheep to have a separate class.**
- K. **USDA requires that all sheep over 18 months of age as well as all sheep breeding stock have official USDA identification.** All sheep under the age of 18 months that are shown at fairs and expositions must also be identified with a USDA scrapies tag. This identification system will allow animals found to have scrapie at slaughter to be traced to the flock of origin. 4-H ear tags are no longer used.
- L. **Age of Market Lambs: Sheep are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth.**
- M. **Showing and Handling Practices:** The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping lambs and exhibiting the lamb with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. The use of such practices may result in the lowering of a ribbon placing. (Lifting the lamb in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.)
- N. **Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.**
- O. **Bottle Lamb:** The purpose is to design an animal project for younger or more inexperienced youth, teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young sheep, and teach basic sheep management skills and to teach basic record keeping skills.
 1. A bottle lamb is an orphan, or newborn lamb born after January 1st and before June 15th of current year; male or female; and fed on bucket or bottle.
 2. **Exhibitors can be ages 8-18** (by January 1st); must be enrolled in the Bottle Lamb Project; and have completed the annual Livestock Quality Assurance class.
 3. **Exhibitors will need to complete the Bottle Lamb Record Book** (available online at: <http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/dawes/4h/>). This should be completed and turned in to the Extension Office by July 23th to allow the judge time to read and prepare for interviews.
 4. ALL bottle lambs must be weighed in, tagged, and properly identified at the Sheep Weigh-In. Paperwork must be on file at the Extension Office by June 15th.

5. Exhibitors will sign up for interview times at fair when Bottle Lambs are weighed in on Wednesday, July 31st. Exhibitor's project animal will be present during their interview with the judge on Wednesday, July 31st from 1 to 3 p.m.
6. Lambs will be presented to the public at the conclusion of the Sheep Show on Thursday, August 1. All judging will have been done prior to that time.
7. Lambs will be dismissed with all other exhibits on Saturday, August 3.
8. Bottle lambs may be used by all age divisions for the sheep showmanship classes.
9. Judging will be done on the following basis:
 - Evaluation of completed record book – 35%.
 - Evaluation of member's knowledge by interview – 35%.
 - Health condition and quality of animal – 15%.
 - Evidence of training and showing – 15%.

DIVISION 028: SHEEP

G028001. Senior Showmanship.

G028002. Intermediate Showmanship.

G028003. Junior Showmanship.

G02800C. Clover Kid Showmanship.

G028004. Purebred Wool Ram Lamb. (9/1/23 and after)

G028005. Purebred Meat Ram Lamb. (9/1/23 and after)

G028006. Purebred Wool Yearling Ram. (9/1/22 – 8/31/23)

G028007. Purebred Meat Yearling Ram. (9/1/22 – 8/31/23)

G028008. Commercial Crossbred Ewe Lamb. (9/1/23 and after)

G028009. Commercial Crossbred Yearling Ewe. (9/1/22 – 8/31/23)

G028010. Purebred Wool Ewe Lamb. (9/1/23 and after)

G028011. Purebred Meat Ewe Lamb. (9/1/23 and after)

G028012. Purebred Wool Yearling Ewe. (9/1/22 – 8/31/23)

G028013. Purebred Meat Yearling Ewe. (9/1/22 – 8/31/23)

G028014. Aged Ewe. (2 years or older)

G028015. Feeder Lambs. (Ewes or Wethers; 2)

Market Lambs:

G028016. White Faced. No Black Marks

G028017. Black Faced. No White Marks

G028018. Speckled Faced.

G028019. Pen of Three Market Lambs. (Ewes or Wethers)

G028020. Bottle Lamb. (Ewes or Wethers)

SWINE

Department G

Superintendents: Kris Pyle, Dane Rasmussen, Jake Sellman, Seth Terrell & Justin Tollman

Junior Superintendents: Anabelle Vander May & Alexa Tollman

SWINE RULES AND GUIDELINES:

- A. **General Animal Science Rules apply to this Department.**
- B. **Number of Entries per Exhibitor:** A 4-H Member may enter, weigh, and show 3 market hogs.
- C. **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** – Nebraska 4-H requires all youth enrolled in livestock projects to complete annual quality assurance training through Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). Refer to the Nebraska State Fair General Rules and Regulations for additional information.
- D. **Exhibitors furnish their own feed and bedding.**
- E. **Check-In and Show:** Tuesday, July 30, weigh in from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Show at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31.
- F. **Swine entered in the show must be owned by the 4-H member by June 1st of the current year.**
- G. **All swine must be handled in a manner complying with the Pork Quality Assurance Program.**
- H. **All Swine must have official 4-H ownership affidavits on file for the current year.**
- I. **Minimum and Maximum Weights:** Market hogs must weigh a minimum of 220 lbs. The weight on entry day will be the official weight for the sale. Exhibitors will be allowed to weigh their market animals only once. Superintendents can make exceptions if there are mechanical malfunctions of the scale, but the animal must be backed off the scale and immediately reweighed. Animals should be clean (excessive mud, manure, etc. removed) for weigh in. For selling purposes only, youth will be paid up to a maximum weight of 350 lbs. for their animal.
- J. **Swine Showmanship classes will be limited to a maximum of eight participants per heat.**
- K. **Procedure for tagging swine to ensure they are a project animal all year** – take two photos of swine with tag in ear and send in with affidavit (ID sheet). Would need one shot of the whole hog with tag showing and then close-up of tag in ear.

DIVISION 035: SWINE

G035009. **Senior Showmanship.**

G035008. **Intermediate Showmanship.**

G035007. **Junior Showmanship.**

G03500C. **Clover Kid Showmanship.**

G035010. **Market Gilts.** (3 Farrowed in current year)

G035020. **Market Barrow.** (3 Farrowed in current year)

G035030. **Pen of Three.** (Farrowed in current year)