

DEPARTMENT G - BEEF DIVISION

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The Colfax County 4-H Beef Show will be BLOW AND SHOW!!

The use of any sprays will not be allowed. This means no adhesives, paint, foam, or glue can be used on animals. Animals should only be washed and blown dry before entering the ring. Animals will be checked before entering the ring and violators will not be allowed to show.

All beef, except cow/calf pairs, must be tied while on fairground premises.

Exhibitors of horned cattle must be accompanied to and in the ring by a parent or guardian. Horned cattle will be stalled in the horse barn. If stalling space would be unavailable, you will be notified to bring your horned animal the day of the show and take them back home immediately following the show.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 10 - BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Due to safety of exhibitors only hornless cattle may be exhibited for showmanship.

Beef showmanship will precede the regular judging. Senior Division will show first. There will only be one showmanship division for each age group, with all beef showing against one another. This means youth may show with a market beef, breeding beef, feeder calf or bucket calf in showmanship.

CLASS 15 - Senior Division Beef Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 16 - Intermediate Division Beef Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 17 - Junior Division Beef Showmanship (Ages 8-10 years before Jan. 1, 2026)

An individual may show no more than three calves in the market beef division, three heifers in the breeding heifer division, two cow-calf or no more than three stocker feeder calves. One bucket calf may be shown by 4-H'ers between the ages of 8-12.

Heifers shown in the market class may not be shown in the breeding class.

Breeding classes may be split into specified age divisions. Market classes may be split into weight divisions when large numbers of calves are entered in a class.

Premium monies in the Beef Cattle Department shall be:

Purple - \$21.00, Blue - \$18.00, Red - \$15.00, White - \$12.00

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 11 - MARKET BEEF

All market beef must have been ear tagged with either an official 4-H or EID tag.

All crossbreds will show together. Classes will be divided according to weight and number in class. Animals wishing to be entered into the Rate of Gain contest will be weighed at check in.

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding or market animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. A copy of registration paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office with ID Sheets prior to the Colfax County Fair. Animals without proper registration paperwork will be shown in commercial/crossbred classes.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer will be selected.

CLASS 10 - Angus Steers

CLASS 20 - Shorthorn Steers

CLASS 30 - Hereford Steers

CLASS 40 - Crossbred Steers

CLASS 60 - 2025 Feeder and Bucket calf steers, must have been exhibited in 2025

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Heifer will be selected.

CLASS 50 - Market Heifers

CLASS 70 - 2025 Feeder and Bucket calf heifers, must have been exhibited in 2025

Data on daily gain will be available.

Special Market Beef Class

CLASS 80 - Pen of 3 Market Animals. Each livestock club in the county may enter one or more pens of 3 market animals. Each must have been shown individually in a market class. Each animal must be led by an exhibitor and the group of 3 shown in the traditional manner. Premium money offered in this class.

NOTE - Special awards are sometimes offered by various breed associations. To receive some awards it will be necessary to declare the breed or crosses of your animal on your I.D. sheet.

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

Market beef shown in the steer and heifer division may compete in the rate of gain contest. These animals must have been weighed by April 15th. The last weighing will be done at check in. The pounds gained will be calculated from the beginning weight to the final weight.

Premiums for Rate of Gain Contest will be awarded by the Livestock Support Fund.

1st - Banner and \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$25

Purple - 3.0 ADG and up; Blue - 2.5 - 2.99 ADG; Red - 2.49 ADG and below.

BREEDING HEIFERS

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding or market animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE.

Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. A copy of registration paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office with ID Sheets prior to the Colfax County Fair. Animals without proper registration paperwork will be shown in commercial/crossbred classes.

Breeding Heifers are identified by tattoo or ear tag. Ear tags are not used for Breeding Heifer identification at State Fair or AK-SAR-BEN but will be accepted at the Colfax County Fair.

Some breeds recognize brands as acceptable identification for registration. In this case, the brand would be accepted as a valid identification for 4-H. This would apply only to registered breeding heifers of those breeds.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Heifer will be selected.

BREEDING HEIFER DIVISIONS

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 9 - All Other Breeds (AOB)
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 12 - Angus Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 25 - Balancer Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 13 - Charolais Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 14 - Chianina Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 15 - Commercial Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 24 - Composite Charolais Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 29 - Foundation Simmental Heifer
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 16 - Gelbvieh Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 17 - Hereford/Polled Hereford Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 26 - LimFlex Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 18 - Limousin Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 23 - Maine Angus Heifer
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 19 - Maine Anjou Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 27 - Maintainer Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 20 - Red Angus Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 21 - Shorthorn Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 28 - Shorthorn Plus Heifers
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 22 - Simmental Heifers

BREEDING HEIFER CLASSES

CLASS 4 - Senior Yearling Heifers - Calved Aug-Dec 2024 (should be bred but not calved prior to show)

CLASS 10 - Junior Yearling Heifers - Calved Jan. and Feb. 2025

CLASS 20 - Spring Yearling Heifers - Calved March and April 2025

CLASS 30 - Summer or Intermediate Yearling Heifers - Calved May and June 2025

CLASS 40 - Summer or Intermediate Yearling Heifers - Calved July and Aug. 2025

CLASS 50 - Fall Heifer Calves - Calved Sept. and Oct. 2025

CLASS 60 - Fall Heifer Calves - Calved Nov. and Dec. 2025

FEEDER CALF STEER/HEIFER/BULL

All breeds will show together. Must be identified on exhibitors ID sheet and ear tagged with 4-H ear tag or EID tag no later than June 1. Must be calved from January 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Feeder Calf will be selected in each the Steer, Heifer and Bull division.

Feeder calf steers and heifers shown this year are eligible to compete in the Market Beef-Feeder Calf Class the following year. Feeder Calf Bulls are not encouraged to compete as steers in the following year.

Rules clarification on Feeder Calf

1. All Feeder Calf Steers must be steers - no bulls may be shown as Feeder Calf Steers.
2. Feeder Calf Bulls will be judged as perspective herd sires, not as market animals.
3. The calf from a Cow-Calf Pair may be shown as a Feeder Calf provided, he/she has been properly identified as a feeder calf on exhibitors ID sheet.

Feeder Calf Steer and Feeder Calf Heifer are a State-Wide project. A Feeder Calf Class is offered at Ak-Sar-Ben and State Fair. Feeder Calf Bulls are a County-Only project and are not eligible to compete in 4-H events except the Colfax County Fair.

Feeder calves do not need to be checked in. You will, however, need to inform the Beef Superintendents of your intentions to show your feeder calf by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Your calf will go home after the show.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 2 - FEEDER CALF STEER

- CLASS 1** - Feeder Calf Steer (January)
- CLASS 2** - Feeder Calf Steer (February)
- CLASS 3** - Feeder Calf Steer (March)
- CLASS 4** - Feeder Calf Steer (April)
- CLASS 5** - Feeder Calf Steer (May)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 3 - FEEDER CALF HEIFER

- CLASS 1** - Feeder Calf Heifer (January)
- CLASS 2** - Feeder Calf Heifer (February)
- CLASS 3** - Feeder Calf Heifer (March)
- CLASS 4** - Feeder Calf Heifer (April)
- CLASS 5** - Feeder Calf Heifer (May)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 4 - FEEDER CALF BULL

- CLASS 1** - Feeder Calf Bull (January)
- CLASS 2** - Feeder Calf Bull (February)
- CLASS 3** - Feeder Calf Bull (March)
- CLASS 4** - Feeder Calf Bull (April)
- CLASS 5** - Feeder Calf Bull (May)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 5 - COW-CALF PAIR

All breeds will show together. Mother and the calf must be identified on exhibitors ID sheet and ear tagged with 4-H ear tag no later than June 1. Must be calved from January 1, 2026 to

May 31, 2026.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Cow-Calf will be selected.

Rules clarification on Cow-Calf Pairs.

1. The calf from a Cow-Calf Pair may be shown as a Feeder Calf provided he/she has been properly identified as a feeder calf on exhibitors ID sheet.

2. All Cow-Calf Pairs will be shown at halter. All Beef animals must be broke to tie and lead.

Cow-Calf Pair is a County-Only project. There are no classes for Cow-Calf at State Fair or Ak-Sar-Ben.

CLASS 1 - Cow-Calf (calf born after Jan. 1 to May 31)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 6 - BUCKET CALF

All breeds will show together. The purpose of the bucket calf project is to design a cattle project to fit the physical size and maturity level of younger youth and to teach proper health care and nutritional requirements of young cattle. Emphasis in judging will be on knowledge rather than calf quality.

The bucket calf must be ear tagged with a 4-H ear tag no later than June 1 and identified on exhibitors ID sheet. Must be calved from January 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026. Only 4-H'ers between 8 and 12 years as of January 1 may exhibit in this class.

CLASS 1 - 4-H Bucket Calf (4-H members ages 8, 9 and 10)

CLASS 2 - 4-H Bucket Calf (4-H members ages 11 and 12)

Bucket calves do not need to be checked in. You will, however, need to inform the Beef Superintendents of your intentions to show your bucket calf by 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Your calf will go home after the show.

Ribbon placing will be based on show ring presentation and interview.

BEEF BANNER SPONSORS

REDSTAR, LLC will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Market Steer.

Terry & Spring Wendt Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Market Heifer & Feeder Calf Bull.

Earl & Joy Wendt Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Breeding Heifer.

Belina Trucking will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Feeder Calf Steer, Feeder Calf Heifer and Cow-Calf.

Platte Valley Cattlemen will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Showmanship contest in beef and to the Top Rate of Gain Market Beef Animal.

Schuyler Coop Assn. will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Showmanship contest in beef.

Farmers Union Coop Supply of Clarkson will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Market Heifer, Market Steer, Breeding Heifer, Feeder Calf Steer, Feeder Calf Heifer, Feeder Calf Bull and Cow-Calf.

DEPARTMENT G - SHEEP DIVISION

Larry Fuhr, Superintendent
Tina Bourek, Assistant Superintendent
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Mary Grotelueschen, Assistant Superintendent
James Grotelueschen, Assistant Superintendent

USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION. All ewes, ewe lambs and rams (market and breeding) **MUST** be individually identified with USDA Official ID (part of scrapie eradication program).

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 30 - SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Sheep showmanship will precede the regular judging. Senior Division first.

CLASS 15 - Senior Division Sheep Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan.1, 2026)

CLASS 16 - Intermediate Division Sheep Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 17 - Junior Division Sheep Showmanship (Ages 8-10 before Jan.1, 2026)

Each exhibitor is limited to a total of 6 sheep. (See also Livestock Exhibitors Information.)

Premium monies to be awarded in the Sheep Department are:

Purple - \$15.00, Blue - \$12.00, Red - \$9.00, White - \$6.00

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 31 - MARKET LAMB/FEEDER LAMB DIVISION

Lambs dropped after Jan. 1, 2026, are classified as lambs. They may be either ewe or wether lambs.

All lambs will be weighed for class division. Class division by weight will be 95 pounds and under to be shown as feeder lambs. 96 pounds and over will be shown as market lambs. If numbers allow, classes will be developed into naturals, white face influence and crossbreds.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Market Lambs

CLASS 2 - Pen of 3 Market Lambs

CLASS 3 - Club Pen of 5 Market Lambs (A 4-H club may exhibit a maximum of 2 club pens of 5 market lambs. A minimum of at least 2 exhibitors must own the lambs.)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Feeder Lamb will be selected.

CLASS 4 - Feeder Lambs

CLASS 5 - Pen of 3 Feeder Lambs

CLASS 6 - Club Pen of 5 Feeder Lambs (A 4-H club may exhibit a maximum of 2 club pens of 5 feeder lambs. A minimum of at least 2 exhibitors must own the lambs.)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 32 - BREEDING EWE DIVISION

Breeding ewes may be grade or purebred. Registration papers must be presented at check in for registered animals.

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding or market animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. A copy of registration paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office with ID Sheets prior to the Colfax County Fair. Animals without proper registration paperwork will be shown in commercial/crossbred classes.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Breeding Ewe will be selected.

BREEDING CLASSES

Lambs

(must be at least 3 lambs to make a class)

CLASS 20 - All Wool Breeds - Registered & Commercial

CLASS 40 - Registered Meat Breeds

CLASS 60 - Commercial Meat Breeds

CLASS 80 - Dorset

CLASS 100 - Hampshire

CLASS 120 - Suffolk

CLASS 140 - Southdown

CLASS 160 - Other Breeds

Yearlings

(must be at least 3 lambs to make a class)

CLASS 10 - All Wool Breeds - Registered & Commercial

CLASS 30 - Registered Meat Breeds

CLASS 50 - Commercial Meat Breeds

CLASS 70 - Dorset

CLASS 90 - Hampshire

CLASS 110 - Suffolk

CLASS 130 - Southdown

CLASS 150 - Other Breeds

Aged Ewes born before 1-1-25

(must be at least 3 lambs to make a class)

(These classes are not eligible for State Fair)

CLASS 170 - Commercial Wool Breeds

CLASS 171 - Columbias

CLASS 172 - Other Breeds

CLASS 173 - Commercial Meat Breeds

CLASS 174 - Hampshire

CLASS 175 - Suffolk

CLASS 176 - Dorset

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 33 - BREEDING RAM DIVISION

Rams must be purebred.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Ram will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Ram Lamb

CLASS 2 - Ram over 1 year

SHEEP BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Feeder Lamb, Breeding Ewe and Ram.

REDSTAR, LLC will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Market Lamb.

Rosendahl Farms Seed & Feed of Columbus will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Junior, Intermediate & Senior Sheep Showmanship contest.

Farmers Union Coop Supply of Clarkson will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Market Lamb, Feeder Lamb, Breeding Ewe & Ram.

Al Sucha will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Sheep Showmanship Contest, Champion and Reserve Pen of 3 Market Lamb and Pen of 3 Feeder Lamb.

DEPARTMENT G - SWINE DIVISION (Non-Terminal Show)

Greg Shonka, Superintendent
Theresa Shonka, Assistant Superintendent
Paul Brichacek, Assistant Superintendent
Logan Nelson, Assistant Superintendent
Seth Wendt, Assistant Superintendent
Clancy Ahrens, Assistant Superintendent
Kaleb Sobota, Assistant Superintendent

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 35 - SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

Swine showmanship will precede the regular judging. Senior Division first.

CLASS 11 - Senior Division Swine Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 12 - Intermediate Division Swine Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 13 - Junior Division Swine Showmanship (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

Each exhibitor may show a maximum of 4 market and 2 breeding swine. Each exhibitor may enter one Market Pen of Three (individual swine from Pen of Three are eligible for the Market Barrow or Market Gilt classes). **Exhibitors must be present during weigh in. One adult needs to be present with exhibitor during weigh in.**

All swine must be identified with either an official 4-H ear tag or EID tag number on the official ownership affidavit, and ownership affidavit must be submitted to the Extension Office on or before June 1 of the current year.

No hogs will be weighed unless they are cleaned.

Any market swine found to be affected with an infectious, contagious or otherwise transmissible disease or exhibits signs will remain trailered until a designated official can inspect the animal(s). All hogs must be free of jowl abscesses, late cuts, arthritis or invisible boars.

Grooming - Swine will be shown Blow & Go. Animals may be clipped, blown, brushed or combed to enhance their appearance. All Animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint or powder products.

Toweling Protocol - All livestock will be subject to visual inspection and/or toweling for the presence of adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Toweling of the animal may include but is not limited to the topline, legs, chest, belly and flank. If, after inspection, the animal is found to have adhesive, glue, paint or powder products applied it will be disqualified from competition. Any premiums (physical or monetary) will be forfeited, and no refunds will be made.

The Colfax County fair swine show will be a Non-Terminal show, although exhibitors may have the option of shipping hogs for market. Exhibitors must decide at weigh in if hogs are to be shipped or taken home.

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family or (3) the family or ranch name or parent's name. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 36 - MARKET SWINE

Premiums: Purple - \$15.00, Blue - \$12.00, Red - \$9.00, White - \$6.00

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding or market animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. A copy of registration paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office with ID Sheets prior to the Colfax County Fair. Animals without proper registration paperwork will be shown in commercial/crossbred classes.

Gilts and barrows farrowed after Dec. 1, 2025, are eligible to show.

Gilts shown in the market class may not be shown in the breeding class.

Grand Champion Gilt and Barrow will be brought back from Crossbred and Purebred classes to be selected for Overall Market Swine.

Crossbred Gilts and Barrows will show in separate classes. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Market Gilt & Crossbred Market Barrow will be selected.

CLASS 11 - Crossbred Market Gilts

CLASS 12 - Crossbred Market Barrows

Purebred Market Gilts and Market Barrows will be shown in separate classes. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Market Swine will be chosen from combined sexes.

CLASS 13 - Purebred Market Gilts

CLASS 14 - Purebred Market Barrows

MARKET PEN OF 3

Premiums: Purple - \$18.00, Blue - \$15.00, Red - \$12.00, White - \$9.00

An exhibitor must show 3 **market** swine in order to be eligible for Market Pen of 3.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Pen of 3 will be selected.

CLASS 50 - Market Pen of 3

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 37 - BREEDING GILTS

Premiums: Purple - \$15.00, Blue - \$12.00, Red - \$9.00, White - \$6.00

REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK - A breeding or market animal to be eligible for show in a registered (purebred) class must be owned by the exhibitor by June 15 of the current year and be registered by the official breed association. The registration certificate must show (1) the name of the exhibitor (2) the name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is an immediate member of the exhibitor's family. REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED BY FAIR DATE. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household. A copy of registration paperwork must be turned into the Extension Office with ID Sheets prior to the Colfax County Fair. Animals without proper registration paperwork will be shown in commercial/crossbred classes.

Gilts farrowed after Dec. 1, 2025, are eligible to show. Gilts will be shown in classes according to birth month. Superintendents will make class decisions after check in.

Grand Champion Purebred and Crossbred Gilts will be brought back to be selected for Overall Breeding Gilt.

PUREBRED

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Purebred Breeding Gilt will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Purebred Breeding Gilts

CROSSBRED

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt will be selected.

CLASS 2 - Crossbred Breeding Gilts

SWINE BANNER SPONSORS

Pig Express, Inc. will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Crossbred Market Gilt.

REDSTAR, LLC will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Crossbred Market Barrow.

Shonka/Brichacek Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Junior, Intermediate & Senior Swine Showmanship contest and a banner in Memory of Milo F. Brichacek to the winner of the Champion Crossbred Breeding Gilt.

Bar K Feed & Supply, LLC will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Crossbred Market Barrow & Market Gilt.

Bomgaars Supply will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Swine Showmanship contest.

Brichacek/Shonka Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Market Pen of 3.

Sobota Seeds, LLC will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Overall Breeding Gilt and a trophy to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Lightweight Barrow.

Rick & Lori Wendt & Sons will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Overall Breeding Gilt.

Greg Shonka Trucking will sponsor a trophy to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Lightweight Gilt and a banner to the Champion & Reserve Overall Market Swine.

Ahrens Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Purebred Breeding Gilt and Champion and Reserve Purebred Market Swine.

Grotelueschen family will sponsor a banner in Memory of Allen Grotelueschen to the winner of the Reserve Crossbred Breeding Gilt.

DEPARTMENT G - DAIRY DIVISION

Annette Sayers, Co-Superintendent
Katie Baumert, Co-Superintendent

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 40 - DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

Dairy Showmanship will precede the regular judging. Senior Division first.

CLASS 11 - Senior Division Dairy Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 12 - Intermediate Division Dairy Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 13 - Junior Division Dairy Showmanship (Ages 8-10 years before Jan. 1, 2026)

Club members may show a maximum of three dairy animals. Senior yearlings that have freshened on or before the day of the show must be shown in the class for two-year-olds.

Lactating cows may be released ahead of time providing the exhibitor has another dairy animal at the fair.

ID sheets should be completed, including markings on animals and registration number by June 1.

Premium monies to be awarded in the Dairy Cattle Department are:

Purple - \$21.00, Blue - \$18.00, Red - \$15.00, White - \$12.00

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Animal over all breeds will be selected.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Jr. Dairy Heifer Calf over all breeds will be selected from Classes 10-70 in all sections combined.

DAIRY DIVISIONS

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 41 - AYRSHIRE
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 42 - BROWN SWISS
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 43 - GUERNSEYS
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 44 - HOLSTEINS
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 45 - JERSEY
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 46 - MILKING SHORTHORN
DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 47 - CROSSBRED

DAIRY CLASSES

CLASS 10 - Spring Heifer Calves (3/1/26 to 4/30/26)
CLASS 20 - Winter Heifer Calves (12/1/25 to 2/29/26)
CLASS 30 - Fall Heifer Calves (9/1/25 to 11/30/25)
CLASS 40 - Summer Yearlings (6/1/25 to 8/31/25)
CLASS 50 - Spring Yearlings (3/1/25 to 5/31/25)
CLASS 60 - Winter Yearlings (12/1/24 to 2/28/25)
CLASS 70 - Fall Yearlings (9/1/24 to 11/30/24)
CLASS 80 - Dry Cow Any Age
CLASS 90 - Two Year Olds (9/1/23 to 8/31/24)
CLASS 110 - Three Year Olds (9/1/22 to 8/31/23)
CLASS 120 - Four Year Olds (9/1/21 to 8/31/22)
CLASS 130 - Five+ Year Olds (prior to 9/1/21)
CLASS 140 - Junior Dairy Herds

*Animals born after 8-31-24 that have calved must be shown as two-year olds in class 90.

JUNIOR DAIRY HERD

Exhibitors in the Dairy Herd class will enter three females. At least one of the three must be a cow that has freshened and has been fresh long enough to have a projected 305 day M.E. All three must be of the same breed. These must be pre-entered as a herd to qualify. IF THEY ARE NOT, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW AS A HERD.

Herds will be scored and awarded ribbons on the basis of the current years Dairy Herd Score Card.

DAIRY BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion of the Dairy Animal and Champion Jr. Dairy Heifer Calf.

Grain States Soya, Inc. will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Junior, Intermediate and Senior Dairy Showmanship contest.

Al Sucha will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Dairy Showmanship contest, Reserve Dairy Animal and Reserve Jr. Dairy Heifer Calf.

DEPARTMENT G - DAIRY GOAT DIVISION

Marty Andersen, Superintendent
Kevin Good, Assistant Superintendent
Chanda Burenheide, Assistant Superintendent
Curtis Novak, Assistant Superintendent

The Colfax County 4-H Dairy Goat Show will be BLOW AND SHOW!!

The use of any sprays will not be allowed. This means no adhesives, paint, foam, or glue can be used on animals. Animals should only be washed and blown dry before entering the ring. Animals will be checked before entering the ring and violators will not be allowed to show.

USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION. All goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID or tattoo identification.

Halters and collars in show ring will both be acceptable.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 50 - DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 11 - Senior Division Dairy Goat Showman (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 12 - Intermediate Division Dairy Goat Showman (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 13 - Junior Division Dairy Goat Showman (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

No more than three dairy goats and one buck may be entered by an exhibitor. All dairy goats will show together. Age of goats will be the animal's age on show day. (Dairy Goat breeds include Alpine, Lamancha, Nubian, Oberhasli, Saanens, Taggenburg, Nigerian Dwarf, etc.)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat over all breeds will be selected.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Dairy Goat Buck will be selected.

Premium monies to be awarded in the Dairy Goat Department are:
Purple, \$15.00; Blue, \$12.00; Red, \$9.00; White, \$6.00.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 51 - DAIRY GOATS

CLASS 10 - Kid Does - under 1 year

CLASS 20 - Junior Does - 1 to 2 years

CLASS 30 - Senior Does - over 2 years

CLASS 40 - Buck - under 1 year (No bucks over 1 year may be shown)

DAIRY GOAT BANNER SPONSOR

Steffy Construction will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat.

Clarkson Community Care Center will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Showmanship contest.

Clarkson Bakery will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Champion Dairy Goat Buck.

DEPARTMENT G - MEAT & OTHER GOAT DIVISION

Marty Andersen, Superintendent
Kevin Good, Assistant Superintendent
Chanda Burenheide, Assistant Superintendent

Curtis Novak, Assistant Superintendent

The Colfax County 4-H Goat Show will be BLOW AND SHOW!!

The use of any sprays will not be allowed. This means no adhesives, paint, foam, or glue can be used on animals. Animals should only be washed and blown dry before entering the ring. Animals will be checked before entering the ring and violators will not be allowed to show.

USDA OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION. All Meat & Market goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID. All Other Goats being exhibited need to be individually identified with USDA official ID or tattoo identification.

Halters and collars in show ring will both be acceptable.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 90 - MEAT & OTHER GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

All goats will show together for showmanship.

CLASS 1 - Senior Division Goat Showman (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 2 - Intermediate Division Goat Showman (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 3 - Junior Division Goat Showman (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

A 4-H exhibitor can show a maximum of three breeding meat goats, three market goats, three other goat breeds, one market breeding buck and one other goat buck. Goats in breeding classes are not eligible as market goats and market goats are not eligible in breeding classes. All goats will be shown with neck chains or smooth collars only. Goats must be identified on appropriate ID affidavit. No bucks over 1 year will be accepted at fair.

Market goats under 34 pounds will not be eligible for purple ribbons. All market goats must be under 1 year of age and will be checked at weigh in. Market goats consist of does and/or wethers, no bucks. Wethers with short scrotums and cryptorchid are not eligible. Does and wethers will show together. Horn debudding is preferred for exhibitor safety, however horns tipped back to larger than a dime are allowed. All market goats will be weighed and divided into classes based on total numbers and weight range.

Age of goats will be the animal's age on show day.

Premium monies to be awarded in the Goat Department are:

Purple, \$15.00; Blue, \$12.00; Red, \$9.00; White, \$6.00.

GOAT CLASSES

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 91 - MEAT BREEDING GOATS

(Breeds may include Boer, Kiko etc.)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Breeding Goat will be selected.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Meat Breeding Goat Buck will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Kid Doe - under 1 year

CLASS 2 - Junior Does - 1 to 2 years

CLASS 3 - Senior Does - over 2 years

CLASS 4 - Buck - under 1 year (No bucks over 1 year may be shown)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 92 - MARKET GOATS

(Breeds may include Boer, Kiko etc.)

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Market Goat & Pen of 3 will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Market Goat

CLASS 2 - Pen of 3 Market Goats

**DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 93 - OTHER GOATS
(Breeds may include Pygmy, Angora, Fainting, etc.)**

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Other Goat will be selected.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Other Goat Buck will be selected.

CLASS 1 - Kid Doe - under 1 year

CLASS 2 - Junior Does - 1 to 2 years

CLASS 3 - Senior Does - over 2 years

CLASS 4 - Buck - under 1 year (No bucks over 1 year may be shown)

GOAT BANNER SPONSORS

Marty & Pam Andersen will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Market Goat.

Marty & Pam Andersen will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Market Goat in Memory of Trey Martin Andersen.

Chanda & Lee Burenheide will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Meat Breeding Goat.

Midland Store Veterinary Clinic will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Other Goat.

R & J Chickens/Roger & Joan Gall will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Goat Showmanship contest.

Wannebe Good Acres will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Pen of 3 Market Goats.

Bink & Kenny Compton will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Meat Breeding Goat Buck.

Park Place will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Other Goat Buck.

DEPARTMENT G - HORSE DIVISION

Megan Voelker, Superintendent
Scott Dietrich, Assistant Superintendent

Show is to be judged according to 4-H rules (4-H373), Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide.

No individual may enter and show more than 3 horses in the 4-H Horse Show. Horses must be identified on appropriate ID affidavit by June 1. The horse shown shall be a member's project animal. A single horse may not be entered or ridden in a class or event by more than one person even though the horse is jointly owned by two members of the same family. Horse may enter only 1 Showmanship, 1 Pleasure, 1 Horsemanship, 1 Reining, 1 Pole Bending and 1 Barrel Racing class.

(Paragraph #2) The Novice Division is for exhibitors entered in the Walk-Trot classes and 12 years old and younger as of January 1 and with not more than 3 years experience. The Walk-Trot classes are to give 4-H'ers learning to ride and show the opportunity to show at the fair even though they're not ready to lope their horse. Therefore, if an exhibitor shows in the Walk-Trot classes they will not be eligible for classes that require/ask for a lope. Division 110 - Pole Bending and 111 - Barrel Racing are timed events and a lope is not permitted, only walk or trot is allowed in the Novice classes. (Once an exhibitor moves out of Novice they cannot go back.)

The 4-H horses will stay on the fairgrounds. 4-H'ers are not to ride their horses anywhere other than the horse arena or trailer areas.

Horses **must** have stall identification including name of exhibitor, club and horse.

All club horse members are **required** to wear western apparel with white long sleeved shirt or white blouse and blue western jeans with a 4-H arm band on the left arm. Fancy western apparel is unnecessary.

Premium monies to be awarded in the Horse Department are:

Purple - \$15.00, Blue - \$12.00, Red - \$9.00, White - \$6.00

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 101 - HALTER CLASSES

All breeds, including grade, and all sexes will be shown in the classes as indicated. Individual animals will be judged against the standards for that particular breed and sex.

CLASS 1 - MARE AND FOAL. Mares with one foal will be shown. (Foal must have been born in 2026.)

CLASS 2 - WEANLING CLASS. Foaled Jan. 1 to May 31, 2026. (Sexes eligible for this class - Colts and Fillies.)

CLASS 3 - YEARLING CLASS. Foaled in 2025. (Only Fillies and Geldings eligible to show in this class.)

CLASS 4 - TWO YEAR OLDS. Foaled in 2024. (Only Mares and Geldings eligible to show in this class.)

CLASS 6 - THREE YEAR OLDS & OLDER MARES.

CLASS 7 - THREE YEAR OLDS & OLDER GELDINGS.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 99 - HORSE SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship contest will precede the Performance Classes. Senior Division first.

CLASS 2 - Senior Division Horse Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 3 - Intermediate Division Horse Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 4 - Junior Division Horse Showmanship (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 5 - Novice Division Horse Showmanship (See paragraph #2)

PERFORMANCE CLASSES

Show standards set forth in 4-H 373 will be followed. Refer to this circular for score card and details on performance classes. 4-H 373, "Nebraska 4-H Horse Show & Judging Guide", is available at the Extension Office.

*Horse may **ONLY** be entered in Division 102 or Division 103 for High Point*

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 102 - WESTERN PLEASURE

CLASS 1 - Senior Western Pleasure (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 2 - Intermediate Western Pleasure (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 3 - Junior Western Pleasure (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Western Pleasure (See paragraph #2)

Scoring procedure - 80 percent, performance of horse and rider, 10 percent conformation and 10 percent appointment of horse and rider.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 103 - RANCH PLEASURE

CLASS 1 - Senior Ranch Pleasure (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

- CLASS 2** - Intermediate Ranch Pleasure (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Ranch Pleasure (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Ranch Pleasure (See paragraph #2)

Scoring procedure - 80 percent, performance of horse and rider, 10 percent conformation and 10 percent appointment of horse and rider.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 105 - WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

- CLASS 1** - Senior Western Horsemanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 2 - Intermediate Western Horsemanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Horsemanship (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Horsemanship (See paragraph #2)

Scoring procedure - Zero to infinity with 70 denoting average. Each maneuver scored +3 to -3 with 1/2 point increments.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 107 - TRAIL

- CLASS 1** - Senior Trail Class (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 2 - Intermediate Trail Class (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Trail Class (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Trail (See paragraph #2)

Scoring procedure - Zero to infinity with 70 denoting average. Each maneuver scored +3 to -3 with 1/2 point increments.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 109 - REINING

- CLASS 1** - Senior Reining (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 2 - Intermediate Reining (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Reining (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

Scoring procedure - Zero to infinity with 70 denoting average. Each maneuver scored +3 to -3 with 1/2 point increments.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 110 - POLE BENDING

- CLASS 1** - Senior Pole Bending (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 2 - Intermediate Pole Bending (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Pole Bending (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Pole Bending (See paragraph #2)

Same procedures will be followed as in 4-H 373.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 111 - BARREL RACING

- CLASS 1** - Senior Barrel Racing (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 2 - Intermediate Barrel Racing (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 3 - Junior Barrel Racing (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)
CLASS 4 - Novice Division - Walk-Trot Pole Bending (See paragraph #2)

Same procedures will be followed as in 4-H 373.

POINTS FOR TOP NOVICE, JUNIOR, INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR HORSEMAN will be based upon:

High points will be tabulated on the following classes: Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Pole Bending and Barrel Racing. A single horse declared by each 4-H'er will accumulate points by ribbons earned. Points accumulated by a second horse will not be considered.

Each purple - 4 points, Blue - 3 points, Red - 2 points, White - 1 point

Ties will be broken by the most First places regardless of ribbon color. These awards will be presented at the horse arena after the horse show.

HORSE BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Novice, Junior & Senior Horseman. Gopher Express Back Hoe & Trenching will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Novice, Junior and Senior Horse Showman and Reserve Novice Horse Showman.

Greg and Lynnette Schneekloth will sponsor the following banners: Reserve Novice, Junior and Senior Horseman, Reserve Junior Horse Showman and Reserve Senior Horse Showman.

Greg and Lynnette Schneekloth will sponsor a 4-H Super Horse banner to be awarded in each division (Junior and Senior Division). A single horse declared by each 4-H'er will accumulate points by ribbons earned. Points accumulated by a second horse will not be considered. Points earned by each horse will be divided by the number of available classes (including halter and showmanship) to determine the winner.

Siebrandt Training will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Intermediate Horse Showman.

Voelker County Corner will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion & Reserve Intermediate Horseman and a banner for the 4-H Super Horse Intermediate Division.

DEPARTMENT G - POULTRY DIVISION

Premiums: Purple - \$5.25, Blue - \$4.50, Red - \$3.75, White - \$3.00

Messing Family, Superintendents

Exhibitors must follow the livestock exhibitor's dress code as found under Livestock Exhibitors Information.

No more than eight poultry may be entered by one exhibitor. No more than two poultry per class. Any well known breed will be treated as a class. Poultry must be grown as a club member's project.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS - Health certificate not required for poultry. Testing may be done at the fairgrounds, at no charge to the 4-H'er.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to empty feed and water cans before leaving Sunday evening.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion poultry exhibit will be selected.

Exhibitors please be present when poultry is judged.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 71 - POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP

CLASS 1 - Senior Division Poultry Showmanship (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 2 - Intermediate Division Poultry Showmanship (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 3 - Junior Division Poultry Showmanship (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 72 - DUCK CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Drake

CLASS 2 - Duck

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 73 - GOOSE CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Young goose, hatched after January 1

CLASS 2 - Young gander, hatched after January 1

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 74 - TURKEY

CLASS 1 - Turkeys

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 75 - CHICKEN CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Pullet, standard size

CLASS 2 - Hen, standard size

CLASS 3 - Cockerel, standard size

CLASS 4 - Cock, standard size

CLASS 5 - Pullet, Bantam

CLASS 6 - Hen, Bantam

CLASS 7 - Cockerel, Bantam

CLASS 8 - Cock, Bantam

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 76 - OTHER FOWL CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Guinea Hen

CLASS 2 - Guinea Cock

CLASS 3 - Other Fowl

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 77 - PRODUCTION CLASSES

When entering your broilers, we need an invoice for documented proof of which hatchery you purchased your broilers from (unless they are the broilers you received from the Messing Family). We cannot let you enter your broilers without this information. The State Inspector will ask for this when they do their testing.

Broilers can't be wet when brought in.

CLASS 1 - Broiler

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 78 - PEN OF 3 PRODUCTION CLASS

Broilers in the Pen of 3 class must have been received from the free chicken offering that the Messing Family sponsors to any 4-H'er that is wanting to show in the Poultry area. In order to participate in this class, you must have registered for the chickens by the March 12th deadline.

Broilers can't be wet when brought in.

CLASS 1 - Broiler pen of 3 (Each pen of 3 must weigh no more than 18.6 pounds. If overweight, ribbon will be dropped.)

POULTRY BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Poultry.

Cargill Meat Solutions will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Poultry and the Champion and Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Poultry Showmanship contest.

L & M Cattle Company will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Champion Pen of 3 Broilers.

Hanel Oil will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Large Fowl.

Bell Transportation will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Champion Large Fowl, Champion and Reserve Champion Bantam, and Champion and Reserve Champion Waterfowl.

DEPARTMENT G - RABBIT DIVISION
Premiums: Purple, \$5.25; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.75; White, \$3.00

Messing Family, Superintendents

Exhibitors must follow the livestock exhibitor's dress code as found under Livestock Exhibitors Information.

No more than six rabbits may be entered by one exhibitor. No more than two rabbits per class. Each entry tag should have the breed listed. EXHIBITORS MUST BE PRESENT WHEN RABBITS ARE BEING JUDGED. Check with the superintendent to know when judging will occur. Rabbits which are found to have mites and/or a cold will not be allowed to enter the county fair.

ALL RABBITS SHOWING AT COUNTY FAIR AS WELL AS STATE FAIR MUST HAVE PERMANENT ID NUMBERS OR NAMES IN EITHER EAR AND MUST BE IDENTIFIED ON EXHIBITOR ID SHEET BY JUNE 1.

It is the exhibitor's responsibility to empty feed and water cans before leaving Sunday evening.

A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion rabbit will be selected.

Rabbit Showmanship

Information on the basis for judging rabbit showmanship is found in 4-H 339, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbits, Rabbit Showmanship on either VCR tape or DVD. These are available from the Nebraska Extension in Colfax County office.

Basis for judging - showmanship 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. The judge may or may not ask questions of the exhibitor at the close of the routine.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 81 - RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP

(Maximum length of showmanship presentations is five minutes. Exhibitors will be timed.)

CLASS 1 - Senior Division Rabbit Showman (Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 2 - Intermediate Division Rabbit Showman (Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026)

CLASS 3 - Junior Division Rabbit Showman (Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 82 - MARKET CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Fryer

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 83 - BREEDING CLASSES

CLASS 1 - Senior Buck, over 8 months

CLASS 2 - Junior Buck, under 8 months

CLASS 3 - Senior Doe, over 8 months

CLASS 4 - Junior Doe, under 8 months

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 84 - OTHER RABBIT

CLASS 1 - Best Does with litter under 8 weeks

RABBIT BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Rabbit.

Cargill Meat Solutions will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Rabbit, Champion Junior, Intermediate & Senior Rabbit Showmanship contest and the Reserve Junior, Intermediate & Senior Rabbit Showmanship contest.

Wendt Family will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion and Reserve Champion Buck and Champion and Reserve Champion Doe.

DEPARTMENT G - CAT DIVISION

Premiums: Purple, \$5.25; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.75; White, \$3.00

Messing Family, Superintendents

Exhibitors must follow the livestock exhibitor's dress code as found under Livestock Exhibitors Information.

Cats must be four months of age or older. Cats under four months of age will not be accepted. The exhibitor must present the cat to the judge. Exhibitors will be given a score for showmanship based on handling of the cat and knowledge of cat care as displayed during the judging of their cat. The exhibitor with the highest score in the show will receive a showmanship award.

Not more than four small pets including cats, may be entered by any one exhibitor. Cats will not be required to stay during the Fair. They should be brought on the day of the show.

Health Requirements - Cats shall be free of fleas, ticks, ring worms and ear mites. Cats shall be free of discharge from nose and eyes. All cat entries at the fair must have a veterinarian certificate verifying that they have been vaccinated for rabies, distemper, and a 4 in 1 shot (panleucopenia, rhino tracheitis, calici virus and feline leukemia). Claws shall be clipped. No expectant or nursing mother cats may enter. Any cat not meeting these health requirements will not be judged. Show the vet certificate to the Superintendent at the time of entry.

Exhibitor must provide a cage for his cats during the show. The exhibitor shall bring a small litter pan, litter and a small water dish. All cats exhibited at the fair must be shown with a collar and leash.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 690 - CAT SHOW

CLASS 10 - Cat Showmanship

CLASS 20 - Long Hair Cat

CLASS 30 - Short Hair Cat

CAT BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Cat.

Cargill Meat Solutions will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Cat, Champion Cat Showman and Reserve Cat Showman.

DEPARTMENT G - DOG DIVISION

The dog show will be held on Tuesday, July 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Ag Park in Columbus.

All dogs must be immunized with DHL, rabies, hepatitis and Parvo vaccine. **NOTE: Certificate of vaccination must accompany dog and be presented at check in time. Certificate available at <https://go.unl.edu/9k0c>. Record book required and due at check-in. Use Companion Animal Project Record. Cleanup shall be exhibitor's responsibility; this includes all areas of fairgrounds.** Females in season will not be permitted at the show. Lameness or crippled dogs will not be permitted to show if it is determined by a show superintendent it is affecting the dog's health. **Companion animals only will be shown.** Exhibitor should provide primary care and training for the dog. The dog should reside with the exhibitor or be cared for by the exhibitor the

majority of the year. Dog exhibitors are able to show a dog shared by a family member.

An exhibitor may make no more than one entry per Showmanship and Obedience class. **All exhibitors will be expected to exhibit in Showmanship unless excused by the Superintendent.** All entries will be due online by June 15, 2026, with the Platte County Extension Office.

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.

NOTE: Dogs soiling the showing ring (during class) will be lowered one ribbon placing. Baiting with food or toy is not permitted and is cause for disqualification.

Any dog that shows aggressive behavior toward other dogs or people will be immediately disqualified and will need to be removed from the fairgrounds at the discretion of the judge.

All youth shall wear a white shirt with 4-H identification; dark pants or jeans and closed toe shoes with a non-slip sole. No headgear is worn in the show ring. The 4-H Dog Show will follow all rules out of the Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 700 - DOG SHOWMANSHIP

An exhibitor will not be allowed to cross enter the same dog into the showmanship contest for a different showman. Showman will be allowed to compete in a division each year based on their age or until they win that particular age group. Winners will advance to the next age group. Winners of the Senior division will be ineligible in future dog showmanship contests. Each class will be judged on handler's appearance (10%), grooming and conditioning of dog (20%), coordination of the dog and handler (50%), and general knowledge (20%). Special coat trims (such as poodle or terriers) will not count except for being clean and brushed. Classes are divided into age divisions.

CLASS 10 - Junior - (8-10 years old before Jan. 1 of the current year)

CLASS 20 - Intermediate - (11-13 years old before Jan. 1 of the current year)

CLASS 30 - Senior - (14-18 years old before Jan. 1 of the current year)

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 701 - OBEDIENCE

Obedience will follow rules in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421 to determine class entry and exercises within each obedience class.

CLASS 10 - Beginning Novice Division A - exhibitor and dog **BOTH** in first year of competition. Exhibitors incorrectly entered will be moved to Beginning Novice Division B.

CLASS 20 - Beginning Novice Division B - Exhibitor or dog is beyond their first year of competition.

CLASS 25 - Beginning Novice Division C - Exhibitor and dog is beyond their first year of competition.

CLASS 30 - Novice A - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Beginning Novice and in first year of Novice Class completion.

CLASS 35 - Novice B - Exhibitor and dog is beyond first year of Novice Class competition.

CLASS 40 - Graduate Novice - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Novice.

CLASS 45 - Advanced Graduate Novice - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Novice.

CLASS 50 - Open - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Advanced Graduate Novice.

CLASS 55 - Graduate Open - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Open.

CLASS 60 - Utility - Exhibitor and dog have received a purple in Graduate Open.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 702 - AGILITY

Agility will follow those procedures and classes described in Nebraska 4-H Dog Show Guidelines 4-H 421 to determine class entry and obstacles for each level of competition.

CLASS 10 - Level 1 - 6 obstacles

CLASS 20 - Level 2 - 10 obstacles - running on leash

CLASS 30 - Level 3 - 10 obstacles - running off leash

CLASS 40 - Level 4 - 13 obstacles

CLASS 50 - Level 5 - 15 to 20 obstacles

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 703 - VERSATILITY

CLASS 1 - Versatility - Exhibitors of all ages. Exhibitors demonstrate what their dogs can do. Unlike Obedience Class, there are no pattern requirements. Options include: tricks; showing dogs in brace; showing dogs in teams; sporting event activities such as pointing, retrieves, and/or directing hand signals. Exhibitors will describe to the judge the intent of the performance.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 704 - COSTUME

CLASS 1 - Costume - Exhibitors of all ages. The exhibitor must state a theme for the costume. Costumes can be hand-made by exhibitor or store bought. Judging will be based on originality and creativity.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 705 - POSTERS

Posters shall be 14 inches x 22 inches. A poster should create awareness of a subject by attracting attention, impressing a message and arousing a response. Posters will be judged on design (arrangement, balance, color), craftsmanship (lettering, materials), originality of an idea (only one thought) and accuracy of information.

CLASS 1 - Poster

DEPARTMENT G - SMALL PETS DIVISION

Premiums: Purple, \$5.25; Blue, \$4.50; Red, \$3.75; White, \$32.00

Messing Family, Superintendents

Exhibitors must follow the livestock exhibitor's dress code as found under Livestock Exhibitors Information.

Not more than four small pets including cats may be entered by any one exhibitor. Only standard breeds of gerbils, hamsters, and guinea pigs in healthy condition may be shown. These pets will not be required to stay during the Fair. They should be brought on the day of the show.

DEPARTMENT G, DIVISION 63 - SMALL PETS

CLASS 1 - Gerbils

CLASS 2 - Hamsters

- CLASS 3** - Guinea Pigs
- CLASS 4** - Miscellaneous Pets
- CLASS 5** - Small Pet Showmanship

SMALL PET BANNER SPONSORS

Colfax County Ag Society will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Champion Small Pet.

Cargill Meat Solutions will sponsor a banner to the winner of the Reserve Small Pet, Champion Small Pet Showman and Reserve Small Pet Showman.

LIVESTOCK HERDSMANSHIP

Premiums: Purple and Blue - \$12.00, Red - \$9.00, White - \$6.00

Each 4-H exhibitor is expected to have a sign identifying if they are a member of a 4-H club or are an independent member over each of their animals and also their tack pens. If a club is sharing a tack pen, the club is responsible for making sure that a sign identifies their tack pen. If there are no signs present for an animal or tack pen, points will be deducted based on the judges determination of which club they belong to. All exhibitors must use the uniform 4-H stall cards that are provided at the 4-H office.

Herdsmanship will be judged by the following time schedule:

Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Livestock exhibitors at the Colfax County Fair are expected to keep their quarters orderly, neat, and as attractive as possible. The total area will be inspected one to two times each day. Each club will be rated on its herdsmanship. Final herdsmanship placings for each club will be based on herdsmanship rating of all beef, sheep/goats, swine, dairy, and horses exhibited at the Colfax County Fair. Remember that parents should assist in herdsmanship only when absolutely necessary.

Prizes will be awarded for well kept, attractive and educational livestock quarters. Clubs will be judged as a unit in each department on the following basis:

1. Animals clean at all times with grooming apparent. -----10 points
 2. Stall card clearly displayed -----10 points
 3. Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate feeding equipment. Beef animals securely tied.----- 10 points
 4. Trappings and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Fork handles and similar equipment kept down.----20 points
 5. Proper courtesy and conduct shown by exhibitors at all times and at all places.-----25 points
 6. Exhibitor's share of alley area kept clean.----- 25 points
- TOTAL POINTS-----100 points

Club winners in each division; Beef, Sheep/Goat, Swine, Dairy and Horse, will be noted on a special Herdsmanship plaque sponsored by the Colfax County Ag Society.

- Department G - Beef, Division 10, Class 1 Beef Herdsmanship
- Department G - Sheep, Division 30, Class 1 Sheep Herdsmanship
- Department G - Swine, Division 35, Class 1 Swine Herdsmanship
- Department G - Dairy, Division 40, Class 1 Dairy Herdsmanship

Department G - Horse, Division 99, Class 1 Horse Herdsmanship
Department G - Goats, Division 90, Class 4 Goat Herdsmanship

LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP

Showmanship contest will be held first in all judging events. Department, Division and Class numbers are at the beginning of each livestock department.

All exhibitors in Beef, Dairy, Goat, Sheep, and Swine Departments are eligible to compete in a Showmanship Contest. Skill as a showman and the appearance the animal makes before the judge are important considerations, not individual excellence of the animal.

Animals shown for showmanship must be shown in another class. Exhibitors cannot bring an animal just for showmanship. An animal can only be shown in showmanship by the exhibitor entering the animal in the regular market, breeding, or feeder class. Animals must be identified on the 4-H I.D. affidavit to be shown in showmanship. An individual animal can only be shown once in showmanship.

All contestants in the Showmanship Contest will be placed in ribbon groupings and will receive that ribbon. The first four places only in each contest will receive prize money. Three showmanship contests will be held in the departments:

Senior Division, Ages 14-18 before Jan. 1, 2026
Intermediate Division, Ages 11-13 before Jan. 1, 2026
Junior Division, Ages 8-10 before Jan. 1, 2026

Premium monies to be paid in Showmanship Contest are:

1st place - \$12.00, 2nd place - \$9.00, 3rd place - \$6.00, 4th place - \$3.00

PATTY DOSTAL MEMORIAL ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

This contest will be held on Saturday after the Swine show in the livestock arena. The Senior Showmanship contestants will qualify for the contest by winning showmanship in 4-H or FFA in the Beef, Swine, Sheep or Dairy areas. If an exhibitor wins more than one showmanship award he or she will then select which species and organization he or she will represent. The vacated spot will then be filled by the next place showman from that species and organization.

For Example:

If the Senior Champion Showman in FFA Beef also wins the Senior Champion Showman in 4-H Sheep, the exhibitor may choose which area they would like to show in. If an exhibitor chooses FFA Beef, the Senior Reserve Champion Showman in the 4-H Sheep will be eligible to participate in the contest, in place of the Champion Showman.

The contest will have 8 participants. The contestants will bring their winning animals to the ring. All of the contestants will then show each species including their own. A 4-H or FFA Alumni will serve as a judge for each species. Questions will be asked about each species and the judge will evaluate the showman's skill in that species. The results will be combined and a Champion Round Robin Showman and Reserve will be named.

Prizes:

The Champion and Reserve Round Robin Showman will receive a director's chair, or another similar prize.

SPECIAL LIVESTOCK AWARDS

4-H LIVESTOCK SUPPORT FUND

Cash awards will be presented to all ribbon winners. Contributors to the 4-H Livestock Support Fund will be recognized at fair time.

	<u>Class</u>
Beef-----	Market Steer, Market Heifer, Breeding Heifer, Cow-Calf, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf
Swine-----	Market Gilt, Market Barrow, Purebred Breeding Gilt, Crossbred Breeding Gilt, Lightweight Gilt, Lightweight Barrow
Sheep-----	Market Lamb, Feeder Lamb, Breeding Ewe, Breeding Ram
Dairy-----	Dairy Animal, Jr. Dairy Animal
Dairy Goat -----	Dairy Goat
Goat-----	Meat Breeding Goat, Market Goat, Other Goat
Horse-----	Horse
Rabbit-----	Market, Breeding, Other Rabbit
Poultry-----	Duck, Goose, Turkey, Chicken, Other Fowl, Broiler Pen of 3
Cat-----	Cat
Small Animal---	Gerbil, Hamster, Guinea Pig, Miscellaneous Pet

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Citizens State Bank, Leigh

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OUTSTANDING 4-H LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR AWARDS **Sponsored by Frontier Coop**

The Outstanding Exhibitor Award is given to 4-H exhibitors who have excelled in one of the following six livestock production areas: Beef, Dairy, Swine, Sheep, Goats & Horses. The Outstanding Livestock Exhibitor Award is determined in the following way:

Each county fair ribbon in the specific livestock area is given a value: Purple = 4 points; Blue = 3 points; Red = 2 points; and White = 1 point. The following ribbons count in determining the outstanding exhibitor award: Each ribbon awarded in the livestock class (excluding championship ribbons), rate of gain, showmanship, county livestock judging contest and by representing Colfax County at the Premier Animal Science Event (PASE) in Lincoln.

A cash award will be presented to the top three outstanding exhibitors in each of the six livestock areas as follows:

1st place - \$40.00; 2nd place - \$25.00; 3rd place - \$15.00

**MARY BROWN MEMORIAL
OUTSTANDING 4-H
HORSE EXHIBITOR AWARD**

This award is given to the 4-H horse exhibitor who has excelled in 4-H horse exhibition. It is determined in the following way:

Each county fair ribbon earned at the Colfax County Horse Show is given the following values:

Purple - 4, Blue - 3, Red - 2, White - 1

These point values will be earned for all classes, including showmanship, halter and performance (speed events are included in performance). The exhibitor (junior or senior) with the most points earned will be the recipient of this award. Ties will be broken by the most first places.

The recipient of the Mary Brown Memorial Outstanding 4-H Horse Exhibitor award will have his/her name engraved on a plaque which has been donated by the Brown family and will hang in the 4-H Building during Fair and at the Extension Office the rest of the year. They will also receive a certificate to keep. This award will be given each year, in loving memory of Mary Brown, who loved horses and demonstrated what it means to participate in the 4-H Horse project.

**KATIE BROWN MEMORIAL
OUTSTANDING 4-H
RABBIT EXHIBITOR AWARD**

This award is given to the 4-H Rabbit exhibitor who has excelled in 4-H rabbit exhibition. It is determined in the following way:

Each county fair ribbon earned at the Colfax County 4-H Rabbit Show is given the following values: Purple - 4, Blue - 3, Red - 2, White - 1

These point values will be earned for all classes, including showmanship, market, breeding and other. The exhibitor (intermediate or senior) with the most points earned will be the recipient of this award. Ties will be broken by the most first places.

The recipient of the Katie Brown Memorial Outstanding 4-H Rabbit Exhibitor Award will have his/her name engraved on a plaque which has been donated by the Brown family and will hang in the 4-H Building during the Fair and at the Extension Office the rest of the year. They will also receive a certificate to keep. This award will be given each year, in loving memory of Katie Brown, who loved rabbits and demonstrated what it means to participate in the 4-H Rabbit project.