

COLFAX COUNTY 4-H & FFA ANIMAL EXHIBITOR & ANIMAL PROJECT REGULATIONS

AGE OF EXHIBITOR

- **4-H:** a 4-H animal owner/exhibitor 8 to 18 years old on January 1 of the current calendar show year is eligible to exhibit in 4-H sponsored events. Exhibitors who are 8 years old as of January 1 of the current year may exhibit at the State Fair. 4-H members may be certified for state and interstate shows if they meet age requirements for that event and have properly enrolled and identified animals.
- **FFA:** Only bona fide Nebraska FFA members aged 12-21 shall be eligible for FFA Division entries. There will be no discrimination because of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

All beef, swine, sheep and goat project animals must be owned:

- Solely by the 4-H exhibitor, or
- The exhibitor in partnership with other member(s) of his or her immediate family. Only the name of the showman can be on the show entry. Immediate family is defined as members of a household, including parents, brothers and sisters, and youth in care of the head of the household.

REGISTRATION PAPERS

For State Fair (4-H Only), registration papers must show one of the following:

- The member's name as owner, or
- The name of the exhibitor and/or a co-owner who is a member of the exhibitor's immediate family (see immediate family definition above), or
- The family farm or ranch name or parents name

4-H ENROLLMENT

- Colfax County 4-H online enrollment is required. **4-H members enrolling AFTER the June 15 deadline will be INELIGIBLE to exhibit in the 2025 fairs/shows.** An annual \$10 enrollment fee per 4-H member (5-18 years old on January 1, 2025) will be implemented.

YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS (YQCA) – QUALITY ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- The Nebraska 4-H Program requires 4-H (8-18 years old) and FFA members exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOAT, MEAT GOAT, SWINE, POULTRY, RABBITS and SHEEP to be certified in Quality Assurance.
- This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and is implemented by the Colfax County 4-H Program. Therefore, youth exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOAT, MEAT GOAT, SWINE, SHEEP, POULTRY and RABBITS at the Colfax County Fair and Nebraska State Fair are required to be YQCA certified by June 2 of the current year to be eligible to exhibit.

OFFICIAL EID 4-H/FFA EAR TAG

- All 4-H and FFA MARKET animals carrying an EID tag are **required** to have a Premises ID. A Premises ID number can be obtained through the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Call the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at 402-471-2351 (option 1) and ask for Premise ID information.
- If market animals are already identified/tagged with USDA official EID tags, use existing EID tags for identification. **DO NOT REMOVE. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE EXISTING EID TAGS!** Market animals with existing EID tags will use that tag number for the EID identification portion.
- Tags are to be obtained from the Extension Office. In 2025, there will be a \$3.75 per tag charge for the official EID tags.

OBTAINING SCRAPIES TAGS for 4-H IDENTIFICATION

- The official 4-H identification for ALL classes of meat goats and sheep is a SCRAPIE TAG. If an animal has an existing EID tag - **DO NOT REMOVE. It is UNLAWFUL to remove existing EID tags.**
- You are required to obtain a Premise ID number and Flock ID number that is assigned by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Call 402-471-2351 (option 1) or visit: <https://nda.nebraska.gov/adt/premises.html>
- To acquire official SCRAPIE TAGS, call the scrapie toll free number **866-USDA-TAG** (866-873-2824 Select option 7 for Epidemiologist officer) or go to: <https://eradicatescrapie.org>
- 4-H/FFA livestock exhibitors/families will be responsible for submitting their animal information into the Showstock livestock database online by the nomination deadline. This is NOT the responsibility of 4-H Extension Staff.
- Payments for the DNA process will be directly submitted by the 4-H/FFA Livestock exhibitor/family through the online database. Payments will NOT be made to the Extension Office.
- Families will have the ability to edit incorrect information (wrong tag number, wrong birth date, etc.) up to the nomination deadline.
- Extension Staff/FFA Advisors will deliver the DNA envelopes to the State Fair office by the respected deadline. Extension Staff will also have the ability to see what families have submitted and will be validating those nominations throughout the nomination process.
- Once the information is in the database and has been validated by the Extension Staff/FFA Advisor, it will be available for exhibitors to make State Fair entries.
- Any animal NOT entered in the database will be considered ineligible for State Fair.
- Market animals are required to have DNA envelopes submitted to the Extension Office by the entry deadline or they will be considered ineligible for State Fair.