4-H SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE

MONDAY, JULY 7 by 5:00 pm

- 4-H Club Booth Sign-up
- 4-H Club Pizza Stand Sign-up
- Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets
- Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs
- Clover Kid Animal, Contest, & Static Entry Forms
- Dog Ownership Affidavit
- Dog Show Entry Forms
- Fashion Show Entry Forms
- Favorite Foods Contest Entry Forms
- Horse Show Entry Forms
- Livestock Exhibits Online Pre-Entry Forms
- Shooting Sports: Archery Contest Entry Forms
- Shooting Sports BB Gun/Air Rifle/22 Rifle/Trap Contest Entry Forms
- Static Exhibit Online Pre-Entry Forms
- Tractor Driving Contest Entry Forms

Pre-entry forms and entry information can be found at the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair, at <u>https://go.unl.edu/wcfpre-entryinfo</u> Or scan the code below:



WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

LOCATION:	Washington	County	Fairgrour	nds, Arlington
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6:00 pm Stalled Livestock Superintendent Meeting

THURSDAY OF CONTEST WEEK: JULY 17

LOCATION: Marksman Indoor Range, Waterloo 6:30 pm Shooting Sports / 22 Rifle Contest

SATURDAY OF CONTEST WEEK: JULY 19

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

7:30 am-11:15 am	Shooting Sports: Archery Contest
8:00 am-3:30 pm	Shooting Sports: BB Gun/Air Rifle Contest
8:00 am-8:45 am	Horse Show Check-in
	DIVISIONS INCLUDE: Working Ranch Horse,
	Break-A-Way, Dally Team Roping
9:00 am	Horse Show
9:00 am-3:00 pm	Fashion Show Contest - By Appointment / Closed to
	Public
9:00 am-3:00 pm	Favorite Foods Contest - <u>By Appointment</u>
1:00 pm-4:00 pm	Tractor Driving Contest - By Appointment
1:00 pm	Rocket Launch Contest (ALTERNATIVE DATE:
	Thursday of Fair)

SUNDAY OF CONTEST WEEK: JULY 20

LOCATION: Blair Trap Range, Blair

1:00 pm	Shooting Sports: Trap	Shooting Contest
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THURSDAY OF FAIR: JULY 24

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

12:00 pmLivestock Barns Available4:00 pm-7:00 pm4-H Static Exhibits Check-In (Rybin Building)

FRIDAY OF FAIR: JULY 25

LOCATION: Was	shington County Fairgrounds, Arlington
8:00 am-9:30 am	4-H Static Exhibits Check-In (Rybin Building)
8:00 am-6:00 pm	4-H Club Booth Set-up for static exhibits by 4-H
	clubs/members/leaders (4-H Exhibit Hall)
10:00 am	4-H Static Exhibit Judging begins (Rybin Building)
	[At the completion of static exhibit judging, ALL exhibits are moved to the 4-H Exhibit Hall. Exhibits are required to be on
40.00	display for the duration of the fair.]
10:00 am-2:00 pm	4-H Static Exhibit Interview Judging (Rybin Building)
1:00 pm-6:00 pm	Poultry Check-In (Poultry Barn)
1:00 pm-6:00 pm	Rabbit Check-In (Rabbit Barn)
5:00 pm	GATES CLOSE to Main Fairgrounds for
	Livestock Unloading
6:00 pm-9:00 pm	Dairy Cattle Check-in (Cattle Barn)
6:00 pm	4-H Static Exhibits must be in place and
	4-H Club Booths decorated (4-H Exhibit Hall)
9:00 pm	ALL LIVESTOCK must be on fairgrounds & in place

SATURDAY OF FAIR: JULY 26

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

7:00 am-7:45 am	Horse Show Check-in (Horse Arena)
	DIVISIONS INCLUDE: Dummy Roping; Trail Class; Ranch
	Riding; Reining; Goat Tying; Pole Bending; Barrel Racing
7:30 am-8:00 am	Poultry Show Check-in (Open Air Show Arena)
8:00 am	Horse Show (Horse Arena)
8:00 am	Poultry Show (Open Air Show Arena)
8:00 am-9:30 am	Hog Check-in/Weigh-in (Hog Barn)
8:00 am-9:30 am	Sheep Check-in/Weigh-in (Sheep Barn)
9:00 am	Dairy Cows in Milk must be on fairgrounds
9:00 am-11:00 am	Beef Check-in/Weigh-in (Near Beef Barn)
9:30 am-10:30 am	Meat and Dairy Goat Check-in/Weigh-in (Goat Barn)
11:00 am	Dairy Cattle Show (RVR Bank Arena)
11:30 am-12:00 pm	Rabbit Show Check-in (Open Air Show Arena)
12:00 pm	Rabbit Show (Open Air Show Arena)
5:00 pm	4-H Fashion Show, Fair Board Award Presentations,
	& 4-H Awards Program (Rybin Building)

SUNDAY OF FAIR: JULY 27

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

7:00 am-7:45 am	Horse Show Check-In (Horse Arena)
8:00 am	Horse Show (Horse Arena)
	DIVISIONS INCLUDE: Halter; Showmanship; Walk/Trot;
	Bareback; English Pleasure; English Equitation; Western
	Horsemanship; Pony Pleasure, Western Pleasure; Two- &
	Three-Year-Old Snaffle Bit
8:00 am	Dairy Goats in Milk must be on fairgrounds
8:00 am-11:00 am	4-H Pancake Feed (Rybin Building)
9:00 am	Sheep Show (RVR Bank Arena)
12:00 pm	Meat and Dairy Goat Show (Goat show will follow
	Sheep show, Goat show will not begin prior to noon)
4:30 pm	Parade – Theme " <u>Ag Pride. County Wide."</u>

MONDAY OF FAIR: JULY 28

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

7:00 am-8:00 am	Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Jr. Breeding Heifer
	Check-in (Near Beef Barn)
7:00 am-8:00 am	Bucket Calf Record Book Submission (4-H Office)
9:00 am	Beef Show (RVR Bank Arena)

TUESDAY OF FAIR: JULY 29

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

7:00 am-7:30 am	Dog Show Check-in (Rybin Building)
8:00 am	Dog Show (Rybin Building)
8:00 am	Hog Show (RVR Bank Arena)
1:00 pm	Cat Show Check-in (Rybin Building)
1:00 pm	Companion Animal Show Check-in (Rybin Building)
1:30 pm	Cat Show (Rybin Building)
1:30 pm	Companion Animal Show (Rybin Building)
2:00 pm	Round Robin Livestock Showmanship Contest
	(RVR Bank Arena)

WEDNESDAY OF FAIR: JULY 30

LOCATION: Washington County Fairgrounds, Arlington

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7:00 am-10:00 am	4-H STATIC & LIVESTOCK EXHIBITS RELEASED
	(4-H Exhibit Hall is closed 10 am-4pm)
	(Auction animals are required to stay through the auction)
2:00 pm	Livestock viewing for Auction
3:00 pm	Livestock Auction (RVR Bank Arena)
4:00 pm-6:00 pm	4-H STATIC EXHIBITS RELEASED (4-H Exhibit Hall
	open but driveway will be closed during this time)

Any 4-H exhibit left on the grounds after 6pm will solely be the responsibility of the owner/exhibitor.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

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VIEW THE ONLINE FAIRBOOK HERE

https://go.unl.edu/wcfbook



GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- To be eligible for the Washington County Fair 4-H contests and events, 4-H exhibitors must be 8-18 years old on January 1 of the current year. Participants in the Clover Kids division/classes must be 5-7 years old on January 1 of the current year. The age divisions are as follows:
 - Senior 14-18 years old as of January 1
 - Intermediate 11-13 years old as of January 1
 - Junior 8-10 years old as of January 1
 - Clover Kid 5-7 years old as of January 1
- To be eligible for the Washington County Fair, the exhibit must be the result of the 4-H member's project since last state fair.

Classes that are "900" are COUNTY ONLY and are NOT state fair eligible.

- 4-H members must have been enrolled (4-HOnline) in a 4-H club or as an independent member prior to the <u>Enrollment Deadline</u> <u>JUNE 15.</u>
- 4-H members may enroll in more than one county 4-H program. However, 4-H members may NOT enroll in the same project in more than one county. Therefore, 4-H members are limited to exhibiting a project in only one county.
- All animals must have been identified according to 4-H Animal Identification Procedures - Washington County. For a complete set of requirements, go to: <u>https://go.unl.edu/wc4hidresources</u>
 For a complete set of animal identifications sheets, go to: <u>https://go.unl.edu/wc4hidsheets</u>
- Anyone trying to misrepresent project work will forfeit premium money and will be ineligible for any awards for that year. The Washington County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension and/or the Washington County 4-H Council reserves the right to declare exhibits ineligible for exhibiting.

STATIC EXHIBITS - ENTRY DATES & TIMES:

- Pre-entry required: Tags & Summary Cards to be completed prior to check-in.
- Exhibit Entry: Thursday of Fair from 4-7 p.m. & Friday of Fair from 8-9:30 a.m.
- Judging: Friday of Fair beginning at 10:00.
- All static exhibits are required to be entered on the Washington County Fairgrounds in the RYBIN BUILDING on <u>Thursday of Fair</u> from 4-7:00 p.m. AND Friday of Fair from 8-9:30 a.m.
- No exhibits will be accepted after 9:30 a.m. Friday of Fair
- All exhibitors of static exhibits must securely attach their <u>NAME</u> and <u>ADDRESS</u> to <u>EACH ARTICLE EXHIBITED</u>.

ENTRY LIMITS:

- <u>STATIC EXHIBITS</u>: Exhibitors are limited to <u>ONE</u> entry per class in any division.
- <u>CLOVER KIDS</u>: Exhibitors are limited to <u>ONE</u> entry per class with a limit of <u>EIGHT TOTAL</u> static entries per Clover Kid member.
- <u>FASHION SHOW</u>: 4-H members are eligible to compete in more than one Fashion Show class provided they are enrolled in two or more project areas with a maximum of <u>THREE</u> entries. However, the 4-H Member is limited to model one outfit per project area.
- <u>ANIMAL ENTRIES</u>: Refer to the specific department/division information in this exhibitor guide.

STATIC EXHIBIT DEPARTMENTS / DIVISIONS

ANIMAL SCIENCE	
Veterinary Science	

COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS

Photography | Communications | Posters | Theatre **CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCES** Clothing | Consumer Management | Heritage Home Design & Restoration | Visual Arts Human Development | Knitting & Crochet | Quilt Quest **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & EARTH SCIENCE** Conservation. Wildlife & Shooting Sports Entomology | Forestry HEALTHY LIFESTYLES Food & Nutrition | Safety LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT Citizenship | Entrepreneurship | Leadership PLANT SCIENCE Agronomy | Horticulture | Range SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH Rockets & Drones | Computers | Electricity | Energy Geospatial | Robotics | Welding | Woodworking

INTERVIEW JUDGING OPPORTUNITY:

- 4-H members are encouraged to participate in interview judging.
- Interview judging allows 4-H members to explain their 4-H exhibits directly with the judge.
- This will give 4-H members the opportunity to discuss the process they took preparing their project, successes, setbacks, etc.
- In addition, interview judging will give judges the opportunity to provide positive input and helpful suggestions to the 4-H member.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:

- Department Superintendents are to be notified during exhibit entry of a 4-H member intending to Interview Judge.
- Sign-up sheets will be available at entry/check-in.
- Entry cards of 4-H exhibits must designate Interview Judging Request (i.e. check box, sticker, etc).
- <u>Exhibitors are limited to TWO interview entries per</u> department.

INTERVIEW JUDGING TIME:

- Saturday of Fair by appointment / Rybin Building
- Exhibitors will make appointments (10:00 a.m.-2:00 pm) with the superintendent at the time of check in.
- Considering the many events being held on judging day, efforts will be made to best accommodate the schedule of the 4-H exhibitor.

INTERVIEW JUDGING IS OPTIONAL:

 Projects are <u>not required</u> to be interview judged. Therefore, no projects will be deducted a ribbon placing for not interview judging.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING:

 All departments/project areas are eligible for Interview Judging except Home Design & Restoration. Please use the Supporting Information Tag to explain the project to the judge.

RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS:

All 4-H exhibits will be released on <u>Wednesday of Fair at 7:00-10:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> Extended-release time from <u>4:00-6:00 p.m.</u> Exhibits left after 6:00 p.m. will solely be the responsibility of the member/family.

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EXHIBITING ENTRIES/4-H CLUB BOOTHS:

- <u>4-H Club Booth Requests for Static Exhibits:</u> Sign-up online by PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE at 5:00 p.m.
- Each 4-H club will be provided with booth space. 4-H clubs are responsible for setting up and displaying their 4-H members' static exhibits.
- Independent members and 4-H clubs not requesting booth space will have their exhibits placed into a combined display area (booth space). These 4-H members are still responsible for displaying and setting up their own 4-H exhibits.
- <u>4-H CLUB BOOTH SET-UP (4-H Exhibit Hall)</u>
 - To be completed by 4-H clubs/members/leaders o Thursday of Fair from 12 noon-7:00 p.m. and/or
 - Friday of Fair from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 - Set-up must be completed Friday of Fair by 6:00 p.m.
- <u>TRANSPORT OF EXHIBITS AFTER JUDGING:</u> Volunteer runners will place 4-H exhibits directly into designated 4-H club booths upon completion of judging. 4-H exhibits will be transferred from the Rybin Building to the 4-H Exhibit Hall.
- At the completion of the 4-H static exhibit judging on Friday of Fair, it is the responsibility of the 4-H clubs to check for missing exhibits in the Rybin Building.
- Booths must identify 4-H club name and 4-H members' names.
- All judged 4-H exhibits MUST be on display during the entire Washington County Fair otherwise awards and premiums will be forfeited.

EXHIBITS IN GOOD TASTE:

All 4-H exhibits are expected to be in good taste and promote the mission of the 4-H Program. Exhibits glorifying or promoting lewd conduct, substance abuse, profanity, violence, hate, or other forms of discrimination or other negative behaviors will not be accepted.

CLUB REQUIREMENT - PIZZA STAND:

- The Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand serves as one of the major fundraising opportunities for the Washington County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council provides funds to support the Washington County 4-H Program.
- Each 4-H club is <u>REQUIRED</u> to work one or more shifts in the Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand.
- The Washington County 4-H Pizza Stand is located directly west of the Rybin Building and there are several volunteer shifts available.
- Depending upon the staffing requirements of the shift, 4-H clubs will need to provide TWO to THREE adults (19 years old and older) and FOUR to SEVEN youth (11 18 years old). Youth ages 8-10 years old may help in the food stand, however each youth must be accompanied by one adult. It is important that the volunteers do not exceed the number of staff requested as too many volunteers in the 4-H Pizza Stand becomes unproductive.
- Sign up will be available after June 15th thru PRE-ENTRY
 DEADLINE at: https://go.unl.edu/wcfsignups
- INCENTIVE: For each shift that a 4-H club works in the pizza stand, their 4-H club name will be placed in a drawing for a \$25 gift card from Pizza Hut. The drawing (2 - \$25 gift cards) will be held during the Washington County 4-H Achievement Celebration.

4-H FAIR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:

- The 4-H grievance process provides a means by which to respond to 4-H members' concerns relating to all 4-H activities.
 - The 4-H Grievance Committee may be convened for
 - Alleged wrongdoing.
 - Rule violations.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will <u>NOT</u> be convened for
 - Decisions made by judges, which are final;
 - Issues related to deadlines for membership enrollment, livestock identification, and/or county fair preregistration; due process will be provided by Extension staff;
 - Code of Conduct-related violations, which will be addressed by staff according to the established process.
- Grievances may be submitted by any 4-H member, parent/guardian, or leader.
- All grievances must be submitted within 24 hours (1 day) of the situation to the Washington County Fair 4-H Office.
- The written grievance should include:
 - Date, Time and Signature (of person(s) of grievance);
 - Name of persons involved;
 - Nature of concerns;
 - Situation description;
 - Desired action;
 - Persons to contact for further clarification;
 - \$50 Deposit (The money will be returned if the decision is ruled in favor of the person(s) filing the grievance.)
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will include THREE Washington County 4-H Council members and TWO Washington County Fair Board members. In addition, at least one Extension 4-H staff member and the project area superintendent (project area of grievance) will be available for comment and clarification of grievance.
- The 4-H Grievance Committee will review the written grievance in a timely manner. The committee may call for a face-to-face meeting with affected persons and event leadership to discuss the situation and the official ruling. Recommendations will be developed, followed, and communicated both verbally and in writing to the individual or group affected.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:

4-H exhibits at the Washington County Fair are entered and displayed at the risk of the exhibitor. Washington County Fair Board, Nebraska Extension, and the Washington County 4-H Council cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage due to conditions imposed by large crowds, the arrangement of the building in which displays are housed, and the great number of exhibits. Exhibitors who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be exposed to the hazards of the fair.

AWARDS

AWARDS & CHAMPIONSHIP SELECTION:

- All classes in the 4-H Division will be judged by the Danish System of Recognition:
 - <u>PURPLE</u> ribbons will denote <u>SUPERIOR</u> exhibits. <u>BLUE</u> ribbons will denote <u>EXCELLENT</u> exhibits. RED ribbons will denote GOOD exhibits.
 - WHITE ribbons will denote FAIR exhibits.
- All awards are made possible through donations by area businesses and individuals to the Washington County 4-H Council
- An exhibitor who is found to have tampered with or entered an exhibit that is not their work will forfeit the ribbon and premiums.
- To be designated "CHAMPION", 4-H exhibit MUST RECEIVE A PURPLE RIBBON.

PREMIUM PAYOUT CATEGORIES: \$0.50

- 4-H CLOVER KID EXHIBITS:
- CONTESTS (P/B/R/W): \$6.00/\$5.00/\$4.00/\$3.00 Fashion Show; Favorite Foods; Rocket Launch; Archery; Firearm Contests: Tractor Driving
- ALL STATIC EXHIBITS (P/B/R/W): \$2.50/\$2.00/\$1.50/\$1.00 \$4.00/\$3.00/\$2.00/\$1.00 ANIMAL (P/B/R/W):
- Cat; Companion Animal; Rabbits; Poultry
- \$6.00/\$5.00/\$4.00/\$3.00 ANIMAL (P/B/R/W): Dog; Horse
- ANIMAL (P/B/R/W): \$8.00/\$6.00/\$5.00/\$3.00 Dairy Goat; Hog; Meat Goat; Sheep
- ANIMAL (P/B/R/W): \$10.00/\$8.00/\$6.00/\$4.00 Beef; Bucket Calf; Dairy Cattle
- ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP (P/B/R/W): \$10.00/\$8.00/\$6.00/\$4.00 Special Funds provided by Washington County Bank \$10.00/\$8.00/\$6.00 PLUS (Gold/Silver/Bronze):

PREMIUM PAYMENT:

- ALL premium awards will be paid by the Washington County Fair Board by check. Checks will be mailed to exhibitors about 3 weeks after the Washington County Fair.
- Exhibitors have the opportunity to verify their premiums up to two weeks after the fair. After this time, the exhibitor forfeits any changes.
- Checks are void after 90 days and will not be reissued.

4-H FASHION SHOW FAIR BOARD AWARD PRESENTATIONS **4-H AWARDS PROGRAM**

Saturday of Fair at 5:00 p.m.

Rvbin Building

Champion awards will be presented for the following:

Gold Medal Static Exhibit Winners Fashion Show Contest **Favorite Foods Contest** Rocket Launch Contest Archery Contest BB Gun/Air Rifle/22 Rifle/Trap Shooting Contests **Tractor Driving Contest**

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS:

The Washington County Fair Board invites champion award winners to take part in the "Parade of Champions". The parade is held each evening during the fair events in the large arena and serves as a showcase of the Fair champions. Champion award winners must register for the Parade of Champions by signing up at the WC Fair Office by 5:00 p.m. on the evening that the exhibitor chooses to take part in the parade.

CHAMPION TOP EXHIBITOR AWARDS:

- Champion and Reserve Champion Top Exhibitor Awards for the eight department/project areas will be awarded.
- **CRITERIA POINT SYSTEM**
 - Purple Ribbon = 12 points ≻
 - Blue Ribbon = 8 points >
 - Red Ribbon = 4 points 0
 - White Ribbon = 2 points ≻ Gold Medal = 4 points ⊳

Selected for State Fair = 2 points The highest total points will determine the award winner. Ties will be broken by (1) Most Purple Ribbons Received; (2) Most Exhibits Selected for State Fair; (3) Most Gold Medals Received within the Project Area.

Winners of the Fair 4-H Exhibits - Top Project Areas will be calculated by the 4-H Staff. Winners will be announced and awarded during the 4-H Achievement Celebration.

DEPARTMENT	DIVISION (as identified below)	CRITERIA - EXHIBIT COUNT
ANIMAL SCIENCE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION & EARTH SCIENCE	Veterinary Science; Animal Showmanship; Conservation, Wildlife & Shooting Sports; Entomology; Forestry; Archery Contest; Firearm Contests	Enter at least 4 EXHIBITS from at least 3 DIVISIONS
COMMUNICATIONS & EXPRESSIVE ARTS	Photography; Communications; Posters; Theatre; Visual Arts; Public Speaking Contest	Enter at least 3 EXHIBITS from at least 2 DIVISIONS
CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCES	Clothing; Consumer Management; Home Design & Restore; Human Development; Knitting & Crochet; Quilt Quest; Fashion Show	Enter at least 4 EXHIBITS from at least 3 DIVISIONS
HEALTHY LIFESTYLES	Food & Nutrition; Safety; Favorite Foods Contest	Enter at least 3 EXHIBITS from at least 2 DIVISIONS
LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	Citizenship; Entrepreneurship; Leadership; Heritage	Enter at least 3 EXHIBITS from at least 2 DIVISIONS
PLANT SCIENCE	Agronomy; Floriculture/ Houseplants; Vegetables; Fruit & Herbs; Range	Enter at least 5 EXHIBITS from at least 2 DIVISIONS
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH	Rocket/Drones; Computers; Electricity; Geospatial; Robotics; Welding; Woodworking; Rocket Launch Contest; Tractor Driving Contest	Enter at least 3 EXHIBITS from at least 2 DIVISIONS

SPECIAL AWARDS

PREMIER SCIENCE AWARD

STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBITS:

Participants may select ONE exhibit from any department which was selected for state fair to complete their awards application. APPLICATION:

An awards application, along with any supplemental documents, should be completed and turned in to the county office by the State Fair entry deadline. Handwritten or typed entries are accepted. Entries are only judged on the information included in the application. Award applications need to include a photograph of the exhibit. The photograph will not be used for judging, but is needed if the exhibit needs to be located in the exhibit hall.

Extension staff will drop off the Award Application at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Department at the State Fair. JUDGING:

Applicants will be scored on how well they communicate their use of the Scientific Method or Engineering Design Process while completing their exhibit. An exhibit involving a science topic does not necessarily qualify it to be the best choice for this award.

The Award Application and the corresponding exhibit selected for State Fair must both be at State Fair.

AWARDS:

All award applications entered will receive a participation certificate. No ribbons or premiums will be awarded. At the State Fair, up to 3 top exhibits will be chosen to receive a cash award sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. A special recognition certificate will be placed on their exhibit to showcase their achievement.

 Scoresheets, forms, contest study materials and additional resources can be found at: <u>https://4hfairbook.unl.edu/fairbookview.php/contests/51</u>

https://go.unl.edu/ne4hpremierscienceaward

WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING AWARD:

Top Three Recycled Projects - \$15 / \$15 / \$10

SPONSORED BY: Washington County Recycling Association Any static exhibit containing recycled material in any department is eligible for this award.

STATE FAIR

STATE FAIR 4-H ENTRIES:

- State Fair 4-H Premium Information is available on the web at: <u>http://4h.unl.edu/state-fair</u>
- All 4-H members that are 8 18 years old on Jan 1 of current year will be eligible (as well as meet the required qualifications) to exhibit animals and static projects, give presentations or participate in contests.
- 4-H ANIMAL ENTRY PROCESS: Nebraska State Fair 4-H animals will be entered through an on-line process done directly by the 4-H member/family. <u>The on-line entry and fee deadline is</u> <u>August 10 by 8:00 p.m. CST</u>. Animal entries will NOT be done by the Nebraska Extension Office. Upon request, assistance will be provided by the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair or at the 4-H office in the 4-H Exhibit Hall during the Washington County Fair.

STATE FAIR STATIC EXHIBIT TRANSPORTATION:

- Static exhibits (perishable and nonperishable) must be brought to the Nebraska Extension Office (597 Grant Street, Suite 200, Blair) on Monday, August 18 from 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, August 19 from 7:30 a.m.-12:00 noon.
- 4-H members entering exhibits that exceed 40 pounds and/or larger than 3' x 3' must contact the Extension Office to verify possibilities of transport. It may be required for the exhibit to be taken to the State Fair by the exhibitor.
- All exhibits will be carefully handled by Extension staff. However, due to time and space restrictions there will be no special treatment given to any one exhibit while handling.

 4-H members who have exhibits of great sentimental and/or monetary value should carefully consider whether such exhibits should be transported and exhibited at the State Fair. Extension staff is not responsible for damages during transport and/or during exhibition at the state fair

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY PANCAKE FEED:

The Washington County 4-H Pancake Feed serves as a fundraising opportunity for the Washington County 4-H

- fundraising opportunity for the Washington County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council provides the funds to support the Washington County 4-H Program.
- The Pancake Feed will be held on Sunday of Fair from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Rybin Building.
- There are several opportunities for 4-H members and volunteers to assist, especially the younger members (under 10 years old).
- Sign up will be available after June 15th thru PRE-ENTRY
 DEADLINE through: https://go.unl.edu/wcfsignups

COMPLEMENTARY EVENT TICKET FOR 4-H MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

- Many thanks to the Washington County Fair Board for providing: ONE event ticket for each ENROLLED 4-H member.
- Many thanks to the Washington County 4-H Council for providing ONE event ticket for each ENROLLED 4-H volunteer.

4-H members and volunteers can obtain their tickets from the WCF 4-H Office. The tickets may be used for ONE event held in the large arena from Friday – Wednesday of the Washington County Fair.

ANIMAL RULES & REGULATIONS

GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS:

In addition to the following animal rules and regulations, livestock/ animal exhibitors must abide by the General Rules and Regulations stated in the previous section. For more detailed information concerning the Washington County 4-H Livestock and Horse Program, go to:

https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/4-h/fairs-events/ or contact the Nebraska Extension Office (402-426-9455).

ANIMAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: PRE-ENTRY FORM DEADLINE MONDAY, JULY 7 by 5:00 p.m.

https://go.unl.edu/wcfpre-entryinfo

 Certificate of Vaccination for Cats and Ferrets (FORM - SF262)

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- (FORM SF262) Certificate of Vaccination for Dogs (FORM -SF263)
- Online Animal Pre-Entries

Online Clover Kid Animal Pre-Entries

OWNERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS:

All livestock [beef, bucket calves, dairy cattle, dairy goats, horses, hogs, meat goats, rabbit, sheep] exhibited must be owned/identified by the 4-H member in compliance with the Washington County 4-H Ownership Guidelines. Washington County Identification Sheets, Ownership Affidavits, Photos, and DNA envelopes must be submitted to the Nebraska Extension Office by the deadline <u>JUNE 15</u>. No animal may be exhibited in both breeding and market classes.

LIVESTOCK PHOTO ID REQUIREMENT:

All Livestock Exhibitors (Beef, Goat, Hog and Sheep) Exhibitors are REQUIRED to submit photo identification to <u>go.unl.edu/wcphotoid</u>

PUREBRED LIVESTOCK:

Exhibitors of purebred livestock must provide proof of registry including registration name and number to the department superintendent at time of check in.

<u>YQCA (YOUTH for the QUALITY CARE of</u> ANIMALS) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Nebraska 4-H and FFA Programs REQUIRE members (8 - 18 years old) exhibiting BEEF, DAIRY CATTLE, DAIRY GOATS, HOGS, MEAT GOATS, POULTRY, RABBITS, and SHEEP be certified Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). This program is mandated by the Nebraska 4-H program and has been implemented into the Washington County 4-H and FFA Programs. Therefore, this certification must be completed by **JUNE 15** to be eligible to exhibit.

CARE OF ANIMALS:

- Any animal that is determined to be unmanageable, or could be a safety hazard to the public, may be removed from the Fairgrounds after consultation with the representation from the 4-H Council Grievance Committee, Show Committee, Ag Society (Fair Board) President and Extension 4-H staff. The determined ruling will be final.
- All possible care will be used to prevent loss or injury to articles or animals or exhibitors. However, it is expressly understood that the management of the fair will in no way be responsible should loss or injury occur.
- Muzzles or similar devices are NOT allowed on any 4-H animals.
- Drenching of livestock is allowed and is defined as the oral administration of fluids that allows the animal to swallow. Pumping is NOT allowed and is defined as the act of completely bypassing directly into the stomach utilizing a tube or pump.

ANIMAL ARRIVAL DEADLINES:

- BEEF MARKET & SENIOR BREEDING HEIFERS: must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- <u>BEEF BUCKET CALVES:</u> OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- <u>BEEF FEEDER CALVES:</u> OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- <u>BEEF JUNIOR BREEDING HEIFERS:</u> OPTION: Friday of Fair by 9:00 p.m. OR Monday of Fair from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
- CAT: Tuesday of Fair at 1:00 p.m.
- COMPANION ANIMALS: Tuesday of Fair at 1:00 p.m.
- DAIRY CATTLE (exception of cows in milk): must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- <u>DAIRY CATTLE (cows in milk)</u>: must be in place by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday of Fair.
- DAIRY GOATS (exception of goats in milk): must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- <u>DAIRY GOATS (goats in milk):</u> must be in place by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday of Fair.
- DOG: Tuesday of Fair at 7-7:30 a.m.
- HOGS: must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- HORSE: Refer to Animal Section, Horse Department/Division.
- MEAT GOATS: must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **POULTRY:** must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- **RABBITS:** must be in place by 6:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- SHEEP: must be in place by 9:00 p.m. on Friday of Fair.
- <u>Animals that are required to stay the entire fair CANNOT</u> <u>leave the fairgrounds once they have checked in.</u> <u>EXCEPTION: Clover Kid animals that are ONLY exhibited by</u> <u>a Clover Kid 4-H member.</u>

BEDDING:

- The Washington County Fair Board will provide bedding for the Poultry and Rabbits.
- The Washington County Fair Board will furnish bedding for all beef (market beef, breeding beef, feeder calf and bucket calf) and dairy cattle entries. No other bedding is to be used. A bedding fee per head may be implemented at time of check-in.
- All other livestock exhibitors are required to make their own arrangements for bedding.

STALL/PEN CLEAN-UP:

• Members are responsible for cleaning out stalls at the conclusion of the fair. Please remove shavings from stall/pens and place in center aisle for clean-up. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILTY AS AN EXHIBITOR.

SHOW SIZE LIMIT/PROBATION:

- If a species show does not have at least five animals in the show, they will be placed on probation the following year.
- Should the show not exceed five animals while on probation, the 4-H Council has the option of removing the show from the fair schedule the following year.

MARKET ANIMALS - RE-WEIGH:

 Immediate re-weighs are only permitted if the animal stays within sight of the scale and committee.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

ALL animals must be in good health at the time of the fair. Animals that have active ringworm, fungus or visible warts will not be allowed entry into the Washington County Fair. If animals are brought and found to be suspect, it is at the Extension personnel and fair official's discretion to seek advisement from a veterinarian and possible dismissal of infected animals from the fair and show.

Beef No health papers required.

Cat CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS & FERRETS (SF262 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED</u> <u>BY PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension</u> <u>Office, Blair.</u> All cats and kittens entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Feline Vaccinations: Rabies, FPL, PVR, FCV, FeLV. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!**

Dairy Cattle No health papers required.

- Dogs
 CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR DOGS (SF263 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED</u> by PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension Office, Blair. All dogs entered are REQUIRED to be current on their vaccinations; Rabies, Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Parvovirus. COMPANION ANIMAL SHOW: Dogs exhibited in the Companion Animal Show must present the certificate at time of check-in. ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE! Dogs in season will not be
- allowed to show. Ferret CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION FOR CATS & FERRETS (SF262 available at the Nebraska Extension Office) must be completed by the exhibitor's veterinarian and <u>SUBMITTED</u> <u>BY PRE-ENTRY DEADLINE to the Nebraska Extension</u> <u>Office, Blair.</u> All ferrets entered are REQUIRED to be current on their Rabies vaccination. **ABSOLUTELY NO**

EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!

- Goat No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).
- Hog No health papers required. However, market hogs must originate from a herd not under quarantine for Pseudorabies and must be healthy and free of disease.
- Horses No health papers required.
- Poultry All poultry must be healthy and free of disease. Nebraska currently has pullorum typhoid-free status. In order to maintain the status, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture may be conducting a surveillance test on the Washington County Fair poultry exhibits sometime during the fair.
- Rabbit No health papers required.
- Sheep No health papers required. Refer to Scrapie Tag Guideline (stated below).

SCRAPIE TAG (USDA BUREAU OF

ANIMAL INDUSTRIES) GUIDELINES:

The USDA Bureau of Animal Industries has mandated a national program to eradicate scrapie in sheep flocks and goat herds.

- All female and male sheep exhibited at the Washington County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female and male sheep are required to be tagged with proper identification at the Washington County Fair sheep check-in. This applies to both market and breeding, regardless of age.
- All female and male (commercial) goats exhibited at Washington County Fair will need to have the official USDA identification (scrapie tag). Female and male goats are required to be tagged with proper identification at the Washington County Fair goat check-in.

 For more information, go to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture website located at: https://nda.nebraska.gov/animal/diseases/scrapie/index.html

SHOWMANSHIP GUIDELINES:

- Exhibitors who made the entry are eligible to compete in showmanship with that animal.
- Members taking part in a showmanship class will be judged on their skill and on the appearance their animal makes before the judges.
- Any animal may be shown in only <u>ONE</u> showmanship class.
- In showmanship classes, a 4-H member can ONLY exhibit an animal that has been officially identified in their name AND that they have entered in the live show. <u>Exhibitors may NOT exhibit some other exhibitor's animal (including siblings) in the</u> showmanship competition. EXCEPTION: Clover Kid Exhibitor.
- Winners of junior and intermediate divisions in previous years must move up to the next older division. <u>This will be at the</u> <u>discretion of the show committee based on the number of</u> <u>exhibitors and size of the show.</u>

GROOMING & FITTING:

- Grooming of livestock during the entire fair, including the day of the show, should be done by the 4-H/FFA member.
- Assistance from 4-H members, family members or others will be permitted only when the 4-H member is **PRESENT** and **ACTIVELY** taking part. The only exception is if the 4-H/FFA member is currently in the show ring with another animal.
- All 4-H/FFA families are asked to work together to make show day a positive experience for everyone.
- Grooming of all beef animals must be done in the open-air beef barn or the open-air poultry and rabbit pavilion.
- If color comes off the animal, it is at the judge's discretion as to the ramifications.
- SHEEP Spray paint in any manner will not be allowed.
- Upon violation of the above rules, the exhibitor's animal involved may be disqualified from the show.

DRESS CODE for LIVESTOCK/ANIMAL EXHIBITORS:

- For more information, exhibitors of animal exhibits need to refer to the specific department/division information in this fair reference for DRESS CODE.
- Failure to comply with dress code will result in the drop of a ribbon placing.
- 4-H t-shirts, chevrons and armbands may be purchased at the Nebraska Extension Office in Blair and at the Washington County Fair 4-H Office during the fair.

SUBSTITUTE EXHIBITOR:

- If a 4-H exhibitor is injured or seriously ill at the time of the show, the project may be continued and the animal may be exhibited in the name of the original 4-H member.
- The substitute exhibitor must be a 4-H member entered in the Washington County Fair (preferred enrollment in animal project area being shown).
- Approval for a substitute exhibitor must be verified in advance of the show by the show superintendent, show committee or Nebraska Extension staff.
- Horse exhibitors are exempt from all substitute exhibitor cases.
- An exhibitor who has more than one animal in a class need not secure approval for another eligible exhibitor to exhibit one of his/her animals, but must meet all show requirements as far as dress code and age eligibility.
- The substitute exhibitor must wear the same exhibitor number as assigned to the owner of the animal.
- Exhibitor numbers are available from the show superintendent or at the 4-H office.

HERDSMANSHIP:

DEPT. G / DIV. 999 Class 1BHERD - Beef Class 2DCHERD - Dairy Cattle Class 3DGHERD - Dairy Goat Class 4HHERD - Hog Class 5MGHERD - Meat Goat Class 6SHERD - Sheep

PREMIUMS/AWARDED PER CLUB:

1st - \$20.00, 2nd - \$15.00, 3rd - \$10.00, 4th - \$5.00 Herdsmanship premiums will be paid to the top four clubs (a club is defined as having at least **five** members from at least **three** different families) in each specie. Independent members are not eligible for premiums. Herdsmanship will be judged for Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Hogs and Sheep.

- <u>Herdsmanship Responsibility</u>: Duties are the responsibility of exhibitors rather than leaders and parents.
- <u>Beginning and Ending of Herdsmanship</u>: Herdsmanship begins at the time the division of livestock (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goats, Hogs, Meat Goats and Sheep) is to be in place and ends at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday of the fair.
- <u>Judging</u>: Livestock exhibits may be judged for herdsmanship at any time between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Efforts will be made to avoid judging herdsmanship during the showing of the species. Each livestock division will be judged separately.
- <u>Display of Animals:</u> All animals shall be in their stalls or pens between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except for weighing, washing and showing.
- <u>Cleaning Stalls or Pens:</u> It is the responsibility of all club members to keep club stalls neat and clean at all times. <u>4-H clubs/</u> <u>members are responsible for cleaning out stalls at the</u> <u>conclusion of the fair, according to the requests of the</u> <u>livestock committees and the fair board. 4-H clubs not in</u> <u>compliance will forfeit premium.</u>
- <u>Posting results</u>: Results of herdsmanship judging will be posted as results are tabulated.
- <u>Basis of Rating Herdsmanship</u>: Herdsmanship judges will use the following scoring guide in judging county exhibits for herdsmanship:

<u>IAFE (International Association</u> <u>of Fairs and Expositions)</u> National Code of Show Ring Ethics

https://fairsandexpos.com/document/iafe-show-ring-code-of-ethics/

Exhibitors of animals at livestock shows shall at all times deport themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship. Their conduct in this competitive environment shall always reflect the highest standards of honor and dignity to promote the advancement of agricultural education. This code applies to junior (4-H) as well as open class exhibitors who compete in structured classes of competition. This code applies to all livestock offered in any event at a livestock show. In addition the "IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics", fairs and livestock shows may have rules and regulations which they impose on the local, county, state, provincial and national levels.

All youth leaders working with junior exhibitors (4-H members) are under an affirmative responsibility to do more than avoid improper conduct or questionable acts. Their moral values must be so certain and positive that those younger and more pliable will be influenced by their fine example. Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers and absolutely responsible persons who violate the code of ethics will forfeit premiums, awards and auction proceeds and shall be prohibited from future exhibition in accordance with the rules adopted by the respective fairs and livestock shows. Exhibitors who violate this code of ethics demean the integrity of all livestock exhibitors and should be prohibited from competition at all livestock shows in the United States and Canada.

The following is a list of guidelines for all exhibitors and all livestock in competitive events:

- All exhibitors must present, upon request of fair and livestock show officials, proof of ownership, length of ownership and age of all animals entered. Misrepresentation of ownership, age, or any facts relating thereto is prohibited.
- Owners, exhibitors, fitters, trainers, or absolutely responsible persons shall provide animal health certificates from licensed veterinarians upon request by fair or livestock show officials.
- 3. Junior exhibitors (4-H Members) are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
- Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter 4. the food chain free of violative drug residues. The act of entering an animal in a livestock show is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer and/or absolutely responsible person for show management to obtain any specimens of urine, saliva, blood, or other substances from the animal to be used in testing. Animals not entered in an event which culminates with the animal entering the food chain shall not be administered drugs other than in accordance with applicable federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules. Livestock shall not be exhibited if the drugs administered in accordance with federal, state and provincial statutes, regulations and rules affect the animal's performance or appearance at the event. If the laboratory report on the analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from livestock indicates the presence of forbidden drugs or medication, this shall be prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the animal either internally or externally. It is presumed that the sample of urine, saliva, blood, or other substance tested by the laboratory to which it is sent is the one taken from the animal in guestion, its integrity is preserved and all procedures of said collection and preservation, transfer to the laboratory and analysis of the sample are correct

and accurate and the report received from the laboratory pertains to the sample taken from the animal in question and correctly reflects the condition of the animal at the time the sample was taken, with the burden on the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to prove otherwise. At any time after an animal arrives on the fair or livestock show premises, all treatment involving the use of drugs and/or medications for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal shall be administered by a licensed veterinarian.

- 5. Any surgical procedure or injection of any foreign substance or drug or the external application of any substance (irritant, counterirritant, or similar substance) which could affect the animal's performance or alter its natural contour, confirmation, or appearance, except external applications of substances to the hoofs or horns of animals which affect appearance only and except for surgical procedures performed by a duly licensed veterinarian for the sole purpose of protecting the health of the animal, is prohibited.
- 6. The use of showing and/or handling practices or devises such as striking animals to cause swelling, using electrical contrivance, or other similar practices are not acceptable and are prohibited.
- 7. Direct criticism or interference with the judge, fair or livestock show management, other exhibitors, breed representatives, or show officials before, during, or after the competitive event is prohibited. In the furtherance of their official duty, all judges, fair and livestock show management, or other show officials shall be treated with courtesy, cooperation and respect and no person shall direct abusive or threatening conduct toward them.
- 8. No owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person shall conspire with another person or persons to intentionally violate this code of ethics or knowingly contribute or cooperate with another person or persons either by affirmative action or inaction to violate this code of ethics. Violation of this rule shall subject such individual to disciplinary action.
- 9. The application of this code of ethics provides for absolute responsibility for an animal's condition by an owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or participant whether or not he or she was actually instrumental in or had actual knowledge of the treatment of the animal in contravention of this code of ethics.
- 10. The act of entering an animal is the giving of consent by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person to have disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show for violation of this Code of Show Ring Ethics and any other rules of competition of the fair or livestock show without recourse against the fair or livestock show. The act of entering an animal is the giving consent that any proceedings or disciplinary action taken by the fair or livestock show may be published with the name of the violator or violators in any publication of the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, including Fairs and Expositions and any special notices to members.
- 11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE National Code of Show Ring Ethics and understands the consequences of and penalties provided for actions prohibited by the code. It is further a consent that any action which contravenes these rules and is also in violation of federal, state, or provincial statutes, regulations, or rules may be released to appropriate law enforcement authorities with jurisdiction over such infractions.