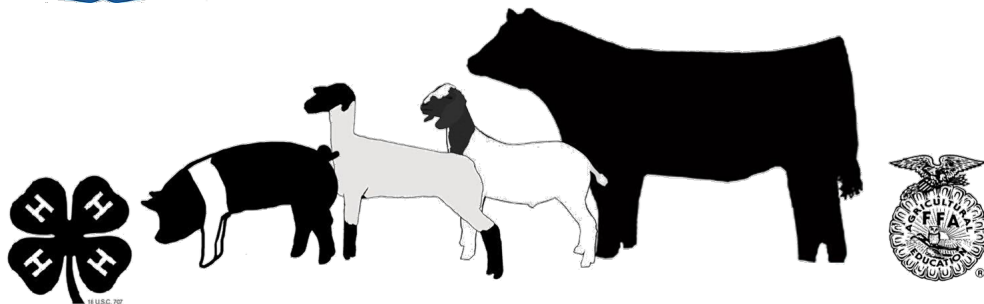


Box Butte County *4-H & FFA* *Livestock Handbook* *2024*



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GENERAL RULES

The guidelines set forth in this handbook are implemented to further the success of each exhibitor, their livestock projects, and the livestock show. Guidelines that are not followed will cause disqualification of the exhibitor and the animal for that class and that animal will not be allowed to sell in the Livestock Auction.

In the event a policy, rule or regulation is not covered in this, the Box Butte County Livestock Handbook, Fair book or General Rules, the question shall defer to the [Nebraska 4-H State Fair Rules](#).

Exhibiting at the County Fair is not the sole purpose of 4-H. The purpose of 4-H is to give youth opportunities to acquire knowledge, develop life skills, and strengthen values that enable them to become increasingly self-directing, productive, and contributing citizens. 4-H projects, fair exhibits, and fair participation are simply tools that contribute to the 4-H mission.

MANDATORY PARENT/EXHIBITOR MEETING

In 2024, it will be the responsibility of at least one parent/guardian, and all exhibitors to review the handbook, sign and return the agreement form to the Extension Office by **July 1** to be eligible to exhibit livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. Failure to meet these requirements will result in not being allowed to exhibit livestock at the Box Butte County Fair. **NOTE:** New 4-H families exhibiting livestock are asked to review the handbook with a superintendent or Extension Staff member at the Box Butte County Extension Office.

4-H ENROLLEMNT & ANIMAL ID

Only those 4-H members enrolled in the Box Butte County 4-H program through 4HOnline by June 1 of the current year shall be eligible to exhibit in the County Fair & State Fair and receive premiums, rosettes, or awards or participate in any 4-H related fair auctions. Exhibitors **NOT ENROLLED BY JUNE 15TH** will be ineligible to compete at the Box Butte County Fair and Nebraska State Fair. 4-H and FFA members must have been registered in the project area by **JULY 1** and exhibit only those items.

Exhibitors planning to show at the Box Butte County Fair will be required to bring their market animals to mandatory tagging at the fairgrounds. This includes beef/carcass, sheep, goats, and swine. Weigh-in will be optional. Youth will be able to have animals tagged at other county weigh-ins, except for pigs, in the event they are unable to attend the date set at the Box Butte County Fairgrounds. Animals not checked in/tagged at a county weigh-in will be ineligible to be exhibited at the Box Butte County Fair 2024. All project animals which will be exhibited must be individually identified, listed on the appropriate Livestock Ownership Affidavit and on file in the Extension Office by: June 1st for all other species each year. **Affidavits not received by June 15th will be ineligible to exhibit at County Fair.**

Exhibiting in both 4-H & FFA

Exhibitors are encouraged to be active members of both 4-H and FFA. Any beef, sheep, swine, and goat projects tagged at a county weigh-in & IDed by the appropriate deadline of June 15, will be eligible for exhibition in either 4-H or FFA. The designation to show 4-H or FFA can be determined at county fair weigh-in. However, an animal may be identified and shown in only one county. Youth are NOT allowed to show the same animal in multiple counties. **June 15th deadlines not met will result in exhibitors not eligible to exhibit projects in county or state fair.**

The Livestock Ownership Affidavits are online at the Box Butte County 4-H website: <https://go.unl.edu/027d> or available at the Extension Office.

Deadline Requirements for Box Butte County 4-H Exhibitors

Task	Project Area/weblink	Deadline Date
4-H Online Enrollment	4honline.com	Early: June 1 st Final: June 15th
YQCA Certification	Yqcaprogram.com	Early: June 1 st Final: June 15th
Animal Affidavits:	Market Beef, Sheep, Goats & Pigs	Completed at Weigh-in
Animal Affidavits:	British Breed Certificate, All Breeding Animals, Feeder Calf, Bucket Calf, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Rabbit & Horse	Early: June 1 st Final: June 15th
State Fair Livestock Nomination	Showstockmgr.com	June 15th
County Fair Registration Form	Includes 4-H & FFA youth and Clover Kids Boxbutte.unl.edu	July 1st
New: Bred & Fed Brand Form	Boxbutte.unl.edu	July 1st
T-shirt Order forms	Boxbutte.unl.edu	July 1st
Handbook Agreement Signatures	Boxbutte.unl.edu	July 1st

British Breed Class:

- *British Classes* including Shorthorn, Angus and Hereford will require a registration certificate **or** a breeder's certificate stating the animal being identified is purebred. Breeder's Certificate forms are available at the Extension Office. **Registration certificate or breeder's certificate must be submitted with ID sheets by June 1.** In the event a registration certificate or breeder's certificate is not submitted by **June 15th** the animal will be shown in the crossbred class.

Bred & Fed Class:

- This division is designed to honor the fine quality of animals produced by our county 4-Hers on their own/families farm(s). Bred & Fed Beef will be shown in a division of their own. Beef is not allowed to be exhibited in multiple divisions. Beef **MUST** be raised by a family member. This includes mom, dad, siblings, or grandparents. ALL beef exhibited in the Bred & Fed Class **MUST** be branded, they can be hot branded or freeze branded. Steers will only be allowed to be shown and classes will be broken up by weight at the discretion of the superintendent. We will not divide classes based on breed.
- **Bred & fed affidavit must be submitted to the extension office by JULY 1 by the end of day.** In the event a bred & fed affidavit is not submitted by **July 1st** the animal will be shown in the crossbred class.



All exhibitors in **beef (market/carcass, breeding, stocker feeders & bucket calves), dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats (breeding & market), sheep (breeding & market), swine, poultry and rabbits** must have received YQCA training through the national organization, "Youth for the Quality Care of Animals by **June 1** of each year. Completion of training will be certified by the YQCA organization. Any exhibitor who **DOES NOT** complete the YQCA requirement on or before **June 15** of each year is **INELIGIBLE** to show or sell livestock at the Box Butte County Fair.

Options for youth to complete their YQCA training:

JUNIORS: Ages 8-10 as of January 1 of the current year

1. Self-Directed Online YQCA Course (\$12)

- Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account.
- Select the Web-Based Training, pay for the course, and complete modules and quiz for each section: Food safety, Animal Well-being, and Life Skills.
- Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

2. Youth can attend 1 of the offered Instructor-Led presentations that will be held at the Box Butte County Extension Office. (\$3)

- Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account.
- Select a course (Instructor-Led), select the state, select the training, and pay for the course. Then you will attend the training on the date you selected.
- There will be a pre & post survey that MUST be completed to get your certification.**

- d. After the course the instructor will mark attendees as complete, and youth will go back into their account to access the certificate. Youth will provide the certificate to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

INTERMEDIATES: Ages 11-13 as of January 1 of the current year

SENIORS: Age 14-18 as of January 1 of the current year

1. Self-Directed Online YQCA Course (\$12)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account.
- b. Select the Web-Based Training, pay for the course, and complete modules and quiz for each section: Food safety, Animal Well-being, and Life Skills.
- c. Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

2. Youth can attend one of the offered Instructor-Led presentations that will be held at the Box Butte County Extension Office. (\$3)

- a. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-HOnline.
- b. Select a course (Instructor-Led), select the state, select the training, and pay for the course. Then you will attend the training on the date you selected.
- c. There will be a pre & post survey that MUST be completed to get your certification.**
- d. After the course the instructor will mark attendees as complete, and youth will go back into their account to access the certificate. Youth will provide the certificate to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

3. NEW: Test out Option – INTERMEDIATE OPTION ONLY (\$36)

- a. Available only to **Intermediates age 12-14**
- b. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-HOnline.
- c. Select the appropriate course.
- d. You will only have ONE CHANCE to pass this test with an 80% or better.
- e. If passed, this certification will last through the end of the youths' age level.
- f. Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

4. NEW: Test out Option – SENIOR OPTION ONLY (\$48)

- a. Available only to **Seniors age 15-18**
- b. Visit: <https://yqcaprogram.org/> and create an account. YQCA is no longer connected to 4-HOnline.

- c. Select the appropriate course.
- d. You will only have ONE CHANCE to pass this test with an 80% or better.
- e. If passed, this certification will last through the end of the youths' age level.
- f. Provide the certificate that will be available after all 3 modules are completed to the Extension Office in hard copy or email the PDF to astevens4@unl.edu.

Youth will be responsible for paying for the YQCA certification class through the online website.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR & AKSARBEN REQUIREMENTS

All 4-H/FFA **BREEDING LIVESTOCK**, market livestock and **FEEDER CALVES** will now be required to submit a **DNA envelope** to be eligible to exhibit at the Nebraska State Fair. The DNA sample will need to be collected at the time of weigh-in/tagging or before the June 15 deadline. **The exhibitor will need register animal(s) for the Nebraska State Fair and pay the fees on the Show Stock Manager page: <https://www.showstockmgr.com>.**

Deadline to register & pay is June 15.

For more information visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/state-fair/live-animal-exhibitor>

If you are wanting to exhibit an animal at AKSARBEN ONLY visit their website: <https://www.aksarbenstockshow.com> as you will need to get your DNA envelopes from them directly.

Note: If you plan to exhibit the same animal at the State Fair & AKSARBEN we can provide you with a DNA envelope from the Extension Office.

AGE DIVISIONS

Unless otherwise indicated in the specific rules for each area, in areas where classes are divided into three age divisions (Junior, Intermediate, and Senior), the age breakdown is as follows: Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, and Senior 14-18. All ages will be determined before January 1 of the current year. In areas where classes are divided into two age divisions (Junior and Senior), the breakdown is: Junior 8-11 and Senior 12-18. All ages will be determined before January 1 of the current year.

Exhibitors who exhibit in in-person contests at the State Fair (livestock contests, etc.) must be 8 or older before January 1 of the current year.

COUNTY FAIR REGISTRATION

Fair registration information will be available prior to the deadline date. **Forms can be found on the boxbutte.unl.edu website.** Please remember **that all exhibits must be pre-registered.** The fair registration deadline is **July 1.** If you have any questions, please contact the office.

DRESS CODE

Required dress code for showing at the Box Butte County Fair:

1. 4-H members in beef, sheep, meat goat and swine (including market, carcass, and breeding classes) will be required to wear blue jeans, 4-H Council approved t-shirt and close toed shoes (boots are preferred)
2. 4-H members in Dairy and Dairy Goat will be required to wear white pants, 4-H Council approved t-shirt or white FFA shirt and close toed shoes (boots are preferred)
3. FFA members will be required to wear a sleeved FFA polo shirt or official FFA dress.
4. In **All Classes**, 4-H and FFA members will be dropped a ribbon placing for improper attire.

LARGE ANIMAL ROUND ROBIN

CHANGED FORMAT!!!!!! The Top Two Showman of each species (Horse, Beef, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goat, Dairy Goat, Sheep, and Swine) will represent that species in the Round Robin Showmanship contest, unless that person(s) has won the Round Robin in the past. During the overall showmanship drive, the judge will place exhibitors in order of placing 1-6 (or however many are in the final drive). If an exhibitor is in the top two of more than one species, the exhibitor will select the species they would like to represent, and then the next highest placing exhibitor will then be eligible to compete in the Round Robin.

Dress Code: Round Robin Showmen will be expected to comply with the most restrictive of the dress codes listed under dress code requirements for the animal they are initially representing.

HERDSMANSHIP

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

Herdsmanship judging begins when animals are entered on entry day and ends when the animal is loaded out on Saturday night/Sunday. Herdsmanship will be judged twice daily at unannounced times. **Dairy animals will be judged with their respective species.** The exhibitors score will be waved during show hours of that species (if being shown at time of judging). Guidelines for selecting a herdsmanship winner include:

1. Animals always clean with grooming apparent.
2. Animals adequately cared for with proper feeding, water, clean and proper amount of bedding and adequate equipment and stalls.
3. The track and feed area clean and neatly arranged. Fork handles and similar equipment hung or kept in a secure and safe manner.
4. Proper courtesy and conduct are always shown by exhibitors and at all places. All exhibitors are expected to participate in herdsmanship.
5. The exhibitor's share of alley area kept clean. Wheelbarrows and equipment kept from aisle.

6. EDUCATIONAL DISPLAYS

- a. Exhibitors are invited to create a poster highlighting an educational aspect of their animal project.
- b. Posters will be used as a tie breaker if there is a tie for herdsmanship winners. ***In the event there is a tie, and no poster are presented the earnings will be divided to the exhibitors in the tie.***
- c. Poster will be judged for a ribbon premium.
- d. The poster could focus on a current livestock issue, animal industry career, animal care or health, economic impacts of the livestock industry, etc. All educational display entries must match the specie the 4-H member is exhibiting. For example, if a 4-H member is exhibiting beef, their entry must be about beef and not another species.
- e. A poster can be entered for each specie exhibited.
- f. Posters will be displayed in the barns to increase the educational experiences of both the 4-H members and the public, increasing agricultural literacy and promoting good will at the county fair.
- g. **Posters are due to the Herdsmanship Superintendent before 2 pm on Wednesday, the day of livestock weigh-in, and will be judged.**
- h. Educational displays are NOT ELIGIBLE for the Nebraska State Fair.
 - Entries will be a county only project.
 - The code number to put on your fair registration for educational displays is **G090001 – Educational displays for Animal Entries**

A volunteer will serve as superintendent for Herdsmanship and they will schedule volunteers to judge the barn. A score sheet will be provided to each of the volunteer judges.

Winners will be announced at the annual 4-H Achievement Celebration. Awards will be given to the top individual in each species and an overall award for the exhibitor with the most points. The Overall Winner will receive a \$500 cash award, and the top 4 individuals in each species will receive a \$125 cash award. (Ex. If the overall winner is in the Market Goat area, the 2nd place youth in the Market Goat would move up to win the \$125).

Any animal not receiving proper care (feed, water, etc.) will be cared for by the specie superintendent after a verbal warning has been given and consulting the superintendent committee. The exhibitor will be assessed **\$50 per day with payment being deducted from livestock auction proceeds**. If the animal does not sell at the livestock auction, the \$50 assessment will be due and payable when the animal is checked out and before leaving the fairgrounds.

LIVESTOCK PENS/STALLS

The Box Butte County Fair Board has a rule about advertising signs in the livestock pens and stalls: “Any advertising in the barn must be approved by the fair board. Includes ranch signs, breeder signs and any other banners or signage.”

Exhibitors will be provided with an amount of woodchip bales per exhibitor pen. Pig pens will be given 2 bales and sheep/goat pens will be given 1 bale for the entire fair

week. If exhibitors feel they will need more woodchips, exhibitors are welcome to purchase their own.

Livestock Exhibitors will refrain from playing loud music during poultry and rabbit showmanship and Small Animal Round Robin. Please make sure your speakers are off during these show times. Thank you!

Exhibitors' animals MUST REMAIN in THEIR assigned pen. If an exhibitor needs an extra pen or needs to move around animals, please notify the Superintendent or an Extension Staff member before moving any animals. Depending on pen availability, in the barn families may need to combine sibling pens, this will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Max number of animals will be 3 animals per pen across species.

4-H AND FFA LIVESTOCK SHOW GENERAL STATEMENT

Whenever possible, 4-H and FFA livestock will be shown together in the same classes.

WEIGHTS

Market Beef Heifers minimum	900 pounds
Market Beef Heifers maximum	1650 pounds
Market Beef Steers minimum	1000 pounds
Market Beef Steers maximum	1650 pounds
Carcass Beef minimum:	
Heifers	900 pounds
Steers	1000 pounds
Market Lambs minimum	100 pounds
Market Lambs maximum	None
Market Swine minimum	230 pounds
Market Swine maximum	320 pounds
Meat Goats minimum	50 pounds
Meat Goat maximum	None

Note: If market beef is potentially going to be over the weight limit, the options would be to enter it in the carcass contest (must register on Fair Registration form by July 1) and still be eligible for the livestock sale or they could show it and not be eligible for the sale.

Animals not meeting these weight requirements will be allowed to show in a special class but will not be eligible for purple ribbons or championship consideration, rate of gain, and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

If an animal is within weight limits, no re-weighs will be allowed. Re-weighs are only allowed if an animal is under or over the weight limits. The exhibitor can re-weigh **only one time**, within the weigh-in time of **6 AM to 12 PM**. Under and overweight animals will show in a special class and are not eligible for purple ribbons or champion consideration, rate of gain, and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

Market Lambs are to be weighed without lamb blankets or covers on them.

All market beef animals, including carcass animals, must present with a properly executed bill of sale or proper brand inspection papers at the initial beef weigh-in to receive a 4-H or EID tag and be eligible for rate of gain. The rate of gain contest does not include carcass beef.

Youth will be responsible for the bill of sale or brand inspection papers and will be responsible for bringing the papers to the final weigh-in on Wednesday during fair week between the times of **8 AM – 10 AM**

Weigh-in schedule:

Pigs – Wednesday, August 7th from 6:00am-8:00am

Sheep/Goats & Beef – Wednesday, August 7th from 8:00am-10:00am

All species have the option to re-weigh if the animal is under or overweight, only until noon. Please find your superintendent to have this done.

Exhibitors showing Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, and Bucket Calves will need to check in these animals by noon on weigh-in day with the beef superintendent. Animals do not need to physically be checked in, but exhibitors need to verify what they are planning to bring from their ID Sheets.

NUMBER OF MARKET LIVESTOCK THAT MAY BE EXHIBITED

An exhibitor will be limited to showing the following maximum number of market livestock:

Carcass Beef	two (2) head
Market Beef (total steers and heifers)	three (3) head
Market Swine	three (3) head
Market Lambs	three (3) head
Meat Goats	three (3) head

All large animal exhibitors are expected to attend a barn meeting in the livestock barn which will be called by their superintendents on Wednesday afternoon or evening of the Fair.

Clover Kids will be allowed to show livestock under 350 pounds at the end of each respective show. Clover Kids **MUST** be enrolled in 4-HOnline and have registered for the livestock fair project. Clover Kids are allowed to show a pig, lamb, meat goat or dairy goat with the **HELP** of an older 4-H member and **MUST** show an animal that is already on the premises. Clover Kids are not allowed to bring their own livestock, and Clover Kids will not be allowed to show any beef species, including bucket calves.

PLACING AND CHAMPION DESIGNATIONS

The modified Danish system of judging will be used throughout the Fair with award designation being Purple, Blue, Red, and White. Where appropriate, a champion and reserve champion will be selected at the discretion of the Judge.

SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Superintendents in each division will be responsible for:

1. Stall assignments for all exhibitors
2. Barn Meeting with all exhibitors
3. Show order

4. Sale order
5. Final disposition of animals
6. Other duties as assigned

Superintendents will have rule books and will answer most questions associated with projects and procedures. Any specific problems arising at the fair will be addressed and resolved by the Superintendent Committee and Extension Staff.

The Box Butte County 4-H Council will serve as the fair 4-H rules committee. Any suggestions for improvement, complaints, or protests must be signed and submitted in writing on the "Care to Share" form prior to the August 4-H Council immediately following the county fair to be considered. Those who submitted forms will be called into the meeting on a separate basis to have a chance to explain the reasoning for their form. Care to Share: forms can be picked up in the 4-H office at the fairgrounds during fair week. The 4-H Council Open Meeting following fair will be in September.

GENERAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LARGE LIVESTOCK

Under no circumstances may animals under quarantine be exhibited. Only animals not showing signs of infectious or contagious disease will be allowed to show.

Policy on Ringworm, Warts, Abscesses and Open Wounds

- Animals that have active ringworm, visible warts, or abscesses will not be allowed entry into the Box Butte County Fair for exhibition.
- The **on-call** inspecting veterinarian may judge the ringworm to be inactive if the lesion is not encrusted and hair has begun regrowth in the area and is so stated on a letter/health certificate from inspecting veterinarian.
- Animals with warts that are visible by a hands-off inspection will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible abscesses will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.
- Animals that have visible signs of open wounds that do not appear to be healing will not be allowed to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises.

Policy on Injured Animals

Animals that are injured or lame upon weigh-in will not be permitted to exhibit and will not be allowed to remain on the premises. This will not affect carcass entries provided carcass quality is not an issue.

If an animal is injured after weigh-in the superintendent committee and a Veterinarian will determine whether the animal can remain on the premises, take part in the show and be allowed in the sale. This will be determined in a case by case basis. Criteria to be considered will include but not be limited to comfort of the animal, carcass quality and public perception.

The superintendents reserve the right to have animal(s) remain on the trailer, until a veterinarian arrives to examine said animal(s).

The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if the said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendent committee on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

LIVESTOCK SALE

- 4-H and/or FFA members may sell a maximum of two (2) market animals at the annual market livestock sale. If you exhibit both 4-H and FFA projects, only two animals total may be sold by everyone. **Only market animals will be sold.**
- **Carcass animals are sold on a value-based grid to a packer prior to county fair. Each exhibitor receives a check from the packer for the value of their market animal on the grid. At the BBC livestock sale, an exhibitor selling their carcass animal does not have an animal to sell as they have already been harvested and processed. However, the exhibitor may participate in the livestock sale for a “premium” for their carcass animal. The auction will determine the dollar per head that the exhibitor receives, it will no longer be a dollar per pound auction for carcass animals. A carcass animal sold in the livestock sale will count as one of the two animals each exhibitor is allowed to sell through the sale. For sale order purposes carcass animals will sell with the small animals.**
- It is encouraged for Grand Champion and Reserve Champion animals to sell at the 4-H & FFA Livestock Auction, but it will be left up to the discretion of the 4-H/FFA exhibitor. The weight taken on entry day shall be the official show and sale weight for market beef, market swine, meat goats and market lambs.
- Youth who are both 4-H/FFA members and who exhibit market livestock in more than one county work closely with their FFA Advisor to assure they do not exceed the number of market animals allowed to sell through the livestock sale collectively in the counties in which they exhibit.
- It is the exhibitor’s responsibility to pay attention to the sale order and be ready in their pens with their animal upon their turn to sell. We do not want to disrupt the sale flow. Exhibitors not ready will be dropped to the end of the sale order.
- Exhibitors must sell their own animals in the sale unless permission is given by the superintendent committee. If not excused, the animal will not be allowed to sell.
- Members must wear Official 4-H dress or FFA dress when selling animals in the sale (*See the dress code section for additional information*).
- **The Box Butte County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction will be a Retained Ownership Option Auction.** This offers an option to exhibitors in which ownership may be retained. The exhibitor must notify the sale superintendent of the intent to retain ownership when their sale cards are turned

in before the sale list is compiled. The buyer therefore knows the ownership will remain with the exhibitor, allowing the exhibitor to show the animal at other shows if they so desire.

- Animals that go through a change of ownership sale are not eligible to show at State Fair, Aksarben and Western Junior Livestock Show.
- **The exhibitor will be responsible for turning in their sale cards at the end of their show day. The card must be filled out and signed by the exhibitor and parent, to be added to the sale bill.**
- Blanks thank you notes, and sale cards can be picked up at the Barn Meeting at the County Fair or they will be available at the 4-H fair office.
- Livestock checks will **not** be mailed to exhibitors until a *written, addressed* and *stamped* thank you note has been submitted to the Extension Office. The thank you notes should **not** be sealed and may be randomly checked for content.

Deductions to be withheld from Exhibitors Livestock Sale Checks

Beef (per head sold)

Beef Check-Off	\$1.00
Brand Inspection	\$1.00
Picture	\$9.00
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3% of total earned (after deductions)	

Swine (per head sold)

Pork Check-Off	\$1.00
Picture	\$9.00
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3% of total earned (after deductions)	

Sheep (per head sold)

Lamb Board Check-Off	\$1.00
Picture	\$9.00
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3 % of total earned (after deductions)	

Meat Goats (per head sold)

Picture	\$9.00
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3% of total earned (after deductions)	

Carcass (per head sold)

Beef Check-Off	\$1.00
Brand Inspection	\$1.00
Picture	\$9.00
Promotion (BBQ)	\$20.00
3% of total earned (after deductions)	

RELEASE OF ANIMALS

- The superintendent of each species reserves the right to have resale animals loaded out the last Saturday night of the Fair after 10:00 p.m. if the resale buyer requests to pick them up early. **ONLY** resale animals will be allowed to be loaded out early. No 4-H or FFA exhibit will be released until the resale and butcher animals have been loaded out except for bucket calves, stocker feeders, breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding meat goats, dairy goats, and dairy. In the event there is limited stall space, some breeding animals, dairy, and dairy goats may be required to be brought in and taken home on the day of their show.

- **If an exhibitor removes a 4-H or FFA animal from the Fairgrounds early, the exhibitor will not be allowed to show livestock the following year in Box Butte County.**
- Permission for early removal of livestock must be granted by the superintendent committee. The superintendents reserve the right to have an animal removed from the fairgrounds if the said animal is determined to be a safety or health risk to the public, exhibitors, other animals, or itself. It shall be the consensus of the superintendent committee on removing such an animal. If said animal is dismissed because of a health risk, it shall be supported by a veterinarian opinion. Please refer to General Health Requirements for additional information on dismissal of livestock because of health reasons.

CLEANING OF STALLS/PENS

- Failure to clean all stalls/pens at the Box Butte County Fair will result in the 4-H/FFA member being assessed a \$25 fine.
- Exhibitors must be present for clean-up by **8:00 AM on the last Sunday of the Fair. Show equipment, tack and animals MUST BE out of the barn by 9:00 AM.**

BEEF

BEEF SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with bucket calves, stocker feeders, breeding beef and market beef are eligible for showmanship. **Animals will be clean and fit (as the exhibitors feels necessary)** for Showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. **Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.** The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

BRITISH BREED CLASSES

- British Classes including Shorthorn, Angus and Hereford will require a registration certificate or a breeder's certificate stating the animal being identified is purebred. Breeder's Certificate forms are available at the Extension Office.
- Registration certificate or breeder's certificate must be submitted by **June 1**. In the event a registration certificate or breeder's certificate is not submitted, that animal will be shown in the crossbred class.

BRED & FED CLASSES

- This division is designed to honor the fine quality of animals produced by our county 4-Hers on their own/families farm(s). Bred & Fed Beef will be shown in one class of their own. Beef is not allowed to be exhibited in multiple classes.
- Beef MUST be raised by a family member. This includes mom, dad, siblings, or grandparents. ALL beef exhibited in the Bred & Fed Class MUST be branded, they can be hot branded or freeze branded. Steers will only be allowed to be shown and classes will be broken up by weight at the discretion of the superintendent. We will not divide classes based on breed.
- **Bred & Fed Affidavits must be submitted to the extension office by JULY 1 by the end of day.** In the event a Bred & Fed Affidavits is not submitted by **July 1st** the animal will be shown in the crossbred class.

BEEF SHOW

All market beef calves must have been ear tagged, weighed, and identified in compliance with county and state rules on county beef weigh-in dates, to be eligible for rate of gain. **Breeding heifers carrying a 4-H or FFA market ear tag other than an EID tag will not be allowed to show.**

Identification for registered breeding beef for the Nebraska State Fair MUST be a unique identifiable Tattoo. NOT a bangs tattoo. Commercial breeding beef can be identified by a unique tattoo or EID tag.

Feeder calves being shown at State Fair MUST have an 840 USDA EID tag.

All market beef animals, including carcass animals, must present with a properly executed bill of sale or proper brand inspection at the initial beef weigh-in to receive a 4-H or EID tag and be eligible for rate of gain. Youth will be responsible for the bill of sale or brand inspection papers and will be responsible for bringing the papers to the final weigh-in on Wednesday during fair week between the times of **8 am – 10 pm.**

Market beef will be weighed for class breaks. Classes will also be divided by sex. Classes consist of Commercial, British Breed, and Bred & Fed. Correct paperwork must be filled out and turned in on the deadlines, or animals will be shown as commercial. Breed classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent.

An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of 3 market beef (total steers & heifers) **Exhibitors showing Breeding Beef, Feeder Calves, or Bucket Calves will need to check in these animals by noon on weigh-in day with your superintendent. They do not need to physically be checked in, but exhibitors need to verify what they are planning to bring from their ID Sheets.**

Intact males must be checked in with the beef superintendent the day of the show then taken home immediately after the beef show is over.

BEEF GROOMING

It is encouraged that all preliminary clipping of animals be done prior to arrival at the fairgrounds.

Anyone can assist exhibitors in the clipping, blocking, fitting and/or grooming of an animal as long as the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.

CARCASS CONTEST

A carcass contest is held so that youth may learn more about carcass values, efficient feeding & management, and marketing. 4-H and FFA Members with carcass contest animals will meet on a date to be determined to have their entry weighed. The entries will then be shipped to a beef plant where carcass data will be collected at the time of harvest. Exhibitors will receive payment based on a value-based grid which the carcass were sold on. On the same date, the exhibitor will be judged on a short interview. An optional record book may be submitted for additional points.

Carcass Data will be used to determine placings for the carcass entry as well as a separate placing for the exhibitor for their interview and their record book. All three scores (carcass, interview & record book) will be combined for overall Champion and Reserve Champion Carcass Contest exhibitors. Placings will be announced during the Beef Show at the fair. Exhibitors are encouraged to be present at the Beef Show even though their entries are not present. Ribbon premium money shall be paid at the same rate as show animals.

Livestock Auction sale order will be determined on the placing of the beef carcass. No white ribbon carcass will be eligible to sell. ***Carcass animals are sold on a value-based grid to a packer prior to county fair. Each exhibitor receives a check from the packer for the value of their market animal on the grid. At the BBC livestock sale, an exhibitor selling their carcass animal does not have an animal to sell as they have already been harvested and processed. However, the exhibitor may participate in the livestock sale for a "premium" for their carcass animal. The auction will determine the dollar per head that the exhibitor receives, it will no longer be a dollar per pound auction for carcass animals. A carcass animal sold in the livestock sale will count as one of the two animals each exhibitor is allowed to sell through the sale. For sale order purposes carcass animals will sell with the small animals.***

SHEEP

SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with breeding sheep and/or market sheep are eligible for showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. ***Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.***

The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

SHEEP SHOW

An exhibitor is limited to exhibiting a maximum of 3 breeding sheep and 3 market lambs. No individual animals may show in both breeding and market classes. Sheep dropped after January 1st are classified as lambs. For the Dorset breed, this date is September 1st of previous year. Sheep dropped between January 1st of the previous year and January 1st of the current year are classified as yearlings. Ewes of the Dorset breed born after September 1st of the two previous years will be eligible for the yearling Dorset class. Breeding ewes may be mouthed for age.

MARKET SHEEP

White face and black face market lamb classes may be combined at the discretion of the superintendent if the numbers are not sufficient. Classes will be broken into at least three classes according to weight. Lambs weighing 99 pounds or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible for purple ribbons or champion consideration and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. All market lambs must have been weighed on sheep weigh-in, to be eligible for rate of gain. Market Lambs must be identified during a determined weigh-in to be eligible for the Fair of the current year. The USDA Scrapie tag will be the official identification for the Box Butte County Fair. We will not be using 4-H tags.

Showing & Handling Practices - The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping sheep and exhibiting the sheep with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Sheep may be braced but will require that all four feet are on the ground. (Lifting the sheep in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.) Ribbon placing will be based on the judge's discretion.

Ghost Halters: Exhibitors are allowed to use a small cable halter called a ghost halter while showing lambs during the show if they choose.

BREEDING SHEEP

Breeding sheep are encouraged to be identified according to Breed Association rules. Breeding sheep carrying a 4-H or FFA market ear tag other than an EID tag will not be allowed to show. Breeding sheep will be checked in at the scale on fair weigh-in/entry day. Intact males must be checked in with the sheep superintendent the day of the show then taken home immediately after the sheep show is over.

SHEEP GROOMING

MARKET SHEEP

Market lambs **must** be slick shorn with no more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of wool on the body for inspection at fair weigh-in on entry day. If there is more than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of wool on the body, the animal will not be allowed on the premises, nor will it be allowed to show. Anyone can assist exhibitors in the fitting and/or grooming of an animal as long as the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.

BREEDING SHEEP

All registered and commercial “meat breed” breeding sheep must be slick shorn with no more than ¼ inch of wool on the body prior to checking in at the scale on entry day. If there is more than ¼ inch of wool on the body the sheep will not be allowed on the premises, nor will it be allowed to show.

All registered and commercial “wool breed” breeding sheep may be shown in the fleece.

SCRAPIES

All 4-H & FFA sheep/goats, which includes Market Ewes, Market Does Market Wethers, Breeding Ewes, Does & Rams must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. This will be the Official Identification used at the Box Butte County Fair, Nebraska State Fair & AKSARBEN. When you are purchasing your animals make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your flock/herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. **We will check all sheep/goats for the official USDA scrapies tag at weigh-in. If they don't have the tag, they **won't be weighed and won't be eligible for rate of gain.** Breeding does, ewes & rams will be checked by the superintendents before unloading at the fairgrounds. If they don't have an official USDA scrapies tag, they **will not be shown.** These rules apply for county fair, state fair and Aksarben. If showing market or breeding sheep or meat goats or breeding meat goats at State Fair or AKSARBEN the scrapies tag is the OFFICIAL form of Identification.**

NOTE: Exhibitors please be sure to put all Scrapies tag numbers and letters on your Animal Ownership Affidavit (ID Sheet).

MEAT GOATS

MEAT GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

Exhibitors with breeding and/or market meat goats are eligible for showmanship. All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. **Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.** The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

MEAT GOAT SHOW

The exhibitor is limited to showing 3 breeding meat goats and 3 market meat goats.

MARKET MEAT GOATS

Market meat goats must weigh a minimum of **50 pounds** and can be up to 14 months of age. Market goats are to have milk teeth and there shall be no evidence of breaking of the skin or eruption of the two permanent front teeth. Meat Goats will be aged at the discretion of the superintendent. Goats weighing **49 pounds** or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible for purple ribbons or champion consideration and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. All meat goats must have been weighed on goat weigh-in, to be eligible for rate of gain. Meat Goats must be identified by June 1 to be

eligible for the Fair of the current year. The USDA Scrapie tag will be the official identification for the Box Butte County Fair. We will not be using 4-H tags.

Showing & Handling Practices - The use of showing and/or handling practices that may be considered objectionable or abusive, such as striking or slapping sheep and exhibiting the sheep with its front feet off the ground, are not acceptable. Sheep may be braced but will require that all four feet are on the ground. (Lifting the sheep in a fluid motion to set the front legs prior to quickly setting the feet back on the ground is acceptable.) Ribbon placing will be based on the judge's discretion.

BREEDING MEAT GOATS

Breeding meat goat classes will be does only. No intact male meat goats may be exhibited.

Breeding meat goats will be checked in at the scale on fair weigh-in/entry day.

MEAT GOAT GROOMING

Market meat goats may be shown with a pronged collar, smooth collar, or halter with chain. Exhibitors should be aware that pronged collars **ARE NOT** allowed at the Nebraska State Fair.

Market meat goats must be slick shorn with 3/8" of hair or less prior to fair weigh-in on entry day. Legs may have hair up to the hock and knee only. They may have horns.

Breeding meat goats will be allowed to be unshorn and groomed according to the breed standards. They may have horns.

Anyone can assist exhibitors in the fitting and/or grooming of an animal as long as the exhibitor is in attendance and actively involved in the process.

SCRAPIES

All 4-H & FFA sheep/goats, which includes Market Ewes, Market Does Market Wethers, Breeding Ewes, Does & Rams must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. This will be the Official Identification used at the Box Butte County Fair, Nebraska State Fair & AKSARBEN. When you are purchasing your animals make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your flock/herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. **We will check all sheep/goats for the official USDA scrapies tag at weigh-in.** If they don't have the tag, they **won't be weighed and won't be eligible for rate of gain.** Breeding does, ewes & rams will be checked by the superintendents before unloading at the fairgrounds. If they don't have an official USDA scrapies tag, they **will not be shown.** These rules apply for county fair, state fair and Aksarben. If showing market or breeding sheep or meat goats or breeding meat goats at State Fair or AKSARBEN the scrapies tag is the OFFICIAL form of Identification.

NOTE: Exhibitors please be sure to put all Scrapies tag numbers and letters on your Animal Ownership Affidavit (ID Sheet).

SWINE

SWINE SHOWMANSHIP

All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. **Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.**

The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

SWINE SHOW

The Box Butte County Swine Show is no longer a terminal show. Exhibitors are limited to exhibiting 3 market swine. Swine weighing 229 pounds or less will show in a feeder class and are not eligible for purple ribbons or champion consideration and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale. Swine weighing 321 pounds or more can be shown but are not eligible for purple ribbons or champion consideration and are not eligible to sell in the livestock sale.

SWINE GROOMING

All animals will be shown free of any adhesive, glue, paint, or powder products. Any compounds that have adhesive qualities that when applied cannot be combed or brushed through or alter the color of the animal are forbidden. Alcohol, water, oil, foam or any water or alcohol-based products with no adhesives or glue qualities, or artificial colorings are permitted.

To provide uniform appearance trimming long hair growth is acceptable. Total body shaving is not permissible. Any total body shaving will result in the dropping of one ribbon placing in all classes including market and showmanship classes.

No clipping of swine will be allowed on the fairgrounds.

DAIRY CATTLE

DAIRY SHOWMANSHIP

All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. **Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.** The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

DAIRY SHOW

An exhibitor is limited to showing two animals. If a junior herd is shown, the three animals in the junior herd may be shown in individual classes. Registered and Grades will show together.

Only female dairy cattle will be allowed to show.

A junior herd shall consist of three females with at least one cow that has freshened (2 years old or over) and at least one of the three to be bred by exhibitor, and all to be the

same breed. Breed classes may be shown together at the discretion of the superintendent.

Option: Cows in milk can be taken home after one day or if there is space, can remain at the Fair the entire week. If removed, the cow will be returned for the Round Robin Showmanship.

DAIRY GOATS

DAIRY GOAT SHOWMANSHIP

All members are encouraged to participate in showmanship. **Animals are determined to individual exhibitors at weigh-in/check-in, those animals will be the only ones allowed for exhibitors to show during showmanship. Exhibitors are not allowed to show animals not listed on their affidavit sheet or determined to be siblings, cousins, other family members, etc.** The judge has the right to ask the exhibitor to demonstrate abilities to fit animal for showing. Showmanship divisions are Junior (age 8 - 10) Intermediate (age 11 - 13) Senior (age 14 & over). All ages are the age of the exhibitor before January 1 of the current year.

DAIRY GOAT SHOW

Only female dairy goats will be allowed to show.

Goats must have horns blunted. Dehorning is acceptable and preferred.

CLASSES: Ages of dairy goats are before January 1st of current year. All milking goats must be milked out by 8:00 AM and no earlier than 6:00 AM on the day of showing (If animals are being shown in the afternoon). **No individual may exhibit more than four goats total or more than two entries in one class.** Specify the breed of goat being shown. Classes may be shown together at the discretion of the superintendent.

Best Dressed Goat Contest: Exhibitors are encouraged to use their imagination to design a costume for their 4-H Dairy Goat. The attire should emphasize the personality of the animal.

DAIRY GOAT GROOMING

Clipping standards shall be appropriate for the breed being exhibited.

Dairy goats may be shown with a collar, halter, or chain, at the preference of the exhibitor.

SCRAPIES

All Dairy Goats must be tagged with an official USDA identification scrapies tag. When you are purchasing goats make sure the BREEDER has tagged them with an official tag, or if you are showing animals owned by you or your family, make sure you have tagged them with your herd ID tag. These tags are provided by the USDA to the breeders—each breeder is assigned a herd ID number which appears on the tag. Dairy goats will be checked by the superintendents before unloading at the fairgrounds. If they don't have an official USDA scrapies tag, they **WILL NOT be shown**. These rules apply for county, state fair and Aksarben.

Exhibitors showing market animals agree to follow this code of ethics by reading the code and signing and returning the Livestock Handbook Agreement to the Extension Office on or before the fair entry deadline.

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS NATIONAL CODE OF SHOW RING 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 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 to the "IAFE 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 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:

1. 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.
2. 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 are expected to care for and groom their animals while at fairs or livestock shows.
4. Animals shall be presented to show events where they will enter 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 question, 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 treatments 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 devices 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 of 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 Expos and any special notices to members.

11. The act of entering of an animal in a fair or livestock show is the giving of verification by the owner, exhibitor, fitter, trainer, or absolutely responsible person that he or she has read the IAFE 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 infraction.

4-H Program Participant/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H Program will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship. As a 4-H Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or nonverbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about 4-H program policies and projects and read materials pertaining to the county 4-H program.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H Program.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.

4-H Parents, Guardian and/or Youth who do not abide by the above code of conduct, may receive the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to the 4-H Council.
- Be dismissed from an event at own expense.
- Further disciplinary action determined by the 4-H Council, which may include:
 - restrictions from contacting 4-H families, volunteers, donors, and/or sponsors pertaining to any 4-H matter.
 - becoming ineligible to attend any further 4-H activities.
 - Family may become ineligible to participate in the County 4-H Program

Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, the guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.



Box Butte County 4-H & FFA



Livestock Handbook 2024

This agreement must be returned to the Box Butte County Extension Office on or before the fair registration deadline for the Box Butte County Fair, which is:

July 1, 2024

We, the undersigned, certify that we have **received, read, and understand**, all the rules and regulations as stated in the Box Butte County 4-H & FFA Livestock Handbook. In the event an item is not defined in the Box Butte County 4-H & FFA Livestock Handbook, rules will defer to either the Nebraska State Fairbook, 4-H Animal Exhibitor Handbook, State Fair General Livestock Rules and/or 4-H General Rules. In consideration for being permitted to exhibit at the Box Butte County Fair, we agree and consent to abide by the rules of competition, including the IAFE (International Association of Fairs and Expositions) National Code of Show Ring Ethics and Nebraska 4-H Code of Conduct as stated in the Box Butte County 4-H and FFA Livestock Handbook.

Exhibitor (s)

Date

Parent/Guardian